



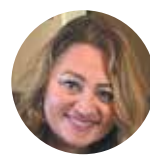
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Alvarez recall effort certified

■ A petition to recall Downey Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez has been certified and organizers can now begin gathering signatures.

DOWNEY – Downey City Clerk Alicia Duarte has certified the petition seeking the recall of Downey Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez, paving the way for signature gathering, organizers of the recall effort announced.

“By this letter I am notifying you that the amended form petition meets the Elections Code requirements as to form and writing and you are cleared to collect voter signatures,” Duarte wrote in a letter to the recall committee.

Recall efforts began earlier this year after Alvarez’s criminal history was revealed, including arrests for welfare fraud, lying under oath, and shoplifting from the Michael’s store at the Downey Landing.



Catherine Alvarez

“Ms. Alvarez failed to disclose to the voters about her welfare fraud conviction, the two warrants for her arrest and her lifetime ban from Michaels at Downey Landing for her shoplifting conviction”, said Dorothy Pemberton, one of the recall organizers.

“All we want is to put it on the ballot to let District 3 residents in Downey be able to vote for her now that they know about her criminal past. We feel the voters were misled by her by not having this information and we want residents to have the opportunity to have their voices heard. It is hard to imagine a councilwoman overseeing the Downey Police Department when she had been arrested by them recently.”

Another recall organizer, Maria Arencibia, said Alvarez’s arrests, including for failing to appear to her scheduled court dates, “speaks to her lack of responsibility.”

“Our city deserves a chance to vote being fully informed of criminal history from our council members. That is why we want our community to now vote, knowing the facts,” she said.

Recall organizers have created a website — RecallCatherineAlvarez.com — with details on their efforts. Residents can also request to sign the petition online.

Criminal History

Alvarez’s known criminal history dates back to at least July 11, 2013, when she was arrested by Downey Police for shoplifting at the Michael’s craft store.

She was sentenced to one day in L.A. County Jail, summary probation, five days of community labor, and fines totaling \$904.

On March 12, 2014, Alvarez was arrested by the L.A. County Public Social Services Department and arraigned on two felony charges: welfare fraud and lying under oath.

The second charge was related to Alvarez lying on an application for CalWorks.

CalWorks is a public assistance program that provides cash and services to eligible families that have a children in the home.

Court records indicate that Alvarez returned to court the following month where she pleaded guilty to reduced misdemeanor charges.

She was sentenced to three years probation, 75 hours of community service, and a fine.

She was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,899 for CalWorks and \$1,371 for food stamps.



Country superstar Clint Black performed at the Downey Theatre on Sunday. (Photos by Leo Jarzomb)

Howdy, Downey: Clint Black brings down the house

■ The Grammy Award winning country artist excited fans with a two-hour set.

By John Sherrard
Contributor

DOWNEY – Cowboy hats, yee haw’s and great music from country star Clint Black, adorned the Downey Theatre Sunday night, Oct. 3.

The show was only the second event at the 51-year-old-theatre since the pandemic closed down public venues last year.

Black, who has numerous number one hits in the 80’s and 90’s, brought down the nearly full house with 19 songs in the nearly two-hour show.

“Howdy Downey,” said Black, as he took the stage, playing his brightly colored, flag-designed guitar.

Black, wearing his signature black cowboy hat, opened with his 1998 No. 1 hit, “The Shoes You’re Wearing” from his “Nothing but the Taillights” (1997) album.

With his five-member backing band, Black went right into another mega-hit, “Summer’s Coming”, with lead singer and long-time friend Hayden Nicholas out front with a solo.

His third song brought the house down, with everyone singing along to his debut single (1989), “A Better Man.” Written by Nicholas and Black, it’s a true love story in a song.

It was his first single off of his chart-topping debut album, “Killin’ Time” (1989).

“Thank you very much,” said Black, after the ovation died down. “It’s great to play in little theaters and nice to get close to you.”

Black, who has won a Grammy and has a new show on Circles Network called, “Talking in Circles.”, then introduced his friend of 30 years, Nicholas, wearing his usual white cowboy hat.

“(Hayden) and I have been writing songs for more than 30 years together,” said Black, explaining how they wrote the next song while they were stranded in Colorado.

Nicholas, who collaborated with Black on multiple songs,



and violinist Jason Mowery took turns with brief solo’s during the song, “When My Ship Comes In” that was written in the mountains of Colorado.

The first line of the song reflect the time they spent in the high country, while writing the 1992 release, which was the third and final single from the album, “The Hard Way”.

The first line was, “No sun on the Rockies, not even the light of day, I feel that old cabin fever coming on.”

With his many talents, Black then paid tribute to icon Merle Haggard with his next two songs, the first of which he co-wrote with Haggard, “Untangling My Mind” (1994). He finished the brief two-song set with a song as Black said, “This is one of Merle’s songs he wrote without me.” It was “Mama Tried” (1968).

Black, who is currently on a nearly three month Western U.S. tour, broke out his all-too-familiar harmonica for “State of Mind” (1993) from his fourth studio album, “No Time To Kill” (1993) and “One More Payment” (1990).

Mowery and piano player, Dwaine Rowe, were also featured.

As Black finished “One More Time”, the audience starting yelling and Black interrupted, saying, “Settle down, this is Downey.”

Black then went into a song (America – Still in Love with You) from his 2020 album, “Out of Sane”, and received a standing ovation after its conclusion.

The song, collaborated with Steve Wariner, is an ode to the red, white and blue and had amazing graphics and video on the large screen that played throughout the concert.

His next two songs brought down the house again – “Killin’ Time” (1989), the title cut from his debut album by the same name, and “No Time to Kill” (1999).

The song started out with a beautiful piano solo by Rowe.

Two more major hits by Black followed, “Like the Rain” (1996) and “A Good Run of Bad Luck” (1994).

As the show was winding down, Black decided to open up with more harmonica playing and got the audience involved with his 2000 song, “Been There” from his “D’lectrified” album.

Black, who has started a company called “Clint Black Cowboy Coffee”, had everyone standing and imitating they were playing the harmonica.

After three minutes of the audience trying to sound like harmonica’s, Black said, “give yourself a hand on your silliness.”

His last song, “Nothing but the Taillights” (1998) had the audience on its feet again. The song was also used as part of a promo for young Dale Earnhardt, Jr., as he was making his debut on the NASCAR senior circuit.

Black’s encore song, “Put Yourself in My Shoes” (1990) had everyone standing and he went into his harmonica solo to start the song.

And finally, in an appropriate last song from his 1993 “No Time to Kill” album (Fourth studio album), Black and his band “killed it” with his song, “Tuckered Out”.

As Nicholas, Mowery and Black were all at the front of the stage, Black simply said, “We’re all tuckered out Downey. You guys have been fantastic and thank you so much for coming out everybody. We appreciate it, and help us count it on home.”

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 69°

Saturday 74°

Sunday 80°

THINGS TO DO



Pa’s Pumpkin Patch
All Weekend
6701 E. PCH in Long Beach

After a one year hiatus due to the pandemic, Pa’s Pumpkin Patch returns with games, rides, a petting zoo, and haystacks, corn stalks and goards for photos.

ON THIS DAY OCTOBER 7

1765:

The Stamp Act Congress convened in New York to draw up colonial grievances against England.

1849:

Author Edgar Allan Poe died at age 40.

1954:

Marian Anderson became the first black singer hired by New York’s Metropolitan Opera.

1968:

The Motion Picture Association of America adopted a film-rating system.

1982:

The musical “Cats” opened on Broadway, beginning its record run of 7,485 performances.

1985:

Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in the Mediterranean with more than 400 people aboard.

1996:

Fox News Channel made its debut.

1998:

Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was beaten, robbed and left tied to a wooden fence post outside Laramie, Wyo.; he died five days later.

2001:

The United States and Britain launched air strikes against Taliban positions and Osama bin Laden’s training camps in Afghanistan; bin Laden praised God for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in a videotaped statement aired on the Arabic satellite station Al-Jazeera.

2001:

Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants wrapped up his record-breaking season with his 73rd home run.

2003:

California voters recalled Gov. Gray Davis and elected actor Arnold Schwarzenegger to replace him.

Birthdays

South African human rights activist **Desmond Tutu** (90), cellist **Yo-Yo Ma** (66), television producer **Simon Cowell** (62), R&B singer **Toni Braxton** (54), NFL hall of famer **Charles Woodson** (45), “American Idol” winner **Taylor Hicks** (45), Giants third baseman and Downey native **Evan Longoria** (36), and Dodgers outfielder **Mookie Betts** (29).

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Super Smash Bros. Tournament, 5:30 pm. Compete against others players in a best of three, double elimination tournament. \$10 entry fee with cash prizes. OG Collectibles, 8124 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

One Day of Service, 9 am. An entire day of service to the Downey community. Residents, service groups, businesses and churches are encouraged to take ownership of a specific project and give back to their community. Kick-off rally starts at 9 am outside City Hall. Call (562) 904-7284 for more details.

Small Business Festival, 10 am to 2 pm. Shop from a variety of local small businesses, from candles to candies to coffee. Plus raffles, barbecue and live entertainment. Downey Federal Credit Union parking lot, 8237 3rd St.

Glennfest Film Screening: "Freedom Love Gold," 12 pm. Look Dine-In Cinema, 8200 3rd St.

Glennfest Film Screening: "Jump Darling," 2:30 pm. Look Dine-In Cinema, 8200 3rd St.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Glennfest Film Screening: "Short Films Group A," 4 pm. Look Dine-In Cinema, 8200 3rd St.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Glennfest Film Screening: "Perfumes (Les Parfums)," 7:30 pm. Look Dine-In Cinema, 8200 3rd St.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Glennfest Film Screening: "All Nighter," 7:45 pm. Look Dine-In Cinema, 8200 3rd St.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

Creative Purpose Meeting, 11:30 am. Political consultant Karen Roseberry, a 2016 candidate for U.S. Senate, will be the guest speaker at Creative Purposes, a new group that meets monthly at Sizzler, 10315 Lakewood Blvd.

Book Lovers Club, 12 pm. Join other readers in a discussion of "What Comes After," a suspense novel by JoAnne Tompkins. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Glennfest Film Screening: "Steam Room Stories - The Movie," 7:30 pm. Look Dine-In Cinema, 8200 3rd St.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

Legal Clinic, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Free legal consultations with licensed attorneys regarding immigration law, tenants law, family law, criminal defense, and personal injury. Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

Glennfest Film Screening: "Racetime," 11:30 am. A special screening specifically for kids and young adults with special needs. Look Dine-In Cinema, 8200 3rd St.

Sublime Tribute, 9 pm. Sublime tribute band Doin' Time performs live. \$5 cover, 21 and over. Bastards, 11045 Downey Ave.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Glennfest Film Screening: "Talking to the Starry Sky," 1:30 pm. Southeast Japanese School and Community Center, 14615 S. Gridley, Norwalk

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

31st Annual Rancho Golf Classic, 11 am. The Rancho Foundation's annual golf fundraiser benefiting patient programs and services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Online registration now open. Friendly Hills Country Club, 8500 Villaverde Dr. in Whittier

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

State of the City, 12 pm. Mayor Claudia Frometa provides an update on the City of Downey's current status. A meet and greet with the mayor begins at 11 am, followed by her presentation at noon. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

OLPH General Meeting, 10 am to 1 pm. Joseph Lumsdaine, resident deacon at St. Dominic Savio Church in Bellflower, will be the guest speaker at the OLPH Women's Guild general meeting. Lunch is included with a \$15 donation. Knights of Columbus, 11231 Rives Ave.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Ribbon Cutting, 10 am to noon. Foot Locker celebrates its new mega store located across the street from Stonewood Center. 9060 Firestone Blvd.

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs the Downey Overture by Oscar Navarro, Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1 in G minor, and Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, "From the New World." Plus a performance by violin soloist Strauss Shi. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Downey High Hall of Fame, 10:30 am. Downey High will induct five distinguished graduates into its Hall of Fame. Downey High School theater, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Dia de los Muertos Art Festival, 11 am to 8 pm. Downey's annual festival featuring folkloric dancers, two stages of entertainment, film screenings, artisan vendors, and more. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Pumpkin Patch, 5-8:30 pm. Free family-friendly event with games, activities, candy, costume contests, and more. Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave.

Family Fall Fest, 5:30-8:30 pm. Carnival games, raffles, jumpers, candy, and family fun. Desert Reign Church, 11610 Lakewood Blvd.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

DPFF Golf Tournament, 12 pm. The 30th annual golf tournament supporting the Downey Police and Firefighters Foundation. California Country Club, 1509 Workman Mill Rd. in Whittier

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, 2 pm and 6:30 pm. The beloved TV

classic comes to life on stage, ushering in the holiday season. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

"The Conductor," 4:30 pm. A free screening of "The Conductor," based on the true story of the Dutch born Antonia Brico. In the late 1920's she was the world's first woman who successfully conducted a large symphony orchestra. Until recent, women barely succeeded to reach the world's top ranking conductors. This year, for the first time in Dutch history, the Netherlands Radio Philharmonic Orchestra appointed a woman as its Chief Conductor: Karina Canellakis. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Inspiracion De XV Años, 4 pm. An evening of traditional Mexican folk dance, featuring dances from different regions of Mexico. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Book Lovers Club, 12 pm. Join other readers in a discussion of "Sooley," the latest novel by bestselling author John Grisham. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join Keep Downey Beautiful for a one-hour community clean-up. Volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Gloves, safety vests litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Meet in the city parking lot behind Independence Park.

Legal Clinic, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Free legal consultations with licensed attorneys regarding immigration law, tenants law, family law, criminal defense, and personal injury. Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Book and a Movie, 11 am. Read a book and then watch the movie inspired by it. Discuss the storyline, symbolism and parallels between the literature and cinematography. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Downey Christmas Parade, 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas Parade returns, presented by the Downey

Chamber of Commerce. Downey Avenue, from Florence to 3rd Street.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Family Story Night, 6-8 pm. Enjoy family fun with stories, music, crafts and more. All ages. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Santa Claus Visits, 6 pm. Santa Claus visits with children at the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave. Free, bring your own cameras.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Legal Clinic, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Free legal consultations with licensed attorneys regarding immigration law, tenants law, family law, criminal defense, and personal injury. Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

The Edwards Twins, 7:30 pm. Anthony and Eddie Edwards use state of the art make-up to look and sound like the superstars of today and yesterday, including Cher, Elton John, Dolly Parton and Barbra Streisand. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs Mozart's Overture to Don Giovanni, George Walker's Lyric for Strings, and Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances, plus a special performance of Beethoven's Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano in C Major with Carolyn Osborn on violin, Dane Little on Cello, and an artist to be announced on piano. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Beauty & the Beast Sing-Along, 2 pm. This interactive presentation of Disney's favorite classic has been customized with on-screen lyrics for all the songs so that audiences can sing along. Your hosts will introduce each performance and in addition, goody bags are available for purchase and audience members are encouraged to participate. Add to the fun by dressing up as a favorite character from the film. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

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SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs Bernstein's Overture to Candide, Pinar Toprak's "Open World" from Captain Marvel, Ives' Variations on "America," and Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from West Side Story. Plus a percussion concerto with Wesley Sumpter. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

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

SUNDAY, MAY 8

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

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Downey Symphony returns Oct. 23



■ Details on the orchestra's long-awaited return to the Downey Theatre.

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

DOWNEY – Downey audiences are looking forward to the Downey Symphony Orchestra's first concert of the fall season Oct. 23 at the Downey Theatre.

The evening begins with the tenth anniversary performance of the jazzy Downey Overture, a piece written by Oscar Navarro. As a graduate music student at USC's Thornton School of Music, Navarro lived in Downey and commuted, so it incorporates the hustle and bustle of the freeways with an atmosphere of dance.

"Downey Overture," said Navarro, "is a Latin-American fusion with which I have wanted to link my birth country, Spain, and California, the land that, as a result of the two years I lived there, has left a permanent imprint on my heart. It is joyful, energetic and written with all my enthusiasm and dedication."

The Downey Overture had a double premiere, in Alacante, Spain and in Downey, and has been widely played, at Carnegie Hall, and by groups as various as the North Texas Wind Symphony and the Boston Philharmonic in their summer home, Tanglewood, in the Berkshires.

"Our opening program came together for me very quickly," said Sharon Lavery, music director for the Downey Symphonic Society and conductor. "I knew I wanted to bring back violin virtuoso Strauss Shi because he was such a dynamic performer and our Downey community loved him

the last time he performed with us. So that was a no-brainer!"

With Max Bruch's Violin Concerto Number 1, Shi will repeat his dazzling appearance of two years ago when he was acclaimed with a standing ovation. The Concerto ranges from constantly moving orchestra parts, keeping the movement alive and helping it flow, to fiery cadenzas, improvised ornamental solos while the orchestra rests, keeping time.

After the dance theme, the fireworks return and the piece ends with a huge accelerando, leading to a fiery finish that gets higher as it gets faster and louder and eventually concludes with two short, yet grand, chords.

The major work of the evening will be Antonin Dvořák's 9th Symphony in E Minor, From the New World. Astronaut Neil Armstrong took a tape recording of the New World Symphony along during the Apollo 11 mission, the first Moon landing, in 1969.

Written in 1892, after a trip across America, the piece displays the Czech composer's take on the hope and promise of a new beginning for the Old World. Dvořák said that the music of native Americans and Black people would be the real source on which to base an American national style.

The music pulses with the sounds Dvořák heard here: the beat of the tomtom, around a campfire, and the bittersweet longing in spirituals. The words to "Goin' Home" were written

later to fit the Largo movement melody. This famous main theme in D-flat major is first played by a solo cor anglais (English horn), accompanied by muted strings.

Dvořák's longing for his Bohemian home is expressed in a Czech polka; the strains of Swing Low, Sweet Chariot emerge in the first movement; and then there's that unmistakable boogie-woogie walking bass just before the final chords. Both tuba and piccolo are scored, for the Second Movement only.

"These beautiful and varied themes are the product of the soil," said Dvořák. At the premiere in Carnegie Hall, the piece was met with thunderous clapping. This was one of the greatest public triumphs of Dvořák's career.

An art exhibit entitled Keys will be on display in the new gallery in the Theatre. Curated by the Downey Arts Coalition, the theme symbolizes how we are always trying to find hidden meanings in something or someone, like playing hide-and-seek with art.

Selected artists' names will be featured in the printed program that will also have a tribute to First Chair bass player Mark Artusio.

A new feature will be the theatre's glass elevator, constructed during the renovation when the Theatre was spruced up with funds from Measure S. It rises from the Plaza on the outside of the building, and the second-floor view of the city from the elevator is spectacular. The Theatre is truly handicapped-accessible now.

Patrons are required by the theatre and the City of Downey to show proof of vaccination, and to wear masks during the concert. Refreshments will be available outdoors on the patio before the performance and during intermission, and masks can be removed while outside.

Tickets for season and single performances are available now at the box office and at the Downey Symphony website. Performances start at 8 p.m. Student tickets are as low as \$10.

"We want young people to be able to join us too," said Lavery.



Photo by Alex Dominguez

Todd Gurley offers words of inspiration to Downey Vikings

■ The former Rams running back visited Downey High's football team.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team received a visit from NFL running back Todd Gurley last week.

Gurley previously played for the St. Louis / Los Angeles Rams and the Atlanta Falcons and is currently a free agent. He has made three Pro Bowl and one Super Bowl appearances.

According to Downey Head Football Coach Jack Williams, Gurley's visit came at time when the Vikings were having issues with attitude during practice.

"This week, we kind of felt a need to talk about leadership," said Williams. "We had some issues with some practice, the way kids felt during practice."

"I think he felt the same as he walked in the locker room, because he really addressed some of the issues we talked about yesterday about how important practice is, leadership qualities, and it's really good to hear it from somebody who's been there and done that."

"I'm just the head football coach here at Downey High School; they see me every single day. They've actually seen Todd on TV on Sundays, so I'm sure it has a little more importance as he talks rather than when I talk."

Gurley touched on his high school life, college, the NFL, as well as the importance of having fun and maintaining a good attitude.

"One thing I usually preach to the kids, the student athletes is really just have fun," said Gurley. "You're young, you don't have to figure it out right now."

"You do want to prepare yourself for the future, let alone be somebody in the future. Have fun; you're going to make

mistakes, but be able to learn from those mistakes and learn from others. The main thing is to have fun, live your life, and take care of what you gotta take care of whether it's on the field, or school as well."

Bryant Carey, Junior, said that listening to Gurley was "inspiring."

"For him to come in and talk about his life story, it was really inspiring for me," said Carey. "It pushed me more. I was kind of getting tired of this, it was hard. When he came in, he was talking about how he was struggling, and he was blessed to get where he was, it made me happy; it made me feel like I can do this."

Andrew Garcia, senior, said Gurley's visit was "really special."

"Someone who played at the highest level and was probably the best running back in the NFL for some time, to come down and visit a high school, to talk to us... it was a really special moment," said Garcia.

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MAYOR'S COLUMN: Downey makes progress with vaccination efforts

By Claudia M. Frometa
Downey Mayor

Dear Downey residents,
While we continue navigating uncharted territory nearing the end of a second year living through a devastating pandemic, I am optimistic we are headed in the right direction.

Vaccination Efforts

The latest figures released by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (from 9/30) indicate the vaccination rate for Downey residents 12 years of age and older is now 77.6%. For adults 65 years of age and older, is now 93.2%. If you remember, our goal in Downey was to surpass 75% by the beginning of fall and before the start of flu season. We did it! Thank you for taking care of yourselves and your families and protecting our community. Let's continue increasing our vaccination rate for everyone's safety.

Please call the L.A. County Department of Public Health Vaccine Center at 833-540-0473. The call center is open daily from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm. Information is available in multiple languages by calling 2-1-1, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. For more information, please visit VaccinateLACounty.com. Also, the city will continue to coordinate with Public Health to have mobile vaccination units at upcoming events.

We have a busy month ahead of us with great opportunities to serve and make an impact in our city.

First, we have the return

of our acclaimed Havana Nights Rooftop Cultural festival on Thursday, October 7th, from 6-9:30 pm on the rooftop of LOOK Cinemas in downtown Downey. This event has brought our community together to celebrate the Latin American/Caribbean/Cuban culture with food, dance, and art exhibits. We are thrilled to be able to bring it back. We hope to expand this event in 2022 and add additional Latin American representation with added musical talent, arts and folklore during Hispanic Heritage Month.

One Day of Service Returns

I often say, "Engaged communities make strong communities." Well, Downey, if you have been thinking of a way to help give back to our community but are unsure how to get involved, this Saturday, October 9th, from 9 am-noon (only 3 hours) is your opportunity. We will be tackling three different projects, and you may pick from these:

- Graffiti removal
- Trash pick up
- FoodHelp (local food pantry help)

Join approximately 24 local churches and service groups outside our Civic Center at 9 am this Saturday, October 9th, as we join forces to serve our community. See you Saturday!

State of the City Luncheon

As has been customary for a couple of decades now, this year, the State of the City Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, October 19th, at the Rio Hondo Event Center. This annual event is a staple in our community, thanks to the efforts of our Downey Chamber of Commerce. Tickets to the luncheon are still available

and are \$50 per person. I invite you to join me as I provide timely updates on our community's current state of affairs. I hope to see you there!

Vote of NO Confidence in DA Gascon

I want to address our Council's symbolic vote, giving a Vote of No Confidence to District Attorney George Gascon. The City of Downey joined 30 other L.A. County cities expressing concern and dissatisfaction with how these new special directives are attempting to reform a criminal justice system (while in dire need of reform). It should not be at the expense of victims and the safety and security of our communities.

While the vote was symbolic, it is also representative of our constituents' outcry across 31 cities concerned with the DA's special directives, leading to an increase in crime and the number of cases rejected. When there are little to no consequences to criminal behavior and activity, neighborhoods become less safe.

I have asked my colleague, Council Member Mario Trujillo, to facilitate a meeting with DA Gascon's office. My goal as Mayor, and on behalf of this city, joined by our Police Chief and City Manager, will be to address the directives negatively impacting our city and find ways to work collaboratively with the District Attorneys' office. Standby, more to come.

My sincere appreciation to our Downey Police Department for their continued work on Public Safety and Speed Enforcement:

As your Mayor, Public Safety is one of my greatest priorities. Since taking office, I have been working closely with our Downey Police Department and have asked to increase speed enforcement and focus on street racing activities, including those doing donuts in various parking lots around our city. If there is street racing in your neighborhood, please report it to Downey PD. If you must report a non-emergency issue, please contact the Downey Police Dispatch at 562-861-0770.

ON-GOING

Downey's Anti-Litter Campaign #BINIT

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

COVID-19 Business and Rental Assistance

There is still Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding available.

For our Renters

There is STILL funding available. New applicants that qualify and go through the process will automatically receive three months of rental assistance. Those that received one month of assistance previously, please contact our Community Development at 562.299.6706 or visit our website at www.downeyca.org/rentalassistance.

Regarding California's Residential Rent Repayment Program

Downey residents can apply for the state rental assistance program through the state website, at: https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/program_overview.html#renter

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

Cal COVID Rent Relief Program
Community Family Service Center
6662 Loveland Street
Bell Gardens, CA 90201
(562) 806-7654

Also, the state has a Program Hotline for residents and landlords to call for further information or questions/concerns: (833)



As Mayor, I love being able to visit residents and surprise them with a birthday certificate for a milestone birthday.

I visited Helen Popso whose brother, Stephen, wrote from Florida to ask I visit his sister, a longtime Downey resident.

Ms. Helen celebrated her 100th birthday on Oct. 1.

430-2122, Monday-Sunday 7 am-7 pm. the great city it is.

Thank you, Downey, for allowing me to serve you as Mayor this year. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you. Once again, I extend my appreciation to our City Manager, our city staff, Public Works, Community Development, Parks & Recreation, and Downey Police and Fire. They continue to work tirelessly to make Downey

Do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns at 562-904-7274 or email me at CFrometa@Downeyca.org. I welcome appointments for in-person visits. You can also follow my Facebook page for regular updates at Claudia M. Frometa Mayor, City of Downey, along with our City's Facebook page, City of Downey Government Agency, for regular updates.

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Hollywood's Democratic elites helped Newsom survive

By Larry Elder

At one point, polls showed the odds of recalling California Gov. Gavin Newsom looked 50–50. It was at that point that the scared, embattled governor sent out a mayday call to Hollywood and to Democratic outsiders, including former President Barack Obama.

The Hollywood Reporter — three weeks before the date of the recall vote — published a piece with the headline: “Facing Recall, Gavin Newsom Calls on Hollywood Dems: Help!”

The Reporter wrote: “Newsom aides have reached out to several prominent celebrities including Snoop Dogg, urging the rapper to tweet to his 19.2 million followers his disapproval of Republican radio talk show host Larry Elder, who has emerged as a leading candidate to replace Newsom in the event that the governor is recalled. Snoop, according to a source, has agreed and is waiting for the right moment — but others aren't holding their fire.”

Clearly that shrewd political analyst, Snoop Dogg, knows that a “Republican takeover” threatens Californians far more than rising crime; rising cost of living; highest state income tax in the nation; rising homelessness; poor wildfire management; water shortages that threaten agriculture (the state's biggest business); “rolling brownouts” to conserve energy due to poor management of California's power grid; an economy that — by mid-2021 — saw more businesses depart California than all of last year; and that for the first time in history California suffered a net loss in population, primarily due to median cost of housing that is 250%

above the median national home price.

I never suggested that anyone should vote for or against me because I'm Black. Others made much about my potentially becoming California's first Black governor. I did not. To me, after the election of Obama, the nation's first Black president, everything else is pretty much anticlimactic.

But my candidacy posed a problem for the left-wing media and its obsession with identity politics. The New York Times, for example, ran a negative article on my candidacy. It never mentioned my race, let alone that I stood to become California's first Black governor. Fine with me. Isn't it about time we pay more attention to a candidate's suitability rather than the identity box he or she checks off? But on the very same day, the Times wrote about New York Gov. Kathy Hochul, pointedly noting that she became that state's “first female” Governor. Because she had a “D” next her name, her being “the first” became relevant. But the “R” after my name meant that I ceased being Black.

This brings us to Obama, the man who went from saying, “There's not a Black America and white America and Latino America and Asian America. There's the United States of America,” to lecturing that racism is “still part of our DNA.”

Obama cut an ad for Newsom denouncing the possible “Republican takeover.”

Never mind that during the first eight months of the pandemic, Newsom oversaw the early release of 18,000 convicted felons. Violent

crime is up. In 2020, the number of persons shot in Los Angeles increased 41% over 2019. Black and Hispanic neighborhoods were hit hardest.

Never mind that the percentage and number of Blacks living in Los Angeles and San Francisco has declined since 2010 because the median home price in California is more than \$800,000. The excessive price is due to environmental extremists to whom Newsom's beholden. Obama cut an ad opposing Newsom's recall.

Never mind that 6.5% of California is Black. Yet, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, nearly 40% of California's homeless population is Black. I had a plan to tackle this problem. Under Gov. Newsom it's only gotten worse.

And never mind that in 2016, 76% of Black boys in California public schools could not read at state proficiency, according to the California Department of Education. Barack Obama and his kids enjoyed K-12 private education. Black parents support school choice, a centerpiece of my campaign for governor.

Finally, this brings us to a question. If I am “the Black face of white supremacy,” what does one call Snoop Dogg and Barack Obama, whom embattled Gov. Newsom enlisted to defend policies that disproportionately hurt Black people?

Larry Elder is a bestselling author and nationally syndicated radio talk show host.

Why a second Trump term would be worse than the first

By Steve Chapman

Amid the many grifters, misfits, bunglers, liars and toadies who served President Donald Trump, heroes are hard to find. But even in this loathsome group, a few people did eventually grow weary of wallowing in the muck. One of them is Stephanie Grisham.

As White House press secretary, she had the dubious achievement of never holding a press conference, which is akin to an Olympic swimmer never getting wet. But Grisham has written a book in which she tries to atone for her sins by providing fresh evidence of what we already knew about her former boss.

Her account may seem like a pointless rehash of the past. But given Trump's ambition of returning to the White House, the value of Grisham's experience is what it reveals about the future: that a second Trump presidency would be even worse than the original one.

Trump promised to staff his administration with “the best and most serious people,” which was the opposite of the truth. He mostly chose subordinates who were distinguished only for being undistinguished. Those who were relatively able and accomplished soon found they were not only ineffectual but unwelcome.

One of the most notable things about Trump's appointees is how many came to regret working for him. His first secretary of state, Rex Tillerson, privately called Trump a “f—ing moron.”

John Bolton, who served as national security adviser, found Trump's

behavior “irrational” and “deeply disturbing.” John Kelly, who was White House chief of staff, told friends that Trump was “the most flawed person I have ever met in my life.”

Grisham was never a person of stature. She had a history of drunk driving and had been fired from other jobs for alleged malfeasance. As press secretary, she defended Trump's characterization of “Never Trump” Republicans as “human scum.”

But as prosecutors know, sometimes the best witnesses are terrible people, because that's who criminals hang out with. That someone who owed so much to Trump would quit over his incitement of the Jan. 6 mob, as Grisham did, is heartening evidence that even some lowlife loyalists can't completely suppress their gag reflex.

Meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Grisham recounts, Trump said: “Okay, I'm going to act a little tougher with you for a few minutes. But it's for the cameras, and after they leave we'll talk.” She says his temper is “terrifying.” He called her to deny Stormy Daniels' rude description of his private parts. Grisham says, “I should have spoken up more.”

No, she should have quit earlier or refused to work in his White House to begin with. Given her soiled past, though, she was in no position to be fastidious. She was typical of Trump subordinates who had their jobs because Trump couldn't attract better people or couldn't tolerate them.

Corey Lewandowski, recently accused of drunkenly and repeatedly groping a woman at a charity event, falls into the same category. Before

becoming Trump's 2016 campaign manager, he was a failed politician who had worked for a member of Congress who went to prison for corruption. In the campaign job, he was charged with battery for manhandling a female reporter. Soon fired, he continued advising Trump in the White House.

On Monday, Trump lost a case he had pursued against Omarosa Manigault Newman, accusing her of violating a nondisclosure agreement in her book about her time in his White House. One of the few African Americans in his administration, the former “Celebrity Apprentice” contestant wrote that he is “a racist, a bigot and a misogynist” whom she suspects of suffering from dementia.

What would be different about a second Trump presidency? Some of the mopes who worked for him would not be willing to do so again, forcing him to replace his low standards with no standards.

Some, however, would be willing to return, despite knowing firsthand how incompetent, corrupt and deranged he is — and how eager to trample the Constitution. His personnel would be a malodorous mix of the unqualified and the unprincipled. All would have the single quality essential to Trump aides: a willingness to grovel in the most humiliating fashion to appease him.

Both Trump critics and Trump admirers may see Grisham as a repellent, hypocritical failure, like so many of his other former aides. But if he gets another term, we'll find she's not the bottom of the barrel. Under Trump, there is no bottom.

Steve Chapman blogs for the Chicago Tribune.

Still disgruntled with the library

Dear Editor:

During last week's Rotary Club meeting, Mr. Ben Dickow, the current director of the Downey City Library, spoke about the library's recent remodel and redesign.

Because I didn't want to embarrass him, I waited until the meeting was over to ask him about the library's capability to borrow books from other libraries, a subject about which I have written (Letter to the Editor, 9/2/21)

He used proof by assertion and told me that the library has that capability.

Last Friday I went to the library and asked a staff member to help me get a book from another library and I was told again that the library does not have that capability at this time.

I am forced to assume that Mr. Dickow was being economical with the truth when he assured me that the library had the capability of borrowing books from other libraries.

I also asked Mr. Dickow why the library does not subscribe to newspapers. He answered me that the library was in the process of subscribing to several periodicals but that process is very long and it would take until the end of the year to get those subscriptions. When I got home I went to my desktop and subscribed to a periodical. The process took me less than 5 minutes.

Why does it take the library at least 3 months to subscribe to a periodical? Make your own conclusions.

Jorge Montero
Downey

Downey deserves better than Catherine Alvarez

Dear Editor:

I believe everyone deserves a second chance. For those of us that have made mistakes in the past, it can be challenging and difficult to overcome. But not everyone makes that transition a reality and for those that do, it could be an endless battle. Proving yourself every step of the way... and here is where the problem lies with.

Who is Catherine Alvarez, Downey city council member of District 3?

A person who has committed welfare fraud, has misdemeanors, filed for bankruptcy, has been on disability forever, blatantly harassed fellow city council members before holding office, has ran several smear campaigns, cyberbullied against fellow members of community without merit including a minor, and is currently suing her landlord.

Financially, she has proven to be irresponsible, has filed for bankruptcy, is unable to balance a checkbook, has two evictions, and owed Downey landlords over \$7,000. These are all characteristics that I don't want in a City Council member for my city and making decisions that will affect my family's future in this city.

How can I trust this person when they have fallen short on their own personal choices and continue to make infractions against their oath of office? They lack the experience, self discipline, and education to make sound decisions. We can't trust them with the future of our city.

Ms. Alvarez is financially irresponsible to even run her own personal life and is certainly not skilled enough or able to watch over our city's budget. She's unfit to oversee a city budget of over \$240 million, borrow funds, establish taxes rates or any other responsibility for that matter. Ms. Alvarez has cheated the system too many times to be involved with any financial matters of our city. There's too much at risk for us residents of Downey to overlook.

We, as Downey residents, deserve better.

The list of some of the responsibilities a city council member has is extensive. Can you trust Ms. Alvarez's abilities in good faith?

- * Review and approve the annual budget;
- * Establish long- and short-term objectives and priorities;
- * Oversee performance of the local public employees;
- * Oversee effectiveness of programs;
- * Establish taxes rates;
- * Enter into legal contracts;
- * Borrow funds;
- * Pass ordinances and resolutions;
- * Modify the city's charter;
- * Regulate land use through zoning laws;
- * Regulate business activity through licensing and regulations;
- * Regulate public health and safety;
- * Exercise the power of eminent domain;
- * Communicate policies and programs to residents;
- * Respond to constituent needs and complaints; and
- * Represent the community to other levels of government.

A recall must happen and it needs to be successful for the future of our city and for the overall benefit of our community. It's up to us as Downey residents to make the difference.

The recall of Catherine Alvarez is happening today in our city. So let your voices be heard and sign the petition today.

Lissette Rivera
Downey

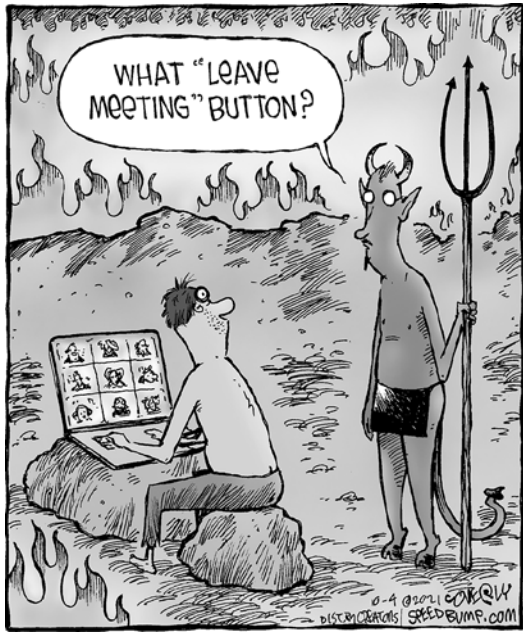
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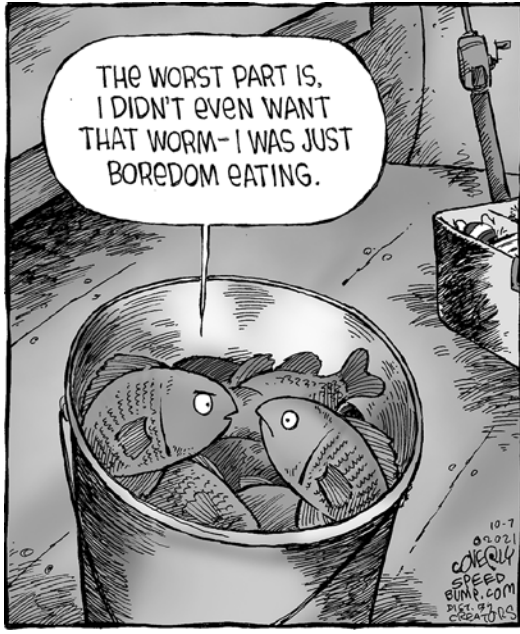
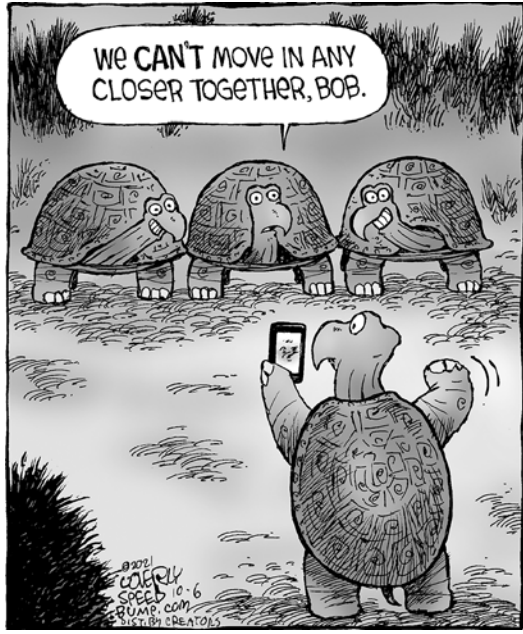
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: 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 & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
 2nd Thurs., 12 Noon: Creative Purposes, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

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Memorial Day a national holiday of the Republic, helped to make GAR (74 Down), or Grand Army audience. Founded in 1866, the HART (38 Across), released #1 recording of GOLD, GOLD for "energy." Tony Bennett's 1951 BRIO (8 Across) is an Italian word

Live, in-person theater returns to Long Beach

LONG BEACH - International City Theatre is back in full force with a complete season of five in-person plays scheduled for 2022.

"We need the arts, now more than ever as we move beyond Covid-19, to provide hope and healing for our community," said artistic director Caryn Desai [sic]. "Each of the five plays we've chosen to celebrate our return to live theater continues our vision: to entertain, inspire and educate."

The season kicks off in February with *Marry Me A Little*. Conceived and developed by Craig Lucas and Norman René, this charming, bittersweet musical two-hander weaves 17 lesser-known songs by Stephen Sondheim into a tale of love and loneliness that *The New York Times* calls "a disarming experience."

The story of two single strangers who unknowingly live one floor apart is told entirely through songs written early in Sondheim's career or cut from his groundbreaking Broadway musicals. (Feb. 11 through Feb. 27; previews begin Feb. 9.)

Next up, in April, is "A Dolls House: Part 2" by Obie award-winning playwright Lucas Hnath. It was shocking for audiences to watch Nora leave her husband and children in "A Doll's House," the 1879 play by Henrik Ibsen.

How shocking will it be for us, in 2022, to dive deeper into the reasons behind that fateful choice in Hnath's biting, funny, Tony-nominated stand-alone sequel to Ibsen's revolutionary masterpiece? (April 15 through May 1; previews begin April 13.)

Production number three puts Jamie Torcellini at the helm of "The Legend of Georgia McBride," a heartfelt, feel-good, music-filled comedy by Matthew Lopez.

Casey is young and broke. He has a baby on the way, and the landlord is knocking on his door. Now, the owner of the bar where he works as an Elvis impersonator has replaced his act with a B-level drag show, and Casey's about to learn a lot about show biz — and himself. (June 10-26; previews begin June 8.)

The season will go out on a high note (pun intended) in October with Ken Ludwig's two-time Tony-nominated screwball comedy "Lend Me A Tenor."

When world-famous tenor Tito Morelli arrives for a fundraiser at the Cleveland Grand Opera Company, a chain-reaction of mistaken identity and mixed signals spirals out of control, leading to mayhem, high-jinx and hilarity — and leaving audiences giddy and teary-eyed with laughter. (Oct. 21 through Nov. 6; previews begin Oct. 19.)

A fifth play, set to run Aug. 26 through Sept. 11, will be announced at a later date.

Two of the plays in the season, "The Legend of Georgia McBride" and "Lend Me A Tenor," were previously announced to open in 2020 but put on hold due to the pandemic.

"We are so grateful to be able to put these two plays back on the schedule," Desai said. "We are back to doing what we are meant to do — tell stories that help us better understand our world and our shared humanity."

All performances take place Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. For more information about ICT's 2022 season and to purchase subscriptions or single tickets, call (562) 436-4610 or visit www.internationalcitytheatre.org

Recognized by Long Beach as the city's resident professional theater company, International City Theatre is the recipient of over 400 awards, including the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle's prestigious Margaret Harford Award for "Sustained Excellence" and the LADCC's 2016 Polly Warfield Award for an "Excellent Season."

Catching up with the watchmaker

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

"Grand Reopening" said the sign over the door, and a red neon sign said "Open."

Inside, Garo the watchmaker greeted me. He never was "away," not even during COVID, but back in January 2020, he had to move to temporary quarters next door when a speeding sports car plowed into his shop at midnight. No one was hurt but the entrance was demolished.

Now Garo is back with a new glass storefront and a handsome composite wooden flooring. Watches shine in glass cases and timepieces hang on the wall.

"Where is your niece, Rita, who was here learning from you?" I asked.

"She's gone back to school," Garo said. "She's in college now, getting certified in pharmacy. She was learning that in Syria. But I have a new apprentice."

"Are you a nephew?" I asked the young man behind the counter.

"We're all family," he said, "and my name's Daniel."

"But you are Armenian," I asked, and Daniel assured me he was, although he was born in this country.

"We are all cousins," said Garo. "I've come here to learn," Daniel said. "And to gain experience."

Garo the watchmaker was born in 1944 in Syria, where his grandparents had fled from Armenian genocide. Downeyites will remember another well-loved Armenian family in



Downey, Harry and Sarah Garo.

Garo, who goes by his first name, drives here daily from Montebello. He used to have a booth in the Paramount Swap Meet, Rita had told me, and he was busy there. But he thought he would like to be secure in a building, and lock up his wares at night and leave them there. So he came to Downey.

That was before the early morning solo-vehicle crash that forced him into temporary lodgings in the space next door. But Garo is a survivor, and didn't miss a day's work.

Framed on the wall was the feature story I had written for the Patriot in 2020, just before the COVID struck. "Cool," said Daniel.

Rows of wristwatches, from elaborate chronograph sport watches to dainty lady's wristlets, fill the glass cases. On the walls hang intricate wall

clocks with pendulums, some with their inner works visible.

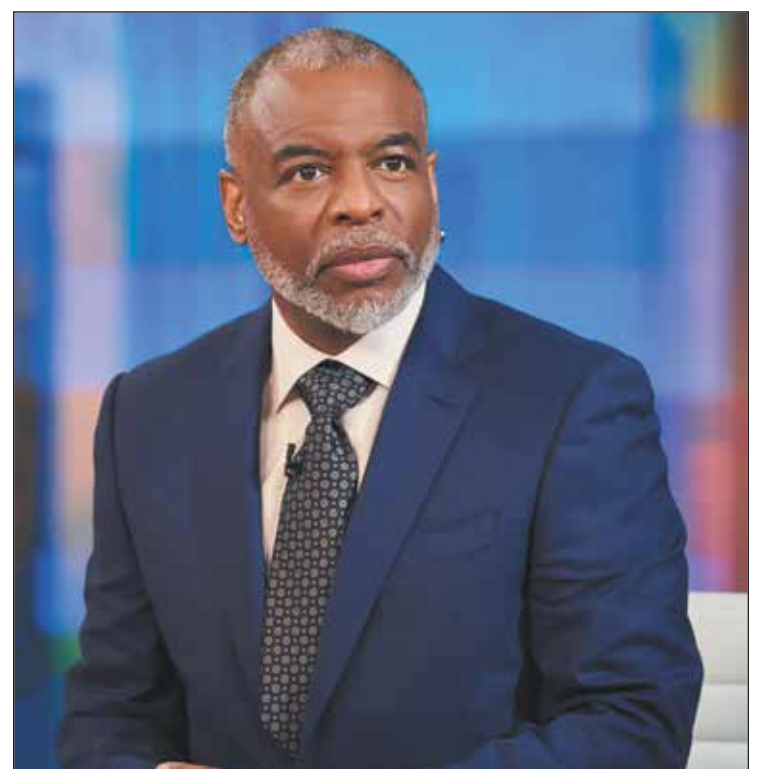
"We don't have any really expensive watches," Garo said. "No Rolex, with diamonds and gold, we don't carry those. People today are starting to wear watches again, all kinds, so business is steady. People like to be able to say, 'My father gave me this watch on my wrist.'"

The clocks around us, of every shape and size, were ticking.

"I'll miss Rita," I said. "She lives nearby," replied Garo, "in Placentia."

"But you know," he said, pausing as we walked to the door, "I have heard it said, nothing is forever."

Garo looks younger every time I see him. His shop is at 8526 Telegraph Road, in a strip mall on the southeast corner of Paramount and Telegraph.



Actor and television producer LaVar Burton will serve as grand marshal of the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day.

LaVar Burton named Rose Parade grand marshal

PASADENA - Actor LaVar Burton was named Tuesday the grand marshal of the 2022 Rose Parade.

Burton, 64, was the longtime host and executive producer of "Reading Rainbow" and is known for his roles as Kunta Kinte in "Roots" and as Lt. Cmdr. Geordi La Forge in "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

"I am living, breathing proof that dreams do indeed come true," Burton said Tuesday at Tournament House in Pasadena. "I'm a kid from Sacramento, California. Grew up watching movies and television, revering the civil rights leaders of my time, and this is my life."

This year's theme for the 133rd Rose Parade is "Dream. Believe. Achieve."

The parade, which was canceled last year due to the pandemic, will make its way along Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena on Jan. 1.

Tournament of Roses President Robert Miller said Burton celebrates the determination of people who travel the path from dream to reality.

Burton is a veteran actor who has entertained generations. He is also a tireless advocate for literacy.

Cerritos Library hosting virtual poetry reading

CERRITOS - In celebration of Filipino American History Month, poets Allan Aquino and Barbara Jane Reyes will read their poetry in an online presentation hosted by the Cerritos Library from 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18.

This night of poetry and celebration will be moderated by Mike Sonksen (Mike the Poet).

The program is presented for all ages and will be held through Zoom. Registration is available now through Beanstack at cerritoslibrary.beanstack.org. A link to join the Filipino American History Month Poetry Program is available on the library's website at cerritoslibrary.us.

Aquino is a poet and professor of Asian American Studies at California State University, Northridge. He has a master's degree in Asian American Studies from UCLA, where he was a recipient of a Graduate Fellowship award. Aquino is the former president of the Filipino American National Historical Society (Los Angeles Chapter) and the founding member of the Larry Itliong Foundation through Education. His scholarship focuses on Asian Pacific American history, media, contemporary issues, pop culture and literary arts.

Reyes is the author of "Letters to a Young Brown Girl." She was born in Manila, Philippines, and was raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. Her other works include "Gravities of Center," "Poeta en San Francisco," "Diwata," "To Love as Aswang" and "Invocation

to Daughters." Her seventh book, "Wanna Peek Into My Notebook?: Notes on Pinay Liminality," is forthcoming from Paloma Press in 2022.

An Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow, she received her bachelor's degree in Ethnic Studies at U.C. Berkeley and her master of fine arts degree at San Francisco State University. She is an adjunct professor at the University of San Francisco's Yuchengco Philippine Studies Program.

For more information about the Filipino American History Month Poetry Reading, call the Cerritos Library at (562) 916-1342.

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File Number 2021202616

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File Number 2021200649

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): A1 #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) L'ABRI ENTERPRISES, INC. 8141 E 2ND ST STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Partnership
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GOVERNMENT

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 project no later than the specified bid deadline.

Bid #21/22-09 - Columbus High School Welding Project-General Construction

The Project consists of:

General construction work for Columbus Welding Project

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California contractor's license(s): A, B, and/or C-10

The Bidder's license(s) must remain active and in good standing throughout the term of the Contract.

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 October 21, 2021, by contacting Kay Domingo at kdomingo@dusd.net, or downloaded from the District's website, https://web.dusd.net/bids-rfps/.

Sealed bids will be received until **9 a.m., November 5, 2021** at the District Facilities Office, Attn: Kay Domingo, 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 Thursday, October 21 at 2:30 p.m. at 12330 Woodruff, Downey, California 90241 at the corner of the north and east parking lot of Columbus High School. All participants are required to sign in. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

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

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

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

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

The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive 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.

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10/7/21, 10/14/21

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 22-01 FY 2021/22 ANNUAL MISCELLANEOUS CONCRETE REPAIRS (COUNCIL DISTRICT 3) AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS (CITYWIDE), LAKEWOOD BOULEVARD PARKWAY IMPROVEMENTS AND REGENTVIEW AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for Capital Improvement Project No. 22-01 - FY 2021/22 Annual Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs (Council District 3) and ADA Improvements (Citywide), Lakewood Boulevard Parkway Improvements and Regentview Avenue Sidewalk Improvements.

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of construction and repair of miscellaneous concrete improvements at various locations. This includes removal and reconstruction of PCC curb, gutter, sidewalk, driveways, and ADA curb ramps; removal and reconstruction of AC pavements and driveway transitions; clearing, grading, excavation, and tree root removals; backfilling, re-grading, restoration of parkways and areas disturbed by the construction; reseeding and/or planting sod turf, and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 22-01.** Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of \$30.00 per set. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is non-refundable and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

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Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of \$30.00 per set. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is non-refundable and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 22-01. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly procure Workers' Compensation insurance and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

All projects require the successful Bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor" or C-08, "Concrete Contractor".

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

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

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.
The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor of his sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.
All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

Mr. Desi Gutierrez,
Principal Civil Engineer
E-Mail: dgutiere@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

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

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

The Downey Patriot
9/30/21, 10/7/21

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 project no later than the specified bid deadline.

Bid #21/22-10 - Columbus High School Welding Project-Electrical

The Project consists of:

Electrical work for Columbus Welding Project

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California contractor's license(s): A, B, and/or C-10

The Bidder's license(s) must remain active and in good standing throughout the term of the Contract.

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 October 21, 2021, by contacting Kay Domingo at kdomingo@dusd.net, or downloaded from the District's website, https://web.dusd.net/bids-rfps/.

Sealed bids will be received until **9 a.m., November 5, 2021** at the District Facilities Office, Attn: Kay Domingo, 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.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on Thursday, October 21 at 2:30 p.m. at 12330 Woodruff, Downey, California 90241 at the corner of the north and east parking lot of Columbus High School. All participants are required to sign in. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the Contract for the Work.
The successful Bidder may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

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

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

The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive 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.

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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.

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The Downey Patriot
10/7/21, 10/14/21

LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600 -1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.

The undersigned will be sold at public auction conducted on www.storage-treasures.com on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 ending at 10:00am. The personal property including: mini motorcycle, general household goods; tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at: Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, CA 90723, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the following:

Name	Unit #
Cynthia Alvarez	2180
Brenda Almanza	1412
Mario Medina	3058
Steve Ouellette	2733
Lakeisha Parker	1405
Armando Ramirez	2073
Daveris Washington	5001

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 party.

Dated this 30th day of September 2021 and 7th day of October 2021.
Self Storage Management Company
Bond #: WL1254152

The Downey Patriot
9/30/21, 10/7/21

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00319
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LANDEN KYLE WESLEYSON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) LANDEN KYLE WESLEYSON to Proposed name (1

CLASSIFIEDS

EMPLOYMENT

COMMERCIAL DRIVER NEEDED
 full time/part time, must have Class A CDL, flexible hours,
Carmi Flavors
(323) 888-9240

LIVE-IN HOUSEKEEPER
 cooking skills, social security and good references, \$600 weekly, 5 days, small family beautiful home
(323) 240-7878

SERVICES

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

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

SERVICES

PMD ROOFING
 Re-roofs/repairs, porch & patio building/woodwork.
 License 797664 C39, B
 Call for free estimate.
(949) 338-2869

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

SERVICES

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

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

SERVICES

APPLIANCE TECH HAS ARRIVED
 House calls. Same day rapid service all major brands.
 Washers, dryers, ovens, stoves, refrigerators, etc.
 Senior citizen discount.
(562) 866-4291
(310) 251-3018

SERVICES

FINE ROOFING, INC.
 Roof Repair & Leaks
 Free Estimate*Quality Service Senior Discount. Lic 976823
(562) 879-4987

YARD SALE

YARD & MOVING SALE FRI & SAT, 10/8 & 10/9
 Tools, electrical appliances, luggage, household items
7335 Via Amorita, Downey

Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL
 Petitioner of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
JANETTE GARCIA
9615 LUBEC ST.
DOWNY, CA 90240
(562) 413-0081

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9/16/21, 9/23/21, 9/30/21, 10/7/21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00219
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LESLEY HENG-JIANG LOUIE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) LESLEY HENG-JIANG LOUIE to Proposed name (1) HENG JIANG THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: OCTOBER 27, 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** SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
 Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
LESLEY HENG-JIANG LOUIE
12729 PALM ST.
CERRITOS, CA 90703
562-215-9022
LESLEYHJIANG@HOTMAIL.COM

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9/16/21, 9/23/21, 9/30/21, 10/7/21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00383
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ADRIAN VIDAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) ADRIAN VIDAL to Proposed name (1) ADRIAN SALAS
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: DECEMBER 3, 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** OCTOBER 6, 2021
 Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
ADRIAN VIDAL
13007 HADLEY ST APT C
WHITTIER CA 90601
562-374-5948

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10/7/21, 10/14/21, 10/21/21, 10/28/21

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00362
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SHAWN LOGAN LOPEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) SHAWN LOGAN LOPEZ to Proposed name (1) SHAWN LOGAN MILIAN-TORRES
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: NOVEMBER 22, 2021, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, 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** SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
 Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
SHAWN LOGAN LOPEZ
9105 MARGARET ST.
DOWNY CA 90241
(562) 400-2879

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21LBCP00320
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DIAN JEAN BARELA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) DIAN JEAN BARELA to Proposed name (1) DIAN JEAN PEREZ
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons

interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: NOVEMBER 19, 2021, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: 27, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 275 MAGNOLIA LONG BEACH 90802
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** SEPTEMBER 29, 2021
 Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
DIAN JEAN BARELA
3518 E. HEDDA ST
LONG BEACH CA 90805
(562) 813-0773
DIPEREZ923@HOTMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00364
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RICARDO ESTEBAN LOPEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) RICARDO ESTEBAN LOPEZ to Proposed name (1) RICHARD STEVEN LOPEZ
 THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: NOVEMBER 17, 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** SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
 Judge MARGARET M. BERNAL
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
RICARDO ESTEBAN LOPEZ
9519 MINNA AVE
WHITTIER, CA 90605
(562) 665-7104
RICHLUZ59@MSN.COM

The Downey Patriot
9/23/21, 9/30/21, 10/7/21, 10/14/21

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JESUS ANTONIO HERNANDEZ aka JESUS ANTONIO HERNANDEZ DIAZ aka JESUS HERNANDEZ
Case No. 21STPB09073

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JESUS ANTONIO HERNANDEZ aka JESUS ANTONIO HERNANDEZ DIAZ aka JESUS HERNANDEZ

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Ruth C. Rodriguez and Lilian Hernandez in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Ruth C. Rodriguez and Lilian Hernandez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 19, 2021 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:
DANIEL J WILSON ESQ
SBN 249871
WILSON & WILSON
8141 E 2ND STREET

STE 501
DOWNY CA 90241
CN981078 HERNANDEZ Sep 30, Oct 7, 14, 2021

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The Downey Patriot
9/30/21, 10/7/21, 10/14/21

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELIZABETH MARIE HANKINS, aka ELIZABETH G. HANKINS.
Case No. 21STPB07588

TO all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ELIZABETH MARIE HANKINS, aka ELIZABETH G. HANKINS, DECEASED
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: SUSAN L. HANKINS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SUSAN L. HANKINS be appointed as special administrator with general powers to administer the estate of the decedent. The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on OCTOBER 18, 2021 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 79 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 attorney.

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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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ELIZABETH MARIE HANKINS AKA ELIZABETH G. HANKINS
Case No. 21STPB07588

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ELIZABETH MARIE HANKINS, aka ELIZABETH G. HANKINS, DECEASED
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: SUSAN L. HANKINS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SUSAN L. HANKINS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on NOVEMBER 3, 2021 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 79 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 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VICTOR PAUL LUKE
Case No. 21STPB08731

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of VICTOR P. LUKE
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Eric C. Luke in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Eric C. Luke be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
 THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on October 21, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SONJA TONEY
Case No. 18STPB01977

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SONJA TONEY, DECEASED
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: VALARIE D. BURKS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that VALARIE D. BURKS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on OCTOBER 12, 2021 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 4 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 attorney.

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CASE NUMBER: (Número de caso) 20WHPT00067

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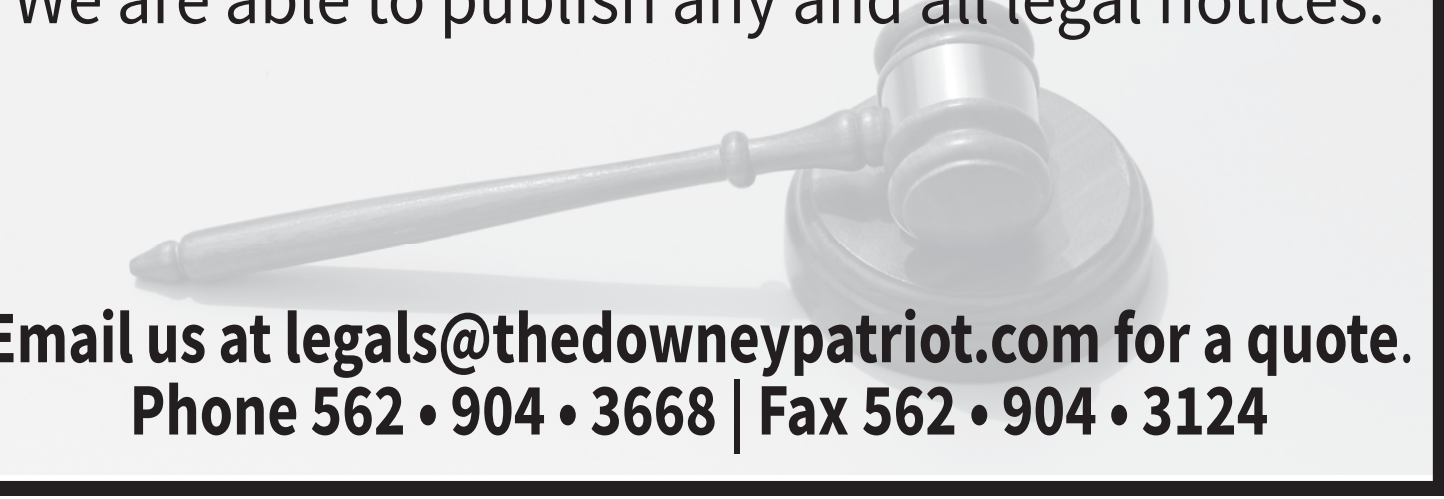
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Things you didn't know about Downey: 1926

By Bobbi Bruce
Downey Historical Society

The following article was published in the Press-Telegram on April 11, 1990.

1926 was a very good year for small-town girls. Virginia Darby Warren graduated from Downey High School where she had played softball and girls basketball. She was the first queen of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 17.

She recalls Downey Elementary School was segregated in the lunchroom and playground - boys from girls. About the time of World War 1, primogeniture had not yet begun to give way to suffragette demands.

Kids were commingled at dances. These were held at Rio Hondo Country Club or the Odd Fellows Hall, even some way over in Pico Rivera.

Downey had very much a "sense of community" then.

"No one locked their doors, even if they left town," Warren remembers.

Downey residents held fairs, which Warren believes predate the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. They were yearly events where sewing, cakes, produce and birds were judged.

Warren won some first-place ribbons in the chocolate cake competition, while her grandmother was a perennial winner in the potted plant category.

After the fair, townsfolk would walk over to Downey High, where dances were held on the tennis courts.

"Families went to fairs, not just individual members," Warren noted.

"Downey of that day was a pretty little town with orange trees everywhere and nearly removed from outside influences," she added.

If you wanted to travel to Los Angeles - and a few people did - you boarded the Southern Pacific train in the early morning and returned at suppertime.

It was not a trip taken lightly by the locals. There were no "red cars" (yearly transportation that later bound the whole Los Angeles area together) in the

1920s. Local merchants fought the idea, fearing Downeyites would shop elsewhere if it were easily done. This later proved disastrous judgement.

There was a hardware store with a dance hall above it. The store sold ammunition, and when it caught fire, the would-be firefighters could not fight the blaze owing to the bullets that were going off around them. The building was gutted in short order.

Warren's father, Arthur Darby, did his part to prevent fires - he owned the water company near Downey Avenue and Firestone Boulevard. Area residents and businesses were charged \$1.50 a month for all the water they could use, and as much fire protection as Darby's hoses could reach. The system was gravity flow.

To ensure sufficient water supplies, young Virginia was charged with watching the gauge that showed the water level. She had to be sure the automatic pump came on when it should.

What she hated was collecting from the customers; a job not suited to young girls, she still thinks.

Darby was a self-made man. He worked at Los Nietos Valley Bank, then started the first National Bank of Downey (later bought by Bank of America).

He had come to Downey with his father from Louisiana and settled near what is now Rockwell International.

Warren's mother, Georgia Smart, was born on the present-day Simpson Buick property, and Virginia was born where the Lucky Store now stands on Firestone Boulevard, near Downey Avenue.

Being an only child, Warren had a strict upbringing. She recalls every Sunday being a mini-family reunion at their home, with the extended family gathering.

Proud of her pioneer stock, Warren has always taken a keen interest in Downey. She is a charter and life member of the Downey Hospital Auxiliary and a life member and former treasurer of the Downey Historical Society. Additionally, she has served more than 40 years with the Downey Woman's Club and is a member of the United Methodist Church. She is active in various service groups as well.

The fifth generation of her family in Downey are schoolboys at Warren High. It is a safe assumption this family will stay the course hereabouts.

Even safer to assume this vital native will continue to enrich our city by her good works.

Killer Pine Cones

The Press-Telegram dated Aug. 16, 1986 featured the following story:

Not even Downey is safe from the dreaded killer pine cones.

Riverside residents have been terrorized by the 10-pound cones wreaking damage on their streets and houses as they plunge from the Australian Bunya trees.

On Thursday, a Downey woman reported spotting the cones a few blocks south of Imperial Highway, right in the future path of the Century Freeway.

Standing 40 paces east of Sandy Lane, the tree could almost be overlooked until one gets close and sees the eight prickly green monsters littering the ground.

"It's right in the middle of nowhere," said Bobbi Fife, a Sandy Lane resident who's been seeing her son Adam and friends dragging pine cones around and saving them for Christmas.

Measuring more than a foot long and weighing easily 10 pounds, Adam's prize sits next to the family driveway, drying out so it can be painted.

"He's not afraid of many things," she said. "He's a daredevil."

Meanwhile, a few doors



south, Lora Coats' great-grandson is planning to take his cone back to Fontana.

"He's carrying it in a grocery sack," Coats said. "They study things like that in school."

The killer pine cones will be no more. They will soon be slain by another monster making its way west: The Century Freeway.

Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.

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