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Council votes against hero

■ A proposal requiring grocery stores to pay its workers an additional \$4 per hour was struck down by Downey council members.

By Alex Dominguez **Staff Writer**

pay

DOWNEY - A move to bring "hero pay" into the city for Downey's grocery and pharmacy workers fell flat on Tuesday, unable to gain enough momentum to even warrant a vote by the city council.

Timing, cost, and fears over litigation were the ultimate killers to the urgency ordinance, which would have required retailers who fell under certain criteria to pay \$4 premium pay to employees who made state minimum wage and worked at least two hours in a calendar week for a covered employer within the City of Downey.

The ordinance would have been in effect for 60 days from its adoption or until July 24 later this year.

A city report listed 17 stores that would have been affected by the ordinance, however, was unable to determine the exact financial implications for each establishment. The report did take note that Kroger cited three stores in Los Angeles and weekend to commemorate such two stores in Long Beach that a historic milestone. Thank you were negatively impacted – and to our residents for your patient ultimately closed – after the during the extended closure implementation of hero pay in and reopening delays due to the their cities.

With the state's June 15 opening date just a few weeks away, time was of the essence if there were to be any immediate impact to Downey's high-risk retail workers. As such, the matter was made an urgency ordinance, requiring support from at least four council members to pass.

However, the item was unable to garner a motion and a second, let alone a super-majority.

Councilman Mario Trujillo said that he was "uncomfortable" without voting numbers indicating the financial impact on some of the stores.

"What I heard is the staff was not able to provide numbers as to what impact this is going to have," said Trujillo. "That makes me very uncomfortable. I just don't feel comfortable today voting on something without information."

Mayor Claudia M. Frometa said that "We are 20 days from a full reopening.

"Infection rate is down 90%. The whole idea behind this ordinance, and the whole idea we began to talk about this is risk: what is the risk now?," said Frometa. "We are all vaccinated here. The Covid cases are plunging. Our Downey population is surpassing LA vaccination numbers, we are over that 60% mark as of last week."

"There's a level of discomfort that I feel because we want to do the right thing, but at the same time I really want us to be very thoughtful about how we're approaching this...As we consider policy and ordinances, we really need to consider the overall picture globally."

She added that there were "other ways to look at helping our community without launching our city into a potential litigation that we don't need.'

According to staff's report, several of the cities that have implemented hero pay are currently engaged in pending lawsuits.

Mayor's Corner

■ Downey Mayor Claudia M. Frometa provides community updates, including the return of concerts in the park.

By Claudia M. Frometa Mayor **City of Downey**

Hello Downey, there is reason to celebrate, we are finally turning the corner with the

According to the latest numbers from L.A. County Public Health, (update from 5/21) the vaccination rate for Downey residents 16 years of age and older is now 62.2%; for adults 65 years of age and older, it is 85.7%. Downey is surpassing LA County vaccination rates in both categories.

This is a significant milestone for our community as we continue to see Covid-19 cases plunge across LA County and across the country. Just this week, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported a 90% drop in the daily infection rate. In January, the daily infection rate was 250,000 across the country. Earlier this week, the reported daily infection rate was 25,000 nationwide.

Let's continue to do our part and increase the vaccination rate in our community. Our goal is to surpass 75% within the next few weeks! The return to normalcy will only happen by increasing our vaccination rate thus allowing us to reach herd immunity.

Our plan is to reopen our Council Chambers for our City Council meetings on June 22.

Downey City Library Is Now Open: Our library is now open at 50% capacity. We held a small ribbon cutting ceremony last to our residents for your patience pandemic. Our community will be able to enjoy this gem in our city for generations to come.

As the state continues its reopening phase and LA County guidance is updated, modifications will be made to allow for 100% capacity in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, you can eniov two hours of browsing time, borrow up to 20 items, bring your children to browse the children's collection, use a study room, and use computers, laptops, and the Wi-Fi service.

Hours of operation are currently: Monday through Thursday 10 am-6 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm.

More Good News, Concerts in the Park will be back this **summer!** The City's Parks



The Downey City Library celebrated its reopening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Saturday. From left: Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco, Mayor Claudia M. Frometa and Library Director Ben Dickow. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

and Recreation office will be providing more details about the line-up for concerts this summer at the newly renovated Furman Park. Stay tuned for additional details in the coming weeks.

Regarding Public Events in Downey: I'd like to remind everyone, there is a process in Downey to host/hold a public event in any of our parks, especially if vendors are involved, even if this gathering is of religious nature. City permits need to be acquired and the event must go through an approval

To prevent any future event from being cancelled and the organizers fined, please visit city hall to ask about the event permit process.

Keep Downey Beautiful Monthly Street Volunteer Clean-up is Back: After more than a year, the first Keep Downey Beautiful volunteer clean-up event is scheduled for Saturday, June 19, from 9-10am in the back parking lot of Big Lots located at 9200 Firestone Blvd.

Trash and Illegal Dumping: Over the last 14 months cities across Southern California, not just Downey, reported a significant increase in trash accumulation. Lockdowns, restaurant closures, people at home more, meant more trash was created everywhere. The impact has been so significant in

our city that back in September of 2020, I first sounded the alarm after driving throughout the four corners of our city and seeing furniture items dumped everywhere. I asked to increase daily code enforcement monitoring and we increased our Cal Met pick-ups along with our Public Works pick-ups. From December 2020 to the end of February 2021, 292 tons of trash/ illegally dumped items were picked up; of those, 73 tons were picked up by CalMet, and 219 tons by our public works staff. I will share with you the March -May numbers in next month's column.

I'd like to ask our Downey

residents who are currently conducting spring cleaning, or having yard sales, to please verify the donation area is open to receive your donation when taken to Goodwill, Salvation Army stores in our city. Please, do not leave your unwanted items outside the closed stores. Otherwise, we receive numerous reports of transients taking items left outside those areas that end up scattered throughout adjacent parks (Discovery being the closest to the Goodwill store).

Transient Activity: Many of you continue to contact me

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Weekend at a Glance

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Sunday



Alse Young became the first person executed as a witch in America when she was hanged in Hartford, Conn.

1907:

Rachel Carson, the American biologist whose books helped inspire the environmental movement, was

1927:

Ford stopped production of the Model T.

1935:

The Supreme Court struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act, a labor law that authorized the President to regulate industry for fair wages and prices that would stimulate economic recovery.

1933:

The Walt Disney Company released the cartoon "Three Little Pigs," with its hit song "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?"

1937:

The Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County, Calif., opened.



1941:

The British navy sank the German battleship Bismarck off France with a loss of more than 2,100 lives.

1994:

Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia after spending two decades in exile.

1995:

Actor Christopher Reeve was paralyzed when he was thrown from his horse during a jumping event in Charlottesville,



1998:

 $\label{thm:michael Fortier, the government's} \\$ star witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case, was sentenced to 12 years in prison after apologizing for not warning anyone about the deadly

2016:

Barack Obama became the first president of United States to visit Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and meet with survivors of the 1945 atomic bombing.

Birthdays

American politician and diplomat Henry Kissinger (98), actor and producer Louis Gossett Jr. (85), wrestling executive *Eric Bischoff* (66), radio personality *Adam* Carolla (57), baseball hall of famer Jeff Bagwell (53), baseball hall of famer *Frank Thomas* (53), rapper Andre 3000 (46), chef and author Jamie Oliver (46), and wrestler Natalie Neidhart (39).

Stauffer Foundation awards nearly \$300K in scholarships

■ Scholarships were awarded to 650 collegebound Downey students.

DOWNEY - More than 650 high school students at Downey Unified schools were awarded nearly \$300,000 in merit awards and scholarships on May 1.

Due to continuing Covid-19 protocols, most awards could not be presented at an auspicious event. However, some were presented in-person.

Additionally, the foundation is honoring each student in this week's Downey Patriot applications were received this (see graduation insert). You are encouraged to personally congratulate the students you

\$2,500 Community College **Scholarship:** Over 100 seniors applied. Consideration for winner selection included an essay, resume, interview, number of

days absent, and counselor's recommendation. \$100 Scholar Athlete: Over

350 students 9th-12th grade who participated in varsity sports while maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or better earned this award. The 16 seniors at each high school who had the highest GPA were awarded the \$250 Outstanding Senior Scholar Athlete Award.

\$100 Jr 4.0: Nearly 250 11th grade students who had a cumulative GPA of 4.0 or better earned this award.

\$15,000 California Lutheran University Scholarship: No

The foundation is proud to continue these traditional awards for over 25 years and would be unable to do so without the countless hours of our dedicated volunteers.

With the passing of our dear founder, Dr. Mary Stauffer, in February, the Foundation



looks forward to continuing her of the event when it becomes memory in perpetuity and is available may request it by sponsoring a Celebration of Life completing the form at: https:// for her August 28, 2021.

interested Anyone receiving detailed information

tinyurl.com/mrsfCOL

<u>DOWNEY</u> HAPPENINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Live Music by Nicolas Fresard, 6 pm. Classic rock singer Nicolas Fresard performs live as part of Bastards' Live in the Trench concert series. Bastards, 11045 Downey Ave.

FRIDAY, MAY 28

Downey High School Class of 2020 Graduation, 7 pm. Downey High School's Class of 2020 is celebrated with a live, in-person commencement ceremony. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Warren High School Class of 2020 Graduation, 7 pm. Downey High School's Class of 2020 is celebrated with a live, in-person commencement ceremony. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

MONDAY, MAY 31

Memorial Day Ceremony, 10 am. A public Memorial Day ceremony featuring guest speakers, a wreath laying, and the playing of "Amazing Grace" and "Taps." Limited to 100 people. Downey Cemetery, 9073 Gardendale Ave.

WENDNESDAY, JUNE 2

Blood Drive, 12-6 pm. Community blood drive benefiting the American Red Cross. Stonewood Center, 251 Stonewood St.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Household Hazardous & Electronic

Waste Collection, 9 am to 3 pm.
Bring your household hazardous waste and unwanted electronics for proper disposal. This is a drive-thru event; waste should be placed in a box and in your trunk or pick-up bed. Limit of 15 gallons or 125 lbs. Southern California Gas Company, 8101 Rosemead Blvd., Pico Rivera

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Spend one hour helping to clean up a Downey neighborhood. Wear old clothes and closed toe shoes. Gloves, safety vest, litter sticks and trash bags will be provided. Meet in the Big Lots back parking lot.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Downey Pride March, 10 am. Downey second annual pride march returns. Meet at Downey City Hall, 11111

SATURDAY, JULY 10

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, 7 am. Featuring keynote speaker Glenn Leonard of The Temptations. More details to be released soon.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

Kiwanis Car Show, 9 am to 2 pm. Vintage cars, live music, raffles, food, 50/50 drawings, and more family-friendly fun. Downey High School parking lot.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

Downey Symphony Concert, 7 pm. The Downey Symphony performs a free concert under the direction of conductor Sharon Lavery. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

Dr. Mary Stauffer Celebration of Life. A public service for Dr. Mary Stauffer, who died earlier this year at age 103. To receive an invitation with details about the service, fill out the following form online: https://tinyurl.com/mrsfCOL

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

Downey Greek Festival. Downey's Greek Food Festival returns with a twoday event. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19

Downey Greek Festival. Downey's Greek Food Festival returns with a twoday event. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

Compiled by Eric Pierce. Some events may charge admission fees. Email calendar listings to eric@ thedowneypatriot.com

Message from the Mayor

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with concerns about transients and the safety of your children, youth playing sports and your families visiting our local parks. I want you to know your safety and that of your families and your children is my highest priority as Mayor. I will continue to work with our Chief of Police to ensure there are increased patrols around all our city parks to mitigate any public safety threats/risks, (especially with summer activities starting). If you have additional questions and/or concerns, please email me directly at CFrometa@downeyca.org

Downey's anti-litter campaign #BINIT: Let's continue to do our part by putting all trash in its place. To report illegally dumped items to the City of Downey, please call (562) 904-1161. If you would like bulky items removed, please call CalMet at (562) 259-1239 (option 3) save these numbers on your phone. Better yet, I'd like to encourage all our Downey residents to download the Downey App on your mobile device. Through this app you will be able to immediately report illegally dumped items, street repairs, trash, graffiti removal, neighborhood light repairs, etc.,

Mayor's Virtual Townhall, Downey @Work4U and Q&A: Thank you to those of you that participated in my first Mayor's Virtual Townhall last month. Due to the townhall, I didn't provide an April Mayor's Column. The townhall had over 100 people in attendance and many of you submitted questions on various topics ranging from trash/illegal dumping, street racing, speed enforcement, adherence to noise ordinance in neighborhoods, keeping Downey beautiful, the return of concerts in the park this summer, transient activity in our parks, public safety, etc., We continue to address all those issues daily and I want to assure you, I am committed to addressing your concerns/needs.

To recap some of the activity around important aspects of our city's Covid-19 response, here is some data around that work. These activities are aside from the day-to-day city operations and public safety along with other concerns we receive from our residents. We have a small but mighty city staff team that works tirelessly to serve you. I want to recognize all of their efforts.

To date, we have had three food distribution events in partnership with county and state representatives. These food distribution events have served 6,903 households. The last one took place in April.

Our city conducts 255 senior wellness check calls (on average) two times per week. We have distributed 65,618 senior meals and we currently distribute 1,175 meals to 168 seniors per week (on average).

There have been 204 virtual enrichment videos, 17 virtual/driveby community events. Our city continues to offer free transit rides on Downey Link, we offer Free Wi-Fi throughout our city parks, library, and city buildings.

Regarding Rental Assistance: There have been 1,422 applications distributed for the city's rental assistance program. This program has a budget of \$950,000. Close to 1,000 door hangers have been distributed door-to-door to rental properties in the city to ensure the information gets to our renters. New applicants that qualify and go through the process will automatically receive three month's rental assistance. Those that received one-month assistance previously, please contact our Community Development office at (562) 299-6706 or visit our website at www.downeyca.org/rentalassistance

For our Business Community: 60 small business grants have been processed (\$750,000 budget), 36 temporary outdoor dining

applications received, 10 temporary outdoor business applications received. The city's code enforcement division has contacted 707 businesses and organizations to address violations.

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Public Updates: There have been 21 videos from the Mayor, city staff has answered 3,315 Covid-19 hotline calls, there have been 4,193 social media posts pandemic related with information and updates, and 36 press releases.

Rehabilitation of City/Neighborhood Streets: In previous columns, I shared that our \$5.3 million annual budgetary allocation for street rehabilitation only allows us to prioritize certain areas based on our city's Street Management Plan. As your Mayor, and together with my Council colleagues we continue to look for additional ways to increase that allocation and allow for additional repaving and resurfacing of various critical segments in neighborhoods throughout our city. As you're probably already aware, I'm happy to report Old River School Rd., is undergoing the much-needed repair. Thank you for your patience as major street rehabilitation projects take time and may be disruptive.

Speed Enforcement Continues: Our Downey Police Department Street Racing detail has continued to diligently patrol segments throughout our city prone to speed and street racing. If there is street racing in your neighborhood, please report it to the Downey PD.

If you must report a non-emergency issue, please contact our DPD Dispatch at (562) 861-0770.

Thank you Downey for allowing me to serve you as Mayor this year. Please stay safe, healthy, and be well.

Do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns at (562) 904-7274 or email me at CFrometa@Downeyca.org I also welcome appointments for face to face visits.

You can also follow my Facebook page for regular updates at Claudia M. Frometa Mayor, City of Downey, along with our City's Facebook page, City of Downey Government Agency for regular updates.

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Things You Didn't Know About Downey: Oranges

By Bobbie Bruce **Downey Historical Society**

In the 1890s, Washington navel oranges were attracting considerable attention. J.J. Tweedy is credited with having planted the first grove. He was quickly followed by the Ball brothers and other orchardists. Grapefruit, along with an improved thin, smooth-skinned, juicy lemon were among the new introductions in citrus fruits.

With new importations came various pests -- the San Jose scale and others, so fumigation was instituted in 1891. This was an expensive process. About this time, however, the government found a friend to the citrus grower in one variety of ladybug which fed upon the larvae of the scale. These were distributed free to the orchardists who needed

Another problem came when laws against shipping oranges with scale made washing necessary. This had to be done by hand and was a long and tedious job. Charles Coffman of Rivera was appointed inspector of all groves in the Downey and Rivera

districts.

On Dec. 10-11, 1891, with a fine, almost mature orange crop on the trees, there came a great disaster to the growers. A combination wind and electrical storm, such had never been known here before, swept the county. It was called a "Santa Anna" and was of much greater intensity and range. Orange trees in many places were entirely denuded of leaves, the fruit was a total loss, and some doubt was expressed concerning the recovery of the trees.

Then, during the last days of the same month, extreme cold weather froze practically all of the oranges of Southern California. San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties, which had suffered lightest during the wind, were now hit by the freeze. Crops were lost for two years. Unscrupulous men attempted shipping some of the frozen fruit and entirely demoralized the market.

The citrus industry had suffered from many things -- unfair prices by middlemen, bugs, wind and frost -- but the people were not ready to give up. They banded themselves into

an orange growers' exchange, organized on May 9, 1893. T.L. Gooch of Rivera represented this district. Their aim was mutual benefit, economy in packing and shipping, and to make adjustments of supply and demand bringing about a fair price to the growers.

The following information was supplied by J.K. Tweedy:

"In 1895, Ball and Tweedy commenced packing their own fruit as well as that purchased throughout Los Nietos Valley. They used the old Southern Pacific Depot as their first packing plant.

"In 1898, they moved to the old warehouse at the corner of First and Dolan Streets where they continued to pack citrus fruits until about 1904 when they built the packing house on the Southern Pacific track just west of the depot. In 1892, the old plant was sold to Pepperis Fruit Company who packed citrus fruit and vegetables for four or five years, at which time they sold or rented the building to Jones and Oberly, fumigators and sprayers.

"The present \$50,000 packing house was built during the spring of 1922. Its site

purchased from Millicent Eberly, daughter of C.H. Eberly, former editor of the Downey Champion, had been the residence of the Eberly family for some time.

"The original members of the Ball and Tweedy Company were: W.F. and A.L. Ball, J.J. Tweedy and some sons J.K. and N.A. Tweedy. The Ball and Tweedy Company is now operated as an association with approximately 70 members, all local orange growers. All of the citrus fruit packed by the association is marketed by the California Fruit Growers Exchange."

John Vincent

Especially at this time of year the Downey History Center reflects on John Vincent because of his patriotism and service to the Downey community.

John served the historical society as president for almost 30 years and participated in many other community activities for years. Volunteering with John for over 10 years, I heard many of his life stories and really loved him. From going to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and ending his Army service in Yokohama, Japan,

John had stories to share. He was the ocean. commander of Downey's VFW Post 2325.

John loved to write poetry and had many poems published in the Downey Eagle. When in the service, he had the job of a military policeman. He told the story of sitting aboard a troop ship in Tokyo Bay, watching the battleship Missouri where Gen. Douglas MacArthur accepted the surrender of the Japanese to end the final armed chapter of World War II.

When John went ashore at Yokohama, he supervised a group of former Japanese soldiers who were put to work as laborers. He told the story of finding a 10 lb. bag of sugar on one of the laborers hidden under his tunic. Stealing was not just a problem with the Japanese and John said a U.S. private actually sold a U.S. liberty ship to the Chinese during the occupation. The private was caught and ended up in Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary.

One GI named Lusher got drunk one night and walked off the gangplank in full military pack -- nearby Navy personnel hauled him and his pack out of

When attending the Memorial Services at the Downey Cemetery, hearing the buglers reminds me of John. He was a military bugler and per him, it brought him both glory and grief

John was not a nervous type but he said he sweated a bit aboard a troop ship as the Japanese torpedo planes attacked during the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

He was scheduled for a big military operation but it never took place.

After the war, John came to Downey and was involved in placing the American flag at the head of a grave during the Memorial Day service each year at the Downey Cemetery.

He loved his country and his beloved Downey. He was a living example of what patriotism and service looked like.

We Remember John A well lived life does not end

Than music ends it echoes Through time with whispers Of beauty and grace John will live on

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

So many of us have been nesting in our homes during this past year, and some areas of the economy have boomed, including the stock market, home

purchases, home improvement, exercise equipment, and home delivery services for absolutely everything. Another notable booming area is

pet adoption. In a typical year, 3.2 million pets are adopted from shelters. This past year? More than 12 million pets

were adopted.

The reason is obvious; pets made fantastic companions at a time when many of us became so much more isolated. One of my daughters is a perfect example, and her dog is now a cherished member of the family. Beyond the fact that this new addition is adorable, loving, and tremendously entertaining, let's address the many health benefits that pets

Note: most of the studies I looked at involve dogs, but we can pretty safely assume that cats, birds, and other pets offer similar

Dogs are good for the heart, and can help us live longer. Even petting a dog lowers the blood pressure and heart rate, slows breathing, and relaxes muscle tension. Studies show that petting a dog for 10 minutes lowers cortisol levels, that owning a dog can lead to a decrease in cholesterol and triglyceride levels, and that those with a history of heart disease gain protective effects in terms of experiencing another event.

- Dogs can help us to cope with a crisis. Studies on military veterans with PTSD show they do better both physiologically and psychologically when they have a service dog.
- Dogs encourage us to exercise. Dog owners are nearly four times more likely than nondog owners to meet daily physical activity guidelines. Dog owners spend nearly 300 minutes every week walking with their dogs. That is nearly 200 more minutes than

for those without a dog.

- Dogs help us to be more sociable. Walking with a dog makes us more approachable and provides a conversation starter. Research shows that dog owners have an easier time making friends, and those who have a strong attachment to a pet feel more connected in their human relationships.
- Dogs make you a more attractive prospect. Both men and women swipe right more often when the picture includes a dog. (Most dog owners admit to taking more pictures of their dog than of their significant other.)
- Dogs can make us happier. Staring into your dog's eyes raises your oxytocin levels. People with dogs are less likely to suffer from depression.
- Dogs can improve cognitive function. Studies found positive results among those with mental

illness, significant decreases in agitation among patients with dementia, and improved social interactions.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, dogs make us feel less alone. That has never been truer than throughout this pandemic. Our dogs were there for us even when people were not. They offer unconditional love and emotional support.

Before adopting a new pet, make sure that it is the right one for you. Do the research beforehand about the pet's specific needs. Ask yourself whether you will feel the same as your life returns to a more "normal" state. Be aware of the costs, exercise needs, space requirements, time demands, and rules of your house or apartment. Can young children or older people with particular health conditions be around this

In the interest of balance, I will

add that it is possible for a pet to carry harmful germs that can make us sick even when the pet appears to be healthy. The most significant zoonotic diseases transmitted by dogs include ringworm, salmonellosis, leptospirosis, Lyme disease, campylobacter infection, giardia, cryptosporidium, and roundworms. Wash your hands after touching, feeding, playing, or cleaning up after your pet.

Our pets provide a wonderful motivation to keep us moving and stay healthy. Their companionship helps us to manage loneliness and depression. They are also a responsibility and commitment that will be a part of our lives for many years to come.

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

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In new book, Downey author shares words from his jailhouse ministry

DOWNEY - George Laurin was born and raised in Downey and graduated from Downey High School in 1976. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, he would go to jails in South Georgia to lead Bible studies, giving hope to men who were living in darkness. Once the pandemic hit, he and his fellow Christians were unable to make their weekly visits to the jail.

From this separation came this story of hope. This past year has brought heartache and pain to many people throughout the world and with it, fear. Fear is a universal human experience, but in this book, he shows that by walking in faith with God you can face all your fears boldly

He begins the book by explaining that he is not an ordained minister or Biblical scholar. Instead, he is "just a sinner seeking a savior." His story is his testimony interwoven with some of his favorite Bible studies from his jailhouse ministry.

George decided to share the words from his ministry with others who were not incarcerated because as he puts it, "you don't have to be behind bars to be imprisoned in your life." There are many people living in fear in this world he claims. As people try to face the fear in their lives without God by their side they do so in many ways. Some fall into a world lost in their addictions, others retreat into depression, and still others act out violently to the world around them. The addictions include everything from sex, drugs, alcohol, to eating disorders and more. These addictions are a "response to their brokenness with idleness and self-pity it is left to fester in their soul."

Some of these same people could be outwardly appearing as good Christians living a good Christian life when suddenly the pandemic hit and the lives they were living were turned upside down. Here he introduces the term "Checkbox Christian" and claims he was one at one point in his life as well. He describes this as people who find church to be a place of personal business or social development; a place to grab a cup of coffee and find free childcare. These are people who try to live like Christians, but they want to take control of everything and tell God to stand down and we'll call you when we need you.

Laurin explains that we all face fearful experiences in our lives from time to time, but by only trusting God wholeheartedly and having a daily relationship with God can you truly face fear with faith. You can do many things to dull the senses related to fear, but without faith you are not truly facing fear. He uses his favorite Bible verse to explain this further: Proverbs 3:5-6 reads; "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

He explains with this verse that you can't meet God halfway. He writes, "you need to pour into your faith and be more than a Checkbox Christian. You have to be ready to testify your faith with others and trust that the Lord will give you the words to share when you do."

With that in mind he wrote this book. He is currently the best-selling author for BMK Publishing in his first quarter since publishing it

"Facing Fear with Faith" is available for purchase on Amazon.

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Ponytail sign-ups start next week

DOWNEY – Registration will get underway next week for Downey Ponytail softball.

Several divisions are available for girls ages 5-18. All girls in divisions 8U through high school will be drafted.

In Downey Ponytail, girls play every other inning and bat round

Registration is \$100 for 6U and \$160 for 8U through high school. The registration fee incudes the jersey, a trophy, pictures, and secondary insurance.

Players must provide their own helmets with a NOCSAE approved face mask.

Sign-ups will take place June 5 and June 12 from 9 am to 1 pm at Independence Park. Registration fees are due at the time of sign-ups. Payment can be made with cash, check, Venmo or Zelle.

Player evaluations begin June 19 and continue through July 1.

For questions or more information, or to volunteer as a coach, visit https://www.teampages.com/organizations/18076 or call (562)

Josh Wood makes Dean's List

DOWNEY – Josh Wood, of Downey, was named to the University of Utah's Spring 2021 Dean's List.

Wood's major is listed as Kinesiology BS.

Wood was among more than 8,700 students also named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List. To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher in at least 12 graded credit hours during any one term.

Isaias Rodriguez on President's List

DOWNEY – Isaias Rodriguez of Downey has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2020 President's List. The winter term runs from January to May.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits.

Phi Kappa Phi adds members

DOWNEY – Two Downey residents were recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Diala Alhousari and Jessica Rivas Acuna, both students at the University of Southern California, were among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Police accepting applications for citizens academies

DOWNEY - The Downey Police Department is now recruiting people for its 21st Citizens Academy, a 10-week program that exposes residents and business professionals to various aspects of law enforcement and the day-to-day operations of Downey PD.

To ensure personalized instruction for each participant, the class size is limited to 20 people.

Classes are held Wednesdays from 6-9 pm and begin Aug. 4.

Meanwhile, the department is also launching its first Downey Youth Academy.

Open to current high school students, the program runs Oct. 13 through Dec. 15 and meets Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m. The Youth Academy will mirror the Citizens Academy but it exclusively for teens.

To apply for either the Citizens Academy or Youth Academy, email Momi Cervantes at mcervantes@downeyca.org, Marisela Cortes at mcortes@downeyca.org or Sgt. Todd Lockwood at tlockwood@downeyca.org.

Applications can also be picked up at the front counter of the Downey Police Department's lobby.





Congressswoman sponors bill to reduce carbon pollution

DOWNEY – Members of the North OC – Southeast L.A. County Chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) applauded Congresswoman Lucille Roybal–Allard for co–sponsoring The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 2307).

Roybal-Allard joined 28 House colleagues as an H.R. 2307 original co-sponsor, a title that means she co-sponsored the bill when it was introduced on April 1, the first day of Earth Month 2021.

Less than four weeks later, a total of 41 congressmembers have

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is "one of the most effective pieces of climate legislation now before Congress," officials said. Supporters said it will drive down America's carbon pollution at least 30% in the first five years and puts the nation on a path to net-zero by 2050.

It will also improve health and save lives by reducing the pollution that Americans breathe, and it will boost the economy with millions of jobs, thanks to a monthly dividend going into Americans' pockets, proponents said.

Since its introduction, the Energy Innovation Act has garnered supportive reactions from economic think tanks, advocacy groups, faith groups and citizens.

"I applaud Rep. Roybal-Allard's original co-sponsorship of the Energy Innovation Act. Residents of cities such as Bell Gardens, Downey, and others in Congressional District 40 are already feeling the effects of climate change and air pollution caused by climate change," said Bell Gardens Mayor Marco Bardena. "This bill provides a rapid pathway to net-zero while protecting jobs and the budgets of working families."

In March, Barcena joined local Citizens' Climate Lobby volunteers in meeting with Victor Castillo, an East LA native and the congresswoman's chief of staff.

"As a youth climate activist, I know that we are running out of time to confront climate change. One thing that led our club to endorse the Energy Innovation Act when it was presented to my school's environmental club was its economic and social justice, since returning all net receipts to American families means that most low-and-middle-income Americans will come out financially ahead or break even under the act, especially in our region," said Santa Fe High School Earth Club Co-President Chloe Blackburn, a Santa Fe Springs resident.

Longtime Downey environmental activists Guido and Anita Rivero commented, "We drive plug-in hybrid cars and use renewable energy, so it's great to see our elected representative support legislation that will level the playing field for clean energy." Guido added that, as a journalist, he had interviewed Rep. Roybal-Allard's father, the late Rep. Ed Roybal, so "I know that a genuine concern for our district runs in the family."

"My wife and daughter are both doctors, another daughter is beginning her career in education, and I'm a retired realtor, so our family knows very well how air pollution and climate change affect all ages; therefore, we appreciate our representative co-sponsoring this important bill," said CCL volunteer Sal Cervantes of Downey.

Volunteers Filiberto Palacios of Bellflower and Ed Rivero of Downey continued the thought, saying, "We both have young children, so it's wonderful to see Congresswoman Roybal-Allard working to protect their futures."







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Law and order should not be political

By Froma Harrop

The conversation started on a long Uber ride. The driver, originally from Colombia, said he knows a lot of Colombians living in the U.S. "without papers." He argued that they are good people paying taxes and should be left alone. I responded that I believe they are good people paying taxes but our immigration laws should

He then said, to my surprise, "I kind of like Donald Trump." Why, I asked. He went on heatedly about the riots that followed the killing of George Floyd. He thought Trump was more serious about restoring order.

The public really dislikes civic chaos. Democrats, you need to address this more

It matters not that only 6 percent of the racial justice rallies from May through October of last year saw violence. Nor is the intention to downplay troubling cases of police brutality. And let's not forget that the most outrageous incident of savage lawlessness, the Jan. 6 rampage on the Capitol, was staged by the Republican right

It's just that the right talks a big game on maintaining law and order while some on the left leave the impression that Democrats don't care so much. The liberal media tend to give these radical voices outsized attention, which the right-wing media happily scoops up.

Thus, we hear stupid calls to "Abolish ICE" (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement), the agency tasked with stopping cross-border crime and illegal entry. And there are demands to "defund police," which President Joe Biden and the vast majority of Democrats totally oppose.

I recently had dinner with progressive friends who were angry over the violent demonstrations in the liberal strongholds of Portland and Seattle. They complained that the rioters' destructive behavior — and the apparent toleration of it by cowardly local officials — was helping elect Republicans opposed to their progressive values. And they were right.

The recurring mayhem in Portland has become a sport for punks. Though they

may invoke the usual woke causes, they are performers out for thuggish "fun." And though they often riff on "identity politics," the few who get arrested are almost all young and white.

Earlier this month, May Day demonstrations brought another fresh round of havoc to Portland. Buildings were damaged and windows smashed. Garbage piling in the streets prompted The Oregonian to rename the city "Dumptown."

Seattle is still recovering from the fallout of the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone, several blocks that city leaders astonishingly made off-limits to police last year. Early on, Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan naively told CNN, "We could have the summer of love." Not quite. The area was tormented by rapes, assaults, burglaries, vandalism and shootings.

The Economist recently pointed to a study strongly suggesting that last year's civic disorder cost Democrats support in November. Biden's share of the vote, it noted, was lower in and around Kenosha, Wisconsin, than in similar places in the state. The apparent reason were the ugly riots that followed the Kenosha police shooting of a black man.

A poll of New York City voters has crime as the No. 1 issue. More than 60 percent of those responding said they wanted to raise the New York City Police Department's budget and hire more cops. The top-polling mayoral candidate is Eric Adams, a former police officer and the current Brooklyn borough president. When his chief rival, Andrew Yang, bashed the movement to defund police, Adams countered that he himself had bashed the movement first.

In Los Angeles, meanwhile, Mayor Eric Garcetti recently swatted down the noisy activists, saying, "If you want to abolish the police, you're talking to the wrong mayor. This is how people in America's liberal cities feel. It's time the rest of America

Froma Harrop is a syndicated columnist who writes about culture, politics and



A suspected looter takes merchandise during a riot in Walnut Creek in May 2020.

The beginning of the end for abortion rights

By Steve Chapman

In one of his 19th-century novels, Anthony Trollope depicts a protagonist who learns that his beloved has accepted a rival's marriage proposal. "A horse will gallop for some scores of yards, after his back has been broken, before he knows of his great ruin; — and so it was with Phineas Finn," he wrote. Soon, however, Finn realizes: "The game was played out, and all his victories were as nothing to him.

But on Monday, the Supreme Court announced that it would review a Mississippi law that bans nearly all abortions after the 15th week of

The case won't be heard before October, and a decision may not come down for more than a year. But the devastating blow has fallen. We now know that the constitutional right that has been recognized for nearly half a century will not survive in its current form, if at all.

The Mississippi law, enacted in 2018, prohibits abortions after 15 weeks, except "in a medical emergency or in the case of a severe fetal abnormality." No exception for rape, incest or nonemergency risks to the health of the mother. The state declares that any abortion performed after this stage "is a barbaric practice, dangerous for the maternal patient, and demeaning to the medical profession.

rulings, which allow states to forbid abortions only after the fetus is

a pregnancy. The court established that rule in the 1973 Roe v. Wade two dozen states are likely to enact similar measures — if not stricter decision and reaffirmed it in 1992.

Under its existing precedents, the law is flagrantly unconstitutional, as both a district court and an appeals court concluded. Five years ago, the justices declined to review a lower court ruling that threw out an Arkansas

What's changed? The Supreme Court, which now has three This is roughly the position of abortion rights supporters in America. Conservative members appointed by President Donald Trump. There is only one possible explanation for why the court would agree to review the statute: At least five justices are ready to let states outlaw abortion long before viability.

> Otherwise, the court would have let the lower court ruling stand. "I'd be absolutely shocked if they didn't intend to uphold the law," University of Chicago law professor Geoffrey Stone, author of "Sex and the Constitution," told me.

> As he notes, the ban would allow most abortions. Some 90% of Mississippi abortions take place in the first 15 weeks of pregnancy. Some of those performed later involve the sort of medical emergencies and fetal defects that are covered by exceptions in this ban. For most women, getting a termination would remain within the realm of possibility.

But these figures are cold comfort for any woman who believes she The law represents a direct challenge to the Supreme Court's own should not be forced to endure the rigors of pregnancy and the dangers of giving birth, which are vastly greater than the risks of abortion. Poor viable, or capable of surviving outside the womb, about 24 weeks into women are particularly likely to be affected. If this law is upheld, some

If abortions after 15 weeks can be outlawed, why not after 12 weeks? Or 10 weeks? Or zero weeks? Having erased the bright line of viability, the conservative justices will find no obvious place to draw a new one — if they want to draw one at all.

Eleven states, including Mississippi, have passed laws that would ban all abortions as soon as the court overturns Roe v. Wade. They now have a realistic hope that those laws will eventually take effect.

If anti-abortion advocates think such bans would prevent women from ending unwanted pregnancies, though, they are kidding themselves. Many abortions involve taking a couple of pills — which, like other illicit drugs, would find willing sellers in a soon-to-thrive underground market. Women in red states could travel to blue states to find legal clinics.

The truly desperate would seek out illegal providers, some of them unsafe, or even try to self-induce. Each year, thousands of women around the world die from illegal abortions, and millions suffer medical complications. The United States can't expect anything different.

For the time being, abortion remains legal and mostly accessible in this country. But it won't be long before Americans who cherish the right to make their own decisions will know of their great ruin.

Steve Chapman blogs for the Chicago Tribune.

Liz Cheney, a profile in courage

By Jeff Robbins

Addressing Suffolk University graduates on Saturday, retired Washington Post editor Martin Baron summarized the sociopolitical virus afflicting the nation in three sentences. "We learned in recent years that our institutions were more vulnerable to pressure and intimidation than we ever imagined," said Baron. "Many turned submissive when a powerful leader demanded it. Others went quiet for fear of reprisal.

Though Baron refrained from mentioning you-know-who or the not-so-Grand Old Party that continues to ask, "How high?" when Donald Trump tells it to jump, everyone knew what he was talking about. For, over four years, even Republican politicians who knew how sociopathic and anti-democratic their president was shilled for him or simply stayed silent, fearful of being primaried. When he demanded that state election officials declare him the winner of elections he had lost, they remained silent. When The Master of Mar-a-Lago declared that he had won the presidential election and that it had been "stolen" from him, assertions that were fraudulent, they nodded.

Trump then summoned a mob to Washington on Jan. 6, the day Congress was to certify the election results, promising them a good time and exhorted them to go down to the Capitol and show that "they're not going to take it any longer," that "we will stop the steal," and that they were ready to "fight like hell." He could not have been that much more explicit about what he wanted them to do for him. "So we're going to walk down Pennsylvania Avenue," he shouted. "And we're going to the Capitol... So let's walk down Pennsylvania Avenue."

The ensuing ransacking of the Capitol by Trump supporters was a dark day for America. It occurred as 147 Republican members of Congress did some ransacking of their own, voting to reject the election of Joe Biden,

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an election that the compos mentis among them knew Biden had won.

Among the phonies, frauds and cowards who dominate the Republican Party, one Republican stood out for her courage. That was Wyoming Congresswoman Liz Cheney, who minced few words about what was transpiring. "We Republicans need to stand up for genuinely conservative principles," she declared, "and steer away from the dangerous and antidemocratic Trump cult of personality. History is watching. Our children

Guzzling Kool-Aid is a prerequisite for Republicans these days, and Cheney understood that by taking on the crazies who control her party she was assuring that she would be booted out of Republican leadership. If you want leaders who will enable and spread (Trump's) destructive lies, I'm not your person," she told the Republican caucus. In a move that suited them perfectly, House Republicans decided to oust Cheney by voice vote, rather than have their individual votes recorded, a maneuver designed to permit them to appease The Donald on one hand while hiding from history on the other. For her part, Cheney has nothing to fear from history, which will treat her as the profile in courage that she is. "I will do everything I can to ensure that the former president never again gets anywhere near the Oval Office," she said defiantly after she was ousted.

The Republicans' sharp preference for fiction over truth continued on display this past week, with 175 out of 210 Republican members of Congress voting against having a bipartisan commission investigate "the facts and causes relating to" the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol. One would not want to know the facts and causes relating to the unprecedented violent takeover of the Capitol by weapon-toting domestic extremists,

But there is good news. Thirty-five Republicans — fully 1 out of 6 Republicans in the House — bucked their leadership's fierce opposition to finding out the truth, concluding that finding out the truth might actually be in the national interest. That's 35 out of 210 votes for the truth on the Republican side of the aisle in our House of Representatives. This counts as a good day.

Things are looking up.

Jeff Robbins was chief counsel for the minority of the United States Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations.

Thoughts on recent stories

Dear Editor:

I am in 100% agreement with Councilman Sean Ashton that the discharge of illegal fireworks in Downey is completely out of hand, and we'd never be able to eliminate the illegal fireworks without first banning the 'safe and sane' fireworks.

From May through August, it is reliably routine to have periodic explosions throughout the city, including May 19-- fireworks came from Downey High School that lasted until nearly 10 pm.

And "fundraising" is a weak excuse. Organizations that need funding can find other ways, if they're willing to put in the work. Some veterans have varying degrees of PTSD so unplanned, non-July 4 explosions can be especially off-putting. And the yearly ER, Police and Fire Department expenditures due to fireworks must be

As a city, we got along fine-- for many years-- without fireworks and I think we need to clamp down hard again.

I thought Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez was going to be recalled due to her criminal history, but if not, shouldn't she be able to apply and pay for a personal-use reservation-- just like any of us can-- at any of the Downey parks for whatever organization she wants to celebrate? Why, again, does the city need to be involved?

Waiving of fees and reimbursements for city staff sounds like use of city funds to me, but I think a better use of city funds would be for our decaying roads. I had over \$500 of suspension work performed on my personal car recently and I'd appreciate Downey diverting these types of city resources into correcting the multitude of paving defects that are shortening the lives of all of our vehicles. I believe that would benefit 100% of the driving-age Downey population-- not just Alvarez's special interests.

Additionally, the time for "hazard Pay" has past. It was a poor idea to begin with. Cities that implemented this experienced business closures that we don't really want here in Downey. It's also time to put away the additional unemployment, stimulus, rent forgiveness and other freebies as well, and ask people to get back to work.

In the article about Congresswoman Roybal-Allard praising the use of relief funds for "college students", the title was unfortunately misleading-- which buried the main point, which is that \$32 billion in US taxpayer provided "relief funds" were going to be given to illegal aliens by the DOE. US taxpayers already waste over \$150 billion every year on the care, feeding, medical, education, legal protection and other specifically-focused giveaways to illegals. We could have built five border walls every year with that budget.

We cannot keep giving away US taxpayer money like this.

H. Martinez **Downey**

Fighting climate change

All my life, my younger brother and I have been trying to escape the dark clouds of smog that loom over Los Angeles. Growing up in Downey, only a 20 minute drive from Downtown LA, left little room for us to breathe clean healthy air.

According to Dr. Allen Frischer, Downey Regional Medical Center's former chief of staff and medicine, "88% of the world's population breathes air that does not meet the World Health Organization's air quality guidelines," which includes Downey residents like my brother, who suffers from asthma.

The effects of climate change leave people like my brother and the two million other Californians who suffer from asthma in a state of constant worry for their health.

However, it is not too late to fight for clean air. With the passage Senate Bill 100 in 2018, Governor Newsom has committed California to 100% renewable energy by 2045, a huge victory in the battle against climate change.

Commitments like these could not be made without the help of groups such as CALPIRG Students, a statewide student organization that fights for environmental justice. Currently, CALPIRG Students is working to speed up California's commitment to 100% renewable energy by 2045 to 2030.

This move will not only set a precedent for other states' reaction to climate change, but will also help reverse some of the detrimental effects of unhealthy air on Angelenos and more importantly, the world.

Zoelli Ortiz **Downey**

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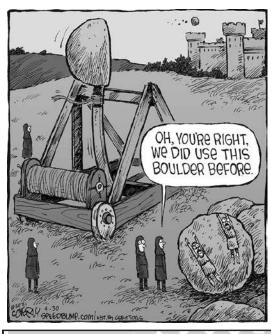
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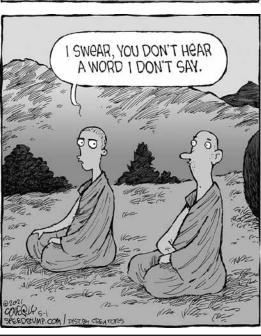












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Downey Community Calendar

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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.

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

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 Cheryll 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 Cites 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

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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.

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.

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

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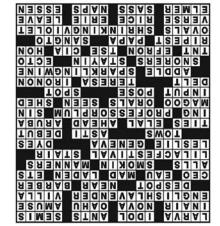
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Central Basin cuts fees for imported water

■ The water district approved the rate decreases Tuesday, even as California's drought grows.

DOWNEY – Despite a projected statewide drought, the Board of Directors of the Central Basin Municipal Water District (Central Basin) approved a 14% reduction in imported water rates for cites and other customers in its service area.

The reduction was approved during the district's monthly board meeting on May 24.

Many California counties are currently under a severe drought forecast precipitated by low water levels and little snow in the Sierras. This has been the second dry year in a row, and 2021 might bring some additional changes.

The district did not increase its recycled water rates, or imported water administrative fees, further reducing the cost of water for its customers.

"Given the impact of severe curtailments in revenue for local cities caused by the pandemic, the Central Basin Board felt that lowering the rates for imported water for our customers was necessary at this time," said Art Chacon, Board President, Central Basin Municipal Water "Although it seems counterintuitive given the state's drought condition, we really felt it was the right thing to do."

The drought in California been growing for two years, and now 14% of the state is in "exceptional" drought. Exceptional is the top and worst level from the US drought monitor. Drought in California is different from any other state because of the state's unique wet and dry season and system of capturing and moving water around the state. Most of the rest of California is in the extreme or severe categories while small sections of the far north coast and the two southernmost counties are in moderate drought. California Gov. Gavin Newsom recently expanded a drought emergency across most of the state from 41 of California's 58 counties.

"As a Central Basin customer, we are incredibly pleased the district is working with all its customers to ensure its service areas have a reliable and diverse source of high-quality water at affordable rates, particularly at a time when local governments have been impacted by the pandemic,' said John Oskoui, Assistant City Manager, City of Downey. Board's actions reflect a new direction for Central Basin which has started to form collaborative partnerships with its customers and take the necessary steps to ensure the District's long-term fiscal stability."

Central Basin's drop in water fees comes at a time when other districts are proposing or increasing water rates.

"It's important to remember that one of the principal reasons Central Basin is able to lower water rates is that we have taken prudent measures to regain fiscal control of our budget," said Alex Rojas, General Manager, Central Basin Municipal Water District.

"Our goals for the District are to lower the cost of imported water, ensure our long-term fiscal stability, improve customer service, diversify our revenue streams, and grow our recycled water services.

The board recently adopted a budget and district reorganization that will realize nearly \$1.2M in annual operating savings starting with the 2021 budget year; this year the District could realize a nearly \$2.5M net operating margin. The District's monthly average operating cash and unrestricted reserves are at levels not seen since 2016, with the District making contributions to its unrestricted budget reserves further stabilizing its long-term financial outlook.



Warren High won its first track and field San Gabriel Valley League title in five years. At league finals last Friday, Warren won more championship events than any other school.

Michell Campos stole the show (1st-400m, 2nd-200m, 3rd-HJ, and she anchored the championship 4x400 relay team). Leila Cendejas took 1st in Discus and 3rd in shot and will qualify to CIF Div. I Prelims in both. Destini Bocanegra will also qualify in both taking 1st in Shot and 3rd in Discus. Jessica Mclennan took 2nd in Shot and will qualify as well.

The 4x100 relay team took 1st (Lily Terronez, Ivory Laureano, Daniela Lopez and Jackie Sandoval). The 4x400 relay team was also victorious (Flor Arias, Priscella Gomez, Daniela Lopez and Michelle Campos). Priscella Gomez won the 800 and Skye Gutierrez won the 3200.

"In no other year has Warren qualified so many athletes," said athletic director Jay Waldron. "Our athletes stayed focused during distance training and surpassed our expectations for sure.'



The 2021-2022 Women's Guild Executive Board of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church was recently installed at Mass on May 21. Back row: Monsignor Lorenzo Miranda (Celebrant). Front row: Julie Bosdachin, Heidy de la Rosa, Jo Ann Ramirez, Carrie Uva, Lucy Solares, Dianna Hampton and Terry Ramirez. Not pictured: Ruby Gaytan.

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Kaylie Welch, daughter of Greg Welch and his wife Barbara Risher

national level pole vaulter and soccer player, graduating from Mater Dei High School. She then accepted an ROTC Scholarship to the University of Alabama where she was awarded the honor of top cadet. While at Alabama, Kaylie studied nursing, earning her Bachelors of Science degree and graduating Suma Cum Laude, before entering the Air Force.

Kaylie

Her first assignment was at Eglin Air Force Base, in

Florida, where she excelled as a labor and delivery nurse earning The Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service. Kaylie now is serving abroad at the Royal Air Force Base at Lakenheath, in the United

In her spare time, while in England, Kaylie has enjoyed traveling to Italy, Scotland and Wales in addition to skiing the Swiss and Austrian Alps. She is looking forward to returning stateside and will be joining the United States Air Force Reserves, stationed at March Air Force Base in

Her favorite and most important assignment when she arrives home, however, is being Auntie KK to her niece Alison and nephew William.







Airbag recalls performed on some models 19B37 recalls performed on all applicable vehicle

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Credit union CEO voted to national board of directors

DOWNEY - Nader Moghaddam, CEO of Downey-based Financial Partners Credit Union, has been elected to the Credit Union National Association's board of directors.

Moghaddam was elected to fill the position of a resigning board director. This position is elected at-large nationwide and will expire at the adjournment of CUNA's annual general meeting in 2023.

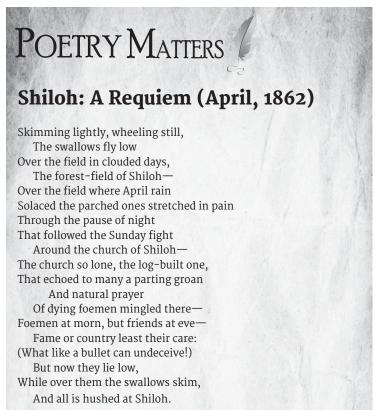
Moghaddam represents District 6, which is comprised of California, Nevada, Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, American Samoa, Guam, Johnston Atoll, Midway Atoll, Northern Mariana Islands, Palmyra Atoll and Wake Atoll.

Moghaddam, president and chief executive officer of Financial Partners Credit Union (80,000 members and \$1.3 billion in assets), has led the credit union since January 2005.

Before starting his career in the financial services industry, Moghaddam earned his bachelor of science and a master of planning degrees from the University of Southern California (USC).

Before joining Financial Partners he was the executive vice president at Kinecta Federal Credit Union and president of Kinecta Financial and Insurance Services.

Prior to that, Moghaddam was senior vice president/chief operating officer for First Financial Credit Union; and spent 10 years with Great Western Bank.



The Battle of Shiloh in western Tennessee was one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. The carnage was unprecedented, with the twoday human toll being more than 23,000 dead and wounded. The custom of women decorating the graves of those who died in that war was the origin of today's Memorial Day observations honoring the military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

🍘 CRIME REPORT

On May 11 at 2020 hours, officers responded to non-injury hit and run traffic collision. Prior to police arrival, the suspect fled in his vehicle and the victim gave chase. On a cul-de-sac the victim boxed in the suspect vehicle to prevent it from continuing to flee. The suspect reacted by backing into the passenger side of the victim's vehicle and the occupants exited the vehicle. The suspect maneuvered around the victim's vehicle, striking the passenger in the process, causing minor injuries.The suspect fled the scene. Patrol officers located the suspect vehicle. Detectives are actively investigating the case.

On May 12 at 1715, officers responded to 9020 Firestone Blvd., Big Lots, in regards to an adult male suspect causing a disturbance. Security attempted to escort the suspect off the property a confrontation followed. The suspect brandished a self-made knife, stated he was going to kill the security guard, and attempted to stab the security guard. The security guard was unharmed during the encounter. Responding officers located the suspect who was arrested for assault with a deadly

On May 14, the Downey Police Department conducted a DUI / Driver's License Checkpoint to promote public safety and with the intention of deterring drivers from driving impaired. During the operation 1,192 vehicles passed through checkpoint and four drivers were arrested for DUI. Funding for the operation was provided through a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety and through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

On May 15 at 2350 hours, an officer was actively patrolling the parking structure at $8201\ 2nd\ St$, when he observed fresh tagging. The officer located an adult male subject in the immediate area. During the subsequent investigation, the subject was found to be in possession of spray paint, admitted to vandalizing the location, and was arrested.

Cerritos College student earns \$40K college scholarship

DOWNEY - Cerritos College student Haya Chehada is one of recipients of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's prestigious Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The highly competitive national scholarship will provide Haya with up to \$40,000 a year to complete their bachelor's degree.

Originally from Syria, Haya migrated to the United States in late

2016 and started working at 7-Eleven to help her family. Despite all the difficulties she had as a recent immigrant, Haya did not give up her dream of pursuing a degree. "I knew that education was the key to having a better and peaceful future," said Haya.

Haya enrolled at Cerritos College in spring 2018, having no idea what to study. She barely spoke English, so she began taking English as a Second Language classes. Soon after Haya began taking accounting classes. She fell in love with the subject and decided to

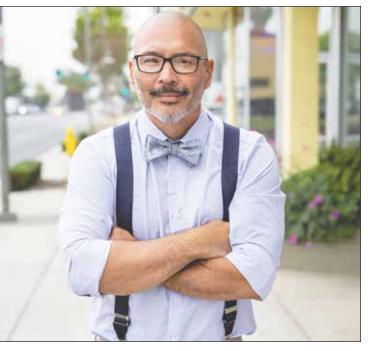
pursue a career in accounting. Haya became involved in campus clubs and has volunteered at the College's monthly food bank

Haya currently serves as the president of the Accounting Club. She helped the Club thrive through the virtual environment and triple the Club membership from 19 members to 59 with her dedication and hard work. "It helped me improve my leadership skills and be a better team player. In addition, the Accounting Club received the College's Curricular Club of the year Award," she said.

In fall, Haya will be transferring to pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration with an accounting concentration. She was accepted to UCLA, and is waiting to hear from USC. In summer 2022, Haya will be participating in an internship with Ernst & Young, one of the Big Four global accounting firms. Her career goal is to earn a Certified Public Accountant license and work in a large public accounting firm.

"Receiving the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship is a great payoff for the hard work that I have done in the last four years. This is such a great motivation for me to keep up the hard work, and I am really grateful for it," said Haya.

The Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is the largest private scholarship in the nation for students transferring from two-year community colleges to four-year institutions that award bachelor's degrees.



Larry Hart

For Larry Hart, confidence starts at the hairline

By Alexandra Romero

DOWNEY - "The last guy you could ever imagine shedding a tear... I look up and I see he's crying," said Larry Hart.

Meet Larry Hart, Downey's one and only person who practices scalp micropigmentation and he definitely has a heart for it. Larry owns Downey Hair Loss Solutions SMP on Firestone Boulevard next to Don Chente's Tacos. His business has been in Downey since 2018.

Larry has always had an artistic inclination and was inspired by a friend who had gotten this procedure done to start doing micropigmentation. Scalp micropigmentation is a hair tattoo, meaning it is permanent. It is a non-surgical, superficial cosmetic tattoo that gives the illusion of a close buzz cut hairstyle on a bald head or density to a thinning crown.

"The goal is to make it look as natural as possible," said Larry.
"I go over with the pigments of the dots of the hair follicles. I wear
these really strong magnifying glasses and I look very closely at the
scalp and look where the old hair follicle was and I put the dot where it was to make it look natural. It's pretty rewarding to be able to do it and people are grateful to have me do this for them.

"It is really a life changing experience for a lot of people...It is not uncommon for these guys to shed a tear. I had a guy recently, an older salty guy, the last guy you could ever imagine shedding a tear. I finished the work for the first session, I was looking down and I see in the corner of my eye that he's looking at the mirror. I see his arm go up to his eye...all of a sudden I hear a sniffle. I look up and I see he's crying.

Larry finds his work to be a moving experience and feels grateful to offer this work. Though it is not an easy service to provide as it requires patience and focus.

In total the procedure takes 4-5 weeks and each session can go up to 3-4 hours or even longer. It is a tedious and time consuming procedure but Larry said he enjoys it and gets excited every time he gets a new client. He serves both male and female clients

As an end result, his clients leave the last session looking like they have a new set or a full set of hair that looks completely natural. Larry mentioned that men have found the procedure to hurt more than women have and some clients have said it feels like a massage.

He has two assistants, Brittany Velasquez and Kirsten Velasquez. They both have been trained in scalp micropigmentation as well as micro blading. Although due to Covid-19, Larry works alone for now. To receive a free consultation from Downey Hair Loss Solutions

SMP, call or text (562)-445-3882.

"My success is the feedback I get from my clients," Larry said. "My whole goal is always to make sure I am left with nothing but good feedback from my clients.'

Though his clients come from different cities, his office will make you feel like a part of a community, welcomed and safe.

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Let your voice be heard!

Be part of the conversation about housing in Downey

The City of Downey is hosting a digital community workshop to introduce the draft version of the new Housing Element. The Draft 2021-2029 Housing Element establishes a strategy to address housing needs for current and future residents. The Draft Housing Element can be viewed here www.downeyca.org/heupdate/.

Join us to discuss the draft Housing Element and share any thoughts and questions you have. Your ideas and thoughts are an important part of this process!

Housing Element Digital Workshop Monday June 14, 2021

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Join our Zoom Meeting:

Please contact:

URL; https://zoom.us/j/95106368538 Zoom Meeting ID: 951 0636 8538 Join by Phone: (669) 900-6833



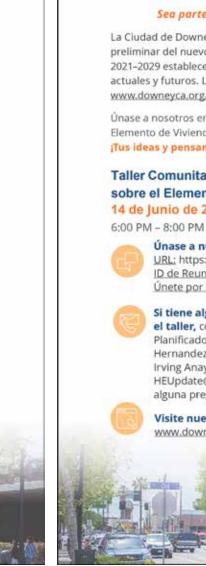
Senior Planner Alfonso Hernandez or Associate Planner Irving Anaya at (562) 904-7154 or HEUpdate@downeyca.org if you have any questions.

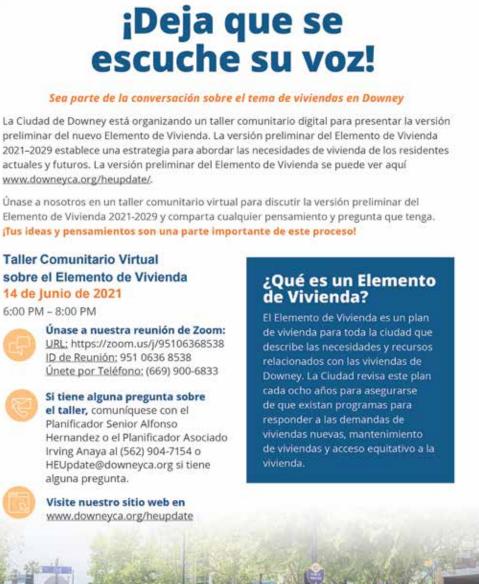


Visit our webpage at www.downeyca.org/heupdate to learn more!

What is a Housing Element?

The Housing Element is a citywide housing plan that describes Downey's housing related needs and resources. The City revisits this plan every eight years to make sure programs are in place to respond to demands for new housing, housing





Before getting a pet, consider vet costs

■ Caring for your animals goes beyond feeding them and providing shelter.

By Marcia Mayeda

In my March blog, I discussed findings from the February 2021 Modern Pet Parent Report that highlighted the importance pets have played during the pandemic. This report also discussed pet owners' concerns regarding the ability to pay for their pets' medical care. The survey reported, "The thing that stresses pet parents out the most is their pet getting sick (76%), their dog/cat having a chronic/long-term illness (73%), and potential unknown health issues (73%). In addition, 77% of pet parents are concerned about their pet's future health."

The costs of veterinary care have always been a factor to consider regarding pet ownership. Sometimes people express shock about the costs of veterinary medicine and believe veterinarians should discount their services so pet medical costs are more affordable. Expensive diagnostic costs such as x rays and blood tests are sometimes perceived as optional but are needed to ensure quality care is provided. This is especially true in emergency cases, in order to reach a definitive diagnosis and begin the right treatment plan as soon as possible.

Most people are unaware of the costs to operate a veterinary practice and veterinary costs

are not subsidized like human medicine. Health insurance companies, local, State, and federal funding, and hospital nonprofit supporting foundations all factor into the costs hospitals for humans bill patients. Human medicine costs are actually significantly higher than what veterinarians charge, but most people never see the actual costs for human hospital services because of the subsidies mentioned above. especially for routine and nonemergency services. This leads to a misconception that veterinary medicine pricing is higher.

Veterinarians should be able to charge appropriately for their services, time, and expertise. They are doctors who have devoted years of study and passed rigorous examinations to become licensed and must be able to maintain a viable business. Many veterinary students graduate with nearly \$200,000 in student debt and it can take decades to pay off these loans. Veterinary specialists pursue advanced board certifications requiring more investment in time and educational costs.

Veterinary hospitals are businesses that must pay for salaries and benefits, supplies, medical equipment, operating costs, overhead, liability insurance, and more.

Veterinary expenses can be regular, like vaccinations and exams, or unexpected and costly. Some low-cost routine services

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like vaccines and spay/neuter surgeries can be found with local service providers (contact your local animal care center for referrals), but emergency services and long-term illnesses are not offered by these sources.

I know firsthand the unexpected medical costs of pet ownership and the need to make a very expensive decision right

Several years ago, I took one of my routine early morning walks with our four large dogs. Suddenly Isabella, our nine-year-old Great Pyrenees, began having extreme difficulty breathing. We were three blocks from home when she collapsed and couldn't walk anymore.

She began gasping for air, her gums were turning blue, and she was in great distress. I was unable to carry her home (she weighed 95 pounds), especially with three other large dogs in tow.

Thankfully, a good friend was close by and rushed over so I could put Isabella in her car. She drove Isabella home while I ran back with the other three dogs, put Isabella in my car, and rushed her to the emergency hospital.

On my way to the hospital another friend called them ahead of me so they could be prepared to receive Isabella right away. Two registered veterinary technicians were waiting outside with a gurney and they whisked Isabella into the hospital where the board-certified veterinarian began working on

her. He intubated Isabella so she could begin receiving the necessary oxygen and stabilized her condition.

Once my precious dog was out of danger, the veterinarian explained to me what was happening. Isabella had developed a severe onset case of laryngeal paralysis, a condition where the nerves of the laryngeal muscles become weak or paralyzed and the flaps that separate the esophagus from the trachea do not work. In Isabella's case, the flaps had mostly closed and were preventing her from taking in enough oxygen to her lungs.

The only treatment for Isabella was emergency surgery. One flap in her trachea had to be sutured to the tracheal wall to maintain an open airway or she would not survive. I was provided a surgery estimate of \$5,000. The veterinarian also told me that dogs that have this surgery are more susceptible to aspiration pneumonia, where food or water could enter her trachea (and into her lungs) instead of her esophagus.

Additionally, I learned that laryngeal paralysis is highly associated with myasthenia gravis, a disease where there is a malfunction in the transmission of signals between the nerves and muscles. This is most exhibited in extreme weakness and excessive fatigue and could be a condition she would face later.

My husband and I had to make a quick decision. A nine-year-old

Great Pyrenees is a senior dog, and we had to consider the significant and unexpected surgical cost with Isabella's life expectancy and ability to live a good life with the potential problems the veterinarian told us she might

We agreed that we wanted to make every effort to save her life and proceeded with the surgery. I am happy to say it was successful and she lived another five years without any problems.

However, this was a very large and unexpected expense for us. What can pet owners do in situations like this? Here are a few options:

Purchase pet health

insurance. There are many resources on the internet that rank and rate pet insurance companies. Be sure to review each plan carefully and review the insurer's track record, research what is covered and what might affect coverage, choose the coverage that works for you, pick the type of reimbursement that works for you, review the cost and value, ask about discounts, and enroll your pets when they are young and healthy to avoid limited coverage due to pre-existing conditions.

Set aside savings to pay out of pocket when the time comes. **Acquire emergency**

veterinary financing on credit. Care Credit is a well-known provider of such credit and most veterinary hospitals can tell you how to immediately apply. Make

sure you read all the terms and conditions for payments to avoid penalties.

Launch a crowdfunding campaign to get financial help from others. Many times, friends and family will chip in to help offset the costs of care.

I learned the benefit of having animal health insurance when my horse Murphy developed a severe case of cellulitis in his leg and had to be hospitalized for two weeks. His medical treatment came to an overwhelming \$14,000, but thanks to his insurance I only had to pay the \$350 deductible. The annual premium payments I had paid for years were a good investment and I'm grateful I had the insurance. He is now a happy 22-year-old Shire horse (often mistaken for a Clydesdale), enjoying his easy trail rides and getting petted by many hikers we meet along the way.

Owning a pet is countlessly rewarding, but also comes with the responsibility of being able to pay for appropriate medical care. Veterinarians can save your pet's life in an emergency, but they must be able to recover their costs to stay in business. Planning for high cost emergencies and/or unexpected diagnoses recurring long term care can alleviate worry and allow you to enjoy pet ownership more, knowing that you will be able to care for your pet no matter what comes.

Marcia Mayeda is the Director of Animal Care and Control for the County of Los Angeles.

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (Division 6 of the Commercial Code)

Escrow No. 130-5153-RK
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale

is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described. (2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: HY CARWASH, INC., 13218 ROSECRANS AVENUE, NORWALK, CA

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 13218 ROSECRANS AVENUE, NORWALK, CA

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: SUNNY RIVER YK, LLC, 3720 SUNNYSIDE DRIVE, RIVERSIDE,

CA 92506
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: CERTAIN FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADE NAME, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, AND OTHER ASSETS of that certain business located at: 13218 ROSECRANS AVENUE, NORWALK, CA

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: TSUNAMI EXPRESS

CAR WASH
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is JUNE 15, 2021 at the office of: GLEN OAKS ESCROW, 184 N. CANON DRIVE, SUITE B, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210, Escrow No. 130-5153-RK, Escrow Officer: ROBIN KIM (8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7"

(9) The last day for filing claims is: JUNE

(10) This bulk sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code. (11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are:

DATED: MAY 14, 2021 BUYER(S): SUNNY RIVER YK, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY ORD-313390 DOWNEY PATRIOT 5/27/21

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NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VIRTUAL ZONE
(2) VZ DIGITAL MEDIA (3) VZ PRINT, 8672
STATE STREET, SOUTH GATE CA 90280,

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3058342 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BD ADVERTISING AND GRAPHICS, INC., 14051 HARVEST AVE, NORWALK CA

State of Incorporation: CA
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: 202100111561
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State of Incorporation: CA

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State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2021
I declare that all the information in this THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)

statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/SALATIEL SOLIS VARGAS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 27, 2021 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk expend as in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself

authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code) and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021097477
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HORTENCIAS ORANGE COUNTY, 3251 KATELLA AVENUE, LOS ALAMITOS CA 90720,

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MIRIAM HORTENCIA JIMENEZ DE MONTION, 3251 KATELLA AVE, LOS ALAMITOS CA 90270 State of Incorporation N/A

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an The date registrant started to transact

business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2021

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

MONTION, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 26, 2021 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by

the affidavit of identity form.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2021099918 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1)

ELITE MORTGAGE PARTNERS, 8050 FLORENCE AVE STE 21, DOWNEY CA 90240. LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) XIOMARA SOMOZA, 8050 FLORENCE AVE STE 21, DOWNEY CA 90240 State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2021

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/XIOMARA SOMOZA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 28, 2021 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920 where it expires 40 days after any change in

the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021096742
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) WHOLSYM,
214 MAIN STREET #551, EL SEGUNDO
CA 90245, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation of Organization

Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1)
IMMERSIONAUTICS LLC, 214 MAIN
STREET #551, EL SEGUNDO CA 90245

STREET #301, EL SEGUINDO ON 30270 State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 26, 2021 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CLOUD
REPUBLIC, 5044 LINDEN AVE APT 8,
LONG BEACH CA 90805-6674

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): Al #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CLAUDIA PALENCIA, 5044 LINDEN AVE APT 8, LONG BEACH CA 90805-6674 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2021
I declare that all the information in this

statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/CLAUDIA PALENCIA CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 23, 2021 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920. where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021085746
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FRIDA TEA (2)
UNITEDGLO (3) NUCLEUS CONSULTING
(4) THE ENTREPRENEUR EXPIREMENT,
7447 FIRESTONE PL, DOWNEY CA
90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NUCLEUS
ENDEAVORS LLC, 7447 FIRESTONE PL,
DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: CA

DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a
Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact
business under the fictitious business name
or names listed above: N/A
Lacdare that all the information in this

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

S/NUCLEUS ENDEAVORS LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, MARK GARZA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 12, 2021
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name tement generally expires at the end five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2021109082 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PRIME TIME COLLECTIBLES, 7007 GREENLEAF AVE SUITE 202, WHITTIER CA 90602, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PRIME TIME BROS LLC, 7007 GREENLEAF AVE SUITE 202, WHITTIER CA 90602 State of Incorporation: CA

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a

Limited Liability Company The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2021

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

DAVID ALVARADO his statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 12, 2021 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name

Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920. where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other then a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES **ADOPTED**

On May 25, 2021 the City Council of the City of Downey adopted the following

Adopted Ordinance No. 21-1462, an Ordinance of the City Council of the

City of Downey, California amending various sections of Article IX of the Municipal Code regarding single family residential development and subdivisions standards and single family design guidelines for

AYES: Council Members: Alvarez, Ashton, Trujillo, Pacheco, Mayor Frometa

NOES: Council Member: None. EXCUSED: Council Member: None. ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

Adopted Ordinance No. 21-1463, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey, California approving Municipal Facility License Agreement with Los Angeles SMSA Limited Partnership dba Verizon Wireless for installation of wireless communications facilities in the public right-of-way.

Ashton, Trujillo, Pacheco, Mayor Frometa NOES: Council Member: None. EXCUSED: Council Member: None ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

AYES: Council Members: Alvarez,

Copies of the full text are available in

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC

May 27, 2021

The Downey Patriot DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the Downey Unified School District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the following projects, Bid No. 21/22-

04 ("Project" or "Contract"): STAUFFER MS CAMPUS FLOOD MITIGATION

The Projects consist of: Site Drainage Mitigation Measures

The Contract Time is 35 days, including preconstruction activities

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California contractors' license(s): B and/or C-36 The Bidder's license(s) must remain active

and in good standing throughout the term To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required

to be registered as a public works contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to the Labor Code. Contract Documents will be available on

or after May 20th, 2021, for review at the District Facilities, Planning and Development Department, and may be downloaded from the District's website, www.dusd.net/bids-and-rfps. Electronic files may also be requested by emailing John Erickson jerickson@bernards.com, (818) 262-5007 Sealed bids will be received until 10:00

a.m., June 8th, 2021, at the District Facilities, Planning and Development Office – Room T-4, 11627 Brookshire Avenue Downey California 90241, at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be nonresponsive and returned to the bidder. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code.

All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders

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 28th, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. at Stauffer Middle School, 11985 Old River School Road, Downey, CA 90242. All participants are required to sign in at the front of the administration building. The site visit is expected to take approximately 30 visit is expected to take approximately 30 minutes. Failure to attend or tardiness may render bid ineligible.

Legal Notices/Classifieds

CLASSIFIEDS

EMPLOYMENT

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN

Full Time **Thomas Vet Hospital** (562) 923-9497

FOR RENT

DWY DUPLEX 2 BD, 1 BA Central Heat/AC, stove, Indry hkups, new everything, prkng. Very clean. \$1,750/mo + dep. (818) 567-2856

SERVICES

FULL SERVICE PLUMBING

Licensed, bonded & insured, 24/7, senior discount McKinnon & Sons **Plumbing of Downey** (562) 904-3616

FINE ROOFING, INC.

Roof Repair & Leaks Free Estimate•Quality Service Senior Discount. Lic 976823 (562) 879-4987

SERVICES

PLANS, PERMITS **CONSTRUCTION**

Project Design, New Construction, Remodeling & Additions Lic. #936419 Call Jeff (562) 869-1421

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Lic 965519 & Bonded Jobs start at \$35, free estimate Call Erik (323) 228-4500

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for all your home improvements & repairs. All labor and material guaranteed. (562) 331-0976

NICE-N-KLEAN

Residential & Commercial Cleaning. Call for a Free Estimate. (562) 419-6577

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it under said Deed of Trust in the property



property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

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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 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.

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 District shall award a Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder based on:

a. The base bid amount only

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

Darren Purseglove, C.P.M.
Darren Purseglove
Director, Purchasing and Warehouse
Downey Unified School District
Los Angeles County, State of California

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LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the property described below to enforce a and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600 and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storagetreasures.com on Wednesday, June 16th, 2021 ending at 10:00am. The personal property including general household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at: Paramount Self Storage, 8160 F, Roseccans Ave. Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, CA 90723, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the following:

Name Diana Escobedo Seph Williams

Purchases must be made in CASH ONLY and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated

Dated this 27th day of May 2021 and 3rd day of June 2021. Self Storage Management Company Bond #: WLI1254152

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00179
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner
MARIA JOSE, ESPARRAGOZA, BELTRAN filed a petition with this court for a decree

changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MARIA JOSE,
ESPARRAGOZA, BELTRAN to Proposed
name (1) MARIA JOSE, ESPARRAGOZA

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 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: JULY 23, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk

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 NORWALK PATRIOT MAY 24, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL ludge of the Superior Court

Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
MARIA JOSE, ESPARRAGOZA, BELTRAN 11015 CROSSDALE AVE DOWNEY, CA 90241 (562) 805-1084 MAJOO.EB@GMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AMENDED 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

with this court for a decree changing names

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JULY 2, 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, prin the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT MAY 11, 2021

MAY 11, 2021
JUDGE MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
MICHAEL FRANCIS GOOD
11134 JOSLIN STREET
SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670
(310) 3444496 MICHAELGOODM@AOL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 21LBCP00141

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner WILLIE SMITH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) WILLIE SMITH to Proposed name (1) WILLIE SMITH JORDAN 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 beginning the court may grant the petition.

is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JULY 2, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m.,
Department: 27
The address of the court is 275 Magnolia
Long Beach, CA 90802
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT JUDGE MARK C. KIM
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner WILLIE SMITH 3705 E. HEDDA STREET LONG BEACH, CA 90805 torrevstar@hotmail.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

resent name (1) ROBERTO OROZCO to Proposed name (1) ROBERT 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 metter is 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 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, 8301 E. FLORENCE AVE., SUITE 100, DOWNEY, CA 90240 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 (562) 383-1243 ROROZCO04@GMAIL.COM

The Downey Patriot 5/6/21, 5/13/21, 5/20/21, 5/27/21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO **ADMINISTER ESTATE OF** RUBEN LEYVA

PROBATE

Case No. 21STPB04278 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate,

or both, of RUBEN LEYVA
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: FRANCIS LEYVA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests

that FRANCIS LEYVA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held
on JUNE 15, 2021 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept.
11 Room N/A located at SUPERIOR 11 Room N/A located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE

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

Your appearance may be in person or by

your attorney.

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

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

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

court clerk.
Attorney for petitioner:
FRANCIS LEYVA
7630 SUVA STREET
DOWNEY, CA 90240
562-646-2041

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 095318-CA APN: 6262-018-017 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/24/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 6/30/2021 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP. as duly appointed trustee under CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/30/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2651648 OF OFFICIAL REPORTS AND AUTHORIZED IN SUNIOR SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER of Official Records in the office of the County CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by

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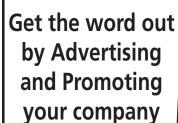
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Money tips for new college grads

Life after college can overwhelm many graduates, especially if it's the first time they are handling personal finances outside of a school setting or without the help of family.

"When you're managing money by yourself for the first time, it's easy to make mistakes that can derail your financial goals right from the start," said Michael Sullivan, a personal financial consultant with Take Charge America, a nonprofit credit counseling and debt management agency. "But taking the time to understand what mistakes to avoid, and why, will set you up to win with money for years to

Sullivan breaks down five money mishaps to avoid:

Living without a budget. To succeed with money, a budget is a must. Start by tracking your expenses for a month to learn your spending habits. Then, make necessary adjustments to accommodate your habits and

Not planning for a rainy day. You never know when the unexpected will happen. That's why we recommend saving three to six months of living expenses in an emergency fund. Start with small contributions and increase as your budget allows.

Opening lots of credit cards. Avoid the temptation to open multiple credit cards you don't need. One card is enough to build a positive credit history, which plays a role in nearly every life milestone from buying cars and homes to landing some jobs. Use one card regularly and pay it off in full every month. Avoid fees and interest by not overspending or carrying a

Putting off retirement savings. Retirement may be a long way off, but that's to your benefit. The sooner you start saving, the more money you'll have in retirement. Contribute to your 401(k) or company retirement plan and explore a Roth or Traditional IRA. Save what you can at first and steadily boost your contributions as your career progresses.

Neglecting your student loans. As a new grad, you have a six-month grace period before you must start repaying federal student loans. Even with the temporary payment reprieve, you still must select a repayment plan. If you don't, you're automatically enrolled in the Standard Plan, which requires fixed payments over 10 years. That may not be the best option depending on your situation. If you're overwhelmed, contacting an experienced student loan counselor can help.

5 tips to protect seniors from financial scams



Social isolation among seniors is not only linked to numerous negative health consequences like depression and cardiovascular disease, but it's also a primary contributing factor in financial exploitation and scams. Estimated to affect one in 10 older adults and cost billions annually, the threat of elder financial fraud is pervasive, and especially so right now.

With seniors more isolated than ever due to the pandemic and stimulus checks being sent to millions of Americans nationwide, experts suggest that seniors and their families be extra vigilant.

"Scammers look for key time periods where money and private financial information are in motion. Not only is IRS fraud one of the most common and successful types of scams that exists, as a general rule, additional money equates to additional

fraud," says Ron Long, head of Aging Client Services at Wells Fargo.

"Scammers are banking on the fact that many seniors are apart from families and friends due to COVID-19. When someone is alone, physically or socially, they often miss out on the added benefit of a second pair of eyes and

Compounding the risks associated with isolation is the number of seniors who feel their chances of falling victim to a financial scam is unlikely. According to a recent Wells Fargo study conducted by The Harris Poll, 69 percent of all seniors age 60 and above believe they're not likely to be susceptible to a financial scam, despite nearly all seniors (97 percent) acknowledging that older people are very or somewhat susceptible to becoming a victim.

When asked about their peers, the poll found that 47 percent of all seniors knew someone who had already fallen victim to a scam.

"The results indicate what most of us want -- the ability to age relatively unaffected from the realities associated with aging," says Dr. Marti DeLiema, a gerontologist and consultant for Wells Fargo's Aging Client Services. "The problem is that when someone doesn't feel they're at risk, they're unlikely to take precaution.

To better protect seniors from elder financial fraud and abuse, consider these tips from Wells

1. Don't wait for a crisis. Seniors should speak with trustworthy family members about financial plans, as well as consult them when something doesn't feel

2. Stay up-to-date. Seniors and families should draft and periodically update legal documents such as wills, healthcare directives and powers of attorney.

- 3. Automate. Seniors should consider signing up for direct deposit, automatic bill pay and large transaction alerts.
- **4. Prioritize security.** Seniors should keep checks and credit cards locked away, and update passwords when information is compromised. They should also carefully review credit reports, account statements and bills for unusual activity or charges.
- 5. Be aware. Families can help seniors stay aware of the latest and most common scams, as well as help them identify potential red flags, including:

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- Alleged emergency situations involving family members, often grandchildren, requiring immediate payment.
- · Lottery winnings requiring upfront cash payment for taxes and other fees.
- Phone calls from alleged government agencies, such as Social Security, threatening arrest or penalties.
- For more information on fraud prevention, visit wellsfargo.com.
- "Aging resiliently requires planning ahead and not shying away from difficult conversations," says Long. "We have to talk with our older loved ones about the risks, the warning signs and prevention -- and we have to keep talking."



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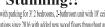
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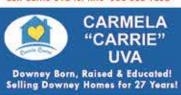
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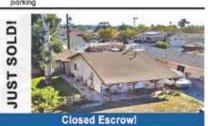


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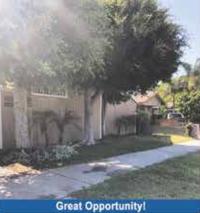
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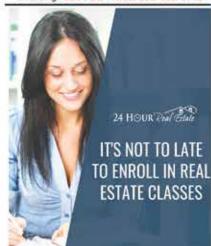
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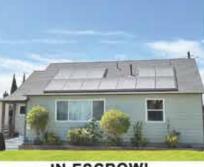




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