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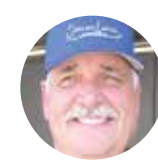
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## 9 fires reported July 4

Downey firefighters were busy Saturday, putting out numerous small fires sparked by fireworks.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** — Downey firefighters responded to several fireworks related fires during the Independence Day holiday, including one house fire.

According to Chief Mark Gillespie, Downey firefighters responded to nine fires between the hours of 6 pm and 3 am on July 4.

Of these incidents, most were rubbish, grass, or tree fires. DFD also responded to one dumpster fire, and one home whose roof caught fire.

Other noteworthy incidents over the weekend included a gunshot wound to the leg on the 5 Freeway, a pediatric near-drowning in a swimming pool spa, and a rollover traffic accident.

Downey Police did not respond to an email requesting the number of citations given for fireworks offenses.



Photos by Alex Dominguez

## Downey passes 2,000 COVID cases

**DOWNEY** — Downey reached another unfortunate milestone in the coronavirus pandemic this week: more than 2,000 confirmed cases.

As of Wednesday, public health officials had identified 2,014 Downey residents who had contracted the virus.

The virus has killed 52 people here, with many of the victims being nursing home patients.

To date, Public Health has identified 123,004 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of LA County, and a total of 3,642 deaths.

There are more than 2,000 people currently hospitalized, 26% of these people are confirmed cases in the ICU and 17% are confirmed cases on ventilators. This remains substantially higher than the 1,350 to 1,450 daily hospitalizations seen four weeks ago.

Health officials confirmed 65 new deaths on Wednesday. Of those, 93% had underlying health conditions.

"We need our residents to repeat what we did just weeks ago if we are going to flatten the curve again," said health director Barbara Ferrer. "If we can't get the infection numbers back under control by the end of July, we will see thousands more people that require hospitalizations and that could easily overwhelm our health care system."

## Downey Police gets large show of support

**DOWNEY** — Hundreds of residents lined up and paraded in front of the Downey Police Station on Wednesday in a show of support for DPD.

Officers were first treated to a meal provided by The Olive Restobar before lining up in front of City Hall to a cavalcade of decorated cars, smiling faces, cheering, and horn honking.

The gesture was coordinated by Kandy Grzebyk and the Positively Downey Facebook group.

"I feel like it was long overdue, paying respect to the police department," said Grzebyk. "They've gone through a tough time, as everyone has. We just support them; we have an awesome police department."

Participants ranged in age from children to adults, and included families, notable community members, members of the Miss Downey courts, and even some pets.

Most city council members were in attendance - if not

participating - as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa was thrilled with the turn out.

"Our city is the city that it is, is as safe as it is because we have a strong police department," said Frometa.

Chief Dean Milligan said that he and the department were "very excited" about the show of love and support from the community.

"What's going on across

our country, as we're seeing it unfold everywhere, is there's a contentious mix these days," said Milligan. "The city of Downey is a great community. We always have the support of the community, and it reaffirms it today."

"It's always nice to hear it; it's nice to see it and feel it, which we did today."

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

## Carrie Uva will seek Downey City Council seat

The attorney and real estate broker has launched a campaign for the District 5 seat.

**DOWNEY** — Downey resident Carmela "Carrie" Uva has announced her candidacy for Downey City Council's District 5 seat.

Uva, a lifelong Downey resident (55 years) is Downey born, raised and educated. She attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help elementary school, got her BA from Loyola Marymount University and her JD from Western State University School of Law.

For the past 25 years as an estate planning attorney she has assisted many Downey families in setting up their living trust and

estate planning documents from her Downey office. In addition, for the past 27 years she has represented numerous residents in purchasing and selling their homes as a real estate broker with 24 Hour Real Estate.

Uva has been very active in the community. She is a Neighborhood Watch Captain, served as President of the Downey Association of Realtors in 2016, is immediate past president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce (2019-20), appointed as commissioner of Downey Public Works Committee and commissioner of Measure S Oversight Committee which reviews the expenditure reports produced by the city to ensure that Measure S revenues are spent on capital improvements in the city, of which city parks, library, fire stations and

police department have been substantially improved with the funds received by the 1/2 % increase in sales tax passed by the voters in 2016.

Uva is also a member of the Downey Lions Club, Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Club, Downey Sister Cities, and a member of the Downey A CERT team.

Uva said she believes her 55 years of living in Downey, her knowledge and understanding of the community's needs, and her years of community involvement will assist her in being an advocate and voice for the citizens of Downey.

"I know what it takes to get the job done," Uva said. "Leadership is about engaging our community and providing insight to navigate the pitfalls of local government to ensure



the services that residents and businesses need are provided without wasting their tax dollars."

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### Weekend at a Glance

Friday	87°	
Saturday	92°	
Sunday	91°	

### ON THIS DAY JULY 9

**1776:** Under orders by George Washington, the Declaration of Independence was read out loud to the Continental Army in Manhattan.

**1793:** Canada passed the Act Against Slavery, which prohibited the import of slaves and freed those born into slavery but only after turning 25.

**1850:** U.S. President Zachary Taylor died after eating raw fruit and iced milk. He was succeeded by Vice President Millard Fillmore.

**1868:** The 14th Amendment of the Constitution was ratified, giving African Americans full citizenship and all persons in the U.S. due process of law.

**1893:** Heart surgeon Daniel Williams performed the first successful open-heart surgery without anesthesia.

**1968:** Wilt Chamberlain became the first reigning NBA MVP to be traded when the Philadelphia 76ers sent him to the LA Lakers.

**1996:** Dodgers catcher Mike Piazza was named the all-star game MVP.



Mike Piazza

### Notable Birthdays

Suspense author **Dean Koontz** turns 75.

"Shark Tank" investor **Kevin O'Leary** turns 66.

Veteran actor **Jimmy Smits** turns 65.

Actor and national treasure **Tom Hanks** turns 64.

Rock singer **Courtney Love** turns 56.

"Wonder Years" actor **Fred Savage** turns 44.

"Flip or Flop" star **Christina Moussa** turns 37.



Tom Hanks

### Notable Deaths

Emmy Award-winning actor **Rip Torn** died on this day in 2019 due to complications of Alzheimer's. He was 88.

Business magnate and politician **Ross Perot** died on this day in 2019 from leukemia. He was 89.

**Earl Warren**, the 14th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the namesake of Warren High School, died on this day in 1974 of cardiac arrest. He was 83.

### Holidays

Today is **National Sugar Cookie Day**, feel free to indulge.

# Crime Report

**June 22:**

Detectives are investigating an assault that occurred at about 5:45 PM in the area of Telegraph and True. An unknown male suspect tried to hit the victim with a crowbar and then shot fireworks at him. The suspect fled E/B Telegraph in a newer model vehicle. Officers checked the area for the suspect however they were not able to locate him. The victim was not injured.

**June 23:**

At approximately 2:45 AM, officers were dispatched to the 8700 block of Albia St. regarding a burglary in progress. As officers arrived, two of three suspects fled on foot and one suspect was arrested at the location. Detectives are attempting to identify the outstanding suspects.

**June 24:**

Detectives are investigating a robbery that occurred at about 9:40 AM near Boyne/ Downey. The victim attempted to buy a videogame system through the Offer Up app. The victim gave the suspect only a partial payment in case the video game system box was empty. When the victim gave the suspect \$20, the suspect handed him an empty box and fled the area on foot

with the victim chasing him. The suspect stopped, turned and brandished a knife at the victim and then ran off.

**June 26:**

At approximately 11:45 PM, an Officer was driving north on Bellflower Blvd from Buckles St. when he observed a vehicle exiting the Downey Inn at a high rate of speed. A male ran out to the sidewalk and fired a handgun at the vehicle. The suspect fled back towards the motel. The Officer pulled into the Downey Inn and observed the suspect on the second floor. Officers arrested the suspect without incident. The firearm was located and recovered. The victim was not injured.

**June 28:**

At approximately 10:00 PM, an adult male was struck in the head with a metal pipe by a male suspect while near the railroad tracks in the 9500 block of Stewart and Gray. Downey Fire Department responded and transported the victim to St. Francis hospital for medical treatment. The suspect was identified and was taken into custody for assault with a deadly weapon.

**June 29:**

Detectives are investigating a burglary that occurred at about 7 AM at Wilderness Park. Construction workers locked and stored their tools in a storage container on Friday. When they returned in the morning, they found the lock was cut off and their tools missing. There was approximately \$7,400 in tools taken from the storage container.

**June 30**

Detectives are investigating an attempted murder that occurred at about 10:45 PM in the 12900 block of Kipway Dr. The male victim was talking to friends that were seated in a parked vehicle in front of his residence. An unknown vehicle approached and a suspect in the vehicle shot multiple shots at the victim and his friends. The suspect vehicle fled the area. One shot struck the victim. The Downey Fire Department responded and transported the victim to the hospital. The victim's injury was non-life threatening.

**July 1**

Detectives are investigating an assault that occurred at about 11:40 PM in the 8400 block of Priscilla St. Two males argued and may have had a physical altercation after which the victim discovered he had a superficial stab wound to his right hip. The victim was uncooperative with officers, refused medical treatment, and left the location during the officers' investigation.

**July 3**

At approximately 12:30 AM, Officers responded to a fireworks call at Stonewood Mall. Two subjects were located in the parking lot igniting illegal fireworks. Both subjects received citations for possessing the illegal fireworks.

At approximately 2 PM, Officers responded on a call of an assault in the 12000 block of Lakewood Blvd. The adult male victim was confronted by the adult suspect who was armed with a large wrench. Without provocation, the suspect swung the wrench at the victim attempting to strike him. The victim fled to a nearby store and called police. The suspect was located by officers and arrested without incident. The suspect was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

The Crime Report is provided by the Downey Police Department.

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# Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

At one point, early on in the pandemic, I found myself actually hoping to get a very mild case of COVID-19, develop antibodies, and be forever protected from getting it again or infecting my loved ones. As it turns out, this looks like it would have been a very, very bad plan.



Does a prior infection protect us from a second infection by the same coronavirus? This has enormous implications about the development of an effective vaccine, and it also impacts the likelihood that we will achieve herd immunity. Herd immunity is reached when a large enough portion of the population is immune to a disease, so that the spread is controlled. Typically, between 70% and 90% of a population would need to be immune. This could be accomplished by having a vaccine, or by having sufficient numbers of people get the disease and develop lasting antibodies.

In the news, we've been hearing about two different types of testing. The nasal swab PCR test has been used on over 20 million people in this country. This test detects the genetic code of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the body, and a positive result shows that you have the infection, are potentially contagious, and MUST isolate until you test negative or meet CDC criteria for being symptom free. In contrast, the IgG antibody test measures the body's immune response to the infection. Antibodies may appear after the infection is resolved, or even while you are still infected.

Does the presence of antibodies prevent a new coronavirus infection? The answer is a decisive...maybe. And, we don't know how long these antibodies stick around. For many diseases, once we get the disease or a vaccine, antibodies protect us for many years, or even for a

lifetime. This is not necessarily the case with COVID-19.

There are a number of different antibody tests on the market, and their accuracy varies quite a bit. The most significant problem is with false positive results, meaning that the test may show the presence of antibodies when there really aren't any. This gives a false sense of protection.

After the infection resolves, what happens to antibody levels? Scientists in China have had longer to study the virus than others. A new Chinese study shows that antibodies faded quickly in both symptomatic and asymptomatic COVID-19 patients. There were steep declines in antibody levels in more than 90% of both groups within two to three months of the onset of infection. 40% of the asymptomatic group had no antibodies eight weeks

after they were released from isolation. Are reduced levels of antibodies enough to protect us against future disease? We don't know yet.

Other new studies confirm that within weeks to three months after recovery from a COVID-19 infection, patients lose the antibodies that confer immunity. And, while most people who were infected do initially produce antibodies, 10% produced none.

These study results are fascinating and potentially very disturbing. Antibodies in those who recovered from SARS and MERS, two other viruses in the coronavirus family, lasted for nearly a year. Without lasting antibodies, we could become infected by COVID-19 again and again, and herd immunity would be far more difficult to

reach. Furthermore, if a vaccine is indeed developed that makes antibodies, for how long will that vaccine remain effective?

The studies I have referred to here are small and preliminary. Much more research is being conducted so that we can have the answers we need. So, stay tuned...and stay safe!

*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.*

# Ryan Keene elected symphony board president

**DOWNEY** — At their June meeting, the Downey Symphony's Board of Directors elected officers for the 2020-21 year. President will be Ryan Keene and Vice President, Anthony Crespo.

Ruth Hillecke will continue as Secretary, and Bill Hare was re-elected as Treasurer.

"We are in a good financial position," said outgoing President Don Marshall. "And attendance has been constantly on the increase."

The Board expressed their deep gratitude to Don, for keeping on top of the many confusing developments this spring, and communicating events as they have unfolded.

Outgoing vice president Carol Kearns was applauded for her many contributions, especially grant writing and liaison with city officials.

Plans for next season are yet to be announced, but the Downey Theater, home of the Downey Orchestra, is currently closed for performances.

## JASPER NEWTON BAYSINGER JR. (RED)

Jasper Newton Baysinger Jr. (Red) was born on July 14, 1920 in Whittier CA, his family moved to Signal Hill and he attended Long Beach Schools and graduated from Long Beach Poly High School. In High School he joined the Long Beach Dolphins which was one of the first car clubs in Southern CA. He is a World War II Vet and served as a flight mechanic.

Shortly after the war he met the love of his life Erma, they married in 1948, and enjoyed 55 years together. They have 3 children Karl, Roger, and Marie.

Red purchased the lot of 7902 Baysinger St. from his father and built the home he has resided in for almost 70 years now. Red has worked as a car mechanic, tool designer, the Downey Water District and retired as a Realtor. In his senior years he has joined 2 clubs the Model T club and the Cortez Viajeros Motorhome club. Red has two sons, 7 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren and he turns 100 on 7/14/2020.



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# Obituaries

## Emma Sanders

Emma Sanders, a Mississippi civil rights and voting rights activist who helped bring an end to segregated delegations at the Democratic National Convention, died June 24 at age 91.

Sanders became involved in civil rights activism in the early 1960s, when her son was participating in a campaign to end segregation in restaurants and churches. A concerned parent, she wanted to make sure her son was safe, and then she found inspiration to join the fight.

During the Freedom Summer of 1964, as activists sought to register as many Black voters as possible in Mississippi, Sanders

helped organize their efforts, as well as housing and feeding activists from out of state.

In that same year, Sanders and other Mississippi activists challenged the state's Democratic Party for their practice of sending segregated delegations to the Democratic National Convention. The debate drew the attention of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who suggested a temporary solution that eventually led to the integration of the party's delegations.

Sanders remained active after the victory, running for Congress in 1966 and successfully suing to allow Black candidates on the ballot in Mississippi. She became a frequent delegate to Democratic National Conventions who was present when Barack Obama was nominated in 2008 and when Hillary Clinton was nominated in 2016.

She had wished for Mississippi



to remove the Confederate flag from its state flag – the decision to do so was announced four days after her death.

## Charlie Daniels

Charlie Daniels, the legendary country rocker known for the hit song "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," died July 6 after suffering a hemorrhagic stroke at the age of 83.

Daniels' biggest hit, driven by a furious fiddle solo by Daniels, was recorded in 1978 with the Charlie Daniels Band. Released in the summer of 1979, it quickly climbed the charts, bringing Daniels a No. 1 country music single and a No. 3 hit on the Billboard Hot 100.

It was featured in the hit 1980 movie "Urban Cowboy," driving its mainstream popularity.

Daniels won a Grammy Award for best country vocal performance for the track. CMT ranked "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" No. 5 on its 2006 list, "20 Greatest Southern Rock Songs," and a cover of the song was featured in "Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock."

Before Daniel's great success with "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," he was a respected session musician in Nashville. He



played guitar and bass on several Bob Dylan albums, including the legendary "Nashville Skyline," as well as on albums by Ringo Starr and Leonard Cohen (1934-2016).

Daniels had his first solo hit in 1973 with "Uneasy Rider," which rose to No. 9 on the Billboard Hot 100. With the Charlie Daniels Band, he had hits including "The South's Gonna Do It Again," "Long Haired Country Boy," and "Simple Man."

He appeared in "Urban Cowboy" as well as guest starring on episodes of "Murder, She Wrote" and "King of the Hill."

Daniels became a Grand Ole Opry member in 2008 and was inducted into the County Music Hall of Fame in 2016.

## Nick Cordero

Nick Cordero, an actor best known for starring roles in Broadway shows including "Waitress," "Rock of Ages," and "Bullets Over Broadway," died July 5 at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center of COVID-19 at the age of 41.

A native of Hamilton, Ontario, Cordero had an early break playing Tony in a Toronto production of "Tony n' Tina's Wedding." He debuted Off Broadway in 2009, playing the



title role in "The Toxic Avenger."

He joined the national touring company of "Rock of Ages," playing Bourbon Room owner Dennis Dupree, and later played the role on Broadway in 2012.

In 2014, Cordero was nominated for a Tony Award for his performance as Cheech in "Bullets Over Broadway." In 2016, Cordero starred in "Waitress" and was nominated for a Drama Desk Award for his performance as Sonny in "A Bronx Tale."

"It's fun to play villains, but what I like to do is tell a bit of a story about why they're that way," Cordero said in a 2017 interview with Broadway Style Guide. "No one's really born that way—life and circumstance create the character—I like to kind of show a little humanity, a little bit of a softer side if I can, because people don't really expect that."

## Ennio Morricone

Ennio Morricone, an Oscar-winning composer of movie soundtracks whose iconic music was the backdrop to films including "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," died July 6 at a hospital in Rome of complications of a fall at the age of 91.

The Italian-born Morricone was known best by many for the soundtracks he composed for Sergio Leone's spaghetti Westerns: "A Fistful of Dollars" (1964), "For a Few Dollars More" (1965), "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" (1966), and the director's later films.

But Morricone wasn't tied to a single genre, and his compositions drove films from comedies to horror to romances and beyond. He earned an Oscar nomination, his first of six, for Terence Malick's period drama "Days of Heaven" (1978).

Morricone was nominated again for "The Mission" (1986), which has been ranked among the all-time best movie scores. He won a BAFTA Award for his memorable soundtrack to "Cinema Paradiso" (1989).

Morricone worked with notable directors including Brian De Palma ("The Untouchables" (1987), "Casualties of War" (1989), and "Mission to Mars" (2000)), Barry Levinson ("Bugsy" (1991) and "Disclosure" (1994)), and Quentin Tarantino ("Django Unchained" (2012) and "The Hateful Eight" (2015)).

It was for "The Hateful Eight" that Morricone finally won his Oscar, making him the oldest person at that time to have won a competitive Academy Award. Morricone had also been recognized in 2007 with an Honorary Academy Award.

His compositions were highly influential, both in the world of movie soundtracks and on artists including Radiohead, Gnarlz Barkley, and Muse.

"When I have to score a film, I watch the movie first and then start thinking about it," Morricone said in a 2016 interview with the Independent. "And from that moment on, it is as if I were pregnant. I then have to deliver the child, so from that

moment on, I think always about the music – even when I go to the grocery store, I think about it."

## Byron Bernstein

Byron Bernstein, a popular online gamer on Twitch known as "Reckful," who was one of the highest ranking "World of Warcraft" players, died by suicide on July 2. He was 31.

Bernstein was a popular online gamer known as "Reckful," who had almost a million followers on the streaming platform Twitch. Known for his skill on the online game "World of Warcraft," he was working on a new game called "Everland."

"Byron was a hero to me," said spokesperson Justin Warden, CEO of influencer agency Ader. "Byron always gave people a shot. He acted as if every interaction with another human being was a moment of rare joy to be treasured. He spent his life bringing joy to others as he fought to find it in himself, and I hope that in learning of his passing, people learn of his impact. In his passing, he brings us together. He will never be forgotten."

Bernstein shared a video online in January, talking about his mental health issues and the loss of his brother to suicide when he was young.

"I am actually day-to-day happy," he said in the video. "I've never felt this way in my life. I'm not saying it's gonna last forever, but right now I'm happy."



## In Memory of Dennis "Denny" Heintzelman

March 31, 1946 - May 28, 2020



Dennis "Denny" Heintzelman a lifetime resident of Downey, CA, died May 28, 2020. Denny, 74, was driving his 1936 Woody when he died in a car accident a few miles from home.

Denny was born on March 31, 1946, in Long Beach, CA, to Margaret and Herb Heintzelman. He graduated from Warren High School in 1964 and joined the Army Reserve. He served his country for two years. Denny's career began with McDonnell Douglas then The Boeing Company. During that time Denny attended the University of Redlands and received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. Denny retired from Boeing in 2005 with 40 years of service. Over the years Denny loved baseball, bowling, and drag racing his 1955 Chevy at Lyons Drag Strip. Denny loved his Classic Cars, a 1936 Ford Woody and 1956 Ford Thunderbird. He attended many car shows and was a member of the Earlybirds of Southern CA.

Denny was preceded in death by his parents Margaret and Herb Heintzelman, brother Douglas, and sister Susan.

Denny is survived by his high school sweetheart wife, Mary Kathleen Perkins Heintzelman of 53 years, and daughter Sherry Christine Heintzelman of Downey.

Due to the Coronavirus there is no service planned.

## In Memory of Beatrice Ibarra Renteria



Beatrice Ibarra Renteria, born March 26, 1953 in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

Raised in Compton, she resided in Downey and worked at Rio Hondo Elementary School as a morning and noon duty staff member for 25 years. She enjoyed volunteering with the Downey Lions Club from 2015-16 and at the Assistance League of Downey thrift store from 2017-19.

Beatrice became an angel June 25, 2020 at 3:26 p.m. She leaves behind her husband of 48 years, Gabriel A. Renteria; five children, Gabriel Jr (47), Felipe (45) Irene (43), Johnny(30) and Sandra (29); and 14 grandchildren, Andrew Christopher, Nicolas Alexander, Aaron Nathaniel, Alyssa Jeanette, Andrew Gabriel, Miranda Isabella, Gabriel Alfonso, Evan Jay, Isabella Marie, Genevieve Charlyze, Austin Jae, Jonathan James, Emily Jane, and Ava Michelle; and one great grandchild, Chase Maximus. She is loved by many and will be missed.

# How to Sell High: Avoid these Three Mistakes When Selling Your Downey Home

Downey Homeowners - When you decide to sell your home, setting your asking price is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. Depending on how a buyer is made aware of your home, price is often the first thing he or she sees, and many homes are discarded by prospective buyers as not being in the appropriate price range before they're even given a chance of showing.

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## Protecting the local water supply through accountable & fiscally responsible leadership

By **Fernando Dutra**

Central Basin Municipal Water District, the wholesale water agency responsible for delivering Metropolitan Water District drinking water to southeast Los Angeles County is in chaos. The District, with a long history of troubling behavior, is in the midst of a true governing and financial crisis – compounded by a pandemic-driven economic crisis that has already challenged cities in our region.

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) is a regional wholesaler of drinking water, providing water to nearly 19 million people throughout Southern California. They import water from the Colorado River and Northern California to supplement local supplies. The 38 member Board of Directors is comprised of representatives from member cities as well as member agencies such as Central Basin Municipal Water District, representing a conglomeration of cities. These member cities and agencies are responsible for establishing and administering MWD’s policies and upholding the MWD Act.

While Whittier does not have a connection to MWD, and does not receive water from MWD, many of our neighboring cities do, and Central Basin’s costs have a direct impact on Whittier residents’ water rates.

The Central Basin Board of Directors have been unable to address an agenda for months, unable to seat their Directors at the Metropolitan Water District Board, unable to hire a General Manager or attorney, and cannot elect a President. The District is also facing a dire financial situation, including a downgraded bond rating and an

operational deficit, while being unable or unwilling to enact cost-cutting measures in light of substantial loss of water sales revenue. The projected budget deficit of \$1.8 million for fiscal year 2020–2021, combined with other revenue slashing missteps and multiple lawsuits, could sink the District into potential bankruptcy.

SB 625 would give residents of Whittier and neighboring cities, totaling more than 2.1 million residents, an opportunity to voice their opinions and change the current governance structure at Central Basin. The bill, currently under consideration in the State Legislature, would place the District into receivership at the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, a public agency, and dissolve its dysfunctional Board of Directors. The Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission would then organize a public discussion process to recommend governance alternatives to the Legislature. SB 625 would also protect Central Basin’s financial condition, reducing costs and ensuring a continued revenue stream that the District has had for almost 30 years.

SB 625 truly protects local rate payers from the mismanagement of the Central Basin Board. Especially in light of COVID-19, our public water system costs need not unnecessarily rise due to the unstable and unethical practices of this Board.

This is why we are asking the Legislature to act now – Whittier residents and neighboring cities alike cannot afford to wait. If the Legislature fails to take action, the Central Basin Municipal Water District will fail. The situation is

untenable, as the Board cannot even agree to hold meetings and proceed with regular business.

Furthermore, Central Basin’s failure would jeopardize access to imported and recycled water supplies. A curtailment of imported supplies would result in over pumping of groundwater. Failure to take action will destroy Central Basin’s ability to maintain and operate its recycled water system.

Bankrupt entities end up costing everyone more money, and they damage public confidence in the government’s ability to solve problems. Central Basin’s failure will inevitably lead to higher costs for water in southeast Los Angeles County, and these costs will be carried by the ratepayers. We can ill afford to increase water rates due to unnecessary and troubling decisions.

The Legislature must pass SB 625 to protect the delivery of reliable water for our neighbors and water costs for all of us. Many cities in the southeast Los Angeles County depend on Central Basin to deliver a consistent drinking water supply to their residents. That cannot and should not be disrupted by an unethical and mismanaged Board of Directors.

SB 625 must be passed before irreparable damage is done to our community – failure is not an option. Please join me and 70 members of the California State Assembly in supporting SB 625.

*Fernando Dutra is a Whittier city council member and chair of the Southeast Water Coalition.*

## Pet grooming is essential

Dear Editor:

When the news says that everyone is in this together, I question that because who are the people to decide who are important and who are not? Who are the people that decide who gets to keep their lives, their businesses, and who do not?

I would speculate that would be the governor of our state, sitting in his room on his computer, pushing buttons that destroy people’s lives. He takes their work away instead of making everyone aware that they need to follow the rules to be safe. Instead, they chose to close down people like me who they consider unessential.

When this whole thing started and they told me I had to close my pet grooming business, I was very opposed to it. I believe in being totally safe and, at the time, my groomers worked in the back wearing masks. I also wore a mask and no one got in except two people at a time.

But of course the governor sits behind his desk and doesn’t know what’s really going on in his state. I contacted the mayor of Norwalk and she sent someone over to me who said, “Yes, you are definitely in compliance and you should be open.” So on April 20, we opened again because that’s what my letter from the health department said I could do. And for the last two months we have groomed more than 50 dogs every day of the week.

Attention governor: do you consider that unessential? So many people love their dogs as family and need them to be groomed and clean because, after all, we all have to stay in our homes and that includes our animals.

Maybe the governor should get out of his house wearing a mask and actually talk to the people. See what they need and see what is necessary, important and essential!

Now we are able to legally open but I have been here for three months serving my community.

The government allowed a bill to pass to make any animal that is certified by their owner as an emotional support animal. News flash! All animals are emotional support animals. We all love our dogs and cats as much as we love our children. That means they need to be taken care of. Gratefully, veterinarians have all been allowed to be open.

We are all going to have to learn how to be safe in a dangerous world full of germs. Personally, I’ve been fighting germs for 47 years at my grooming shop. I know how to kill germs. I kill the germs that can affect dogs and cats. We bleach our cages every day and always have.

I urge everyone to understand they must be safe to protect themselves and their families. If anyone needs information about dogs and this virus, go to akc.org; that’s the American Kennel Club and they update on what’s happening every week.

There are a few really good things that have happened since the pandemic started. Everyone wants a dog or puppy because they are at home and dogs make us feel happy and give us something to care for. Because they need us.

I want to thank everyone who is our client and trust us with their family members: their dogs and cats. We are here for you, six feet away.

**Anna Berardini**  
Norwalk

## The dangers of libertarian philosophy

Dear Editor:

Judge Napolitano’s opinion piece in last week’s Downey Patriot was well written, and made interesting points. (“Our Declaration of Independence and the Decision to Revolt,” 7/2/20) However, he neglected to make a completely rational argument for his Libertarian views.

The first two thirds of his argument for complete freedom to do anything a person wants uses examples from the American Revolution. The revolution was not a government. The revolution did not have a constitution. The framers of the Declaration of Independence knew this.

Many of those who advocated for independence from England came together after independence was won. They knew that this new country needed rules or there would be complete chaos.

The Preamble sets the stage for the Constitution. It clearly communicates the intentions of the framers and the purpose of the document. The Preamble is an introduction to the highest law of the land. It is not the law. It does not define government powers nor individual rights. But, it does set a tone that the framers could agree on.

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

This short paragraph includes, “Promote the general Welfare”. Note that these points are capitalized: Justice, Tranquility, Welfare, and Blessings. How can we ensure any of these for ourselves or our posterity if everyone is “free” to do as they please? People who follow the judge’s libertarian philosophy will refuse to wear a mask, social distance, or take any action to “promote the general Welfare”.

This is not only irrational and selfish; it is fraught with danger. Danger to both the inconsiderate and the considerate. And it is a danger to our United States of America.

**Richard Daggett**  
Downey

## Fourth of July headache

Dear Editor:

This 4th of July is the worst I’ve heard in Downey. We’ve been here 21 years and never has it been like this.

Sure hope a petition is done to ban fireworks in Downey!

**Leticia Flores**  
Downey

## Protect our elections

Dear Editor:

This election is the most important in my lifetime -- but this national crisis will make it difficult for many to participate in it.

That’s why voting rights experts agree: Americans must be able to cast a ballot by mail to ensure that they can safely and securely vote this year. Trump and his cronies are wrong: Mail-in voting is not a means to rig the vote. In fact, Trump himself has voted by mail numerous times.

Funding has already been approved by the House, so it’s far past time for the Senate to step up and make sure that voting is safe, fair, and accessible for everyone.

While no voting system is perfect, we already know voting by mail works. Multiple states already conduct their elections almost entirely by mail, with incredibly high turn-out rates. According to The New York Times, in the 2018 midterms, states that allowed voting by mail had, on average, a 15.5 percent higher turnout than states that did not.

Increasing voter participation is a universal good that benefits everyone -- and our elected leaders should want everyone that’s eligible to vote.

In this election, perhaps more than any other before it, voters deserve the chance to elect leaders who will protect their health and their safety, governing with their interests in mind.

I’m grateful that my representatives allocated some funds to expand vote-by-mail and other election assistance measures like early voting, but I am counting on Congress to recognize the greater need to protect our democracy and the health of their constituents. States need an additional \$3.6 billion in federal funding right now.

We have to protect our elections before it’s too late.

**Sushila Love**  
Cerritos

## Support for police

Dear Editor:

I want to thank Mario Guerra for his awesome article on our police force -- it was excellent and I was happy to have read it. (“Downey Police Have Earned Our Trust and Respect,” 6/25/20)

Me, my family and Downey friends agree 100%.

**Jean Brown**  
Downey

## Mourning David Gafin

Dear Editor:

It saddens me to hear of another great leader we have lost in Downey.

The article about David Gafin was beautifully written. Along with David was another leader named Larry Latimer who was also too young to go and with so much more to offer. Downey will truly miss their leadership.

All I can say is may they rest in peace and not have to deal with Covid-19.

**Debra Walker-Nipp**  
Downey

## Griffiths Indians

Dear Editor:

I agree with Downey resident Ms. Contreras that it’s time to consider changing the Griffiths Middle School’s mascot .

“An indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States” (Dunbar-Ortiz, 2014) clearly documents the centuries-long genocidal program of the US settler-colonial regimen that has largely been omitted from history.

As a former Griffiths Middle, Warren High, and UC Berkeley graduate and current LBCC Electrical Technology student, why not hold a mascot search competition with modest cash prize with the goal of creating something more multicultural and progressive. There are plenty of native fish and tree species that could highlight the beauty of Southern California such as Golden Trout or Live Oaks.

**Eduardo Rivero**  
Downey

## Don’t forget seniors

Dear Editor:

Imagine being a senior living in a residential care facility during COVID-19, isolated in your room for months on end.

Activities and visits are canceled because it’s not safe to gather in a group. Your facility’s activity director is overwhelmed – there is no way to keep 100+ residents mentally stimulated, no way to combat their loneliness.

There is a crisis happening, not only in Southern California, but across the nation. Seniors living in residential care facilities are dying, not only of COVID-19, but of loneliness.

According to Matthew Lee Smith, co-director of the Texas A&M Center for Population Health and Aging, “Without frequent and meaningful social interaction and stimulation, older adults’ cognitive functioning can decline. As the days of isolation wear on, older adults are especially susceptible to depression and anxiety and suicidal thoughts.”

Founded in Downey, Compassionate Artists (CA) is a nonprofit working hard to keep the arts in the lives of seniors at several local facilities. When quarantine prevented their visits, CA began creating activity books with more than enough activities for a month at a time.

CA has delivered individual arts kits and creativity boxes full of art supplies for a wide variety of projects. CA is even creating a YouTube channel to provide dance, music, and easy art instruction to facilities across the nation. There is so much more they could do with proper funding, not only in Downey, but nationwide.

Compassionate Artists needs volunteers (virtual volunteering) and donations to widen our reach. Find out how you can help at [CompassionateArtists.org](http://CompassionateArtists.org).

**Carol Gibson**  
Downey

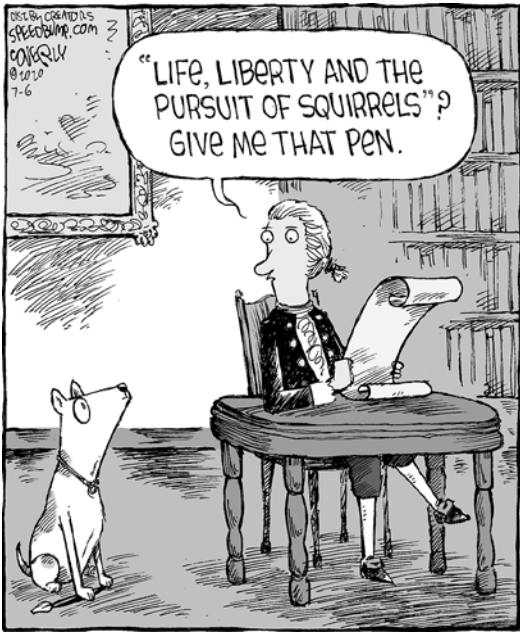
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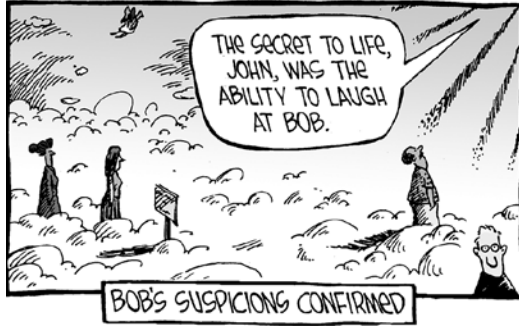
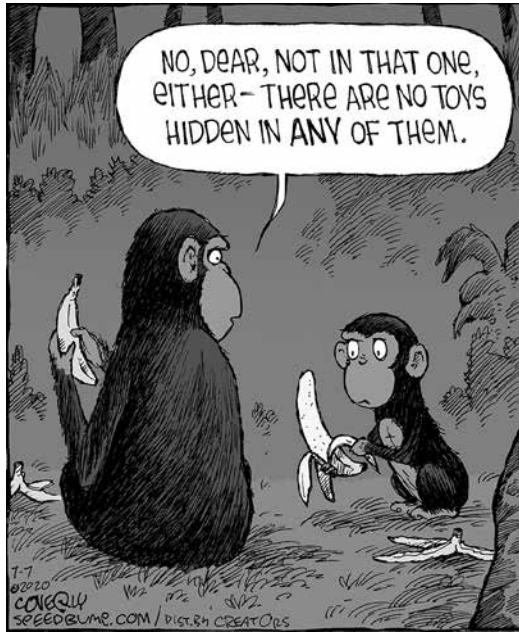
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# Downey Community Calendar

### 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.  
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.  
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.  
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Nate Mahoney 416-1826.  
 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.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.  
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.  
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.  
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.  
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria 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 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.  
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.  
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.  
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.  
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.  
 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

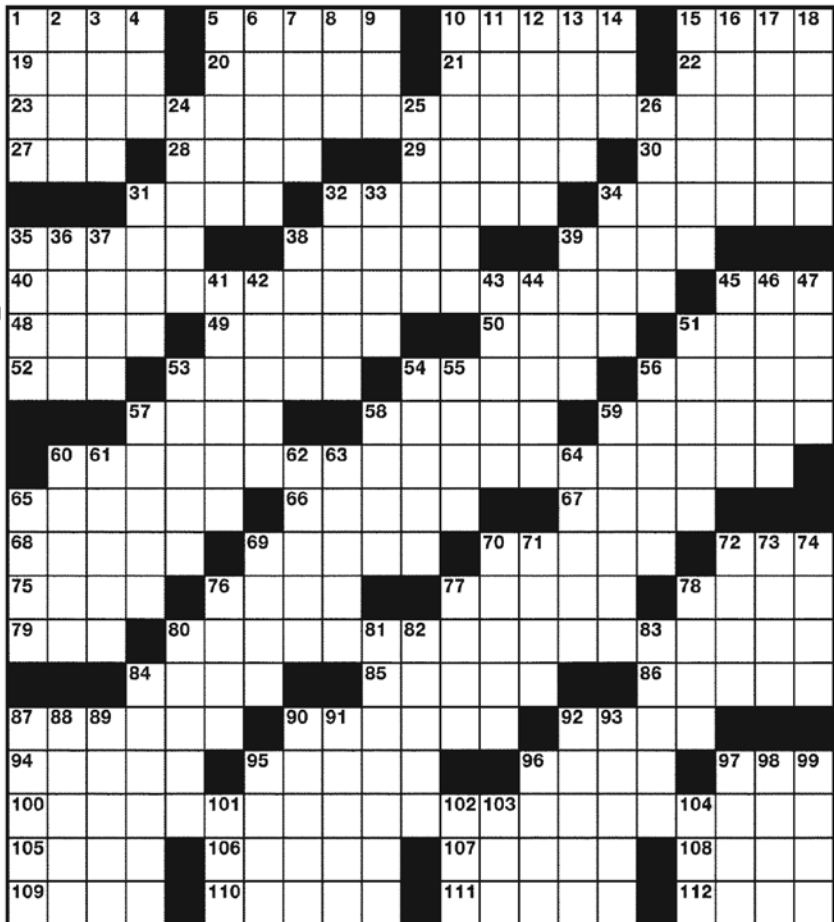
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# Steve Roberson inducted into YMCA's Golden Book of Distinguished Service

The longtime civic leader and real estate broker received one of the YMCA's rarest honors.

**DOWNEY** — Steve Roberson was inducted into the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles' Golden Book of Distinguished Service in a surprise ceremony last week.

This prestigious recognition is given to a rare group of special volunteers to commemorate their extraordinary service to the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles.

"It was an honor to recognize, surprise and celebrate Steve," said Lori Tiffany, executive director of the Downey YMCA. "Steve has volunteered his time and experience, making a difference year after year. He has shown tremendous leadership, commitment, and devotion to service and loyalty to the Y and its core values."

The Golden Book is a tradition now in its 86th year that dates back to 1934. It is an honor reserved for the YMCA's most extraordinary and committed volunteers who have distinguished themselves as true champions of the Y.

"We were blessed to include in our small celebration four additional Golden Book recipients from our Downey Family YMCA," said Tiffany. "Truly the greats of our Y: Tod Corrin, Jim Derry, Bob Earl and Ron Kolar. Thank you gentlemen for your service and for making Steve's recognition even more special."

The Golden Book of Distinguished Service now holds the names of 353 of the Y's most precious volunteers.

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From left: Tod Corrin, Jim Derry, Steve Roberson, Bob Earl and Ron Kolar.

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To learn more about the campaign and how to get involved, please contact us at [yohaun@amaad.org](mailto:yohaun@amaad.org) or [jamar@amaad.org](mailto:jamar@amaad.org)

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# Checking in with Steve Luzzi



Photo by Lorine Parks

By Lorine Parks  
Society Columnist

**DOWNEY** — “As I remember, you have a faulty control unit,” Steve said. “Have a chair over there. It’s in the shade. The office is closed to the public now.”

That’s the kind of mind Steve Luzzi has, he remembers the details of your car even if the problem came up several years ago, without needing to refer to his computer even though it keeps records of all services provided.

I had come in to check a faulty air conditioning, and to get new windshield wipers. While we talked, Steve had an employee at work installing the wiper blades. A big problem and a small one. That’s everyday business for Steve Luzzi Automotive.

How has the COVID pandemic impacted his automotive business?

“Business has been slow,” Steve said, “Even though as an essential business we have

stayed open. But when they’re laid off from work, people don’t drive their cars.”

Steve’s situation basically describes the devastation that’s happened to the Southern California lifestyle.

“Business is coming back, though,” Steve said. “I have to decide if this is the new normal – I think maybe it is – and plan my staffing accordingly. If business is going to get back to where it was, then I’ll need to rehire, but if it’s not...” Steve let the statement lie unfinished.

“I had three mechanics but this winter, before the epidemic started, I was down to two. I hadn’t replaced one person. So now I have two – that’s my son,” and Steve nodded toward a blue-jump-suited mechanic attending a car in one of the bays. Everyone including Steve was wearing a mask.

“Some days we’ve been finished at noon,” Steve said. “We’re not open on Saturdays anymore. But I haven’t had to lay off anyone.”

“You must be proud of

that,” I said. “We were never in danger,” Steve said. “But some days we had no business at all.”

Is Steve a native Downey-ite?

“I was born in Downey,” Steve said. “But I’ve never lived here. I live in Huntington Beach. A 22-mile commute.”

“You know the mileage,” I said.

“After almost thirty years,” said Steve, “it’s pretty familiar.”

“I started working for my dad as a teenager,” Steve said, “in his full service station. In the summer I’d wait on cars on the pump islands and learn about repairs. And then in 1981, when I was only 21, I bought my own service station.”

“In 1991 I bought this station from Gene and Marie Pardella,” Steve said. “So I’ve been on this corner for almost 30 years.”

The exact location is the southwest corner of Paramount Boulevard and Second Street, just a block south of the Rives Mansion.

“I remember when I first started coming to you,” I said. “This shop had a different name.”

“I kept it Pardella’s Auto Center,” said Steve, “out of respect for Gene. But they started calling me Steve Pardella, and that’s not me. I’m Steve Luzzi. So I changed the name.”

By now Steve’s efficient staff had determined that I needed oil too. Less than a quart, maybe, of 10-30 weight. But when it was time to leave, “I topped it up for free,” said Steve.

# Carrie Uva running for City Council

Continued from page 1

“Honesty, transparency and dedication are philosophies I live by. I really care about our community. I will keep our local government accountable and serve our community with a strong voice.”

Uva’s focus will be on public safety, making sure Downey residents and streets are safe; improving public engagement in the community; maintain a business friendly environment for business owners and residents; work on reducing traffic and congestion in the city by exercising responsible planning for new development; and to continue to work with food banks and government assistance programs to help the residents in the aftermath of COVID 19.

Uva is endorsed by Mayor



Carrie Uva is sworn-in by then-Mayor Rick Rodriguez as president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce in 2019.

Blanca Pacheco, Mayor Pro Tem Claudia Frometa, former mayor and current council member Rick Rodriguez, former mayor and current council member Sean Ashton, former mayor Roger Brossmer, and Planning Commissioners Patrick Owens,

Nolveris Frometa, and Jimmy Spathos.

Uva can be reached at (562) 382-1252. Her campaign headquarters is located at 8635 Florence Ave, Suite 101, Downey, CA.

# Robert Thome, artist and advocate, dies

**DOWNEY** — Robert Thome, a renowned artist who founded the Art of Rancho Exhibit at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, has died at age 65.

The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation announced Thome’s death. It’s unclear how or when he died.

Born in Los Angeles, Thome was injured in a high school football game at age 15. The injury left him paralyzed from the neck down.

Years later, with support from his wife Kathy, Thome

took up painting and made it his life’s passion.

Thome created his artwork using his mouth to control the paint brush.

“Art is a wonderful means of expression. I paint with my mouth, but if something happened to my mouth, I would paint with the forehead,” Thome once said in an interview.

“That’s what art is about, finding ways to implement your ideas.”

In addition to creating the Art of Rancho Exhibit, Thome

was instrumental in establishing Rancho’s adult and pediatric art programs.

“The Rancho Los Amigos Foundation and Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center remains grateful for everything Robert has done to support and promote the disabled artist community,” the foundation said in a statement.

“He will be greatly missed, but his legacy here at Rancho will live on through the hundreds of lives he’s improved, enriched and given hope to throughout his journey.”

## 2020 4th of July ★

# Home Decorating Contest Winners

The City of Downey and the Parks & Recreation Department would like to extend congratulations to all of our 4th of July Home Decorating contest winners! Thank you to our Mayor, Blanca Pacheco, and members of the City Council for delivering prizes to the recipients on Thursday, July 2, 2020. Winning homes received yard signs and donated items from Tropicana Bakery and Jack n’ the Box.

**Thank you to all those who entered this years’ contest!**



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# Customer loyalty keeps dry cleaner afloat

By Lorine Parks  
Society Columnist

**DOWNEY** — “Going strong,” said Greg. “We do it all.”

“Grandma started this business in July, 1963,” said Greg, “and it’s been a family-owned business ever since.” Grandma would be Donna, whose name is on the sign outside, “Donna’s Cleaners,” in the short strip mall on the southwest corner of Stewart and Gray and Old River School roads.

After being a housewife and seeing all three kids reach the age of 18, only then did Donna say it was time to find something to do.

“Grandma liked talking to people and doing things with her hands, so she and my grandfather decided a dry cleaners was just the thing,” said Greg, who is Donna’s grandson. Greg took over the business directly from Donna.

“We’ve always been a sub-contract cleaner,” Greg said. “No dry cleaning done on the premises. We send it about 1 1/2 miles away. Get it here before 10 am and we can have it back the same day.”

I can remember when on-site cleaning establishments had a strong chemical odor and the proprietor’s hair usually seemed to be falling out.

“So many regulations,” said Greg, “to having it on-site. That chemical – perc-perchloroethylene – isn’t used anymore. It was the most cost-efficient dry cleaning solvent, and it did the best job, but it was bad for humans to work around.”

What kind of work does Donna’s Cleaners do?

“Shirts, slacks,” said Greg. “Comforters. We do a lot of comforters. Police and fire department uniforms. They’re essential workers and their business is steady. A jacket and pants costs about \$7.50, whether it’s cotton or a wool suit. That’s a little less than most you’ll find. We do shirts and ties. A blouse is \$3.50.”

“And laundry,” Greg said. “We do it all. We even do leather coats. Not drapes, though. We gave that up. Too delicate.”

Greg started working in the shop when he was about 13, sweeping and emptying trash cans.

“I used to sweep the lint out of the wheels on Grandma’s swivel chair,” he said.

Greg showed me the desk where Donna used to sit at her table-top machine, and her chair.

“She did a lot of sewing and repairs, buttons and buttonholes. She would pick out the threads one by one, and they would get caught in her chair wheels. Sad to say, there’s no one to do that specialized work anymore.”

Donna passed away nine years ago, in 2011, and that’s the same lament I hear in many personal service businesses. No one is teaching or learning these old-fashioned skills, these refinements of detail like hands sewing that make life go easier.

Greg wasn’t wearing a mask when we talked, in spite of his constant exposure.

“I try to keep to the policy of only one person in the lobby at a time,” Greg said. “And the customers usually are wearing their masks. But the mask is so hot, and it’s hot in here all the

time.”  
How has business been? Dry cleaning has been deemed an essential service, so Donna’s Cleaners has not missed a day of being open in spite of the shut-down. Greg has seen conditions change with every day.

“It was slow, but it’s picking up now,” he said. “Winter is usually our busy season, with trench coats and sweaters. The same number of customers but they bring in more items in the winter.”

Greg stepped into the business full time in 2006, “when I was 26. I’m 41 now.”

Full-time means six days a week. “I’m married with two kids, a boy and a girl. And today’s my wife’s birthday.”

The shop has a reputation for its customer friendly service, and most of the clientele has been coming here for years.

Donna’s Cleaners has been owned and run by the same family for almost 60 years. It’s next to the Glen, a low-key bar popular with locals.

“People like to come in and stop to talk when they drop off their clothes,” said Greg. “It’s a good neighborhood feeling. I’m the third generation from Donna but the second owner. My mother – she’s one of the original three kids – is nice enough to come in and help me when I want to get away.”

“So it’s all in the family.”

# Warren High hosting session for future athletes

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** — Warren High School girls’ cross country and track and field programs will be hosting a freshman orientation this Monday evening, July 13, at 6 p.m. in the library at Warren High School.

Students and parents are being asked to enter through the back of the school.

Griffiths students and parents will meet at 6 p.m. and Stauffer students and parents will meet at 7 p.m.

Masks must be worn and each student is asked to bring one parent or guardian to the meeting. Social distancing guidelines will be in place and followed.

Warren High’s girls’ cross country program has been San Gabriel Valley League champions the last seven years and the track and field team has 16 different events to choose from which include: running, jumping, throwing and sprinting.

Coach Waldron and his staff encourage prospective Warren athletes to attend the informational meeting Monday evening.

At this time, C.I.F. Phase 1 and Phase 2 guidelines are saying to cross country athletes “runners should maintain at least 6 feet of distancing between



individuals, no grouping (i.e. starts and finishes)” and for track and field athletes “runners should maintain at least 6 feet of distancing between individuals, no grouping (i.e. starts and finishes).”

country season in the fall and the track and field season in the spring.

Coach Waldron may be reached at jwaldron@dusd.net or by phone at (562) 544-3373.

“No sharing of implements/equipment is allowed. Clean equipment and that padded equipment should be cleaned between use.”

Coach Waldron, his staff and potential athletes are all looking forward to the start of the cross

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Released from sluice gates, the sloshing water, brown as our arms, ran down the channels, as we dipped and stroked, like salmon driven upstream, the russeting current sliding off flexed shoulder blades in silted robes as we reached speeds that broke all barriers and in our homegrown upstart way, always the outside chance, the dark horse’s surge, we sugar ditch kids, turning laps like verses of an olympian ode, plowed that narrow lane to victory and were crowned aquatic kings.

Derek Otsuji, The Threepenny Review, Summer 2018

Otsuji lives between the Ko’olau Mountains and Kewalo Harbor on the southern shore of Oahu. He teaches English at Honolulu Community College and works at Otsuji Farms on the weekends. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

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The address of the court is 12750 NORWALK BLVD NORWALK, CA 90650  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00136  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LUCIANO SALVATORE ON BEHALF OF LEAH SOPHIA SALVATORE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
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**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SEVERO ORTELLO AVILA aka SEVERO O. AVILA**  
Case No. 20STPB04696  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SEVERO ORTELLO AVILA aka SEVERO O. AVILA  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Concepcion Avila in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Concepcion Avila 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 Nov. 6, 2020 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 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:  
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**NOTICES**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00147  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner BILLY RAY LOCKHART filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) BILLY RAY LOCKHART to Proposed name (1) JERRY THOMAS LOCKHART  
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 9, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12750 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**  
JULY 1, 2020  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**BILLY RAY LOCKHART**  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00148  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CLEMENTE RAUL ALCANTARA MULLER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) CLEMENTE RAUL ALCANTARA MULLER to Proposed name (1) RAUL ALCANTARA MULLER  
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.

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Date: SEPTEMBER 4, 2020, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12750 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**  
MARCH 13, 2020  
Judge Olivia Rosales  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
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# 4 reasons to refinance your mortgage

## Learn about your mortgage relief options

Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and guidance from federal agencies and the GSEs, there are two protections for homeowners with federally or GSE-backed (Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac) or funded mortgages:

First, your lender or loan servicer may not foreclose on you until at least August 31, 2020. Specifically, the CARES Act and the guidance from the GSEs, the FHA, the VA, and the USDA, prohibit lenders and servicers from beginning a judicial or non-judicial foreclosure against you, or from finalizing a foreclosure judgment or sale. This protection began on March 18, 2020, and extends through at least August 31, 2020.

Second, if you experience financial hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic, you have a right to request and obtain a forbearance for up to 180 days. You also have the right to request and obtain an extension for up to another 180 days (for a total of up to 360 days). You must contact your loan servicer to request this forbearance. There will be no additional fees, penalties or additional interest (beyond scheduled amounts) added to your account. You do not need to submit additional documentation to qualify other than your claim to have a pandemic-related financial hardship.

### Mortgage forbearance

Forbearance is when your mortgage servicer or lender allows you to pause (suspend), or reduce your mortgage payments for a limited period of time while you regain your financial footing.

The CARES Act provides many homeowners with the right to have all mortgage payments completely paused for a period of time.

Forbearance doesn't mean your payments are forgiven or erased. You are still required to repay any missed or reduced payments in the future, which in most cases may be repaid over time. At the end of the forbearance, your servicer will contact you about how the missed payments will be repaid. There may be different programs available.

Make sure you understand how the forbearance will be repaid. There can be different forbearance programs or options, depending on the type of your loan.

For example, if you have a Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA, VA, or USDA loan, you won't have to pay back the amount that was suspended all at once—unless you are able to do so.

If your income is restored before the end of your forbearance, reach out to your servicer and resume making payments as soon as you can so your future obligation is limited.

### Moratoriums suspend or stop foreclosure

Foreclosure is when the lender takes back the property after the homeowner fails to make required payments on a mortgage.

Foreclosure processes differ by state. Under federal law, a servicer generally cannot start the state foreclosure process until your loan is more than 120 days past due. There can be exceptions depending on your forbearance or loss mitigation program.

### 1. Get a Lower Interest Rate

Getting a lower interest rate is the most popular reason to refinance a mortgage. It simply means you are swapping a higher interest rate for a lower one, which can save you considerably on your monthly mortgage payments. It can also help you save thousands of dollars in interest over the life of your loan.

For example, let's say you have a \$250,000 mortgage with a 30-year fixed rate of 6.5 percent. Your monthly mortgage payment is approximately \$1,700. If after five years of owning your home you refinanced to a mortgage with an interest rate of 4 percent, your monthly mortgage payment would be approximately \$1,200 — a savings of \$500 per month.

### 2. Switch Your Mortgage Type

When you purchased your home, you selected a specific loan type, such as a 5/1 ARM, a 15-year fixed rate, or 30-year fixed rate. When you refinance, you have the option of changing that loan type to take advantage of the benefits of that other type.

Suppose you have an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) that offered great low introductory rates, but the rate is about to increase. By changing to a fixed-rate mortgage, you will have the comfort of locking in a rate that won't change, as well as getting a consistent monthly payment.

Or perhaps when you purchased your home, you didn't qualify for a VA loan, but now you do. You could refinance and take advantage of the benefits of a VA loan, like no PMI and lower interest rates than conventional loans.

You can also switch from a 30-year fixed rate to a 15-year fixed rate to take advantage of a lower interest rate and pay off your mortgage faster.

### 3. Get Money for Home Improvements

If you have enough equity in your home, you may be able to do a cash-out refinancing to fund a kitchen remodel, add new siding, or complete a home improvement project you've been dreaming about. With cash-out refinancing, you refinance your current mortgage for more than the amount you currently owe, and keep the extra money to spend as you wish.

For example, if your current mortgage balance is \$150,000 on a home that's worth \$250,000, you could refinance your mortgage for \$175,000. Then you'd get \$25,000 to spend on improving your home. Just be sure you're able to refinance at a lower interest rate than you are currently paying.

Many homeowners prefer a cash-out refinance to a home equity line of credit (HELOC) for home improvement projects because the interest rates on a cash-out refinance are often lower than that of a HELOC. Also, a cash-out refinance replaces your existing mortgage, while a HELOC is an additional loan on top of your existing mortgage. You will have to pay closing costs to refinance your mortgage, so be sure to weigh the options to see if a cash-out refinance makes financial sense for you. Zillow's

refinance calculator has a cash-out refinance option under Advanced.

### 4. Build Equity Faster

Shortening your loan program will reduce the portion of your monthly payment that goes toward interest and will allow you to pay off your principal faster — and build equity faster. Typically, you will have a lower interest rate with a shorter loan term (e.g., 20-year loan vs. 30-year loan).

Depending on your current interest rate, you may be able to maintain or reduce your monthly payment while paying the loan

down faster.

For example, if you have owned your home for five years and have a 30-year fixed mortgage rate at 6.5 percent on a loan that has a balance of \$250,000, your current payment would be roughly \$1,700. But, if you were to refinance to a 20-year loan at 3.5 percent, your new payment would be \$1,450. That is a monthly payment reduction of about \$240 and an interest savings of nearly \$160,000 over the life of the loan. You would shorten your loan term by five years and gain home equity faster.

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**Home Prices Will Remain Steady**  
Low housing inventory levels before the COVID-19 crisis mean that it is unlikely home prices will drop. It's still a good time for sellers to consider making their moves.

**Real Estate Transactions Are Safer Than Ever**  
Trying to purchase a home and get the deal done is far safer than visiting grocery stores. Real estate professionals are going above and beyond with social distancing practices and sanitary measures to keep clients and colleagues safe during transactions.

**This Is a Pause, Not a Stop**  
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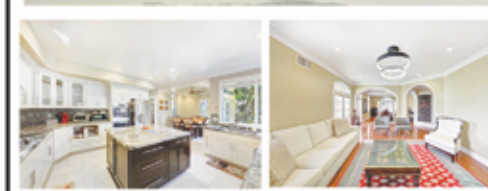
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