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## Downey says goodbye to police chief

► Carl Charles retires next week as Downey's chief of police. On Wednesday, the community gathered to say goodbye.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – After a 28-year career in law enforcement, the city of Downey officially said goodbye to Police Chief Carl Charles on Wednesday.

City officials, school district and Board of Education representatives, law enforcement, and residents gathered at the Rio Hondo Event Center to celebrate and honor the retiring police chief, who will step away effective Dec. 5.

Charles earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminology and corrections from Cal State Northridge and a master of public administration degree from USC. He entered the Downey Police Department in 1990 as a police officer, rising through the ranks before becoming the successor to former Chief of Police Rick Esteves in December 2012.

During his time as chief, Charles is credited with equipping all officers with body-worn cameras, installing license-plate readers citywide, the creation of 10 new police officer positions, the formation of a homeless outreach team, improved communication with the public and media, including on social media, the implementation of quarterly “coffee with a cop” outreach events, the development of a citizen volunteer program, the reinstatement of K9 and mounted horse programs, allowing mental health professionals to ride with officers, and citywide active shooter training.

It is also generally accepted that Charles was influential in keeping the department strong and focused after the killing of Officer Ricky Galvez.

Overall in the department's history, Charles was the department's 10th chief. He was also Downey's first chief of African American descent.

Flanked by his family, Charles sat and listened as many city officials, colleagues, and friends stepped forward to give warm and fond remarks of himself and his service to the community.

“You’ve been under the spotlight as the head of the department and in times you’ve faced undeserved scrutiny from both within and outside the department, not just for your actions and decisions but for the conduct of your employees,” said recently retired police captain Steve Garza. “You were judged on your every decision, and on even on decisions that weren’t yours. Still you always remained calm and professional...You made difficult decisions, sometimes not the most popular decisions, but as you often said, ‘the right decision is often the most difficult one.’ That took courage.”

“To say you’ve had a few demands and expectations placed on you over the years is an understatement. You’ve gone above and beyond everything asked and expected of you as chief. You’ve been a counselor, a healer, a mentor, a parent, and a voice of reason. But most of all you’re our chief, our leader, and our friend.”

City Manager Gilbert Livas reflected on Charles's role during the tragedy of the Ricky Galvez murder.

“The job of a police chief is a tough one; making sure the department is trained, equipped, motivated and they adhere to the highest ethical standards. While you do that you need to maintain a

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## Rick Rodriguez chosen to be next mayor

► Rodriguez says his focus as mayor will be collaboration between Downey's extensive volunteer network.

Blanca Pacheco was chosen as mayor pro tem.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Council members Rick Rodriguez and Blanca Pacheco were unanimously voted to fill the roles of mayor and mayor pro tem, respectively, in 2019.

The selections of Rodriguez and Pacheco came with little to no surprise, as they were the seemingly natural successors to the roles. Rodriguez has served as Downey's mayor pro tem for the past year.

While it is not official -- nor guaranteed -- until after the council votes on the matter, the mayor pro tem is usually elevated to mayor the following year.

The decision came after a motion from current mayor Sean Ashton -- whose first stint as mayor is ending early next month -- and a second by Councilman Alex Saab.

Rodriguez said that he is excited to step into the mayor's chair.

“I love this community,” said Rodriguez. “What an honor it is to serve as mayor.”

As Rodriguez looks ahead, he said he hopes to tap into Downey's spirit of giving and charity.

“My plans are to really expand on the whole volunteerism piece that I started years ago,” said Rodriguez. “I’ve been in office two years and we already have this clergy council well underway. And now with this new program we started as of today...DCC, the Downey Care Collaborative, it’s all about serving.”

“We have that heart of the volunteer in our community, and I want to expose that. Everything should not cost tax dollars; there should be a lot of goodwill in our city, and there is.”

The DCC was announced by Rodriguez during his personal comments earlier in the meeting. Its purpose is to target and aid at-risk youth, especially in foster care.

“The County of Los Angeles Department of Children and Family services receive 100 calls a month on child abuse and kids being hurt,” said Rodriguez. “I wanted to attack that number and get them mentored by veterans, and get them services like ASPIRE after school care. Get them Christmas gifts, get them Thanksgiving dinners from our churches. That’s all going to happen now.”

While she did not have any specific plans immediately in mind, Pacheco expressed a likewise excitement to continue to serve the community with Rodriguez in their new expanded roles.

“We’ll be a great team working together,” said Pacheco. “I don’t have anything set in stone just yet, but my whole intent in being



Blanca Pacheco will serve as Downey's mayor pro tem in 2019, setting her up to become mayor in 2020.



Rick Rodriguez was elected Tuesday to be Downey's next mayor. He will be sworn-in Dec. 13.

Photo by Claudia Gomez

on City Council is just to help the residents, so I'm just going to continue to helping them more as mayor pro tem.”

Rodriguez and Pacheco, who represent District 3 and District 1 respectively, were elected in 2016 and are nearing the half-way

point of their first term in office.

Rodriguez will be sworn in as mayor on Dec. 13. Newcomer Claudia Fromenta, who recently won the seat currently held by soon-to-be termed out Fernando Vasquez, will be sworn in two days earlier on Dec. 11.

## CRIME REPORT

### FRIDAY, NOV. 16

At 12:35 pm, officers responded to the Stonewood Mall regarding a robbery. Three male juveniles that were truant from Los Angeles assaulted another male juvenile at the Stonewood Mall and took his sunglasses. The suspects were arrested and booked for investigation of robbery. Detectives are investigating.

At 10 pm, officers responded to 10990 Downey Ave., regarding an attempted robbery. The victim left his vehicle unlocked and running while he went to the ATM. A female suspect was acting as a look out while another male suspect entered the vehicle. The victim confronted the suspect who then brandished a knife. Both suspects fled the scene on foot. The suspects were located and arrested and booked for attempt robbery.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 17

At 11:35 am, officers attempted to stop a stolen vehicle in the area of Lakewood and Apollo Way and it sped off. A pursuit ensued and was canceled after a short distance, when the suspect's driving became reckless. CHP later located the vehicle out of our City and a pursuit ensued. It later crashed and CHP arrested the suspect.

At 9 pm, officers responded to Bar Louie at 8860 Apollo Way in regards to an attempt carjacking. A male victim from Long Beach was sitting in his vehicle when two male suspects approached the front passenger side and pointed a handgun at him. The victim reversed his vehicle, striking one of the suspects, and fled the area. Later, the same suspect who was struck by the vehicle attempted to carjack another vehicle. The suspect was unsuccessful and the victim drove away. Officers checked the area and located one of the suspects. An air-soft revolver handgun was located in the bushes where the suspect was apprehended. The suspect was arrested and booked for attempt carjacking.

Between 10:30 pm and 3 am, officers patrolled the downtown area. They cited seven (7) vehicles for traffic violations, issued four (4) municipal code citations, and issued one (1) parking citation.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 18

At 11:15 am, officers located a stolen vehicle at the Arco station located at Downey and Stewart & Gray. The male suspect driver was taken into custody without incident. The passenger, a male juvenile from Los Angeles, was transported to the station and cited for possession of marijuana and a vape pen. The suspect was booked for grand theft auto.

At 10:40 pm, officers located the unoccupied stolen vehicle at 9001 Apollo Way (Walmart). Officers observed 3 subjects (2 males and 1 female) exit Walmart with televisions and run toward the vehicle. As officers attempted to stop the subjects, the two males ran on foot and the female left in the vehicle. A brief pursuit occurred until the female crashed the vehicle and was arrested. The two males were taken into custody as they attempted to flee the area on foot. It was determined the suspects had stolen the televisions from Walmart.

## Downey restaurant grades

**Chick-fil-A**  
8613 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/27/18  
Grade: **A**

**The Habit Burger Grill**  
8619 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/27/18  
Grade: **A**

**Nelly's Mexican Food**  
10811 Studebaker Rd.  
Date Inspected: 11/27/18  
Grade: **A**

**El Pollo Loco**  
9341 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/27/18  
Grade: **A**

**Squeezy's Pizza**  
7502 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 11/26/18  
Grade: **B**

**Mariscos Choix**  
8104 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/20/18  
Grade: **A**

**Boston Market**  
8606 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/20/18  
Grade: **A**

**Starbucks**  
7966 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 11/20/18  
Grade: **A**

**Uncle Henry's Deli**  
7400 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 11/20/18  
Grade: **A**

**Little Caesars**  
7369 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 11/20/18  
Grade: **A**

**Amapola (Deli)**  
7420 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 11/20/18  
Grade: **A**

**Amapola (Meat Dept.)**  
7420 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 11/20/18  
Grade: **A**

**Wateria**  
9909 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/20/18  
Grade: **A**

**Michaels**  
12100 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/16/18  
Grade: **A**

**Kentucky Fried Chicken**  
7865 E Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 11/16/18  
Grade: **B**

**Subway**  
7930 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 11/16/18  
Grade: **A**

**Yum Yum Donuts**  
7410 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 11/16/18  
Grade: **A**

**See's Candies**  
203 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 11/15/18  
Grade: **A**

**Rosewood Liquor**  
7138 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 11/15/18  
Grade: **A**

**See's Candy Shop**  
9839 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/15/18  
Grade: **A**

**Tacos Raul**  
8740 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/15/18  
Grade: **A**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 67°

Saturday 65°

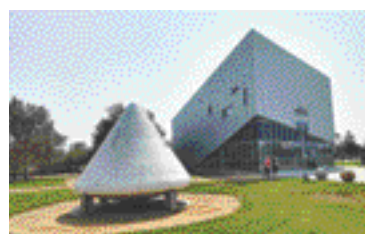
Sunday 64°

## THINGS TO DO



**Downey Christmas Parade**  
Sunday - Downey Avenue, 1 pm

An annual tradition in Downey, featuring floats, marching bands, equestrian units, and more.



**Cradle of the Cosmic Age**  
Sunday - Columbia Memorial Space Center, 11 am

Join Atlas Obscura Society Los Angeles on a private, guided tour of Downey's aviation museum, led by Ben Dickow. \$25; tickets on eventbrite.com



**Belmont Shore Christmas Parade**  
Saturday - Belmont Shore, 6 pm

Floats, marching bands, local personalities, and dignitaries. Grand marshal is the Long Beach State men's volleyball national champions.



**SnowFest**  
Saturday - Norwalk City Hall, 12-8 pm

Sled rides, train rides, live music, food booths, and Santa Claus' arrival. Tree lighting is at 6 pm.



**East L.A. Christmas Parade**  
Sunday - Whittier Boulevard in East Los Angeles, 12 pm

This parade with floats, equestrian units, marching bands, and celebrities will march down historic Whittier Boulevard's shopping district and on through the heart of downtown East L.A.



**Waterfront Tour of Lights**  
Sunday - Legends Long Beach, 5:15 pm

Take a 30-minute waterfront tour of beautiful Long Beach aboard a classic cable car. \$30 adults, \$20 for kids. More details on Long Beach Trolley's Facebook page.

# Bosco loses defensive battle against Mater Dei

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**BELFLOWER** – The St. John Bosco football team saw their season come to an end at Cerritos College last Friday night as they fell to Mater Dei, 17-13, in the C.I.F. Division 1 championship game.

The Braves had defeated the Monarchs, 41-18, earlier this season in Trinity League play but could not do it again.

St. John Bosco finished their season with an overall record of 13-1 and a Trinity League record of 5-0. The Braves are the 2018 Trinity League champions but Mater Dei is the 2018 C.I.F. Division 1 champion.

The St. John Bosco/Mater Dei game was a defensive battle. The Braves jumped out to an early 7-0 lead and led by that same score as the first quarter ended. The Monarchs evened the score in the second quarter and the two teams were tied 7-7 entering their respective locker rooms at halftime.

Mater Dei took a 14-7 lead in the third quarter and the quarter ended with the Monarchs leading by that same score. As the fourth quarter was being played both defenses tightened up. Neither team allowed a fourth quarter touchdown.

The Braves kicked two field goals and the Monarchs kicked one of their own. The game ended in a 17-13 victory for Mater Dei.

Mater Dei will play again on Dec. 8 in the Open Division against a “to be determined” opponent.

There were no stats available for St. John Bosco at press time. However, the Braves averaged 276 yards passing per game, 196 yards rushing per game and scored 96 touchdowns.

St. John Bosco finished the season ranked number 3 in the Xcellent Top 25 poll, number 2 in the national poll and number 2 in the state poll, behind Mater Dei.

**DOWNY GIRLS BASKETBALL:** The Downey High School girls’ basketball team currently has an overall record of 3-1 and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they travel to Paramount to play the Lady Pirates on Jan. 4.

The Lady Vikings hosted the 41st Annual Downey Varsity Classic at Downey last weekend and finished 3-1. Downey defeated Lakewood 60-51 in their first game on Nov. 19, defeated Glendale 53-24 in their second game on Nov. 21, were defeated by St. Anthony’s 64-56 in their third game on Nov. 23 and defeated Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary 56-44 on Nov. 24.

Downey is scheduled to host North Torrance at Downey later today and will compete in the Ocean View Tournament Dec. 4-8. The Lady Vikings will play St. Anthony’s again in the Dec. 4 game, will play Orangewood Academy in the Dec. 6 game and a “to be determined” opponent in the Dec. 8 game based on the results of previous games.

Downey is also scheduled to compete in the Orangewood Academy 10th Annual Spartan Classic Dec. 10-15 and the So Cal Prep Holiday Classic Dec. 26-29.

Downey finished last season with an overall record of 26-7 and a league record of 8-2. The Lady Vikings were defeated by Glendora 47-35 in the C.I.F. Division 2A championship game and qualified for the C.I.F. State Girls’ Basketball Championships where they lost to Cathedral Catholic 50-48 in the championship.

Coach Harris, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2018-19 basketball season and making a run at a league and C.I.F. title.

**WARREN GIRLS SOCCER:** The Warren High School girls’ soccer team traveled to Lakewood on Monday night and came away with a 4-0 win. Monday’s game marked the first game of the 2018-19 season for the Lady Bears.

Warren traveled to La Palma Kennedy on Tuesday of this week for their second game in as many days and defeated the Fighting Irish, 3-1. The Lady Bears will also be hosting Saint Joseph’s of Lakewood at Warren next Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Warren will be competing in the Best in the West Tournament at Newport Harbor High School on Dec. 8 where they are scheduled to play Marina of Huntington Beach at 8 a.m. and Carter of Rialto at 2 p.m. Other preseason contests include traveling to La Serna on Dec. 11, traveling to La Mirada on Dec. 13 and traveling to Cypress on Dec. 19.

Warren will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they host Lynwood at Warren on Jan. 2 and when they host Paramount on Jan. 4.

The Lady Bears finished last season with an overall record of 21-3 and a league record of 10-0. The Lady Bears were the 2017-18 undefeated

S.G.V.L. champions. Warren was defeated by San Luis Obispo, 2-1, at Warren in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 2 playoffs.

Coach Lily Dussan, her staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2018-19 soccer season, defending their league title and making a deep run in C.I.F. postseason play.

**WARREN BOYS SOCCER:** The Warren High School boys’ soccer team is currently 1-0 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they travel to Lynwood to face the Knights on Jan. 2 and to Paramount to play the Pirates on Jan. 4.

The Bears defeated Pioneer, 3-0, on Nov. 14 in their season opener.

Warren has several preseason games and tournaments scheduled. The Bears hosted Garey on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time) and will travel to Lakewood to face the Lancers later today. The Bears are also scheduled to host La Mirada on Dec. 6.

Warren is scheduled to compete in the Santa Barbara Showcase on Dec. 8 against De La Salle of Concord and will also be competing in the Adidas West Coast Showcase on Dec. 14-15 against El Rancho de Pico Rivera and Hamilton of Chandler, Arizona, respectively.

The Bears finished last season with an overall record of 15-10-5 and a league record of 6-2-2. Warren finished behind eventual league champion, Downey (7-1-2).

In postseason play, the Bears defeated Harvard-Westlake 1-0 in their first-round game to advance and then defeated Servite 2-1 in overtime in their second-round game to advance to the quarterfinals. Warren was then defeated by San Clemente 1-0 in the quarterfinal round of the C.I.F. Division 1 playoffs.

Coach Miguel Pena, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2018-19 soccer season, competing for a league title and making another deep run in postseason play.

## Police recruiting for citizens academy

**DOWNY** – The Downey Police Department is recruiting students for its next citizens academy, which begins Jan. 16 and runs through March 20.

Classes will be held Wednesday nights from 6-9 p.m. The 10-week program is designed to expose residents and business community members to various aspects of law enforcement and the day-to-day operations of the police department.

“The Citizens Academy is intended to enhance residents’ understanding and awareness of the vital role the Downey Police Department has within our community,” said Mayor Sean Ashton. “It is a great opportunity for the public to better understand the many functions of law enforcement, and I encourage residents to participate.”

“We continuously strive to improve the relationship between our community members and police officers,” added Mayor Pro Tem Rick Rodriguez. “Not only does this program give the public an open and honest view of the Downey Police Department, but it also helps enhance mutual respect and trust for one another.”

Students must be at least 18 years old to participate. To ensure personalized instruction for each participant, the class size will be limited to 20 people.

To apply, contact Neighborhood Watch coordinator Jenny Aguirre at jaguirre@downeyca.org or (562) 904-2374 or Sgt. Terry Goeckner at goeckner@downeyca.org or (562) 904-2385.



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(Actual tree lighting will occur at approximately 6:30 p.m.)

This FREE event will feature entertainment from local schools, a snow play area, arts & crafts, photos with Santa Claus, and more!

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# Downey celebrates career of Carl Charles

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close relationship with the community, your core constituent groups, and other law enforcement agencies," said Livas. "As a city manager I was very fortunate when I had Carl there during one of the darkest moments in the city's history, when we lost Ricky Galvez...it took somebody like Carl with a steady hand to get us through that process."

Charles's successor, current Captain Dean Milligan, also spoke.

"Through it all, Carl has remained true to his nature: a kind, caring, loving, respectful, dedicated professional with utmost integrity and the highest moral character," said Milligan. "From him I have learned so much."

"Carl to you, I will always be grateful. I can never thank you enough for the opportunities that have provided me, as well as the challenges you presented me, to continue to grow and develop myself to become better."

When it came time for the man of the hour to speak, his words were filled mostly with thanks.

Firstly, Charles addressed the men and women who serve in the department which he has led for six years.

"It is my distinct honor to have been able to have been your

chief for the past six years," said Charles. "It's easy for me to sit up here being mentioned, a lot of programs put into action. It's easy to have an idea, but none of that happens unless you put it into motion...from the bottom of my heart, I love every one of you guys and I respect you. Please keep doing what you're doing."

Charles went on to point out and thank several in the audience, including former police chiefs, staff, council members, friends, and fellow officers.

He also took time to thank Livas.

"Gil took over slightly before I was appointed. I think the police chief appointment was his first department head appointment," said Charles. "I will be forever grateful for you giving me the opportunity. The confidence you showed in me I'll never forget."

Charles also took some time to honor his family, many of which who were present, including a touching tribute to his mother and father.

"My parents have been married for almost 55 years. They grew up in a very segregated south in the 40's and 50's...but that didn't deter them," said Charles. "My mother went to nursing school, and she was a nurse for over 40 years, the last 20 at Kaiser as a registered nurse. My dad got his bachelor's in biology and chemistry, served in the US Army, got his Master's degree, and then his Juror's Doctorate and was a practicing attorney for many years."

"When I looked for role models, I didn't have to look far. I know that you guys are extremely proud of me, but I am even more proud of you."

Charles also honored his wife.

"I missed a lot of holidays...not once did she complain about me going to work. She's very supportive," said Charles. "The day Ricky [Galvez] died, I got a call about midnight...For a second, I started to think about Ricky, and I couldn't move. Angie came up behind me, and she said 'It's alright. You've gotta take care of them, and I'll take care of you.' After that I was fine. I respect that, I thank you, I love you."

Of course, Charles also thanked the community for which he served for 28 years.

"Downey has some of the best citizens - bar none - in the country," said Charles. "They are well informed, they are supportive, they are proactive, and they are absolutely willing to engage in partnerships with their

police department."

"For the citizens of Downey, it has been my honor to have served you and protected you for the past 28 years. I wouldn't trade our residents and our citizens for any city in this country. So thank you, Downey citizens, for having me."

## In Memory of Arlene McArthur

January 4, 1933 - November 27, 2018



Arlene June (DeWitt) McArthur passed into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 around 6am. Born on January 4, 1933, to Beulah (Zorn) and Harold DeWitt, in Emporia, Kansas, Arlene and her brother, Earl (Edie) Troutman grew up in California.

She was a devoted wife to Ron McArthur who welcomed her at the gates of heaven and a loving mother to Mark (Denise) Philpot and Rhonda Stankiewicz, and step-mother to Dianne (Gerry) Adams and Terry (Rod) Appleton. She adored her grandchildren: Kris (Lindsey), Matt (Chelsea), and Kellie Philpot; Reese and Evan Adams; Josh (Alison), Ben, and Emma Appleton; and great-grandchildren Audry Appleton and Harrison Philpot.

A lifelong educator, Arlene graduated from Long Beach State College and became a teacher at Huntington Park Baptist School and Montebello Christian School. An avid reader with a book always in her hand, after retiring from teaching she volunteered at both her Downey First Baptist church library and the Downey City libraries. She was a member of the Chi Alpha Sunday School class at First Baptist Church of Downey and will be dearly missed by her cherished friends.

Her love of teaching and mentoring others carried on long after retiring. She took art classes at the Downey Adult School where she met new friends to encourage.

Her love of animals was displayed by all the bird feeders in her yard, the squirrels that fed out of her hand and her pride in showing friends pictures of all her Granddogs.

Arlene was blessed with opportunities to travel the world on mission trips and was a wonderful example of the Christian faith. Arlene and Ron were passionate about missions and championed the cause of Christ at DFBC and around the world. They gave selflessly, cared well for others, including missionaries. Home town ones knew they always had a "home" to go to when they were in southern California. They loved all missionaries well, supported them and encouraged them always.

Please join her family in celebrating her life on Sunday, December 2, 2018, at 1:00 pm, at the First Baptist Church in Downey, California. Charitable donations can be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) or a charity of your choice.

You may leave the family condolences on our web site, [www.rishermortuary.com](http://www.rishermortuary.com), 562-699-0916.

## In Memory of Raymond Jantz



Raymond Jantz was born on November 21, 1932 in Cleveland, Ohio to Tabea and Adolph Jantz. When Ray was 10 years old, the family moved to the Los Angeles area where he attended public schools and graduated from Fremont High School. He went on to graduate from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1956.

In 1959, Ray began a 38-year career with the City of Los Angeles and was Chief Administrative Analyst for the Department of City Planning when he retired in 1998. Ray was an outgoing, intelligent, compassionate man who loved his family and loved God. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Downey for over 50 years. Golf, gardening, cars, corny jokes and especially USC football were some of the things he enjoyed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Mae Jantz of Downey, his son, Jeff (Terry) Jantz of Chino Hills, his daughter, Susan (Steve) Swartout of Diamond Bar, his grandchildren, Jason (Maegen) Jantz of Dana Point, Carissa Jantz of La Jolla, Natalie Swartout and Jillian Swartout, both of Diamond Bar, his great granddaughter, Ava Dixon of La Jolla and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves his brother, Herb Jantz of El Cajon and is predeceased by his sister, Dorothy Pitt.

A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Downey on Saturday, December 8 at 10:30am.

Condolences may be sent to the family through our web site, [www.rishermortuary.com](http://www.rishermortuary.com), 562-699-0916.

## In Memory of Erica Joan Seelig

June 6, 1956 - November 12, 2018



Erica Joan Seelig passed away on November 12, 2018. A lifelong resident of Downey, California, Erica was a student of the world's enduring pastimes, an excellent cook and baker, an accomplished needlepointer, and a connoisseur of midcentury television and music. Erica taught elementary school for 38 years, most of them at Frank M.

Wright Elementary School in El Monte, California. A beloved daughter, sister, aunt, teacher, and friend, she survived her father, Robert Mallory Seelig MD, and is survived by her mother, LeNoma Joan Seelig. She is also survived by her sister, Lesley Fry, and her husband Lance, and her brothers Dana, and his wife Cathy, and Scott, and his wife Rocio. Erica had six nieces and nephews especially Courtney Fry, and her husband Jamie Fleet, Whitney Kellaher, and her husband Anthony, and Ian Fry. She is also survived by seven grand nieces and nephews especially Rosalie Erica Kellaher and Harriet Lesley Fleet. Her family will remember her as a compassionate listener, a perfect gift giver, and the kindest and most caring soul. An animal lover, she leaves behind her cats, Lucy, Peanut, Linus, and Sally. Donations can be made in memory of Erica to Alley Cat Allies by calling 240-482-1980 or at [alleycat.org/more-ways-to-give/pay-tribute](http://alleycat.org/more-ways-to-give/pay-tribute) under "Make a Memorial Gift". Please add [whitneyjfk@gmail.com](mailto:whitneyjfk@gmail.com) to the recipient email address.

## In Memory of Isabel S. Frailey

December 17, 1924 - November 24, 2018



Isabel S. Frailey, 93, of South Gate, passed away peacefully at her home on November 24, 2018. She was born on December 17, 1924 in Huntington Park, California. At an early age her and her family moved to Gardena, CA where she graduated from high school in 1942. She worked as a laundromat attendant and as a waitress prior to being hired by Owens Illinois Glass Company in Vernon where she retired after 39 years of employment. In May 2001, she was named Senior of the Year in Downey.

Isabel loved music, dancing, cooking, baking, sewing, gardening, pets, playing bingo, going to the casino, family time and watching her favorite baseball team, the LA Dodgers. She was predeceased by her daughter Darlene Frailey in 2001. She is survived by her two daughters, Gerri Cunningham and her husband Howard, of Downey, Ca, and Geneva Frailey of South Gate, Ca, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Services will be held at All Souls Mortuary 4400 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807 on Monday, December 10th, at 11am. Reception to follow.

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## Do you have a moral obligation to leave Facebook?

By S. Matthew Liao

I joined Facebook in 2008, and for the most part, I have benefited from being on it. Lately, however, I have wondered whether I should delete my Facebook account. As a philosopher with a special interest in ethics, I am using “should” in the moral sense. That is, in light of recent events implicating Facebook in objectionable behavior, is there a duty to leave it?

In moral philosophy, it is common to draw a distinction between duties to oneself and duties to others. From a self-regarding perspective, there are numerous reasons one might have a duty to leave Facebook. For one thing, Facebook can be time-consuming and addictive, to no fruitful end. In addition, as researchers have demonstrated, Facebook use can worsen depression and anxiety. Someone who finds himself mindlessly and compulsively scrolling through Facebook, or who is constantly comparing himself unfavorably with his Facebook friends, might therefore have a duty of self-care to get off Facebook.



Mark Zuckerberg

From the perspective of one’s duties to others, the possibility of a duty to leave Facebook arises once one recognizes that Facebook has played a significant role in undermining democratic values around the world. For example, Facebook has been used to spread white supremacist propaganda and anti-Semitic messages in and outside the United States. The United Nations has blamed Facebook for the dissemination of hate speech against Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar that resulted in their ethnic cleansing.

Facebook also enabled the political data firm Cambridge Analytica to harvest the personal information of millions of voters in the United States so they could be targeted with personalized political advertisements. A significant amount of fake news can be found on Facebook, and for many users, Facebook has become a large echo chamber, where people merely seek out information that reinforces their views.

Some people might think that because they mostly share photos of their cats on Facebook, such concerns do not apply to them. But this is not so, for three reasons. First, even if one does not contribute directly to the dissemination of fake news or hang out in echo chambers, simply being on Facebook encourages one’s friends to stay on Facebook, and some of those friends might engage in such activities. This influence on others is known as a (positive) network effect, where increased numbers of people improve the value of a product.

Second, by being on Facebook one serves as a data point for Facebook’s social media experiment, even if one encounters none of Facebook’s experimental manipulations. In doing so, one could be

helping Facebook to refine its algorithms so that it can better single out specific individuals for certain purposes, some of which could be as nefarious as those of Cambridge Analytica.

Consider an analogy. When testing the safety and efficacy of new drugs, subjects are randomly assigned either to an experimental group or a control group, and only subjects in the experimental group receive the new drug. Nevertheless, the subjects in the control group are essential to the experiment.

Third, using Facebook is not just an individual action but also a collective one that may be akin to failing to pay taxes. A few people failing to pay taxes might not make much of a difference to a government’s budget, but such an action may nevertheless be wrong because it is a failure to participate in a collective action that achieves a certain good end. In a similar vein, choosing to remain on Facebook might not directly undermine democratic values. But such an action could also be wrong because we might be failing to participate in a collective action (that is, leaving Facebook) that would prevent the deterioration of democracy.

So do we have an obligation to leave Facebook for others’ sake? The answer is a resounding yes for those who are intentionally spreading hate speech and fake news on Facebook. For those of us who do not engage in such objectionable behavior, it is helpful to consider whether Facebook has crossed certain moral “red lines,” entering the realm of outright wickedness.

For me at least, Facebook would have crossed a moral red line if it had, for example, intentionally sold the data of its users to Cambridge Analytica with the full knowledge that company would use the data subversively to influence a democratic election. Likewise, Facebook would have crossed a red line if it had intentionally assisted in the dissemination of hate speech in Myanmar. But the evidence indicates that Facebook did not intend for those things to occur on its platform.

The fact that those things did occur, however, means that Facebook needs to be much more proactive in fixing such problems. Will it? The recent worrisome revelation that Facebook hired an opposition-research firm that attempted to discredit protesters by claiming that they were agents of the financier George Soros is not encouraging. While there still appears to be some daylight between Facebook and what is being done on its platform or in its name, darkness is crowding in.

That said, we should not place the responsibility to uphold democratic values entirely on Facebook. As moral agents, we should also hold ourselves responsible for our conduct, and we should be reflective about what we say, react to and share when we are on social media. Among Twitter users, a common refrain is “retweets are not endorsements.” In a similar manner, one might also think that “sharing” or “reacting to” are not “endorsements.” This is a mistake. By sharing or reacting to a post, even if one explicitly criticizes the post, one is amplifying the message of that post and signaling that the post warrants further attention.

For now I’m going to stay on Facebook. But if new information suggests that Facebook has crossed a moral red line, we will all have an obligation to opt out.

S. Matthew Liao teaches philosophy and directs the Center for Bioethics

## Why were residents not consulted about library’s closure?

Dear Editor:

There was an article in the paper that the Downey City Library is going to be closed for more than a year for extensive remodeling.

They are doing this because they need to use up the millions of dollars raised by the half-cent sales tax increase voted for by the citizens of Downey for the benefit of the Downey library.

We voted for that sales tax increase to assure that our library wouldn’t need to be closed a couple of days a week because of under-funding.

The City Council does not own the library, the citizens of Downey own the library.

We elected the City Council to represent us, not to rule us.

The City Council needs to ask the owners of the library, the users of the library, if this is what we want.

Seniors, including myself, use the library on a regular basis for research, making copies, and even using the restroom in an emergency. Seniors ages 90 do not decide when to use the restroom. They just hope to make it in time. Every time is an emergency. We don’t have a year to give up our library.

The kids who go to the library every day after school to do their homework can’t give up a year. Neither can the little children who have classes there.

The myriad of people who just drop in occasionally to check out a book, a VHS tape, a CD recording, or whatever requires constant access.

And the people who attend the computer classes don’t have a year to spare either.

My suggestion is to remodel the library one section at a time but leave it open.

The City Council should be doing what candidate Carrie Uva said to me, “Reach out to me. Reach out to me.”

They should be asking for input by the citizens. Then we’d have a good City Council.

Belle Fluhart  
Downey

## Costs of youth sports

Dear Editor:

I read last week’s comments from a writer comparing our little league to a mafia. (Letters to the Editor, 11/22/19) Really? Wow.

Sounds like another uninformed, un-involved parent to me. As a 20-year past board member of Downey Fastpitch Girls Softball, I know the facts of running a league. Does Mr. Brown? Has he ever served on a board or seen what a league has to pay?

A \$25 registration fee will not pay for league insurance, uniforms, equipment, umpires (who can take over 50% of this income), fields, trophies, or repairs to the snack shack.

Then there is working the snack shack, which no parent ever wants to do. Parents were willing to pay a fee to hire a student to work their shift as they never show up. They, of course, want to watch their little one play and can’t miss 2 hours.

These fees are definitely reasonable. Get involved and thank those sports groups for volunteering their time so we still have recreational leagues here in town.

Dorothy Pemberton  
Downey

## The game of the left

Dear Editor:

Tearing down Trump is the name of the game

By some of the media and those of great fame.

No credit for ISIS now taking a dive

Allowing more people to live and survive.

No credit for ceasing the Rocket Man’s roar

When threatening the world with horrific war.

With tax cuts and many more jobs to be had

Trump gets no credit -- he’s totally bad.

He’s a racist! Impeach him! The left loudly shout.

We don’t care what he’s done -- we just want him out.

Martha Morrissy  
Downey

## Reaction to U.S. military’s use of tear gas at border

**Rep. Grace Napolitano:** President Trump has failed at every turn to deliver a serious solution to address the problems with our immigration system.

Instead, Americans have seen chaos and cruelty at the border: children forcibly separated from their parents and detained for months, migrants seeking refuge from persecution being barred entry, ports of entry shuttered, and tear gas used against women and children.

These actions are inhumane and unjustifiable.

**Rep. Linda Sanchez:** As a mother, it breaks my heart to see these images. These are women, children and families fleeing terror, violence, and almost certain death.

It’s disappointing to see our government treat refugee families this way. This is not the America I know and love. We are better than this.

**Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard:** Sickened to see the Trump Administration use tear gas against women and children seeking asylum at our border. Doesn’t Donald Trump realize that it is legal to seek asylum? Has he no humanity?

**Rep.-Elect Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez:** Asking to be considered a refugee & applying for status isn’t a crime.

It wasn’t for Jewish families fleeing Germany.

It wasn’t for targeted families fleeing Rwanda.

It wasn’t for communities fleeing war-torn Syria.

And it isn’t for those fleeing violence in Central America.

**Angelica Salas, executive director of The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights:** It is a despicable act on the part of the Trump administration and CBP officials to attack defenseless women and children firing tear gas, a chemical agent, at them. These are human beings who are reaching a point of desperation because their asylum claims are being processed at a snail’s pace or not at all.

## Americans are united in restoring felons’ right to vote

By Steve Chapman

For anyone who cares about politics and government, it is easier to find reasons to complain than to give thanks this year. The Republicans have to deal with losing the House of Representatives. Democrats have to deal with the continued presence of Donald Trump. Independents have to deal with Republicans and Democrats.

But there is a powerful glimmer of light. On one important matter, Americans have grown more unified, less partisan, more farsighted and more humane. The latest proof came on Election Day in Florida, when 65 percent of the state’s voters approved a measure to let felons vote.

The state has long had an exceptionally unforgiving policy, mandating the lifetime loss of the right to vote to anyone convicted of a felony. More than 10 percent of its citizens are legally barred from the polls. Among the 3.1 million Americans who have finished their prison time and other punishment but are not allowed to vote, reports The Sentencing Project, nearly half live in Florida.

Republican Ron DeSantis, who opposed the amendment, won the race for governor with fewer than 4.1 million votes. Republican Rick Scott, another critic, won the U.S. Senate race with only slightly more. Amendment 4 got more than 5.1 million votes. At a minimum, more than a million Floridians voted for candidates who were against Amendment 4 — and then voted for Amendment 4.

The political parties are more or less divided on the issue, with Democrats generally in favor of restoring voting rights to felons and Republicans against. But change has come about even in red states.

Texas repealed its lifetime ban in 1983 and eliminated the waiting period for re-enfranchisement in 1997. Nebraska lifted its lifetime ban in 2005.

Last year, Wyoming decided to allow voting by all those who have completed their sentences for nonviolent felonies. Alabama restored rights to 60,000 low-level offenders.

Partisan effects don’t seem to count for much with voters. A March HuffPost/YouGov poll found that 80 percent of Hillary Clinton’s supporters and 58 percent of Trump’s supporters favor granting the ballot to felons who have completed their sentences and probation.

Maybe that’s because there is no persuasive case for an unforgiving policy. We all hope that when criminals leave prison, they will change their ways, become law-abiding citizens, take honest jobs and contribute to their communities.

Denying them the vote, however, means that no matter how they strive to redeem themselves, their punishment will never end. Restoring the franchise to them conveys the message that they can overcome their past sins.

Supreme Court Justice William Brennan said as much in a 1958 opinion. Extinguishing the civil rights of criminals, he wrote, “constitutes the very antithesis of rehabilitation, for instead of guiding the offender back into the useful paths of society it excommunicates him and makes him, literally, an outcast.” Letting former inmates vote suggests that they have not only the right but the responsibility to share in the task of self-government.

The Center for Equal Opportunity, a conservative think tank, defended Florida’s policy on the ground that depriving felons of the vote “is warranted to deter recidivism.” This logic is precisely, completely backward. A felon who can vote has more to lose from re-offending than a felon who can’t.

The Sentencing Project cites research indicating that people who have been arrested and later voted are less likely to be rearrested than those who didn’t vote. This is not surprising. Incurable criminals aren’t likely to waste time watching candidate debates and trekking to the polling station. The felons most likely to be hurt by a voting ban are those who have gone straight.

Florida’s existing policy falls especially hard on African-Americans. More than one-fifth of the state’s black citizens have lost their right to vote. Piling that infirmity on top of the other punishments imposed on lawbreakers serves only to perpetuate racial inequities.

The majority of people in Florida and elsewhere have come to understand all this. Most states restore voting rights as a matter of course. Two (Maine and Vermont) don’t need to restore them because they don’t take them away — letting inmates cast ballots.

Since 1997, 23 states have liberalized their policies, to the benefit of 1.4 million felons. When Florida’s change takes effect, the latter number will double.

The policy of exiling felons from participation in democracy is harsh, pointless and self-defeating. In most states, thankfully, there is a better word to describe it: obsolete.

Steve Chapman blogs at [chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/chapman](http://chicagotribune.com/news/opinion/chapman). Follow him on Twitter @SteveChapman13 or at [facebook.com/stevechapman13](https://www.facebook.com/stevechapman13).

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### On This Day...

- Nov. 29, 1890: Navy defeated Army by a score of 24-0 in the first Army-Navy football game. The game was played at West Point, NY.
- 1975: Bill Gates adopted the name Microsoft for the company he and Paul Allen had formed to write the BASIC computer language for the Altair.
- 1990: The U.N. Security Council voted to authorize military action if Iraq did not withdraw its troops from Kuwait and release all foreign hostages by January 15, 1991.
- 2004: Godzilla received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

## Downey Community Calendar

### CITY MEETINGS

- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 8:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tue., 8:00pm: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Tue., 8:00pm: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No. 3, 12223 Paramount Blvd.
- 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tue., 8:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
- 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 868-6478.
- 8:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 219-245-6810.
- 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 804-3439.
- 2nd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2823.
- 4th Mon., 7:00 pm: Downey Humanists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 662-6666.

#### TUESDAYS

- 9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4458.
- 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Valeri at 328-7938.
- 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Florenza at 652-4399.
- 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Greg Welch 323-816-4532.
- 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsaioquede@gmail.com.
- 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11233 Hives Ave., call 928-3322.
- 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-4011.
- 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 and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6488.
- 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 423-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 3, 12223 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 8 pm: American Legion #270, at Stolar Restaurant, call 544-0372.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at Apollo Park, call John Florenza 652-4399.

#### WEDNESDAYS

- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Robinson at 947-2626.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 862-4368.
- 7 pm: Out Post 231 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8030.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 838-8034.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
- 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Haute Price School cafeteria, call 928-3026.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2823.
- 2nd Wed., 3:30 am: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
- 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model 8 Club, at Galatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4332.
- 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 800-5213 or Valerie 420-2971.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
- 2nd Wed., 10 am: OCPW Women's Guild, at OCPW School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 808-3102.
- 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 868-2192.
- 3rd Wed., 8 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Downey City Library, call Gloria Heasbalknyoff (562) 776-6138.
- 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 439-5420.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Singers, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223.

#### THURSDAYS

- 7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info, call Rick Smith, 861-5322.
- 7:30 am: Somnolent Nat'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 606-8217.
- 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4458.
- 9:30 am: Take-off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 332-4677.
- 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jaramar 928-2973.
- 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 226, 6244 3rd St., call 962-4176.
- 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 800-3557.
- 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Stolar's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
- 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 320.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Bearing Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-7900.
- 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., 8 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Stolar's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 433-6045.
- 4th Thurs., 10 pm: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 662-2777.

#### FRIDAYS

- 7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Bailey Beard at 868-7828.
- 3rd Fri., 8:30 am: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

#### SATURDAYS

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

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| 24 Crater Lake locale                            |                                         |  |
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| 32 Ole Miss rival                                |                                         |  |
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| 76 Edison's ___ Park                             |                                         |  |
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| 80 "Cool it!"                                    |                                         |  |
| 81 In line fettle                                |                                         |  |
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| 84 Sheepdog, for short                           |                                         |  |
| 86 Medicare ID being phased out                  |                                         |  |
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| 91 Pills with wonder                             |                                         |  |
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Joe PESCO (1 Across) was a childhood friend of Four Seasons lead singer Frankie Valli, and was partially responsible for creation of that group. A cell phone's SIM card (5 Across) identifies and authenticates the subscriber; the acronym stands for "subscriber identity module." The "loc" hidden within RALPH WALDO EMERSON (69 Across) is a female rabbit.



## DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

### FRIDAY, NOV. 30

**Fall Dance Ensemble**, 7 pm. Long Beach City College presents its annual Fall Dance Ensemble. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 1

**Glamour Gowns**, 10 am. Teenagers can receive a free dress or suit for winter formal, courtesy of the Assistance League of Downey. Parley Johnson House, 7749 Florence Ave.

**Citizenship Clinic**, 10 am. Receive free help filling out a naturalization application. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

**Painting with Elsa**, 10:30 am. An in-house art teacher will help kids paint a masterpiece, while princesses Elsa and Ana assist. \$30. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

**Love Letters Exhibit**, 6 pm. Opening reception for Love Letters, a solo exhibit by Maricela Avina. Plus live music by Tree Souls. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

**Miel San Marcos**, 7 pm. Spanish Christian singer Miel San Marcos performs live. Iglesia De Cristo Ministerios Llamada Final, 12145 Woodruff Ave.

**80's Party**, 9 pm. Live music by Red Brick Road playing hits from the 80's, with more bands to be announced. Shuttle Inn, 9067 Imperial Hwy.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 2

**5K Elf Run**, 9 am. A 5K run/walk through downtown Downey. Top male and female finishers get to ride in the parade, plus prizes for top 3 elf costumes. Register on Downey Chamber of Commerce website. Downey Civic Center.

**Cradle of the Cosmic Age**, 11 am. A private, guided tour hosted by the Atlas Obscura Society Los Angeles. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

**Christmas Parade**, 1 pm. The 67th annual Downey Christmas Parade, featuring floats, bands, equestrian units, and Santa Claus. Downey Avenue, between Florence and 3rd St.

**Turducken Toy Drive**, 5 pm. Potluck dinner, live entertainment and toy drive benefiting Shields for Families. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

### MONDAY, DEC. 3

**Tree Lighting**, 6-8:30 pm. The city of Downey lights up its Christmas tree. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 4

**Small Business Survival**, 9 am. A 3-hour workshop where small business owners can learn about data breaches, continuity plans, earthquake response, and more. SoCalGas Energy Resource Center, 9240 Firestone Blvd.

**Holiday Open House**, 5-7 pm. Live music, food, and a tour of

LivingHelp Center's new facility. 8345 Firestone Blvd., suite 300.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5

**Teddy Bear Drive**, 4 pm. The Southeast Bruins' annual holiday party and teddy bear drive. Donate a new, stuffed animal to be donated to kids affected with cancer. Lazy Dog, 8800 Apollo Way.

**Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting**, 4:30 pm. Mascorro Insurance Agency celebrates its new office in Downey. 8301 Florence Ave., suite 203.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 6

**Postpartum Meeting**, 6:30 pm. A mom-to-mom support group that connects and uplifts new mothers. Different conversation topics each month. Coffee Bean, 9516 Lakewood Blvd.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 8

**Pancake Breakfast**, 9 am. Free pancakes, juice, conversation and fellowship. Trinity Baptist Church, 8219 Florence Ave.

**"Time for Trains" Luncheon**, 10 am to 2:30 pm. Pacific Railroad Society presents its annual luncheon and fundraiser featuring raffle and door prizes, museum store, award presentations, and guest speaker. Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

**VendoRAMA**, 11 am to 4 pm. Shop from local vendors while

socializing with friends. Park in the OLPH School parking lot. St. Mark's School, 10354 Downey Ave.

**Santa Paws**, 11 am to 1 pm. Bring your pets for a photo with Santa Claus. \$10 donation to benefit SEACA. Lazy Dog, 8800 Apollo Way.

**"Mi Pasion de Dos Decadas"**, 7 pm. "My Passion of Two Decades" is a folklorico performance paying homage to Mexican culture, beauty and tradition. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 9

**Champions Golf Tournament**, 7 am. LA County Department of Parks & Recreation hosts its Champion of Champions golf tournament for men's, women's, and senior golf clubs. Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

**6th Annual Toy Run**, 10 am to 6 pm. Car show, raffles, and live music. Bring a new, unwrapped toy worth at least \$10. Parents in need of toys for their children also invited. 605 Motorsports, 12430 Bellflower Blvd.

**Jazz for Jesus**, 5:30 pm. Jazz for Jesus is a 17-piece big band. They will be playing "A Glenn Miller Christmas" with a special recognition of attending WWII veterans. No charge, free will offering. First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 3rd St.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 11

**Calls from Santa Claus**, 8 am to 5 pm. Santa Claus will be making personalized phone calls to Downey children. Register between Dec. 4-10 at the Parks & Recreation

Department.

**Swearing-In**, 5 pm. Newly-elected school board member Giggy Saab is sworn-in to office. Downey Unified School District, 11627 Brookshire Ave.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 13

**Mayoral Transition**, 6:30 pm. The next mayor of Downey is sworn into office. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 15

**Gift Wrapping Fundraiser**, 9 am to 5 pm. Let students from the Girls in STEM club wrap your Christmas presents. Free but donations appreciated. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

**Glamour Gowns**, 10 am. Teenagers can receive a free dress or suit for winter formal, courtesy of the Assistance League of Downey. Parley Johnson House, 7749 Florence Ave.

**Dismukes Open House**, 10 am to 2 pm. Tour the historical Dismukes House, the oldest home in Downey, decorated for Christmas. Downey Historical Society, 12540 Rives Ave.

**Mariachi Divas**, 8 pm. The all-female mariachi group performs a special Christmas concert. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 16

**Ben Courson**, 8:30 am. Ben Courson, author of the book "Optimisfits: Igniting a Fierce Rebellion Against Hopelessness," visits Downey as part of his

national book tour. Calvary Chapel of Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

**It's Christmas in Downey**, 4 pm. A holiday spectacular featuring performances by the All American Boys Chorus, Cooper Phillip, Mary Beth Nelson, Chris Job, and more. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

**Photos with Santa**, 5:30 pm. Bring your family for free photos with Santa Claus. Downey Nissan, 7321 Firestone Blvd.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 20

**Winter Formal**, 8 pm. Downey High celebrates its winter formal. Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach

### SATURDAY, DEC. 22

**The Nutcracker**, 7:30 pm. Southern California Dance Theatre presents the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker." Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 23

**The Nutcracker**, 2:30 pm. Southern California Dance Theatre presents the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker." Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 28

**Gong Bath**, 7:30 pm. A gong bath is when you are "bathed" in sound waves. Once the session starts, you will close your eyes, relax your body, and listen to the sound. Don't forget your yoga mat, pillow & blanket. Solar Lotus, 11016 Myrtle St.

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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## MONDAY, DEC. 31

**80s New Year's Eve Party**, 9 pm. Welcome 2019 with an 80's theme dance party, featuring two dance floors, two bars, and free party favors. Hully Gully, 9559 Imperial Hwy.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 3

**Let's Do Lunch**, 12 pm. A networking event sponsored by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Olive RestoBar, 8830 Apollo Way.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 8

**Coffee with the Superintendent**, 6 pm. Chat with Downey Unified superintendent Dr. John Garcia over a cup of coffee. Stauffer Middle School library, 11985 Old River School Rd.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 13

**Mercado Donwey**, 12-5 pm. Vendors, artisan crafts, and food booths. Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 19

**Downey Symphony**, 8 pm. Performances of Mozart, "Peter and the Wolf," and a world premiere by Lars Clutterham. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 25

**Hotel California - A Salute to the Eagles**, 8 pm. A dynamic show saluting the work of The Eagles. Featuring mega hits such as "Take It Easy" and "Hotel California." Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 2

**Villalobos Brothers**, 8 pm. The popular Mexican trio perform their brand of jazz, rock and classical music. They'll be joined by Flor de Toleache. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 9

**Walk for Water**, 9 am. The KIWIN's of Diamond Division raise awareness of the global water

crisis. Downey High School football stadium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

## SATURDAY, FEB. 23

**Healthy Downey 5K**, 8 am. A 5K walk/run to raise money for the TLC Family Resource Center. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

**NWDL Opening Day**, 10 am. Opening Day of Northwest Downey Little League. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 14

**GOOD Luncheon**, 11:30 am. Annual fundraiser benefiting Gangs Out of Downey. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

**Blue Öyster Cult**, 8 pm. The heavy metal band from Long Island, New York performs their canon of hits. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23

**Amistad Gala**, 5:30 pm. Annual gala fundraiser benefiting Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation

Center. Westin Long Beach, 333 Ocean Blvd.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 30

**Arc Walk for Independence**, 9 am. A 1- or 3-mile walk to celebrate people with developmental disabilities. Stonewood Center, 251 Stonewood St.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**Downey Symphony**, 8 pm. An all-Gershwin concert, featuring a guest solo by pianist Bernadene Blaha. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7

**Billy Ocean**, 7 pm. With more than 30 million records sold, Billy Ocean is a pop legend with no signs of slowing down. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

**Havana Cuba All Stars**, 8 pm. Some of Cuba's greatest musicians and dancers perform everything from the cha cha to rumba. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 12

**Coffee with the Superintendent**, 9 am. Chat with Downey Unified superintendent Dr. John Garcia over a cup of coffee. Lewis Elementary cafeteria, 113220 Bellflower Blvd.

## MONDAY, APRIL 15

**Downey Adult School Golf Tournament**, 12 pm. Downey Adult School's annual golf tournament raising money for student scholarships. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 20

**Kids & Cops Day**, 11 am. Police officers and local kids come together for a day of games and activities. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 25

**We've Only Just Begun**, 7 pm. A 50th anniversary concert celebration of The Carpenters' first album with A&M Records. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SATURDAY, MAY 18

**Downey High Prom**, 8 pm. Grove of Anaheim, 2200 Katella Ave.

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

**Los Chicos del 512**, 7 pm. Called "the best Selena tribute band out there," Los Chicos del 512 performs across the country, taking audiences back to 1995. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

**Columbus High Graduation**, time TBA. Columbus High's class of 2018 graduates. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## THURSDAY, MAY 30

**Warren High Graduation**, 6 pm. Warren High's class of 2018 graduates. Long Beach City College, 5000 E. Lew Davis St.

## FRIDAY, MAY 31

**Downey High Graduation**, 6 pm. Downey High's class of 2018 graduates. Long Beach City College, 5000 E. Lew Davis St.

*Compiled by Eric Pierce. Email calendar listings to eric@thedowneypatriot.com*

# The 20-minute train ride to downtown L.A.

## Things You Didn't Know About Downey

By Bobbi Bruce Contributor

**DOWNEY** – In news clippings of Downey from 1970 was an article titled, "Twenty Minute Downey to L.A. Train Ride Reality in 1918."

What was only a dream in 1953 was a reality in 1918 -- a 20-minute train ride from Downey to Los Angeles at a cost of 15 cents.

Residents of Downey who worked in Los Angeles in the

old days caught the train at seven or eight o'clock each workday and 20 minutes later arrived at the Fifth and Central Avenue depot refreshed and ready for vigorous work.

Today, a rapid transit system lacking, Downeyites jump in their cars, fight through heavy traffic, arrive at their work with exhausted nerves after 30 or more minutes of driving on modern freeways.

Early residents remember the "turn table" which terminated the Southern Pacific

steam line to Downey. The last train arriving in Downey was then turned around, prepared for the return trip and housed overnight.

Four round trips were made daily during the week beginning at 7 a.m. and continuing until 4:30 p.m. for Los Angeles bound passengers and commencing at 8:55 a.m. and lasting until 5:10 p.m. from Los Angeles to Downey. For a while a theater train ran at night but this was financially a failure and was discontinued. Each train carried from 2-5 coaches with the last one reserved for Downey residents.

Highlight of the week was on Sunday morning at 9:30 when all residents who could congregated at the depot in Downey to greet the visitors

and again at 4:30 p.m. to bid them farewell -- not curious, just friendly.

Train service continued until 1920 when it was abandoned for modern busses.

It is always fun to find articles about early life in Downey.

**TIME CHANGES:** Around the turn of the century, Downey was called home by coyotes, skunks, opossums and bats, according to Eddie Gennaway, who writes for "The Messenger," a publication of the Downey post office.

In a study of the flora and fauna of the early days of Downey, Gennaway, who has done research on the subject,

stated that there were good sized persimmon groves at what is now Stewart and Gray and Paramount. Orange orchards covered practically the entire area.

In the early days, a popular hobby for Downeyites was taking a ride down to the depot to watch the trains come in, he says.

Gennaway reports that there is a marker embedded in the building of the Pacific Telephone Company at 2nd Street and Downey Avenue that reads, "This was the site of the first two-story masonry building in Downey (built in 1889)." The first floor was occupied by Manning's General Store, the second by the Ancient Order of United Workman, a fraternal life insurance group.

Gennaway reported that the hitching ring was used to tie a man's horse while he was inside doing business. The general store was replaced by the supermarket; The Ancient Order of United Workman became a mutual life insurance company.

The horse was replaced by the automobile. The building was removed in 1966 to make way for a modern communications building. Only the ring remains to remind us of the past and inevitable change.

*Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.*

# Homeless at the post office: a follow-up

By Lorine Parks

**DOWNEY** – I saw Julie standing outside the post office again, so that means she is "all right." But not really.

"I don't mind talking about being homeless," she said, so I asked what had happened to

her. "I lived with my mother and sister in my mother's apartment here in Downey," Julie said, "and I was their caretaker."

"But my sister's cancer got worse," Julie said. "I was with her, to her last gasp."

"That was a year and let's

see," and she counted the months off on her fingers, "It was July. A year and four months ago."

"Then my mother started feeling bad," Julie said, "and one night she had a real sharp back pain. They took her to the hospital, and it was cancer too." Julie paused. "She died within a week."

"The manager let me stay for two weeks. And then I had to go."

"Where will you sleep tonight?" I asked her. "I don't know," Julie replied.

"There's a church group," she said, "and if I get enough for a motel room and show them the key, they'll pay for three more nights."

When Julie's story, brief as it was, went from the Patriot in November to Facebook, people wrote to say they had seen Julie, or someone like her, and had contributed something to her. But that's a temporary fix. Complex social problems always have many sides, and the City of Downey has been



studying the issue. But that's not going to help Julie this December.

How old is she? Older, but not elderly. It is hard to tell. What kind of work could she do? "Cleaning. I could clean," she said. But Julie has macular degeneration, and can't read anymore, let alone see dirt.

"I don't mind talking about it," Julie said. "But if you want to write it down, I'd like to see it. So I can be sure it's gotten down properly."

Let's hope a proper ending comes soon.

## 60 Words

*to celebrate the Downey Symphony Orchestra's 60th anniversary*

The death of Maestro Palange in 1979 sent the Board into search-mode again. They found Cuban-born, cosmopolitan Alberto Bolet, who had escaped Havana after the Communist takeover and gone on to guest-conduct orchestras across the world. Now residing with his family in Southern California, Bolet was musical director of the Long Beach Symphony. He proudly declared, "I made that orchestra."

*Daily Southeast News, November 21, 1980, and Symphony archives*

*Compiled by Joyce Sherwin*

# Short Story: The Letter

By Sharon Benson Smith

It was dated June 25, 1960, and came from the mortuary informing Mom of the passing of a John Asbury Pate as the result of a hit-and-run accident in Casa Grande, Arizona.

She was now 42 years old, married with six children and three grandchildren, but the mortuary had records leading them to believe that Mom was his daughter and wanted her to identify and confirm whether the deceased was her father.

Was this her father? How could she know? She hadn't seen him since she was four years old. Her father abandoned the family after his wife died of a combination of the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918, and giving birth to their second child, a son, George.

Bea and George were left behind to be cared for by family members. Olivia (John's sister) and her husband (G.W.), who were childless, decided they would bring up the children.

Naturally, the necessity of this identification weighed heavily as something that needed to be done. John's living sisters were contacted

and agreed the journey was necessary. So, Dad drove Mom, Olivia, and Violet to the mortuary in Casa Grande, Arizona.

Although they hadn't seen him in over 40 years, his physical stature and features were enough to confirm to Olivia and Violet that he, in fact, was their brother and, therefore, Mom's father.

They took care of the internment arrangements, and visited the home in which John had lived all those many years, before heading back home to Los Angeles.

In contemplating just how I would end this writing on "The Letter," I had been searching my thoughts for several days until I read this quote in the newspaper this morning by John Greenleaf Whittier: "For all sad words of tongue and pen, the saddest are these, it might have been."

*Sharon Benson Smith is a student in the writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program.*

## Cat, kitten adoptions only \$5

**DOWNEY** – SEAACA has dropped the adoption fee for cats and kittens to \$5 through Jan. 5.

The discounted fee applies to cats ages 8 weeks and older.

The \$5 fee includes spay/neuter, microchip, first set of vaccinations, and flea treatment.

Animal viewing hours are Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## POETRY MATTERS

### Bridge

Most of my life was spent building a bridge out over the sea though the sea was too wide. I'm proud of the bridge hanging in the pure sea air. Machado came for a visit and we sat on the end of the bridge, which was his idea.

Now that I'm old the work goes slowly. Ever nearer death, I like it out here high above the sea bundled up for the arctic storms of late fall, the resounding crash and moan of the sea, the hundred-foot depth of the green troughs. Sometimes the sea roars and howls like the animal it is, a continent wide and alive. What beauty in this the darkest music over which you can hear the lightest music of human behavior, the tender connection between men and galaxies.

So I sit on the edge, wagging my feet above the abyss. Tonight the moon will be in my lap. This is my job, to study the universe from my bridge. I have the sky, the sea, the faint green streak of Canadian forest on the far shore.

*Jim Harrison, Dead Man's Float, Copper Canyon Press 2016*

Aging has been found to have a "mellowing effect" on the brain: the poet sits on the edge of the abyss and finds he is enjoying it, as does Wordsworth in Tintern Abbey: "For I have learned/ to look on nature, not as in the hour/ of thoughtless youth; but hearing oftentimes/ the still, sad music of humanity." Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.







## CLASSIFIEDS

### EMPLOYMENT

#### **COSTCO IN-STORE MARKETING REP**

A local Costco affiliate JW Heating and Air is seeking an individual to provide Members with appointments for Free Estimates. \$12/hour, \$150 commission on each appointment that sells. Retired and Senior Citizens are encouraged to apply. **Call Paul anytime, day or night (213) 222-5251**

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### SERVICES

#### **FULL SERVICE PLUMBING**

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### SERVICES

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

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#### **NICE-N-KLEAN**

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#### **ALL ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING WORK**

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

### YARD SALE

**SAT & SUN, 7 A.M.** Hshld items, clothes & furn **9519 Ardine St, Downey**

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

**Mr. Josef Kekula, Superintendent of Maintenance & Facilities**  
E-Mail: [jkekula@downeyca.org](mailto:jkekula@downeyca.org)  
Tel: (562) 904-7194  
Fax: (562) 904-7296

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

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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

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#### **NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Downey Unified School District of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as "District" will receive up to but no later than the below stated Proposal Submission Deadline, sealed Proposals at the place identified below for **Request for Proposals (RFP) #2018/2019-03, Purchase and Installation of a District-Wide Digital Radio Communication system.**

To obtain this RFP, you must contact Mr. Darren Purselglove, Director, Purchasing and Warehouse, at [dpurselglove@dusd.net](mailto:dpurselglove@dusd.net). Use the subject line "Requesting RFP2018201903" in your email.

The District reserves the right to reject any and/or all submissions, to negotiate with any and/or all responsible proposers, and/or to waive any deficiencies, irregularities or informalities in any proposal or during the evaluation process.

**Proposal Submission Deadline: December 21, 2018, 11:00 AM**

Place of Proposal Receipt:

**Downey Unified School District Purchasing Office**  
Room 169  
11627 Brookshire Ave  
Downey, CA 90241

Once this RFP has been issued, the individuals identified below are the sole contact points for any inquiries or information relating to this RFP and will coordinate answers with the District Project Management Contact, if needed. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in disqualification of the Proposer. All questions regarding this RFP can be presented in writing to:

**Points of Contact:**

**TECHNICAL RELATED QUESTIONS**  
Mr. Chris Nezzzer  
CTO, Tech. & Information Systems  
Email: [cnezzzer@dusd.net](mailto:cnezzzer@dusd.net)

**BID RELATED ISSUES EXCEPT TECHNICAL QUESTIONS**  
Mr. Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.  
Director, Purchasing and Warehouse  
Email: [dpurselglove@dusd.net](mailto:dpurselglove@dusd.net)

Questions related to this RFP process or the RFP documents must be submitted in writing, via E-mail by **no later than 11:00 am on December 12th, 2018.** The District shall not be required to answer any questions after the specified deadline or any questions not submitted in a manner other than instructed herein.

Downey USD will respond in writing to all questions and the answers will be provided as a numbered addendum, Ex: RFP #2018201903-Addendum #1, as per section 1.14 on page 16.

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#### **CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**

#### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 19-15 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS PROJECT, PHASE 2**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until **11:00 AM on Thursday, December 20, 2018** 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. 19-15 - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Project, Phase 2.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in the Furman Park parking lot located at 19419 Rives Avenue, Discovery Park/Columbia Memorial Space Center located at 12400 Columbia Way, Independence Park located at 12334 Bellflower Boulevard, Rio Hondo Golf Course located at 10627 Old River School Road, Wilderness Park located at 10999 Little Lake Road and Rio San Gabriel Park located at 9612 Ardine Street. This work includes trenching, back filling, compaction and replacing surface finish in kind; concrete footing with all anchor bolts; installing rigid, EMT, and PVC conduits including all needed fittings, fasteners, braces, clamps, and brackets on wall/ceiling; installing main breaker in existing main switch boards; electrical works and components 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. 19-15.**

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 **\$25.00 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. 19-15.** 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 secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bonds 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 C-10, "Electrical Contractor"**.

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

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

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his 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 at 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. Edwin Norris, Deputy Director of Public Works**  
E-Mail: [enorris@downeyca.org](mailto:enorris@downeyca.org)  
Tel: (562) 904-7110  
Fax: (562) 904-7296

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

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA  
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#### **CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

On November 27, 2018, the City Council

of the City of Downey adopted the following Ordinance:

Adopted Ordinance No. 18-1404, an Interim Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey extending Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 18-1401 for an additional 10 months and 15 days thereby continuing temporary moratorium on subdividing large parcels (20,000 square feet and larger) in the R-1 zone

Copy of the full text is available in the City Clerk's Office.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC, City Clerk  
November 29, 2018

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### NOTICES

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

**CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00038**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOSEPH MORALES/NATHAN MORALES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JOSEPH JIONNI MORALES LOPEZ to Proposed name (1) JOSEPH JIONNI MORALES Present name (1) NATHAN MANUEL MORALES LOPEZ to Proposed name (1) NATHAN MANUEL MORALES 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: JANUARY 9, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, 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** NOVEMBER 13, 2018 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per **MARIA MORALES AND JOSE MORALES ON BEHALF OF JOSEPH AND NATHAN MORALES** 7900 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY #11 DOWNEY, CA 90242 323-571-1096 **MLOPEZ7829@YAHOO.COM**

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

**CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00029**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner GUADALUPE ELIZABETH FERNANDEZ CARRASCO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) GUADALUPE ELIZABETH FERNANDEZ CARRASCO to Proposed name (1) ELIZABETH MARIE SANCHEZ 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 26, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, 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 31, 2018 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per **GUADALUPE ELIZABETH FERNANDEZ CARRASCO** 12522 PARAMOUNT BLVD, APT 13 DOWNEY, CA 90242 323-474-9309 **ELLI1020@YAHOO.COM**

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

**CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00037**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DELAND SANTOS BOGNOT filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) DELAND SANTOS BOGNOT to Proposed name (1) DELAND SANTOS GRACE 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: JANUARY 2, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312

The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, 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, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** NOVEMBER 9, 2018 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per **DELAND BOGNOT** 6129 EDGEFIELD AVE LAKEWOOD, CA 90713 562/858-6841

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#### **NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE OF 8953 MILLS AVENUE IN WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA**

Date: On or after January 11, 2019  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: Alex Sanchez, Regional Real Estate

11401 E Valley Blvd, Suite 206, El Monte CA 91731

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT** on or within one year after January 11, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., the following real property, situated in the County of Los Angeles will be sold to the highest bidder:

8953 Mills Avenue, Whittier, CA 90605 (the "Property")

The legal description of the Property is as follows:

The real property situated in the City of Whittier, County of Los Angeles, State of California, more particularly described as follows: Lot 67 of Tract No. 17172 as per Map recorded in Book 400 Pages 12 - 16 of maps in the office of the county recorder of said county.

The Property is sold "as is".

The private sale is by court ordered interlocutory judgment dated November 5, 2018 by the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, in *Buakong v. Buakong*, Case No. BC704340. A copy of the judgment may be obtained by emailing Attorney Zein Obagi at [support@obagiing.com](mailto:support@obagiing.com).

Written bids will be received from the date of publication of this notice until up to one year after the sale date and time. Written bids may be sent to Alex Sanchez of Regional Real Estate, via email [sanchezalex213@gmail.com](mailto:sanchezalex213@gmail.com) or via facsimile to 424-204-0719. **Prospective bidders should refer to Sections 701.510 to 701.680, inclusive, of the Code of Civil Procedure for provisions governing the terms, conditions, and effect of the sale and the liability of defaulting bidders.**

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

**CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00035**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOANN J. MERCADO BEHALF DAUGHTER JULIANN ANALA MERCADO-ARROYO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JULIANN ANALA MERCADO-ARROYO to Proposed name (1) JULI ANN ANALA ARROYO 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: JANUARY 2, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312 The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, 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, **DOWNEY PATRIOT NEWS PAPER** NOVEMBER 6, 2018 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per **JO ANN J. MERCADO BEHALF DAUGHTER JULIANN ANALA MERCADO-ARROYO** 13020 OAK ST. WHITTIER, CA 90602 323-353-8561

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### TRUSTEE SALES

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** Trustee's Sale No. CA-RCS-17017552 NOTE: PURSUANT TO 2923.3(C) THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. [PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3(a), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.] YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/13/2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2891 or visit this Internet Web site [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com), using the file number assigned to this case, CA-RCS-17017552. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. On December 6, 2018, at 09:00 AM, AT VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, NORWALK, 4311 SYCAMORE DRIVE, in the City of NORWALK, County of LOS ANGELES, State of CALIFORNIA, PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by HEE WEON WOO, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as Truators, recorded on 2/22/2007, as Instrument No.

20070382756, modified under Instrument No. 20120932012, further modified under Instrument No. 20121055861, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, **WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER**, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges, and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Property is being sold "as is - where is". TAX PARCEL NO. 6365-031-018 The Land referred is situated in the State of California, County of Los Angeles, City of Downey, and is described as follows: Lot 84 of Tract 17438, in the City of Downey, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as per Map recorded in Book 436 Pages 26 to 31 inclusive of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 7643 SHADY OAK DRIVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$501,007.44. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** Sale Information Line: 800-280-2891 or Website: [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) Dated: 11/8/18 PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC. AS TRUSTEE BY Lilian Solano, Trustee Sale Officer A-4675861 11/15/2018, 11/22/2018, 11/29/2018

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# PEERING INTO THE DARKNESS

**EDITORIAL:** The city of Downey has shown a desire to tap more from the Downey Civic Theatre.

But is it willing to commit the resources?

By Lawrence Christon  
Contributor

The city council has come around to realizing that Downey 2018 is at a critical juncture in its history, as it has been for some time. And once again they're looking across the civic center to try and figure out why such weak signals are emanating from the city's largest public building, the Downey Theater, as if its lack of identity is a kind of metaphor for the city at large. The question is, what to do about it.

All this has come into focus within the past few weeks, when on November 13 the city renewed VenueTech's contract to manage the theater for three more years; and when Mayor Pro Tem Rick Rodriguez saw a production at the Mark Taper Forum in the Los Angeles Music Center and came home to wonder why the Downey Theater isn't packing 'em in.

"Our theater is a beautiful theater..." he was quoted as saying in the November 12th edition of The Downey Patriot. "I think it's just undermarketed. It's used quite a bit; it's just [that] the story isn't told enough."

"It's a small 300 seat theater," he said of the Taper, "but...every seat was taken. You wonder how a little theater like that—with terrible parking, with downtown traffic, that's hard to get to—how do they draw people from the Valley...from Downey? From Long Beach, from Whittier...it's all because of the sales efforts."

This is not quite true. The Taper, which opened in 1967, is a major award-winning American theater that has presented classics, musical originals and

new plays by some of the world's leading playwrights, as well as previous unknowns who've gone on to notable careers. It draws top directors, actors and designers, both from the international theater world and Hollywood. It has a board of directors, a hefty roster of management and administrative personnel, a literary department, casting directors, a press and communications department, a set and costume shop, a development department, and a finance and human resource department. It seats 739 (not 300), one more than the Downey Theater.

VenueTech supplies one full time employee to manage the Downey Theater, Amber Vogel, who got her start running a hospitality suite in Las Vegas.

Do we begin to see a problem here?

I'm not going to re-hash some of the headaches VenueTech has caused, most notably its role in the demise of the popular Downey Civic Light Opera; and the unreported cost to the city, which indemnifies the company, from the pricey lawsuit (rumored to be \$1 million) filed by Los Lonely Boys after VenueTech's negligence led to the serious injury of one of LLB's performers. And I'm not going to challenge the numbers in costs and fees that VenueTech gives the city, which appears to accept them without question. VenueTech has professionalized the box office and its basic function as a booking agency has relieved the city from having to think about the \$470,000 a year operating cost it bore in 2010, when VenueTech was hired.

Still, any marketing scheme is doomed once people discover that there's nothing, or little, to market. Over the course of a year,

the Downey Symphony orchestra gives three performances, not enough to grow an audience base (though it's been doing well lately). The amount of other professional bookings, including holiday shows, dance troupes, rock groups, comedians, singers, Latin-flavored entertainment, maxes out at five a month (sometimes there's as little as one). At most, this amounts to sixty performances a year.

Somebody at the November 13th meeting put out the number of two hundred performances a year, another unchallenged statement. Even if true, the other one hundred and forty bookings consist of local amateur dance recitals, high school events, and various ceremonial functions that play to parents and friends cheering whoever is up onstage. The question is: does this use of the theater justify a yearly operating cost of \$686,233, which is the estimated amount the city is covering now?

The city is looking around at the La Mirada Civic, the Cerritos Center and the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach, which regularly score A-list talent, and realizing that Downey, our vaunted step-up city, is the runt of the litter—though, to be fair, VenueTech has brought in the likes of Arturo Sandoval and the late Al Jarreau and done its best to adapt to what has become mainly a Latin-American working class city. But now, Downey's civic leadership is asking, is this the best we can do?

The answer is of course, no.

One of the dilemmas Downey faces is that its theater is only mid-sized, where the surrounding facilities (La Mirada, etc.) seat 1200 or more. Larger audiences mean larger paydays for the artists they see and hear and more sustaining revenues for the theaters that present them (even in Hollywood, home of countless actors, directors and writers, mid-size theaters like the Las Palmas and the Ivar are forever struggling).

Also, there's a general contractual agreement among these theaters that an act booked in one place can't play within a fifty mile radius of another, and thereby cut into artists' and theaters' earnings. This means that Lily Tomlin can play Cerritos, but she can't, and won't, play Downey, which just might turn out a good audience for her. The city has made quiet overtures about sharing productions with other nearby cities and been firmly rebuffed. Even the Taper, as crucial as it's been in making Los Angeles a world-class cultural capital, is folded into the umbrella of the Center Theatre Group, which also runs the 1200-seat Ahmanson.

In a way, this is a blessing. It's leading the city council to try and think up some kind of creative plan that would make the Downey Theater a source of achievement that not only would draw enthusiastic, or at least interested, audiences, but to lend the city a sense of civic pride. And both Mayor Sean Ashton and Councilman Alex Saab were right to ask for something that would be a regional draw, "a cultural epicenter," as Saab put it, that would merit regular coverage in the Los Angeles Times and other Southern California media.

What they need to do is professionalize the theater. Now that they have a computerized box office, they need to install a theater company—even if it means creating a new one—that would stage theatrical productions and reintroduce, or introduce for the first time, audiences to Shakespeare and Chekhov and other great playwrights from around the world, including Latin America, as well as American works. They would have to make use of professional actors, designers, musicians where necessary, and backstage staff. And, yes, a marketing and publicity department.

Or they might want to diversify, by spelling straight plays and comedies with



the Reprise strategy, i.e., downsized staging of great American musicals featuring accomplished singers, dancers and choreographers, that played UCLA a decade or so ago. Or they might find a kind of theatrical auteur like Great Britain's Peter Brook, who has the talent, vision and genius to create compelling avant-garde theater that can't be seen anywhere else. Or they might try and install a company headed by someone like David Sefton, who currently heads the Adelaide Festival in Australia, to run a top-flight operation that would include world-class performance in theater, dance and music and play them throughout the city, including outdoor spaces.

To even begin to tackle such ambitions, the city needs to appoint a knowledgeable theater council, consisting of people with a track record of solid accomplishment, to consider the various options of making the Downey Theater a real theater. This might include theater critics, artistic directors from a few Southland theaters, and academics like the USC roster of professors who still work as professional actors and directors in the theater community.

Alas, this advisory group would have to come, at least in part, from outside Downey. Local talent could be included, both in

its advisory and artistic role. The difficulty here is that Downey has no tradition of a serious resident theater, and no young theater troupe busting at the seams to make local theater in any space they can find.

In a milieu uniquely attractive to fabulists, narcissists, hustlers and the delusional, the city would have to be careful to find people it could trust, because Downey's inexperience and absence of virtually any competency in the theater world puts it at great risk in what would amount to a huge leap of faith.

Ashton and Saab were right to assert that this would have to be, at the least, a regional effort. It would be expensive. It would require fundraising. But wouldn't it be wonderful if people who regularly took in the Taper would just as regularly be able to say, "Let's see what they're doing at the Downey Theater," and consider going to either one a tossup.

If you saw the hope and earnestness in Ashton and Saab's faces at that meeting, your heart had to go out to them. They were contemplating something grand and historic for a city that has lost its luster in the national purpose. I hope they come up with something good. But their work is cut out for them.

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Lupita Infante will be performing at this year's annual Ferias Legales Holiday Party taking place Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Joseph's Bar & Grill. It is scheduled from 6-9 p.m. and is free to attend.

A first generation Mexican-American, Lupita Infante is the granddaughter of beloved Pedro Infante, one of the greatest stars to come from the Golden Age of Mexican cinema and music.

Lupita grew up in the suburbs of Downey, a city associated with musical history. It was here where Lupita began her creative development with music classes. Her excitement for the stage, along with inspiration drawn from her grandfather and father, led her to pursue voice and the study of music. Lupita graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles in June 2017, with a B.A. in ethnomusicology.

Lupita's music is an artistic expression of her musical upbringing, paying tribute to her grandfather and her father accompanied by Mexico's traditional mariachi sounds.

Her recorded music can be found on digital platforms worldwide. To celebrate this holiday season she's releasing a mariachi version of Bing Crosby's famous rendition "White Christmas" along with a Spanish version titled, "Blanca Navidad".



Christopher Job, a baritone singer with the Metropolitan Opera, will perform at the "It's Christmas in Downey" show Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Downey Theatre.

A graduate of Mater Dei High School and Cal State Fullerton, Job has been a house favorite at the Metropolitan Opera since the beginning of his career. He has been featured in six of their "Live in HD" broadcasts and has appeared in numerous other productions such as "Tosca" and "Macbeth."

Other career highlights include creating the role of Sen. Thomas Jordan in the premiere of "The Manchurian Candidate" by Pulitzer Prize winning composer Kevin Puts with the Minnesota Opera and his debut with Ash Lawn Opera as Olin Blitch in "Susannah."

Job made his Italian debut at the Teatro Comunale di Bologna as Sparafucile in "Rigoletto" and Il Podesta in Rossini's "La Gazza Ladra." He made his French debut as Alidoro in "La Cenerentola" with Le Festival Lyrique de Belle-Ile En Mer.

His concert appearances have included the Verdi and Mozart Requiems at Carnegie Hall and Barcelona's Palau de la Musica Catalana, and Beethoven's 9th Symphony at Avery Fisher Hall.

Tickets to see "It's Christmas in Downey" are now on sale and can be purchased online or by calling the Downey Theatre box office at (562) 861-8211.

### Non-profit seeks Christmas carolers

**DOWNEY** - Do you love to sing? Enjoy doing arts and crafts?

Compassionate Artists, a Downey nonprofit that brings the arts to low-income senior facilities, will be bringing holiday cheer to facilities throughout the Downey area.

Rehearsal is Dec. 10 in Downey, and most of the performances are during the day. Volunteers do not have to commit to all performances.

Piano and guitar accompanists are also needed.

For more information, contact executive director Carol Gibson at (562) 334-5031 or carol@compassioneartists.org.

### Holiday party for special needs adults

**LONG BEACH** - A holiday party for special needs adults will be held Tuesday, Dec. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Alpert Jewish Community Center in Long Beach.

Presented by Rockin Blues Entertainment, the party will feature live singers and performers specifically for adults confined to wheelchairs or who are hearing-impaired, blind or seniors.

There is no charge but donations are appreciated. For more information, call (310) 251-5948.

### Christian group meets at Sizzler

**DOWNEY** - Art Drews will be the guest speaker at the Dec. 6 meeting of the Downey Christian Business and Professionals.

The meeting begins at 12 p.m. at Sizzler.

Drews is an electrician "who has learned to get the energy to survive health challenges by plugging into Jesus."

Future meetings are scheduled for Jan. 3 (guest speaker is George Saieg, a Lebanese who immigrated from Sudan over 20 years ago) and Feb. 7 (guest speaker is Joe Jenkins, leader of the Keenager Luncheon at Florence Avenue Foursquare Church).

### Sertoma Club marks 54 years in Downey

**DOWNEY** - Downey Sertoma Club is celebrating its 54th year in Downey as a service club.

Sertoma (short for "Service to Man") meets every second and fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Members order their own meals off the menu.

The club supports the Downey YMCA, AARP, Meals on Wheels, and the PTA HELPS food bank. They also sponsor fantasy baseball and ice skating camps for hearing-impaired children.

There are Sertoma clubs in all 50 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

For more information, contact Maurie Thomas at (562) 858-1201 or produce.man1@verizon.net.

### Kaiser hospital donates 1,200 Thanksgiving meals

**DOWNEY** - This Thanksgiving, more than 1,230 families enjoyed a holiday meal thanks to physicians and staff from Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center.

For the past 10 years, the Downey hospital has partnered with Canning Hunger -- and organization that provides holiday meals to families in need -- for the Boxes of Love Holiday Food Project.

The "boxes of love," which are filled with everything needed to make a holiday meal, were distributed to:

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Elizabeth Learning Center pre-K-12 school in Cudahy

Henry T. Gage Middle School in Huntington Park

Nimitz Middle School in Huntington Park

Downey USD's TLC Family Resource Center

This project is part of Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center's community volunteer program.

### Studio Movie Grill hiring 200 for renovated theater

**DOWNEY** - Studio Movie Grill will hire 200 workers for its new Downey cinema location, company officials said in a news release.

Studio Movie Grill took over the Krikorian theater in Downtown Downey earlier this year and is in the midst of a full renovation.

When complete, the Downey theater will feature 10 auditoriums equipped with new digital projectors, Real D 3D and Dolby Digital surround sound. Theatergoers will sit in plush leather lounge chairs with individual dining tables and 'push-for-service' call buttons.

"Studio Movie Grill is a fantastic addition to Downtown Downey as it's bolstering our local economy and generating new jobs, while attracting community members and visitors alike," said Mayor Sean Ashton. "We look forward to enjoying this unique in-theater dining experience."

Food and beverage service is anticipated to begin in early December, officials said.

Studio Movie Grill representatives said they plan to hire approximately 200 people for the Downey theater, plus an additional 30 positions for another new location in Monrovia.

Job-seekers can apply on the Studio Movie Grill website or in person Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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