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City ponders fireworks ban

■ "I think it's time the City of Downey starts looking at enacting a ban on fireworks," says Councilman Sean Ashton.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Downey may be moving towards an outright ban of fireworks in the city.

During his comments at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, Councilman Sean Ashton suggested that it may be time for the city to "move away" from the controversial Independence Day tradition.

"It's that time of year. It seems when the weather gets warm, and people have idle time that the fireworks issue comes up and it's starting to happen; I heard a lot of it this weekend," said Ashton.

"I know we've looked into increasing the fines for fireworks, increase patrolling for the fireworks. This is tough for me to say, but I'm to the point where I think it would be a good idea to consider a ban on fireworks in the city of Downey."

"I've wanted to kind of see what we can do to maybe push this off, and maybe see if it'll work itself out. I personally don't see it and I think it's time that the City of Downey starts looking at enacting a ban on fireworks."

Many churches and non-profit organizations often sell "safe and sane" fireworks during the week of 4th of July as a means of fundraising.

Unfortunately, the city has been plagued by a steady increase in the use of illegal fireworks.

As Ashton mentioned, the city has previously tried to curb the trend with an uptick in patrols and increased fines, which can total anywhere up to \$3,000 depending on the number of violations.

However, it is notoriously difficult for officers to catch violators while they are actively discharging an illegal firework. As such, many are able to avoid the subsequent citations.

Ashton asked that staff bring back information to the council detailing the pros and cons of a fireworks ban.

Downey Fire Department responded to nine fires - including one house fire - between the hours of 6 p.m. and 3 a.m. on Independence Day last year.

Downey considers hazard pay for retail, grocery workers

■ If approved, grocery stores and drug stores would be required to increase workers' pay by about \$5 per hour.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The City Council will continue to explore several options surrounding the potential to bring hero pay - or something similar - into the city.

The idea to bring hero pay for grocery and drug retail workers in the city was first presented by Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez.

According to Alvarez, a hazard pay ordinance would typically require employers to pay \$4-\$5 extra an hour to their frontline grocery and drug retail employees for 120 days.

According to staff, there would be approximately four large retail stores in the city affected, along with nine grocery stores and six retail drug store pharmacies.

These include Albertsons, Aldi, Food for Less, Amapola, Stater Bros., Vallarta, Walmart, two Ralph's, Grocery Outlet, and two Dollar Trees.

The item came up against immediate resistance from Mayor Claudia Marroquin-Frometa, who believed it would be inappropriate to target just one sector.

"People in healthcare dealing with life and death right in front of them...we have to remember that that particular sector did not get hero pay," said Frometa. "When we consider what other cities have done, I have to bring up from my perspective that while I would like to be able to help everybody, I consider unfair that we would choose a sector versus another that we consider essential, because a lot of people are essential and have been essential during this response."

Frometa and some of her family members work in the healthcare field.

Frometa also said that "local governments should not interfere in what is already established labor union bargaining process."

"While I want to do the right thing, I also fear that by inserting ourselves in an area that really is not up to local governments, we will make a detrimental decision," said Frometa. "We have seen what other cities have done, but they're involved in litigation now."

"We also have to remember that some of those stores have



Councilman Sean Ashton shops at Aldi's during the grocery store's grand opening in 2017. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

closed...Grocery stores have a very small profit margin, and they sell on volume. Even though it may be for 120 days, what that does to their bottom line, it's a break it or make it."

The city has not had any conversations with any of its grocery stores at this time.

According to staff, there are currently three - Long Beach, Montebello, and Whittier - of the 27 gateway cities who have considered implementing hero pay, although Whittier ultimately declined. Staff also added that there are 16 cities that have passed hero pay that are currently in litigation.

While the city has not been threatened with litigation over the matter as of yet, it did receive a letter from the California Grocers Association and its legal counsel, outlining what they felt were the legal infirmities of hero pay implementation.

There was also some discussion that currently numbers are not as bad as at the height of the pandemic, and that vaccines are now available.

However, Councilman Sean Ashton voiced the opinion that the council should have done something sooner. His suggestion tied more into minimum wage.

"I would like to see us at least do something, because the other issue that was brought up is we're kind of at the end of the line, end



of the tunnel, the light's there, hopefully it's not the train coming at us," said Ashton. "We're on the downhill side of this and shame on us for not looking into this earlier when this was more of an issue."

"I don't know if 120 days is the right number; maybe something less. Maybe something where it wouldn't effect employees that were making a certain amount over minimum wage...you have minimum wage workers who are really struggling, and I think that's something that would really help."

Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco offered the idea of using funds from the American Rescue Plan, similar to what the city of Calabasas is currently considering.

"They're utilizing that money to pay for the employees of the

grocery stores," said Pacheco. "They're not actually making it a requirement."

"What they didn't want is to be involved in any negotiations between the grocery stores and their employees, they didn't want to get involved in the contractual relationships. Because of that, they opted on not pursuing the hero pay per se in their city."

As the conversation continued to evolve and expand from hero pay for grocery and drug store workers to minimum wages, the council ultimately decided to ask staff for more information at a future meeting.

The council voted 4-0. Mayor Frometa left for an undisclosed reason and was absent from the final vote.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 75°

Saturday 70°

Sunday 65°

ON THIS DAY MAY 13

1607:

An English colony was settled at Jamestown in present-day Virginia.

1846:

The United States declared that a state of war existed against Mexico.

1862:

Southern slave Robert Smalls commandeered the Confederate's USS Planter and passed it to the Union. He was later appointed as captain, becoming the first Black man to command a U.S. ship.

1914:

Joe Louis, the American boxer who was world heavyweight champion for a record-setting 12 years, was born.

1917:

Three peasant children near Fatima, Portugal, reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary.

1940:

Winston Churchill told the British House of Commons in his first speech as prime minister, "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat."

1958:

Vice President Richard Nixon's limousine was battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela.

1960:

Hundreds of University of California, Berkeley students congregate for the first day of protest against a visit by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

1981:

Pope John Paul II was shot and seriously wounded in St. Peter's Square by Turkish assailant Mehmet Ali Agca.

1985:

Philadelphia police dropped an explosive onto the headquarters of the radical group MOVE; 11 people died in the resulting fire, including five children. Sixty-one homes were destroyed.

1995:

Alison Hargreaves, a 33-year-old British mother, became the first woman to conquer Everest without oxygen or the help of sherpas.

2003:

The government unveiled a new version of the \$20 bill - the first to be colorized in an effort to thwart counterfeiters.

2011:

Two suicide bombers attacked paramilitary police recruits heading home after months of training in northwest Pakistan, killing 87 people in what the Pakistan Taliban called revenge for the U.S. slaying of Osama bin Laden.

Birthdays

R&B singer **Stevie Wonder** (71), retired basketball player **Dennis Rodman** (60), "The Late Show" host **Stephen Colbert** (57), Hootie & the Blowfish lead singer **Darius Rucker** (55), "Twilight" star **Robert Pattinson** (35), actress and writer **Lena Dunham** (35), "The Vampire Diaries" star **Candice King** (34), and Disney actress **Debbie Ryan** (28).

Paramount Blvd. closed this weekend

DOWNEY - A stretch of Paramount Boulevard will be closed this weekend.

Caltrans will close Paramount underneath the 5 Freeway overpass starting at 10 pm Friday to allow workers to repair bridge decks.

The 5 Freeway on-ramp and off-ramp will be closed as well.

Drivers are encouraged to use Lakewood Boulevard as an alternate route.

Paramount Boulevard is expected to reopen at Monday at 5 a.m.

City officials eye summer for LGBTQ picnic

■ The picnic will likely take place at either Furman or Apollo park, with support from the city.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - A planned LGBTQ picnic will likely take place in July or August this year.

At its meeting Tuesday, the Downey City Council received a presentation from the Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (LA CADA), who will organize the event with city staff.

LA CADA proposed that the festivities could take place at

Furman or Apollo parks during the afternoon hours of either July 10, 24, or 31.

With concerns about potential safety risks in the wake of the pandemic, Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco also suggested that the event could be held in August.

LA CADA said that the picnic, first suggested by Councilmember Catherine Alvarez, would be focused specifically at LGBTQ+ adolescent youth and their families for the purpose of intervention, prevention, and community awareness, and anticipated that the event could draw upwards of 1,000 people.

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Photo by Eric Pierce

Gubernatorial hopeful pitches 'historic' tax cuts

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Obituaries

Nick Kamen, English model and singer

Nick Kamen, an English model and singer best known for the songs "Each Time You Break My Heart" and "I Promised Myself," died May 4 of bone marrow cancer at the age of 59.

Kamen was featured on the cover of The Face magazine in 1984 before becoming known to a wider audience for starring in a 1985 Levi's commercial. In it, he stripped down in a laundromat to wash his jeans while wearing only boxers.

In 1986, Kamen released his first single, "Each Time You Break My Heart," which was written and produced by Madonna and Stephen Bray; Madonna also sang backing vocals. His 1990 single "I Promised Myself," which Kamen also wrote, was popular across Europe. Both songs were modest hits on U.S. dancefloors.

Kamen's other singles included "Tell Me" and "Turn it Up."

Del Crandall, last surviving member of Boston Braves

Del Crandall, an All-Star catcher for the Boston/Milwaukee Braves, and the last living player from the Boston Braves, died May 5 at an assisted living facility in Mission Viejo of Parkinson's disease at the age of 91.

Crandall made his MLB debut with the Boston Braves in 1949. He played two seasons for the team – interrupted by his military service during the Korean War – before the Braves moved to Milwaukee in 1953.

Crandall remained with the Braves until 1963, and he was an All-Star 11 times during those years. He helped lead the Braves to the World Series championship

in 1957, with a solo home run in Game 7.

Crandall later played briefly for the San Francisco Giants, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Cleveland Indians before retiring from his playing career in 1966.

He later managed the Milwaukee Brewers and Seattle Mariners, and he was an announcer for the Chicago White Sox and the Brewers.

"I always looked at myself as a defensive catcher first," Crandall once said. "I think it was the enthusiasm I had playing the game. I didn't get tired and tried to be alert to anything that happened on the field. Hitting did not detract from my catching."

Tawny Kitaen, actress and music video vixen

Tawny Kitaen, an actress best known for starring in Whitesnake's music videos in the late 1980s, as well as in the movie "Bachelor Party," died May 7 at her home in Newport Beach at the age of 59.

Kitaen was a model before her acting career launched, appearing on the covers of two Ratt albums in the early '80s. She landed a starring role as the fiancée of Tom Hanks' character in "Bachelor Party" (1984) and went on to star in the 1986 horror movie "Witchboard."

While dating Whitesnake frontman David Coverdale, Kitaen began appearing in the band's music videos at the height of MTV's popularity, beginning with "Still of the Night" in 1987. She went on to star in the videos for the band's later hit singles the same year, "Is This Love" and "Here I Go Again," as well as "The Deeper the Love" and "Fool for Your Loving" in 1989.

Later in her career, Kitaen had a notable guest role on "Seinfeld" and starred in "The New WKRP in Cincinnati." She co-hosted "America's Funniest People" and appeared on "The Surreal Life" and "Celebrity Rehab with Dr.Drew."

Lloyd Price, R&B star in the '50s and '60s

Lloyd Price, one of the great R&B stars of the 1950s and '60s, known for hits including "Personality" and "Lawdy Miss Clawdy," died May 3 in New Rochelle, New York of complications of diabetes at the age of 88.

Price was still a teen when he recorded his first hit, "Lawdy Miss Clawdy," in 1952. Written by Price and recorded with Fats Domino on piano, it became an R&B hit and was one of the legendary tracks that helped lay the groundwork for the development of rock and roll.

"Lawdy Miss Clawdy" was later recorded by artists including Elvis

Presley and Paul McCartney.

Price took time off from his recording career to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. When he returned home, he jumped back into music with the 1958 No. 1 crossover hit "Stagger Lee."

Next up was "Personality," another crossover hit that made it to No. 2 on the Hot 100 in 1959 and became the basis of Price's nickname, "Mr. Personality." That same year, Price also had a hit with "I'm Gonna Get Married."

In later years, Price became a promoter, working with Don King on the iconic "Rumble in the Jungle" boxing match as well as promoting concerts. He was also an entrepreneur with a line of Southern foods including Lawdy Miss Clawdy Sweet Potato Cookies and Lloyd Price's Soulful 'n' Smooth Grits.

In 1998, Price was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

"My mother had a sandwich shop, and there weren't more than 10 records on the jukebox, but I knew all 20 sides, both the 'A' sides and the 'B' sides," Price said of his early days as a performer. "I'd sit there and listen to them as people came into the shop for sandwiches. It only cost a nickel, and I would dance and they'd throw pennies on the floor. I think that's how it all really started. I just thought I could do it."

Paul Van Doren, founder of Vans shoe company

Paul Van Doren, an entrepreneur who co-founded Vans, the iconic skateboarding shoe company, died May 6 at age 90.

Van Doren was working at a rubber company in Boston when he and his brother, James Van Doren, decided to go to Southern California and start a business together. Along with two friends, they opened the Van Doren Rubber Company, later shortened simply to Vans.

In 1966, they opened their first retail shop, knowing they could keep costs down by selling directly to customers.

The Anaheim shop bore the sign "House of Vans," and inside, customers could buy men's shoes for \$4.49 and women's shoes for \$2.29. But on the first day of operations, the founders forgot to bring in money to make change. So Van Doren told customers to come back later with cash – and they did.

It was the beginning of what would become a skate apparel empire, anchored by the famous low-profile shoes. Van Doren ran Vans for the company's first 10 years, then turning it over to his brother. In later years, the company was sold outside the family.

Edgar Harrell, survived attack on USS Indianapolis

Edgar Harrell, the last living U.S. Marine who was serving on the USS Indianapolis during World War II when it was torpedoed and sank, died May 8 at age 96.

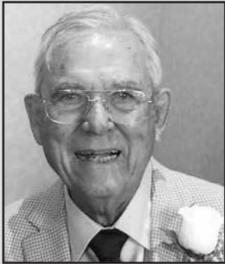
Harrell was stationed aboard the USS Indianapolis in 1945, guarding components of the atomic bomb it was carrying. In one of the most notorious stories of the war, the ship was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine and sank, leaving its crew fighting for their lives in shark-infested waters.

Of the crew of 1,195 men, Harrell was one of only 316 to survive.

He later returned to the U.S. and owned and operated the Pella Window Company in Rock Island, Illinois, for 35 years until his retirement in 1985.

In 2018, Harrell and the other remaining survivors of the USS Indianapolis were honored with the Congressional Gold Medal. His death leaves only five survivors of the disaster still living.

In Memory of



LeRoy Rodenberg

May 2, 1920 - May 6, 2021

LeRoy Rodenberg, loving patriarch of the Rodenberg Family, passed away at 1:16am on May 6, 2021 at The Meridian at Laguna Hills. LeRoy Rodenberg had just celebrated his 101st birthday. LeRoy Rodenberg was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania on May 2, 1920. He was the oldest of four children.

LeRoy Rodenberg was without a doubt part of "The Greatest Generation." He joined the Canadian Air Force for three years prior to America entering WWII. Once America joined the war, he began flying cargo planes for the Army Air Force. After returning home to Pittsburg at the end of WWII, LeRoy Rodenberg enrolled in the University of Pittsburgh where he met his soon to be wife, Irene McClay, on his first evening at college. The two married and had two children, Jeanie Marden and Le Rodenberg. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

LeRoy Rodenberg went on to work as an engineer and helped to launch the first astronauts into space. He received numerous awards and accolades for his work on the space program. He retired in Downey, California after a successful career as an engineer. Throughout retirement, he enjoyed golf, playing bridge, traveling, and spending time with family. He was a member of the Rio Hondo Golf Club and a Mason.

LeRoy Rodenberg is survived by his sister, daughter, son, four grandsons, three granddaughters, five great-grandsons, six great-granddaughters, three great-great-granddaughters, and three great-great-grandsons. He was a true American Hero and he will be missed dearly by his family. Condolences may be offered to The Rodenberg Family at PO Box 1205, Temecula, CA 92593. If desired, family and friends may make memorial contributions to the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering, in Memory of LeRoy Rodenberg.

In Memory of



Michael Phillip Grissom

Michael Phillip Grissom, age 54. Passed on 4/19/2021.

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

What an unpredictable disease COVID-19 is. On top of the 580,000-plus Americans who have died, and the many millions who have endured the disease and recovered, we have become aware that 20% to 40% of those who had the disease continue to suffer. Every day I see people who still experience fatigue, shortness of breath, brain fog, depression, insomnia, loss of smell and taste, etc. The question I keep hearing: When will it end? The answer is a resounding...I just don't know!



For most diseases, the risks exist while you have the infection. You expect to recover and return to your "normal" life. COVID-19 carries with it the possibility of serious disease and death, but once recovered, there can be ongoing or new symptoms – even including some people who started with an asymptomatic case. These continuing symptoms can be severe, and their duration is indefinite. Please note that this is not the case for the annual flu. While many do indeed die from influenza (many fewer than from COVID), the flu has no "long hauler" syndrome.

Almost two-thirds of patients who experienced COVID pneumonia still show lung abnormalities six months after recovery. Worse, a number of these may suffer permanent lung damage.

Nearly one of four patients hospitalized with COVID have ongoing cardiovascular complications. These heart symptoms account for up to 40% of COVID deaths. A significant number of recently recovered COVID patients show heart abnormalities and ongoing myocardial inflammation.

One in three COVID survivors suffer from neurologic or psychiatric symptoms up to six months after infection. These symptoms include memory loss, various nerve disorders, anxiety,

depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, brain-fog, substance abuse, and insomnia. Symptoms are present in all age groups, as well as in patients who were asymptomatic, treated at home, or hospitalized.

So, exactly what does a COVID infection do to cause these lingering or possibly permanent symptoms? The first possibility, especially for those with lung or cardiovascular complications, is that the disease directly damages various organs. However, a leading theory has to do with long-term immune activation. Previous viral infections like the SARS epidemic of 2003 give us some clues. The condition results from continuous activation of the immune system long after the infection has resolved – in essence, the immune system instructs the body to produce a persistent inflammatory response, which is resistant to treatment. (Chronic fatigue syndrome, for example, behaves like this.) This leading theory of long-term immune activation is under study with a new \$1.5 billion grant to the National Institutes of Health.

Given all of this, when is a case of COVID-19 really over? Some COVID patients report significant improvement or complete resolution of long hauler symptoms with time, or even following vaccination. Others report improvement after a short course of steroids. As I tell my COVID-19 patients, they are the early history for a new disease, so time will tell.

All of us, including doctors and employers in particular, need an understanding of the short-term as well as these long-term consequences of COVID-19. What we do know for certain, unfortunately, is that this disease will remain with us for some time to come.

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Downey, Warren named among top high schools in the nation

■ The two campuses were included in a national ranking by U.S. News & World Report.

DOWNEY – Downey and Warren high schools have been named 2021 U.S. Best High Schools in the nation according to U.S. News & World Report.

This ranking includes data on nearly 24,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Nearly 18,000 schools were ranked on six factors based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college. Downey Unified's comprehensive high schools were in the top high schools nationwide.

At the beginning of May, U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in education rankings, announced the 2021 Best High Schools – a new, revamped edition of the rankings, providing the most comprehensive evaluation of America's public high schools ever produced by U.S. News.

"The Best High Schools rankings provide the most comprehensive, data-based information on nearly every public high school in the country," said Anita Narayan, managing editor of Education at U.S. News, in a release published by U.S. News & World Report. "Families can use the Best High Schools rankings to see how schools compare at the national, state and local level on factors like graduation rates and college readiness. The rankings also provide insight into academic performance among underserved groups."

The 2021 Best High Schools ranking methodology focuses on six factors: college readiness, reading and math proficiency, reading and math performance, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth and graduation rates. College readiness specifically measures participation and performance on Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams.

The data used in this edition is from the 2018-2019 academic

school year, and therefore was not affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Our vision is to graduate all students with a 21st Century education that guarantees they are college and career ready," expressed Downey Unified Superintendent, Dr. John Garcia. "Having our two comprehensive high schools ranked in the top quartile nationally is a testament to the amazing work we are doing here in Downey Unified, not just at the high school level but districtwide as well."

The Downey Unified School District has 13 elementary schools, four middle schools, three high schools and one adult school that are led by the district's vision. Students are taught 21st Century skills that implement technology, collaboration, communication and citizenship.

The offerings that are available to Downey Unified students continue to increase each year due to various state allocated program specific budgets and grants, such as the LCAP and most recently the K12 Strong Workforce grant.

Some examples of offerings that can be found in Downey Unified that are unique from surrounding districts include: Kindergarten through 12th grade robotics; the Femineer program, an engineering program that focuses on engaging middle and high school female students; and over a dozen industry-aligned pathways

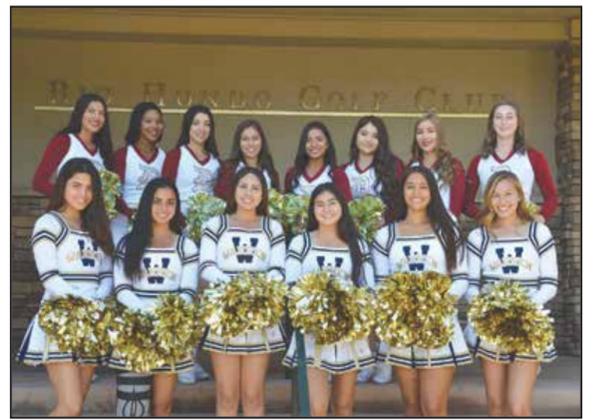


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and courses that are available to high school students that provide them with real-world, hands-on work experience as well as third-party certifications.

Included in these pathways are state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities that allow students to practice these skills using the equipment and software that is currently being used by industry professionals.

For example, students enrolled in the automotive engineering pathway spend their time working under the hood of cars that are stationed in repair bays, equipped

with the latest automotive technology.

The Best High Schools rankings are available exclusively on usnews.com and include data on a variety of factors, such as enrollment, student diversity, participation in free and reduced-price lunch programs, graduation rates and the results of state assessments.

U.S. News worked with RTI International, a global research firm, to implement the comprehensive ranking methodology for the 2021 Best High Schools rankings.

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City of Downey

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Police plan bicycle, pedestrian safety operation

DOWNEY - The Downey Police Department will conduct bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement operations during the month of May aimed at keeping people who need to go out to exercise or run essential errands safe.

While the COVID-19 pandemic is requiring residents to stay home as much as possible, the Downey Police Department recognizes the need to protect the public by looking for violations made by bicyclists, drivers and pedestrians that make roads unsafe.

These violations include drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, failing to stop for signs and signals or any other traffic violation. Officers will also look for pedestrians who cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped when riding on the wrong side of the road, not complying with stop signs and signals, or other violation of the same traffic laws that apply to them as drivers.

Bicycle and pedestrian fatalities are rising at an alarming rate. In 2016, 138 bicyclists and 867 pedestrians were killed on California roads. Pedestrian fatalities are up nearly 33 percent from 2012, and the number of bicyclists killed is up nearly 25 percent over the past five years. In 2019, the Downey Police Department investigated 3 fatal and 97 injury collisions involving bicyclists and pedestrians.

To keep you and your family safe, the Downey Police Department offers the following tips when out biking, driving or walking:

PEDESTRIANS

Only cross at marked crosswalks or intersections with a stop sign or signal. Look for cars backing up. Avoid going between parked cars. Make eye contact with drivers. Don't assume they see you.

Wear bright clothing during the day and use a flashlight when walking at night.

DRIVERS

Wait for pedestrians to cross the street. Be courteous and patient. Stay off the phone.

Follow the speed limit.

Look for pedestrians when backing up or turning.

BICYCLISTS

Always wear a helmet. Helmets are required by law for anyone under 18. Bicyclists must travel in the same direction of traffic and have the same requirements as any slow moving vehicle.

Faulconer proposes eliminating state income tax for most residents

San Diego's former mayor is campaigning to recall and replace Gavin Newsom.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - Former San Diego mayor Kevin Faulconer visited Downey on Tuesday where he announced plans for what he called "the largest middle-class tax cut in California history."

Faulconer is one of three prominent Republicans campaigning to replace Gov. Gavin Newsom if he is recalled this November.

"California doesn't have an income problem, we have a spending problem," Faulconer said, speaking in front of the "Downey-Doodleicious" mural on Downey Avenue.

Under Faulconer's tax proposal, California residents would pay zero state income tax if they earn less than \$50,000 annually (\$100,000 for families). All others would see a reduction in their state income taxes except for those earning \$1 million or more.

"This is a broad tax cut for young people just starting out, parents who are paying for diapers or college, and folks working long days to put food on the table," Faulconer said.

Faulconer also said he would eliminate taxes on veterans' retirement income.

In total, nearly 11 million California residents would receive a tax reduction under Faulconer's plan, he said.

Faulconer was greeted in Downey by former mayors Mario Guerra and Rick Rodriguez, who also spoke at the press conference.

"As California begins to recover from our state-imposed shutdown, we continue to see increasing gas prices, higher energy costs, and with that comes shrinking paychecks," Guerra said.

"With the State of California's \$75 billion surplus over the past three years, that money should remain in the hands of taxpayers. Our middle class is getting crushed and they deserve a break. I applaud Mayor Faulconer for putting forward a commonsense plan that will provide much-needed relief for families across our communities."

Polls

A new poll from the University of California, Berkeley's Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS) and the Los Angeles Times found that Caitlyn Jenner had the least

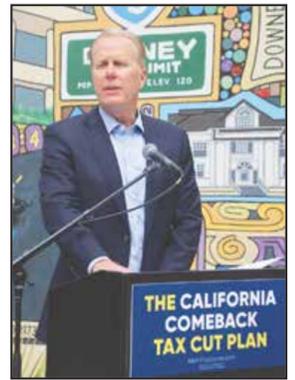
support among Californians, with only 6 percent of respondents saying they would vote to have her replace Newsom.

Mark DiCamillo, director of the poll, told the Times that despite the widespread media attention Jenner has garnered since announcing her bid, "there doesn't seem to be a significant constituency for her candidacy."

Leading the Republicans in the race are Faulconer and Rancho Santa Fe businessman John Cox. The survey found that each candidate had the backing of 22 percent of those polled.

The poll found that 49 percent of voters said they oppose removing Newsom from office, compared with 45 percent who opposed doing so in January. Only 26 percent of registered voters said they would vote to recall the governor—a number that's remained unchanged since late January.

More than half of the registered voters polled, 52 percent, approve of the job Newsom has been doing



Kevin Faulconer speaks at a press conference in Downey. (Photo by Eric Pierce)

as governor. But while the 52 percent approval rating is slightly higher than figures from January, it is still far below September's 64 percent.

Crime Report

On May 4 at 1135 hours, officers responded to an attempted robbery at the 11400 block of Old River School Rd. The male adult victim placed an order and walked out to his car to wait for his order. While in his car, the male adult suspect approached and asked for money. When the victim told him no, the suspect demanded the money and grabbed at the front of his waistband. The victim stated he saw the handle of a gun. The suspect walked away and was later located by responding officers. No gun was found on the suspect and he was ultimately arrested for the attempted robbery.

On May 6 at 0205 hours, officers responded to a call of shots fired, at 9530 Imperial Hwy. Numerous subjects were contacted and confirmed they heard a gunshot however could not provide additional information. One spent casing was located in the parking lot but no one could provide any suspect information. No victims were located and detectives are currently conducting follow up investigation.

On May 6 at 2200 hours, officers were assigned to street racing enforcement throughout the city. During this time, officers

observed a vehicle doing donuts in the north parking lot of Raising Canes. Officers detained the vehicle and ultimately located a loaded handgun during a search of the vehicle. The adult male driver was arrested for a weapons violation.

Detectives are investigating a shooting that occurred on May 9 at 2355 hours, at the 7900 block of Florence Ave. The victim, a male adult visiting from Pennsylvania, was leaving the CVS Pharmacy when the unknown suspect fired approximately five rounds from a handgun at the victim. One round went through the driver's door and the victim sustained a gunshot wound to his calf. The victim drove himself to a local hospital, which contacted the Downey Police Department. Officers responded and the victim was uncooperative and refused to provide any further information or suspect description. The victim was later released from the hospital with non-life-threatening wounds.

Detectives are investigating an assault that occurred on May 10 at 1630, on the 9300 block of Imperial Hwy. The male adult victim was driving to Kaiser Hospital where he was delivering specimens, when he noticed a vehicle swerving in and out of traffic. For an unknown reason, the suspect vehicle followed the victim. The victim stopped in the parking lot and was confronted by the suspect. The suspect produced a metal object from his vehicle and struck the victim and causing a minor abrasion. The suspect fled the area. Detectives are actively investigating the case.

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Opinion

More government spying and lying

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

Twice last week, the federal government’s unconstitutional spying on ordinary Americans was exposed. One of these revelations was made by a federal judge in Washington, D.C., who wrote that the FBI is still using warrantless spying in criminal cases, notwithstanding the Constitution and federal laws. The other revelation was a surprise even to those of us who monitor these things — the United States Postal Service acknowledged that it has been spying on Americans.

Here is the backstory.

The modern American security state — the parts of the federal government that spy on Americans and do not change on account of elections — received an enormous shot in the arm in 1978 when Congress enacted the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. That naively misguided and profoundly unconstitutional law was sold to Congress as a way to control the security state’s spying in the aftermath of Watergate. Watergate had revealed that President Richard M. Nixon used the FBI and the CIA to spy on real and imagined domestic political adversaries.

FISA set up a secret court that authorized domestic spying by issuing warrants not based on probable cause of crime, as the Constitution requires, but on probable cause of communicating with foreign agents. Never mind that communications about noncriminal matters are protected speech; the FISA court issued tens of thousands of these warrants.

As the security state’s appetite for spying grew more voracious, its agents and lawyers persuaded the FISA court to lower the bar for issuing a surveillance warrant from communicating with a foreign agent to communicating with a foreign person, and to expand the scope of those warrants to include Americans who have communicated with other Americans who have communicated with foreign people. Under this procedure, if I call my cousins in Florence and then you call me, all of your calls could be surveilled.

Jealous of the ease with which America’s spies can obtain warrants from the FISA court, the FBI persuaded its friends on Capitol Hill to enact legislation that gives the FBI a peek at data the security state gathers — if it meets certain standards — to see if any of it pertains to criminal matters. Each one of these FBI peeks at raw intelligence data is known as a “share.”

All of this was done in utter disregard of the Fourth Amendment requirements that no search warrants shall be issued without showing under oath probable cause of crime and that all warrants shall specifically describe the place to be searched and the person or thing to be seized.

If an FBI agent sees evidence of a nonnational security crime on one of the shares, the agent will try to use it in a criminal prosecution, even though he acquired it in violation of the Fourth Amendment. If federal prosecutors want to introduce evidence from the share at trial, they need to find another source for it, as no judge will admit raw intelligence data obtained without a warrant in a criminal case.

After 9/11, President George W. Bush ordered the National Security Agency — the 60,000-person strong branch of the military that quarterback domestic spying — to capture every keystroke on every computer and the contents of every phone call in America. All presidents since Bush — even President Donald Trump, who was personally victimized by this spying — have continued the practice of universal, suspicionless, warrantless spying.

The NSA sharing data with the FBI is deeply troubling because it violates both the Fourth Amendment and federal law. The intentional use of FISA to obtain data about an American for nonnational security-related criminal activity is itself a criminal act as it constitutes a planned and direct violation of the Fourth Amendment by electronic means — otherwise known as hacking.

Last week, the chief judge of the FISA court revealed that for 2019 the FBI reported just one instance of sharing, even though Department of

Justice auditors found 91 instances. And that number is far lower than the true number of shares since — inexplicably — the DOJ counts all shares performed by one agent as one share, even though the agent may have accessed the data of more than one American.

In August 2019, one FBI agent accessed the raw intelligence data of 16,000 Americans in order to find criminal evidence about seven of them. The FBI reported that as one share.

Also last week, the USPS revealed that its postal inspectors have been monitoring social media at random, looking for troublemakers. Since social media is publicly posted, you and I can read it at will. But the Fourth Amendment requires that the government have “articulable suspicion” about the person whose social media is being surveilled before it begins its surveillance — even surveillance of publicly available materials. This is to prevent fishing expeditions.

What articulable suspicions did the Postal Service have before its police began their surveillance? What conceivable threat to the postal mails is manifested in texts and emails (other than that the latter are infinitely faster and profoundly more efficient)? None and none.

All this shows just how corrupted America’s security state has become under presidents of both parties. From counting 16,000 as if it were one, to hacking the texts and emails of people without articulable suspicion or probable cause, to orchestrating end runs around the Fourth Amendment, to lying to federal judges about all this — we see the tactics of the East German Stasi and Soviet KGB have been reborn on this side of the Atlantic.

Of what value is the constitutional guarantee of privacy if those we have hired to protect it are themselves undermining it?

Judge Andrew Napolitano is the senior legal analyst for Fox News.

Developmental disabilities funding crisis

Discussions on the state’s upcoming fiscal year 2021–21 must include prioritizing additional funding for the 21 regional centers that serve over 350,000 Californians with developmental disabilities. They are the official point of entry to the state’s service system.

Current state funding directed to the regional centers is insufficient and as a result, statewide, regional centers are short 921 service coordinators. The Association of Regional Centers Agencies (ARCA) urges the Budget Committees to increase funding with an additional ongoing allocation of \$60 million annually.

The 21 regional centers’ work begins, for many they serve, with the Early Start program that focuses on early intervention. Depending on a child’s needs, this work continues throughout childhood and into adulthood with an array of assessments, referrals, lifelong individual planning and case management, advocacy, vocational support, and much more. Regional centers strive to keep individuals with their families, but they also help with planning placement and monitoring for out-of-home care.

Much of this work is accomplished by service coordinators who manage staggering caseloads, working with families and individuals to provide the support and quality services that enable them to live fully integrated lives. These crucial staff provide a wide range of support that helps those served by the centers to overcome a variety of unique challenges. There is a crisis, however, because there are simply not enough service coordinators to sufficiently meet the growing demands regional centers face.

“The state’s budget outlook for the coming fiscal year is vastly improved from where we stood in 2020 and it’s time to make new investments that help California’s most vulnerable, including people with developmental disabilities. The regional centers rely on significant State funding to connect the people we serve with the comprehensive range of services they require to live full and integrated lives,” said Amy Westling, executive director, Association of Regional Center Agencies. “Our budget ask would allow short-staffed regional centers to hire more service coordinators who serve as the backbone of the important work we do.”

Because regional centers lack adequate State funding, service coordinator salaries are startlingly low and unrealistic. Regional centers are budgeted salaries for service coordinators at just over \$34,000 annually – only 52 percent of the actual cost of these core staff. The funding formula is extremely outdated and based on a 20-year-old adjustment. ARCA’s budget ask of an additional \$60 million allocation would fill the gap and enable regional centers to hire the additional staff needed.

This state funding ask also has broader implications for regional centers because of the interconnectedness of federal funds. Insufficient state funding impacts regional centers’ ability to receive federal dollars, which today provide over 40 percent of an average year’s funding for the \$10 billion system.

For more information about ARCA and the regional centers, visit arcanet.org.

Contributed by the Association of Regional Centers Agencies.

Disinfectant tax proposal too costly for local businesses and governments

By Andrew Mendez

As a city council member, I try to be mindful of how my decisions will impact those we serve. It is not unusual that a policy we feel is good for the community may have unintended consequences we had not considered.

When this happens, my constituents are not shy about speaking up about how our decision created problems we were not aware of.

California cities and counties now find themselves in a similar situation about a relatively obscure budget proposal the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (CDPR) is making to the state legislature.

It involves something called a mill tax – a type of taxation based on the sale of a product. In this case, the state wants to raise this tax on bleach and other disinfectants by as much as 90 percent.

I have several concerns about this proposal.

First, it is astounding that such essential products are targeted for a tax. This completely contradicts important public health messages and an executive order from the Newsom Administration requiring the use of disinfectants to protect the public from COVID-19. Specifically, emergency public health regulations mandate frequent cleaning and use of disinfectants in restaurants, stores, nursing homes, hotels, buses, airports, public buildings, childcare centers, and high-traffic areas.

Second, CDPR’s proposal will raise the price of these products at a time when local businesses are struggling to survive. Restaurants, retail stores, gyms, childcare centers, and nursing homes should not be taxed more on products they have been ordered to use.

Third, the tax will also burden municipalities and the public sector. Our libraries, schools, and other local government buildings require heavy daily use of disinfectants. Our budgets are tight, and we should not have to spend extra money to buy products that protect our citizens.

This is more than being a little tone-deaf.

Fortunately, this misguided idea must receive approval from the California Legislature. I urge our lawmakers will take the time to read the language of the budget proposal and understand the impact on our schools, childcare centers, businesses, and local governments.

Andrew Mendez is a member of the Azusa City Council.

Road to socialism

Dear Editor:

And now, thank you to all you rich Democrats that voted for our president. We are now on our way to true socialism.

Karl Marx is so proud of all of you. You are following his instructions and directions. What our, Russia.

You may not see the end but your children will. And they will surely thank you.

Larry Arellano
Norwalk

Fund 988

Dear Editor:

May is Mental Health Month. By urging my public officials to prioritize suicide prevention, mental health, and crisis care, I am hoping to influence collective change to support #MentalHealth4All.

Right now, individuals in crisis are able to call 1-800-273-8255 to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress and those that care for them. Soon, it will be much easier to remember how to reach the Lifeline as the number will be changing to “988” nationwide by July 2022.

Knowing this, it is critically important that states pass legislation NOW to reliably fund 988 and their state’s crisis response system, just as we fund 911 and emergency services – through small fees on our phone bills. Reliable funding will help to ensure all 988 callers can reach a counselor in their own state who is familiar with and can connect them with local resources. Culturally competent support and local connections can better help all callers through their crisis and in their recovery.

Join me this month in urging your public officials to fund 988. We all play a role in changing the culture around mental health. Together, we can ensure #MentalHealth4All.

Amber Johnson
Whittier

Correction to street letter

Dear Editor:

I apologize that I sent my letter last week with one glaring omission. (“Downey’s Street Problems,” 5/6/21)

When I asked Mr. Gutierrez how much the city added to the street repair budget after the passage of Measure S, his answer was “So.” By the way, I subsequently noticed that the city’s Measure S website has omitted any mention of street repair.

Bill Niemand
Downey

Discrimination in America

Dear Editor:

Discrimination is a hot topic in today’s life, but where it has started?

Discrimination has roots in some characters, such as selfishness, pride, arrogance, jealousy...

It appears in different forms: we discriminate against others in their appearance, gesture, education, rich/poor... We discriminate against others within our blood, our neighbor, or all other skins...

Discrimination is just a part of today’s social problems. Our society has lost balance for some decades, scientists have discovered many new things, in different areas of life and we now can see deeper into the universe and all the changes around our society, economy, medical, politics... All have been affected.

The adventure of high-tech also helps understanding more on the religious area. We know more about the age of mankind, archeology and archaism help us understand more on Bible language, etc... These new developments are also affected in our morality standard and explaining the Bible or doctrine and it caused the division among religions as we see today among the rightist and the leftist, conservative and aggressive. We are encountering today a new wave of ideologies.

The educators, both secular and religious, have been behind in catching up with the advance of scientists, therefore, leaving the world into confusions and disorder.

The Internet has brought to us faster communication and widely throughout all corners of the world. People see clearer of society and at the same time we share the many social problems, injustice, unbalance of economic distribution, therefore demanding social correction and adjustment, not necessarily as socialism.

The unbalance of social life, therefore, create tension in many people and they try to find a way to release the pressure by breaking, riot, and crime or locked-in with depression or choose suicide.

People easily getting mad against anybody, anything, anytime and then reacting with breaking, shooting... and not just racial.

The true cause of discrimination may be from some kind of psychology of disappointments from today’s lifestyles. The unbalance of our society has divided people from all races and classes, more gaps between Rightist and Leftist, conservatives and aggressive.

In America, discrimination is not new. It has started since the black slaves were transported into this land. Discrimination creates social problems, off and on, but it seems to be more serious recently.

In recent years, we observe so many types of social disorders. Besides problems in politics, we have seen discrimination among the Whites and other minority groups, first: A wave of criticism on the Mexican and some other groups from South America, with reasons that they are drug dealers, killers, criminal of all kinds, live on welfare and be the burden to this society...

In this wave of discrimination, the laws have been changed to eliminate those people to enter the US and to deport the ones who have lived here in the US for decades to their own countries.

Then, in early 2020, there was the condemnation of Chinese people as if they were the ones who carry the COVID-19 into the US country. That has resulted in discrimination against the Chinese who live in the USA. But then, today, it has become the wave of discrimination against all Asian people including Korean, Japanese, and Vietnamese.

Suppose that America has no minority, what will happen: Who will do the work that the White American disliked? No more workers for farms, gardening, or all kinds of labors and as in today’s society, Americans are shrinking in population.

And looking into the world situation today where America is facing severe competition with foreign enemies in all areas: Economy, politic, and military: China has been so advanced in a short period, she has advanced many times faster than expected, that has surprised the free world and she is on her way to overshadow America in many areas. Not for too long!

You should spend a little more time on politics to see all these. Conclusion: You cannot live alone yourself. You need all of us, all colors.

United we stand, divided we fall.

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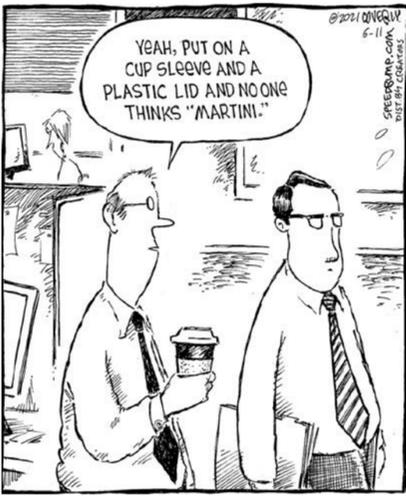
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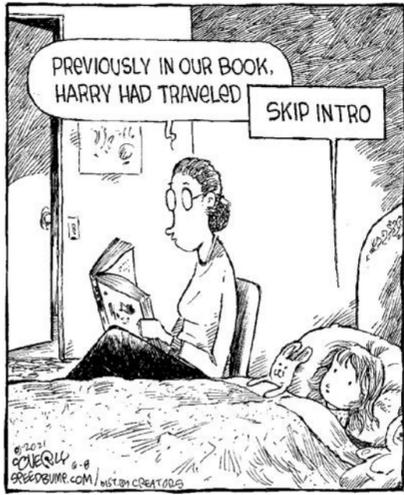
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Downey Community Calendar

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., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462.
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at 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 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 12 Noon: People of Faith Ministries, call John Veiga 562-412-7192.
 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

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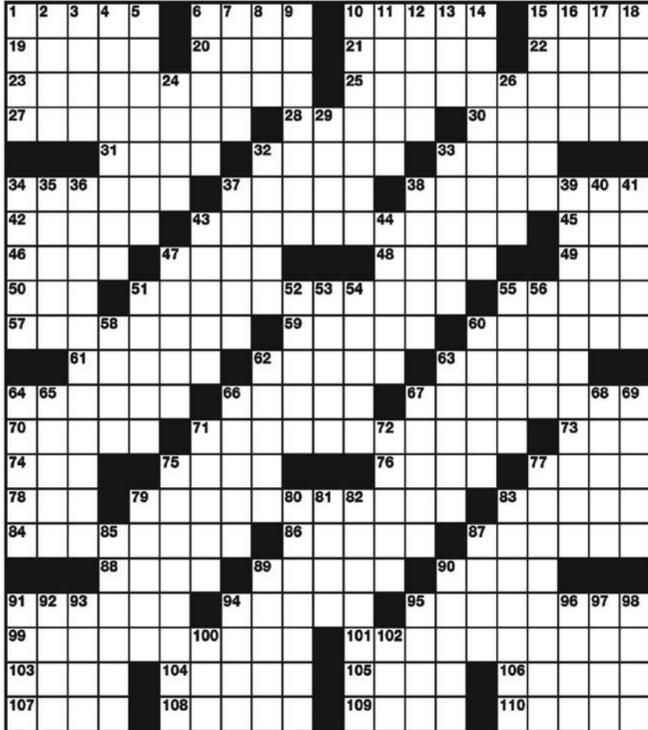
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Things you didn't know about Downey: The 1890s

By **Bobbie Bruce**
Downey Historical Society

Many land bargains could be found in the 1890's. The "get rich quick" class, not willing to endure the hardships of the new country, turned their faces to fairer climes. It was the early pioneers holding onto their lands who benefitted by a rise in value. Good farm land around Downey sold at prices much below those advertised and boomed by unscrupulous land agents in other places. With the best climate in the world, cooled by moist ocean breezes, vegetation kept green on unirrigated land, while areas farther inland were parched and dry.

An advance was noticed when mustard and grain fields gave way to small farms. Better prices prevailed which allowed many improvements. Frame houses, plastered walls and comfortable furniture, as well as an organ or piano, added charm to the home. Windmills gave the advantage of running water in the houses and barnyards.

Farm implements took the place of hand tools used by our ancestors; more scientific stock raising resulted in better horses and better milk and butter-producing cows. Hundreds of pounds of butter and as many as 3,200 dozen eggs were shipped from the depot in one week, largely the work of women.

Downey was laid out with wide streets, lined with graceful pepper and eucalyptus trees. Jack Blamlett, the road overseer, the year before had done an excellent job of grading and surfacing the streets with

gravel and clay, hauled here from a distant locality. The job of sprinkling the streets and roads, formerly held by George Wilson, was taken over by C.C. Holister who obtained water from roadside wells. This water was pumped into sprinkling tanks mounted on horse-drawn wagons and used daily for settling the dust.

The people, numbering 1,000 inhabitants, belonged to the middle class. They were hospitable and kind. Their homes were comfortable, surrounded by luxurious gardens and thrifty orchards. Social advantages were of the best as Downey never had a foreign element or vice section during its entire history. Graded schools advanced our educational system to equal the highest in the state. Five churches gave opportunity for freedom of religious thinking. New roads added to the conveniences of transportation, the latest development being Curtin Road, which extended from Cemetery Road to College Avenue.

Horse Fair

The following is taken from the Downey Champion newspaper:

"On March 28, 1890, on the grounds of the Los Angeles County Agricultural Association, known as the fairgrounds, a horse fair was held. Professor Colgate's Norwalk brass band arrived on the morning train and their martial strains drew the last boy to the streets as they were driven through the town.

"At 10 o'clock marshals Brookshire and Lugo gave the word and the

band wagons moved off, followed by a parade which was a grand sight and reflected the great credit to Witherspoon and Campbell, managers. The streets were lined with onlookers and those grand horses, stepping to the music, thrilled everyone present.

"Holbert and Co., of Los Angeles, importers of English sires and Cleveland bays, exhibited five fine animals. The brother of one of these had but recently been sold for \$15,000. F.M. and D.N. Baldwin has two noted draft horses. N.C. Campbell, five fine animals of their class -- Iowa Prince, Kan Jack, etc. -- presented Lord Cleveland and King of the Oaks a beauty. Mose Cheney exhibited Sultan. E.W. Ceaser, of Los Angeles, Membrino. John Severs, of Artesia, Del Seur Pilot. Pedro Lugo, of San Antonio, exhibited the graceful and charming Boy and Pony. A few others were exhibited which did not enter the parade."

Oranges of the seedling variety were direct descendants from the seed brought to California by the padres and yielded heavily, as indicated by shipments which totaled 20 carloads in 1890 and 46 carloads in 1891. The average price per box in 1890 was \$1.02. Orange trees were advertised by James Stewart, nursery man on Telegraph Road from 25-26 cents each for trees three feet and up. Good orange land could be bought for \$125 to \$160 an acre.

Bobbie Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.

Short Story: The Elevator

By **Sharon Benson Smith**

I always dread the parking and walking situation when I have an appointment with my primary care doctor. It is located adjacent to the Lakewood Hospital. The closest parking area is for handicapped only and consists of a good 20 spaces, if not more. (I have often been told that I should have a handicap sign, but I haven't pursued it as I want to walk on my own steam as long as possible).

As usual, I had to park in the four-tier garage area...where the parking is always jammed, and I have to wind my way up to the third and fourth tiers. Finally in a parking spot (which is on the back wall and opposite of the elevator), it's quite a walk to the elevator after parking. Upon reaching the ground floor, it's another walk to the building where the doctor's office is located.

The doctor is usually very prompt; I have never had to wait. Today was very different in that I waited a little over an hour to see her. It was a mandatory annual wellness checkup. We brought one another up to date on my overall health situation; it went well, and I was good to go.

Then it was time to go back to the car which meant another ample walk to the elevator. I got in, pushed the button to the fourth tier, and nothing happened. I pushed it several times, and still there was no movement. Thought I'd try the third tier, and didn't go anywhere. My next option was to try the second tier, but I'm still stationary.

Then I started all over again; all the buttons were aglow now, and I'm beginning to somewhat freak out or get hysterical. It's been long enough.

My next move was to holler through the elevator doors for any passersby... "Yoo-hoo, anybody there?" No response. I did this a few times before doing what I probably should have done first: I pushed the emergency button (several times like a mad woman, and still nothing).

I could hear the alarm blaring from inside the elevator. Now I'm getting a little panicky.

I put off calling my daughter as she works from home and I didn't want to interrupt. I finally called her and explained the situation. I knew she would solve the problem for me (why is it that kids are so much smarter than their parents?).

Miss smarty pants said, "Mom, there has to be a button to push to talk to someone." Of course, she was right...there at the bottom of all the other banks of buttons was the one marked "talk," and boy did I take advantage of that situation!

Soon after that call, two men

appeared outside the elevator, gave me some instructions to stand away from the doors and opened the elevator from outside. They called security; a young fellow picked me up in a golf cart, and we hunted for my car on the fourth tier, but it happened to be on the third tier. I must have forgotten everything when I thought I was stuck in that elevator indefinitely.

At the end of the day, I was grateful this happened during the daytime hours and that my smarty pants was available. After that fiasco, I was exhausted; I just went home and collapsed.

Naturally, the time in the elevator seemed like an eternity, but it was probably all of 20 minutes tops.

Two new officers have joined the Downey Police Department.

Officers Heber Mendoza and Octavio Ochoa both recently graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy, Class 455.

They both were sworn into their new positions by Downey Police Chief Dean Milligan.



A message from the bookstore director

By **Ramie Johnson**

Hello everyone!

I'm so glad to be writing this article with a view towards our targeted reopening date of mid-June, when the library is expected to open at full capacity to the public, pending state and local guidelines.

It has been quite some time since our community members have been able to peruse our Friends' bookstore and gift shop; we had so many people write in and tell us how very much we have been missed, and letting us know our re-opening is eagerly awaited. In our new location near the library's main entrance, we have a new design concept that we're working with which will take some getting used to; things are still progressing as we continue to develop ideas on how to best serve our Downey community.

I am working closely with our Board of Director members, senior library staff, and our library director in making final preparations for the exciting day when we will open our store once again and welcome our community members to our re-designed space.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Ramie Johnson is director of the Friends of the Downey City Library Bookstore.

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LGTBQ picnic in planning stages

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They hope to include organizations such as the Downey and Warren High School bands, the Trevor Project, and the Rainbow Alliance, as well as to gain support from Supervisor Janice Hahn.

Entertainment may include inflatable games and jumpers, face-painting, free food, and a petting zoo.

This event will not be sponsored or paid for by the city, with the exception of the waiving of fees and providing of a space.

Instead, the event will be funded by corporate and non-profit sponsors.

The Downey Police Department will provide a patrol vehicle, with Downey Fire providing guidance. City staff will be reimbursed for their participation, while LA CADA staff will serve as volunteers.

Approval from the Health Department is still needed, although it is anticipated that the county will have exited the "yellow tier" by the time of the event.

Visiting the Downey City Library on its soft opening

By Lorine Parks Society

DOWNEY – A volunteer was quick to take your temperature by remote control as you stepped through the glass doors of the new Downey City Library. From then on it was wide open spaces, newly designed and color-coded.

After two years of being closed, the Library is open to the public again, but just for looking. Books may be borrowed and curb service is available, by searching online dcl.polarislibrary.com or calling (562) 904-7366. No balloons today, no cupcakes. This was a chance to inspect in person what two years of hard work has accomplished, and a dry run for staff to monitor admissions.

Stacks were stacked full but cordoned off.

Directional signposts on the colorful ceiling pointed you to the Stacks and The Cormack Room, but you didn't need one to find the new Friends of the Library Book Store because it's right there, immediately to your right as you enter. Looking more like a grab and go space than a browsing room, for now, nevertheless bowls of garden-fresh Peruvian lilies graced the long countertop, courtesy of an anonymous friend.

Director of Volunteers Virginia Yoshiyama was seated there, conferring with volunteer Sue Klein. "We love our new location,"



Director of Volunteers Virginia Yoshiyama with Sue Klein.

Photo by Lorine Parks

said Virginia, "but we're not quite ready yet. We need to put the books on the shelves in categories so they're easy to find, and make name signs. Now the cookbooks are in with the children's books, and the histories. Things like that."

"There's still so much to do," said Virginia. "We're trying to get furniture, like a magazine rack, and book carts for the paperback novels. Ramie (Ramie Johnson, Bookstore Director) is working on it. We want to set up the monthly display for the Silent Auction."

Is the Library accepting new donations of gently used magazines and books? "Not yet," said Virginia. "No place to store them. We brought boxes of nice ones we had, and we're still working on getting them in shape." Attractive volumes enticingly displayed on the Friend's shelves, attested to that.

Valerie and Daniel, a local couple were standing at the Friend's counter, wistfully eager for time when they will be able to be on the other side. "We love the library and especially the Friend's Book Shop," said

Valerie. "We live on Third Street, just around here." When asked her opinion of the new décor, Valerie said. "It's futuristic." And the use of so much orange? "It's... bold."

Then we were off to find what many families rightly consider the heart of the Library, The Children's Room, and its heart, librarian Claudia Daley. And there she was, standing by the glass walls that look out in green plantings, on the opposite side of the building from where the former Children's space was. Child-level bookcases have curved corners leading one deeper into the world of books. Low desks and chairs display all-time favorites like Clifford the Red Dog.

Is the whole staff here? "Not all," said Claudia, "we will be, but it's social distancing today. But I made myself be back. I said, 'If it's open, I'm gonna be there.'"

All the many thousands of books are all in place on the shelves. That's got to have been a lot of staff work. "Oh, it was," said Claudia. "But you know what—we're ready."

Free document shredding

DOWNEY – Free document shredding will be available at Stonewood Center on Saturday, May 22, from 8-11 am.

Residents must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Only paper documents will be accepted; no prescription medicine, hazardous materials, electronic waste, sharp objects or batteries will be accepted.

The free event is courtesy of the Rotary Club of Downey and Stonewood Center.

Shredding will take place in the east parking lot, near Macy's and Sears.

POETRY MATTERS

Horses at Midnight Without a Moon

Our heart wanders lost in the dark woods.
Our dream wrestles in the castle of doubt.
But there's music in us. Hope is pushed down
but the angel flies up again taking us with her.
The summer mornings begin inch by inch
while we sleep, and walk with us later
as long-legged beauty through
the dirty streets. It is no surprise
that danger and suffering surround us.
What astonishes is the singing.
We know the horses are there in the dark
meadow because we can smell them,
can hear them breathing.
Our spirit persists like a man struggling
through the frozen valley
who suddenly smells flowers
and realizes the snow is melting
out of sight on top of the mountain,
knows that spring has begun.

Jack Gilbert, Collected Poems, Alfred A. Knopf, 2012

"We find out the heart only by dismantling what the heart knows," says Gilbert. "I like ornament at the right time, but I don't want a poem to be made of decoration. If you like that kind of poetry, more power to you, but it doesn't interest me." Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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A bid bond by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the Downey Unified School District, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price, shall accompany the Bid Form and Proposal, as a guarantee that the Bidder will, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on **May 19th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** at **Unsworth Elementary School, 9001 Lindsey Avenue, Downey, CA 90240.** All participants are required to sign in at the front of the administration building. The site visit is expected to take approximately two hours and will include visits to all sites. Failure to attend or tardiness may render bid ineligible.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the Contract for the Work.

The successful Bidder may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

The successful bidder will be required to certify that it either meets the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise ("DVBE") goal of three percent (3%) participation or make a good faith effort to solicit DVBE participation in this Contract if it is awarded the Contract for the Work.

The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall pay all workers on all Work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to section 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are also available from the District or on the Internet at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>.

This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4 and subject to the requirements of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1-5 of the Labor Code.

The District intends to award separate contracts for each school site. The District shall award each Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder based on:

a. The base bid amount only. **NOTE: bids for each school site must include a \$40,000.00 allowance for exterior fascia replacement.**

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 17-11 SOUTH DOWNEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT STATE PROJECT NO. ATPL-5334(065)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until **11:00 AM on Thursday, June 3, 2021** which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 17-11 - South Downey Safe Routes to School Project.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of sidewalk construction on 10 street segments within the southerly portion of the City of Downey. This project includes the removal of existing improvements, construction of new sidewalk, driveways, curb ramps; adjustments of utility boxes to grade, parkway re-grading, landscaping and irrigation restoration; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 17-11.**

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$40.00 per set.** The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable**

and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 17-11. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him or her in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor" or C-8, "Concrete Contractor".

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

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

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

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

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his or her sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

Mr. Edwin J. Norris, Deputy Director of Public Works
E-Mail: enorris@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would not allow time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00132
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ROSEMARY (AKA "ROSARIO") ORDONEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ROSEMARY ORDONEZ to Proposed name (1) ROSARIO MARIE ORDONEZ.
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: JUNE 9, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT APRIL 19, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner ROSEMARY ("AKA ROSARIO") ORDONEZ-JASIS
4025 OVERCREST DRIVE WHITTIER, CA 90601
(562) 547-4049

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21CMCP00050
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SAMANTHA GOODSON-JUAREZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) SAMANTHA GOODSON-JUAREZ to Proposed name (1) SAMANTHA JANE GOODSON
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: JUNE 17, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: A, Room 904
The address of the court is 200 W. COMPTON BLVD, COMPTON CA 90220
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 APRIL 15, 2021
JUDGE KRISTIN S. ESCALANTE
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner SAMANTHA GOODSON-JUAREZ
4158 ABBOTT ROAD LYNWOOD, CA 90262
(909) 470-9063
SAMANTHAG8723@GMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00157
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MICHAEL FRANCIS GOOD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) MICHAEL FRANCIS GOOD to Proposed name (1) MICHAEL FRANCIS HOLDEN
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: JUNE 28, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT APRIL 27, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner PRISCILLA AMBER MILLER ON BEHALF OF AALIYAH JADE MILLER ZAMORANO
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MILLER.PRISCILLA1995@GMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21CMCP00049
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JORGE LUIS AGUILAR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JORGE LUIS AGUILAR to Proposed name (1) LIBRADO JORGE LUIS AGUILAR RUIZ
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: JUNE 30, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312
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APRIL 30, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner ROBERTO OROZCO
9127 HIGHTREE ST PICO RIVERA, CA 90660
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ROROZCO04@GMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00146
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ROBERTO OROZCO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ROBERTO OROZCO to Proposed name (1) ROBERTO OROZCO
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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Petitioner NINA LUPE VEGA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) NINA LUPE VEGA to Proposed name (1) GUADALUPE IBARRA VEGA

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: JUNE 21, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK CA 90650
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JUDGE MARGARET M BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner NINA LUPE VEGA
15287 GREENWORTH DR. LA MIRADA, CA 90638
(562) 761-6838
BARRIOSLUPE@YMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00143
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner PRISCILLA AMBER MILLER ON BEHALF OF AALIYAH JADE MILLER ZAMORANO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) AALIYAH JADE MILLER ZAMORANO to Proposed name (1) AALIYAH JADE OTLICA
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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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21CMCP00049
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JORGE LUIS AGUILAR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JORGE LUIS AGUILAR to Proposed name (1) LIBRADO JORGE LUIS AGUILAR RUIZ
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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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00146
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ROBERTO OROZCO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ROBERTO OROZCO to Proposed name (1) ROBERTO OROZCO
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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NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JUNE 17, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: A, Room 904
The address of the court is 200 W COMPTON BLVD, COMPTON CA 90220
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JUDGE KRISTIN S. ESCALANTE
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner JORGE LUIS AGUILAR
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JAZELMUNGUIA85@GMAIL.COM

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RAYMOND RAMIREZ, JR.
Case No. 21STPB01246
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RAYMOND RAMIREZ, JR.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Raymond Ramirez III in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Raymond Ramirez III be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 7, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 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 F BAZAN ESQ SBN 208509 BAZAN HUERTA & ASSOCIATES 5345 E OLYMPIC BLVD LOS ANGELES CA 90022 CN977476 RAMIREZ May 6

What to know about home equity loans

A home equity loan is a loan for a fixed amount of money that is secured by your home. You repay the loan with equal monthly payments over a fixed term, just like your original mortgage. If you don't repay the loan as agreed, your lender can foreclose on your home.

The amount that you can borrow usually is limited to 85 percent of the equity in your home. The actual amount of the loan also depends on your income, credit history, and the market value of your home.

Ask friends and family for recommendations of lenders. Then, shop and compare terms. Talk with banks, savings and loans, credit unions, mortgage companies, and mortgage brokers. But take note: brokers don't lend money; they help arrange loans.

Ask all the lenders you interview to explain the loan plans available to you. If you don't understand any loan terms and conditions, ask questions. They could mean higher costs. Knowing just the amount of the monthly payment or the interest rate is not enough. The annual percentage rate (APR) for a home equity loan takes points and financing charges into consideration. Pay close attention to fees, including the application or loan processing fee, origination or underwriting fee, lender or funding fee, appraisal fee, document preparation and recording fees, and broker fees; these may be quoted as points, origination fees, or interest rate add-on. If points and other fees are added to your loan amount, you'll pay more to finance them.

Ask for your credit score. Credit scoring is a system creditors use to help determine whether to give you credit. Information about you and your credit experiences — like your bill-paying history, the number and type of accounts you have, late payments, collection actions, outstanding debt, and how long you've had your accounts — is collected from your credit application and your credit report. Creditors compare this information to the credit performance of people with similar profiles. A credit scoring system awards points for each factor that helps predict who is most likely to repay a debt. A total number of points — your credit score — helps predict how creditworthy you are, that is, how likely it is that you will repay a loan and make the payments when they're due.

Negotiate with more than one lender. Don't be afraid to make lenders and brokers compete for your business by letting them know that you're shopping for the best deal. Ask each lender to lower the points, fees, or interest rate. And ask each to meet — or beat — the terms of the other lenders.

Before you sign, read the loan closing papers carefully. If the loan isn't what you expected or wanted, don't sign. Either negotiate changes or walk away. You also generally have the right to cancel the deal for any reason — and without penalty — within three days after signing the loan papers.

Federal law gives you three days to reconsider a signed credit agreement and cancel the deal without penalty. You can cancel for any reason but only if you are using your principal residence — whether it's a house, condominium, mobile home, or house boat — as collateral, not a vacation or second home.

The information in this article was provided by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB), a U.S. government agency that makes sure banks, lenders, and other financial companies treat you fairly.



Andy Zuloaga



Joseph Haddad

Andy Zuloaga, Joseph Haddad named to Farmers' Presidents Council

DOWNEY — Two Farmers Insurance agents from Downey have been named to the company's Distinguished Presidents Council.

Andy Zuloaga and Joseph Haddad both qualified for the Presidents Council, which is the organization's most elite honor for the top one percent of exclusive agents and district managers.

"On behalf of Farmers, I'm thrilled to recognize Joseph Haddad and Andy Zuloaga as members of Presidents Council, the most prestigious achievement club at Farmers Insurance," said Kirk Parker, Farmers Insurance Territory Executive. "Those who qualify for Presidents Council are among the most elite agents in the country, demonstrating outstanding work and customer-focused efforts. A sincere congratulations to Joseph and Andy on this achievement."

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- Upgraded 3 bedroom home w/ dining room in front
- Attached duplex has spacious 1 bedroom units built in 1991
- 3 one car garages plus ample parking

PRICED AT: \$1,249,000

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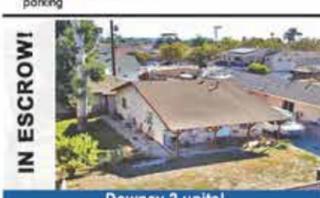


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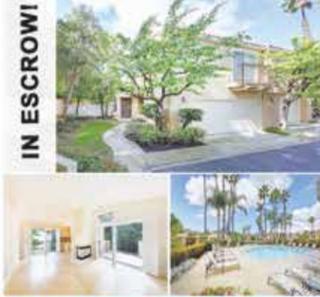
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- Gourmet kitchen
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- FRONT HOME: 5 BD, 2 BA, 3,112 sq. ft.
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- 12,012 sq. ft. lot
- Property built in 1988
- Each unit has a 2 car garage

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- 2 bedrooms | 1 bathroom
- 993 sq. ft. living space
- Remodeled kitchen
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Near Rio San Gabriel Park

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