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## Dean Milligan sworn-in as Downey chief of police

► A 24-year veteran of the Downey Police Department, Dean Milligan offered his commitment to the Downey community.

"We will be tough on crime and diligent in providing for your safety while being responsive to your concerns," he said.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Former police captain Dean Milligan was officially sworn in as Downey's 11th police chief in front of a crowded City Hall chamber Wednesday morning.

Milligan has served as part of Downey's Police Department since 1994, working several assignments and moving up the ranks before being promoted to captain in December of 2012. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Laverne and a Master's Degree in Public Safety Leadership from the University of San Diego.

He now takes over for Chief Carl Charles, whose retirement became effective Wednesday.

Charles said that he "couldn't have asked for a more hard-working, conscientious, and loyal second-in-command."

"For the past six years, Dean played a critical role in implementing a host of community-based programs and services," said Charles. "Through it all, Dean has been a confidant, an advisor, and a true friend. It is my supreme confidence in his ability that led me to choose this point in time to retire.

"I am absolutely certain that Dean is the right person to lead this department into the future with an ever-changing law enforcement landscape."

Milligan was sworn in by former Downey Police Chief Greg Caldwell. His wife, Theresa, held a bible as he took his oath.

After taking his oath, Milligan addressed the audience.

"With this chief's office comes tremendous responsibilities. It is a great honor that I am humbled by and I do not take it lightly," said Milligan.

"I offer you my commitment. We will be tough on crime and diligent in providing for your safety while being responsive to your concerns. We will always strive to be respectful while being an open, accountable, and transparent agency."

Milligan also asked for the



Dean Milligan became Downey's chief of police after he was sworn-in by retired Downey police chief Greg Caldwell.

"I am absolutely certain that Dean is the right person for this department," said retiring police chief Carl Charles.

Photos by Alex Dominguez



cooperation of the community.

"We need your leadership as well as your understanding with regard to what we can and cannot do. While we will always be your first line of defense, we unfortunately are not the answer to every problem."

"It is my hope that in the event of a critical incident, you will be willing to suspend judgement until all the facts are in. Safe neighborhoods are the results of residents and their police department working together to create them... please know that the Downey Police Department is committed to working with you to make this community a safe and secure place to live and that we will continuously strive to maintain your trust"

Milligan's speech included a wide range of thanks – directed to everyone from City Council and staff to friends, loved ones and his family – as well as a few direct words to the police department

staff and officers that he now will lead.

"You should feel very proud of the job you do each day. It's my hope that when you end your shift and head for the safety of your home you will truly believe that what you did today mattered," said Milligan. "I commit myself to ensure that you are properly equipped and supervised, as well as being supported entirely."

"Serving as a police officer today means facing adversity and overcoming increasing challenges. We ask more of our officers on the street today than at any time in history."

"Policing is about much more than simply investigating crime and arresting those who do harm; it's providing council to families in distress, it's getting someone suffering from mental illness help, working out civil disputes between neighbors, and working with our youth in various programs..."

"I know that you all do your respective uniforms every day because you've chosen to help people and give back to the community that we serve."

## Warren High wins Downey's first eSports tournament

► The competitive video game tournament was the first of its kind in L.A. County.

**DOWNEY** – Warren High School won the Overwatch Downey Unified High School eSports Tournament on Wednesday, the first-of-its-kind video game competition ever held in Los Angeles County.

Warren defeated Downey in the finals, which were played in front of a live audience at the Downey Theatre. The finale was the culmination of a six-week program where students formed 7-member teams and competed against other teams within each school.

Ten teams from Downey High and eight teams from Warren High competed in the tournament.

Held in partnership with the Carrot Group, the tournament was part of Downey Unified's MADE Initiative, a college and career readiness program headed by director John Harris. The goal of MADE is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to achieve their post-secondary educational and career goals.

"We are thrilled for Warren High School and proud of how the students worked hard during the season and came together as a team to win," said Harris.

"This tournament embodies everything we are trying to do with our students to align with our district's vision to ensure they are college and career ready, globally competitive, and citizens of strong character. We are proud to bring

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Warren High's eSports team celebrates after beating Downey on Tuesday.

Photo courtesy DUSD



### Downey restaurant grades

**Squeezy's Pizza**  
7502 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 12/4/18  
Grade: **A**

**Club DB Lounge**  
8206 E Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/30/18  
Grade: **A**

**Hully Gully**  
9559 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 11/30/18  
Grade: **A**

**Carinos**  
12036 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/29/18  
Grade: **B**

**In n Out**  
8767 E Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/29/18  
Grade: **A**

**Teriyaki Plus**  
7850 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 11/29/18  
Grade: **A**

**El Chymal**  
10815 Studebaker Rd.  
Date Inspected: 11/29/18  
Grade: **A**

**Zaiga Grill**  
8814 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 11/29/18  
Grade: **A**

**Godtti's**  
7931 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/28/18  
Grade: **A**

**Noodle World**  
8236 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/28/18  
Grade: **A**

**Barilles Restobar**  
11040 Downey Ave.  
Date Inspected: 11/28/18  
Grade: **A**

**Downey Brewing Company**  
10924 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/28/18  
Grade: **A**

**20/20 Draft House**  
8228 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/28/18  
Grade: **A**

**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**

**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**

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday 70°

Saturday 70°

Sunday 71°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Vintage Flea Market

Saturday - King Richard's Antiques in Whittier, 9 am to 4 pm

50-plus antique vendors, vintage trailers, food trucks, and live entertainment.



#### Snow in the Park

Saturday - Montebello City Park, 11 am to 3 pm

Real snow, pictures with Santa Claus, jumpers, train rides, face painting, live music, and more fun.



#### South Gate Christmas Parade

Sunday - Tweedy Boulevard, 12 pm

A parade and Santa's Village, which includes live music, food, children's entertainment, and Santa Claus.



#### Sugar Plum Festival

All Weekend - Downtown Buena Park

Crafts and food from 125 vendors, including candles, holiday decorations, antiques, jewelry, tamales, and more.



#### Old Time Christmas Festival

Sunday - Rancho Los Cerritos in Long Beach, 1 pm

Discover traditions of a Victorian Christmas. Make historic crafts, enjoy holiday music from a live brass band and carolers, listen to storytellers in the library, sip warm cider, and get a head start on holiday shopping. \$5



#### Festival of Lights Hike

Saturday - Griffith Park Merry Go Round, 4:15 pm

An festive group hike. Wear blue or black plus Christmas lights; Santa hats welcome. This hike is rated intermediate and is not for beginners.

# Downey boys basketball off to hot start

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School boys’ basketball team is currently undefeated with a record of 6-0 and played Long Beach Jordan on Wednesday night in the Artesia Tournament (score unavailable at press time).

Downey defeated Huntington Beach 66-53 on Tuesday night in their first game of the same Artesia Tournament.

The Vikings finished 4-0 in the El Monte Tournament which was held November 20-23. Downey defeated Brea-Olinda 63-26 in their first game on 11/20, defeated Gardena 54-50 in their second game on 11/21, defeated Mira Costa 59-56 in their third game on 11/23 and defeated Gahr 59-47 in their fourth and final game on 11/24.

The Vikings have certainly been playing well and their record is evidence of that.

Downey will play at Staples Center against Cerritos on Dec. 20 and will compete in the Rancho Mirage Holiday Classic on Dec. 26-27. The Vikings are scheduled to play Thousand Oaks at 12:30 p.m. on 12/26 and are scheduled to play Rancho Mirage at 11:30 a.m. on 12/27.

Downey will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they travel to Paramount to play the Pirates on Jan. 4.

The Vikings finished last season with an overall record of 10-16 and were 4-6 in S.G.V.L. play. Downey did not qualify for postseason

competition.

**WARREN GIRLS BASKETBALL:** The Warren High School girls’ basketball team currently has a record of 0-2 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they travel to Lynwood to face the Lady Knights on Jan. 4.

The Lady Bears are currently competing in the Hawk Classic Tournament. Warren was defeated by the Los Alamitos Lady Griffins, 57-38, on Tuesday night and were defeated by the Sunny Hills Lady Lancers, 54-50, on Wednesday night in the same tournament.

Warren hosted Ontario last night (score unavailable at press time), will host Whittier on Dec. 10 and will travel to Orange Lutheran on Dec. 12. The Lady Bears will also be competing in a winter break tournament after Christmas.

Warren celebrated a historic season last year. The Lady Bears were crowned the C.I.F. Division 3AA champions after defeating Cabrillo of Lompoc at Warren 47-42 in the championship game. The Lady Bears were then defeated by Legacy High School, 74-73, in overtime in the first round of the 2018 C.I.F. state girls’ basketball championships.

The Lady Bears finished last season with an overall record of 20-11 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 6-4. Coach Palmer, her staff and players are all looking forward to preseason play and competing for a league title.

Lynwood and cross-town rival Downey will once again be the teams

to beat in league play.

**DOWNEY GIRLS SOCCER:** The Downey High School girls’ soccer team is currently 0-1 after being defeated by San Gabriel Mission, 1-0, at Downey on Dec. 1.

The Lady Vikings traveled to West Covina on Wednesday night for their game against the Lady Bulldogs (score unavailable at press time) and will host Long Beach Poly later today.

The Lady Vikings will compete in the Best in the West Tournament tomorrow where they are scheduled to play Flintridge Prep of La Canada at 9:30 a.m. and La Quinta at 12:40 p.m. Downey is also scheduled to play J Serra Catholic of San Juan Capistrano on Dec. 11 and North Torrance on Dec. 13.

The Lady Vikings will also compete in the Best in the West Tournament at Rio Hondo College on Dec. 15 against “opponents to be determined later.”

Downey will host Paramount on Jan. 2 in the San Gabriel Valley League opener for both schools. The Lady Vikings finished last season with an overall record 12-7-4 and 7-2-1 in league play. Downey was eliminated by Mayfair at Mayfair 3-0 in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

Cross-town rival Warren is the 2018 league champion and will once again be the team to beat in league play.

## The parade to see the parade

### Downey Doings

By Lorine Parks  
Society Columnist

A sunny blue sky on a Sunday morning: it’s 11:15 a.m., almost two hours before the start of the Christmas Parade, and Downey was on the move.

Children in hats sprouting antlers, parents in Santa caps and wearing backpacks with snacks, carrying collapsible chairs or slinging them over their shoulders like unplayed instruments; from every direction families converged on tightly corseted Downey Avenue.

From Florence south to 2nd Street, the sidewalks of Downey Avenue were to be the reviewing stand for the Downey Chamber of Commerce’s annual Christmas Parade. Members of the Downey Police Department already stood at the cross-streets with barriers

to assist with traffic control.

Little pooches in form-fitting green coats, and a big black poodle arrived; teenagers and oldsters with walkers and the occasional wheelchair congregated, toddlers holding hands with grandparents; babies wheeled in strollers: all trekking into place to see dance groups, cheer teams, horses, cars, floats and troops.

The Chamber’s Michael Calvert did it again: organized a magnificent assembly of floats, marching bands and vintage cars to kick off the holiday season.

The names we would now like to give, the pictures of faces, the history behind the banners. But this story is for all those who, with the best of intentions, have ever started out early – and discovered they were not early enough. The lemonade this story offers is the Parade to see the Parade, and the pride this community shows, in appreciating the efforts behind the marchers.

One couldn’t ask for a better

day. Morning winds had whipped away yesterday’s rain clouds, and then gone away themselves. Every parking space and curbside for the next square mile was filled, and the First Baptist Church’s sign added to the festive air of the parking spaces it shares with the Library, Theatre, Embassy Suites and Wells Fargo Bank: “Bah-Humbug.”

Lots to admire in Downey: the way the thick-leafed liquidambar trees line up smartly at City Hall, where the parade will end, their coats of deep red and mellow yellow glistening in the sun. Three flag poles, here and on the Civic Plaza in theatre standing at attention, holding the Stars and Stripes, the Downey colors and California Bear flag, all at half-mast in honor of President George H. W. Bush who died Nov. 30. His thousand points of light will be remembered and reflected in the Lighting the Tree at the Center on Monday.

Among the parade-to-come promises: Grand Marshal Martha

Sodetani, beacon of loving and sharing in her own life, with the parade theme, Christmas of Giving.

Downey Fire Department takes pride of place in the parade with Engine Number 62 that just returned from serving in the Woolsey fire above Malibu. Bright red and gleaming with wax now, it was coated with soot and crusted with grime in that awful conflagration. Downey firefighter Strike Team XLE-1283A and ST XLG-1363A were deployed.

More highlights in the two-hour extravaganza: a brightly decorated float for Miss Downey and her royal court, representing the best in young people in our community; Downey Rose Float Association’s entry for that other festivity, Pasadena’s New Year’s Parade; the Downey Symphony made its first appearance in ten years, since Harold Tseklenis drove his Mercedes SL10. This time, Maestro Sharon Lavery waved from an open vintage Packard to celebrate the Orchestra’s 60th successful season of presenting fine classical music here.

Note to self: next year, check ahead with Chamber for best time to arrive, and when do barriers go up on Downey Avenue’s side streets. Two hours not enough when limited mobility makes close-in for parking and walking a must.

One thing we know for sure: the last float in the Parade

marked Santa Claus’s entrance into Downey. He’ll be at the Tree Lighting too, available for photo op with kiddies and enchanted grown-ups.

The season has started, and the spirit is upon us. As Tiny Tim would say, “God bless us, even the too-late comers, every one.”

**60 Words**  
to celebrate the Downey Symphony Orchestra’s  
60th anniversary

A colorful man, Alberto Bolet: at age seven he heard Casals play the cello and fell in love with music; at 11 he presented his first public violin recital; at 16 he stowed away on a ship for Spain because his father wanted him to become a lawyer. He was fluent in seven languages, world traveled, and blacklisted by Castro.

*Symphony archives*  
Compiled by Joyce Sherwin



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# Garcia introduces menstrual tax repeal bill for third time

**DOWNEY** - A bill to repeal the tax charged on menstrual health products was reintroduced Monday shortly after Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia was sworn in for her fourth term representing the 58th Assembly District.

The bill is the third attempt by Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) to create a gender neutral tax code.



In 2016, the bill (AB 1561) passed through the legislature nearly unanimously only to be vetoed by Governor Brown who cited a resulting loss of funds if the tax was removed. In 2017 the bill was held in Assembly Appropriations.

"When I originally introduced this bill it started a national movement to rectify the discriminatory taxation of menstrual products. California was leading the charge," said Garcia. "Today, the most progressive state in the union is behind the curve in providing a gender neutral tax code that doesn't profit off of a woman's basic biological functions. I'm hopeful that governor-elect Newsom's sense of equality will prevail over his predecessor's."

Currently, women in California still pay over \$20 million annually in taxes on tampons, sanitary napkins, and menstrual cups paying on

average \$7 a month for forty years of their lives. California law exempts health items like walkers, medical identification tags, and prescription medication, including Viagra.

Menstrual health products are not tax exempt in California even though they are deemed medical necessities by the Federal Drug Administration.

The bill will move forward in 2019 as soon as session convenes on January 7 and is assigned its committee hearings. Garcia has already had preliminary discussions with incoming Governor Newsom to highlight in inequities the tax imposes.

At least 10 states exempt menstrual health products from sales tax. Meanwhile, in California the tax remains and a case is pending before the California Superior Court.

That case claims the state is in violation of the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause on the basis that tampons and sanitary napkins are not

luxuries, but basic medical necessities.

In 2017, the self-proclaimed Tampon Queen was successful in expanding access to menstrual health products with the passage of AB 10. That bill provides free menstrual health products in low income school bathrooms.

"The bottom line is we cannot balance the budget on a person's uterus," concluded Garcia. "Every month, for 40 years of our lives, we are being taxed for being born with a uterus. Every month of our adult life we are taxed for our biology. Every month we are told our periods are a luxury, while also being told they are something to be ashamed of and we must hide."

"I respect the need for California to be fiscally sound, but the state budget should not be balanced by a tax of a person's uterus. The same goes for local governments; our tax codes should be gender neutral," said Garcia.

# Bears win eSports title

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one to help our students learn and grow."

Downey Unified positioned the tournament to show students how their interest in video games could turn into prospective career opportunities, while addressing a positive approach to healthy competition including teamwork, leadership, resilience, and problem-solving.

Participating students attended on-campus workforce development sessions from educational partners and became eligible to enroll in two free online game design courses, each worth three graded college credits,

offered by West Hills College Coalinga.

Each member of the winning team received a grand prize package including video gaming accessories from SteelSeries, a meeting with leading game designers, and all-expenses paid trip to a one-week game design bootcamp where they are each eligible to receive an additional two graded college credits on their college transcript.

Additionally, Warren High received a trophy and a \$1,000 gift certificate towards computer

supplies.

Competing for Warren were Adrian Bermejo, Allen Bermejo, Gianni Richards, John Terry, Jacob Mexia, Caleb Villanueva and Vincent Scala.

The Bears were coached by David Quintero.

Competing for Downey were Adam Bhulyan, Omar Aguilar, Daniel Valdez, Michael Pasaye, Bryan Skorka, Adrian Caballero and Jose Cisneros.

The Vikings were coached by David Kraus.



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# Rental prices down for second month

**DOWNEY** - Downey rental prices declined for the second consecutive month but remain up by 0.8% from the same time last year, according to statistics released by the website ApartmentList.com.

Downey rents dropped 0.3% in November, the second straight month of decreasing rent prices since September.

The median rental price for a 2-bedroom unit in Downey stands at \$1,800, and \$1,400 for a one-bedroom apartment.

Downey's year-over-year rent growth lags the state average of 1.4%, as well as the national average of 1.3%.

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# Warren High band wins second straight gold medal

►The Bears successfully defended their championship and won a second gold medal from the Southern California School Band and Orchestra.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High Marching Band and Color Guard once again made program history this year, defending their spot atop the Southern California School Band and Orchestra (SCSBOA) ladder and receiving their second consecutive gold medal.

After being stuck towards the middle of the pack, the Warren Band and Color Guard has turned a competitive corner over the last several years making a gradual climb to the top of Southern California marching bands. That climb culminated in the program's first ever championship win last season.

With momentum on their side, the Bears looked to repeat their success in 2018.

According to Director Dave Niemeyer, however, there was some trepidation at the beginning of the season, due to one particular change in setting.

"There was a lot of concern because we actually changed divisions," said Niemeyer. "We went up to 5A because we allowed more students to march this year. People were concerned [if] we could be as successful in another division."

In SCSBOA field competition, 4A bands range in size from 91 to 120 students on the field. In 5A, the range increases to 121 to 150.

According to Niemeyer, there is a perception that bands become "better" and more competitive the higher the division, due to the bigger sound and – at a program level – greater amount of resources available that a larger band can bring.

"I think it's natural to see bands get better as you get up higher," said Niemeyer.

In the grand scheme of

things, however, a big band doesn't necessarily mean a good band.

"It doesn't really matter what division you're in; there's good bands and bad bands in every division that will still be successful," said Niemeyer. "In SCSBOA, it's just a number. It's not definitive of quality of band."

In fact, it was 4A – not 5A – that had more bands vying for a championship berth.

"To be quite honest, 5A only had 15 bands trying to get into championships. Only the top 12 make it. 4A had 21 bands trying to make it into championships," said Niemeyer. "If you just look at that statistic, it's actually harder to make championships in 4A. It doesn't necessarily mean it's harder to do well... you've just got to be good at what you do to win, there's no way around that."

In actuality, Warren has been a 5A band for several years and has stayed in the 4A division for a very specific reason.

"SCSBOA has been allowing us to host 1A / 4A Championships for marching band, so what we've been doing is cutting our number off at the 4A number, and all the other kids that were in the program had to be alternates," said Niemeyer.

To stay in the 4A division this year would have meant making 20 students alternates, a number Niemeyer says "is just nonsense." Thus, the decision was made to make the division

jump.

By moving up a division, Warren had to give up their home-field advantage – a luxury they've had for the past several years – and all the perks that hosting championships brings.

"We make money at championships for the program, and it's really hard to pass up that money," said Niemeyer. "We applied to host 2A / 5A Championships and we were denied the opportunity to do that."

The change in division didn't seem to faze the Bears in the long run as they went undefeated in SCSBOA competition, despite some mixed reviews of their 2018 show's theme.

Warren's completely custom-built show "Reverie" was set up in a "dreamscape."

"I think that staff and I would agree to tell you that unlike last year's show, this year's show didn't make any bit of sense," said Niemeyer. "Last year's show was this kind of ironic statement about 'wonderful world' but it's not a wonderful world... This year's show started with me and some of the staff getting together off and on and just really looking for anything that hit us as a cool idea."

When Niemeyer found the trailer for recent Disney movie A Wrinkle in Time – and more specifically, the trailer's theme of Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This) by the Eurythmics – the decision was made to center the



Photo courtesy David Niemeyer

show around the song, including the purchase of the music's rights.

Unfortunately, the dream theme got a bit lost in translation on the field.

"What didn't come off well this year was 'what was the show really about,'" said Niemeyer. "I hope in the future if we continue designing, I can convince my staff that we need to be a little more straight forward in our concepts so that students, parents, observers, and judges can attach themselves to it. We did get comments this year from judges that our show didn't make sense, and we all agree

with them."

Even with a muddled theme, Warren secured gold with a score of 94.16 when it mattered.

It may be a little early to start thinking about a "three-peat," but one thing is for sure: Warren has a secure hold on the attention of their competitors.

"Some of the band directors in 5A have asked me to go back to 4A next year," laughed Niemeyer. "Although we're joking about it, it's probably serious. Warren is a bit of a dynasty right now. I was told by Murrieta Valley [High School] that we're the 'poster on their

wall.' They're gunning for us."

"These bands maybe used to have our number years ago, but we have their number right now... We have that energy behind us right now, that clout behind us."

At the end of the day, Niemeyer says "Whoever wins, wins," and that Warren will continue to strive for greatness.

"My goal would be to just stay a phenomenal program," said Niemeyer. "I think as long as we stay in the top three of the division we're in, I think that's 110 percent success."

## How Downey got its official slogan

By Bobbi Bruce  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – "Downey: Future Unlimited" -- This slogan came from a prize-winning speech at the California Real Estate

Convention of 1950 by Pauline Riggs Haines.

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Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.

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## My biggest disappointment in politics

By Lee Hamilton

The other day, a friend asked what surprised me most about politics. This may seem strange, but I'd never really thought about the question.

My response was off-the-cuff but heartfelt. The biggest surprise is also among my biggest disappointments with American political life: the ongoing effort by politicians to suppress votes.

Yes it's gone on for years. And in some respects, limiting the vote has been a feature of American politics since the beginning, when only white men with property could cast ballots. But when I began in politics, I assumed those days were past us, and everyone was on board with the idea that the more people who vote, the better. Boy, was I naïve.

The truth is, people work hard to prevent other people from voting. To be sure, some voters do it to themselves — they're too busy, or they think their vote doesn't matter, or they encounter long lines and turn away.

But there is also an active, ongoing effort to keep people — often minority or poor voters — from casting their ballots. How do politicians accomplish this? Here's a short, and incomplete, list:

- They require voter IDs — and then limit which IDs are valid (a gun permit is fine, for instance, but not a student ID);
- They close polling places — usually (you guessed it) in poor and

minority communities;

- They limit the hours polls are open;
- They conduct sweeping purges of voter rolls, often stripping voters of their ability to vote without their knowledge;
- They restrict eligibility for absentee ballots;
- They refuse to invest in the infrastructure that sustains voting, resulting in machines that break down and long lines that discourage potential voters.

The people who oppose making it easier to vote often cite as their reason that they're trying to prevent voter fraud. In other words, they're defending the integrity of our democracy and of the ballot.

But here's the thing: there is occasional voter fraud, and yes, it needs to be guarded against. But rampant voter fraud simply doesn't exist in this country. Efforts to prove that it exists have failed. Let's be blunt: there's no tidal wave of illegal voting in the U.S.

What does inarguably exist, though, is an epidemic of efforts to suppress the vote. Voting is a basic right of citizenship. It's the foundation of a democracy — people's ability to participate and engage with the issues facing their communities and their country. That ideal lies at the core of American values, and I'm always mindful of the fact that a lot of Americans gave their lives for that ideal. Moreover, excluding groups of voters encourages resentment, risking protests and potentially violence.

## Mourning President Bush

By Susan Estrich

I spent more than a year working to beat him. I thought his campaign manager was about the most unethical person I'd ever met. I knew that the fish rots from the head. I was not a big fan of George H.W. Bush's.

Until I — and much of America — came face to face with a president who lacks everything we took for granted in him.

Nobody was afraid of a Bush presidency, which was one of the reasons he won. Compared with a relatively unknown liberal governor who let a black first-degree murderer out of prison and who then raped a white woman, the vice president was the safe choice. And he was safe.

I don't know a single soul who told me that they were actually afraid of a Bush presidency. He appointed judges I didn't favor, gave tax cuts to the wealthy, played it cozy with the Saudis. But he was never scary. You never thought, "My God, this guy doesn't listen to everyone. He shoots from the hip, embarrasses us in the eyes of the world, creates all kinds of uncertainty, has no respect for anyone or anything, thinks he knows everything, makes everything personal and lost the House with a booming economy."

George H.W. Bush respected the office of the presidency.

He respected the rule of law.

He surrounded himself with aides who were not chosen solely

based on their loyalty to him.

He did not brag about manhandling women, did not spend his day watching television and actually believed in talking to Democrats.

He wrote nice notes to people ("nn") — including people he disagreed with — not Twitter posts

We were opponents, not enemies.

He cared about America more than he ever cared about himself.

And, of course, we took all those things for granted.

I was on a panel at the Ronald Reagan Library during the Clinton years right after the Republicans took over the House in the midterms. Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich was riding high on a pretty harsh anti-Clinton tide. He was on the panel. The crowd was all his. I wasn't even supposed to be there, but whichever woman was on the panel had been forced to bow out. I was doing them a favor.

I got my head handed to me. The first question to me was something about President Reagan and President Roosevelt. I said something completely noncontroversial about "respect for the presidency." The crowd booed me — on C-SPAN, no less. Mrs. Reagan was in the first row, and she was openly appalled. She apologized and sent me flowers.

Reagan respected the presidency in ways President Trump could never understand.

I remember when it was standard political fare, particularly for

with an average of 25 deaths per day. Thanks to steady attrition, their ranks are now the smallest they've been since 2012. Civilian casualties, however, are up nearly 40 percent this year compared with 2017.

We have tried ramping up to overwhelm the insurgents. Obama started in office intending to bring the war to an end, telling his aides, "I don't want to be going to Walter Reed for another eight years." He increased our troop strength from about 30,000 to more than 100,000, with the goal of turning the tide of the war enough for us to go home.

It made a modest difference. The Kabul government gained ground, and the Taliban lost it. But a U.S. commitment on that scale was not sustainable. And the long-sought improvements in Afghan governance and military prowess failed to materialize. As soon as Obama drew down forces, things went south once again.

Rather than pull out entirely, he agreed to keep some 8,400 troops in Afghanistan. Donald Trump, reluctant to look weak, nearly doubled that number. "The American people are weary of war without victory," he declared.

Wrong. The war causes no visible fatigue in the public because it requires no discernible contribution from the public. In any event, victory has eluded him, too.

For a long time, our options have fallen into two categories: bad and worse. The bad is withdrawing and letting the Afghans settle the war themselves, which could easily lead to a collapse of the government and a Taliban return to power. The worse is staying indefinitely, sacrificing American lives to preserve a stalemate.

But the enemy is sure to outlast us. The outlook recalls the comments of the prime minister of North Vietnam to a New York Times reporter early in the Vietnam War. "And how long do you Americans want to fight, Mr. Salisbury?" he asked. "One year? Two years? Three years?"

### Skeptical of homeless story

Dear Editor:

I feel compelled to provide additional information about "Julie."

I, too, have met Julie, not once but several times. The first time I saw her was around 4 p.m., sitting at a bank, wringing a tissue and quietly sobbing to herself. Her eyes were strikingly red, and of course I couldn't help but ask her what was wrong.

She told me a story remarkably similar to the one in the newspaper: How her mother had just died and that she was waiting for her first Social Security check. That it was coming in 32 days, but that a church group which had been helping her couldn't help her anymore. That she needed money for a hotel for just one night, which would cost \$50. I was so moved by her story I gave her \$20. But I was also curious to see what she would do with it. Would she go get medicine for her eyes? Head off the a nearby hotel? (There weren't any in the area that I knew of.)

As soon as she got the money, she gathered up her things and started to leave. I offered to drive her anywhere she needed to go, but she repeatedly refused my help. So I watched her as she briskly crossed the street towards no useful destination that I knew of, and that's when I lost track of her because I have things to do and my own family to take care of. But I wondered about Julie, as I do about the many homeless people I see around Downey.

Somewhat surprisingly I bumped into her again, at the same bank, about two months later, and I was entreated with the exact same story: how her mom had died, how she was waiting for her Social Security check which was coming in 32 days, etc. So I took her picture and told myself never to give her money again.

That was about a year ago, and it seems she's still spinning the same yarn.

It's not as if I don't care about the homeless, as we personally helped a friend of a friend of a friend who had fallen on hard times.

But "Julie" is another story. Is she really homeless? Or is she just a scam artist making easy money?

Joan Niertit  
Downey

I've always believed that you win power by convincing people that your ideas and proposals are right — or at least that you should be given the chance to prove that they're right. Winning power by keeping people away from the polls is a perversion of what democracy is about. Our political institutions need to reflect the will of the people, and if you disenfranchise people, it means that our representative government doesn't reflect accurately the will of the people.

Because voting laws are in the hands of the states, there are plenty of counter-examples — states that have worked to make voting easier, to expand hours, to allow same-day registration, and the like. There's more to be done, especially making sure that the politicians who control elections aren't themselves running for office, as happened notably in November's elections in Georgia and Kansas. That is a conflict of interest of the most obvious sort.

This struggle, between expanding the vote and trying to limit it, is ongoing. It's not going to be resolved any time soon. I'm always distressed when I encounter efforts to suppress the vote. But I take heart from the fact that over the course of American history, the dominant trend has been to expand citizens' access to the polls, and I hope that over the long term, we continue in that direction.

*Lee Hamilton is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.*

Republicans, to try to turn support for civil liberties, or support for requiring congressional approval to go to war, into a test of patriotism. And then the Democrat would scream and yell about questioning his patriotism, because that's just not allowed.

This time is different. This time we have a president about whom nothing can be taken for granted, including respect for separation of powers, American intelligence, the independence of the judiciary and a free press. Because Donald Trump has no respect for anyone and anything, including the Constitution, which he keeps ignoring or trying to rewrite. Donald Trump is not bound by truth or by law. George Bush was a patriot and a hero, two words rarely associated with Trump.

And we have become almost used to it. Every day, Trump says or does something that none of his predecessors would have ever done, and then we forget because tomorrow will be the next outrage. We have learned to live with a president who simply lies — flat out — and then we forget because he lies every day.

George Bush had nothing in common with this president whatsoever other than his party affiliation.

May the passing of a former president who was everything Donald Trump is not remind us that patriotism and respect for the rule of law should never be partisan issues. And may our former president rest in peace.

*Susan Estrich is a lawyer, professor, author, political operative, political commentator, and feminist advocate.*

Five years? Ten years? Twenty years? We shall be glad to accommodate you."

The Taliban have shown comparable endurance. Their saying is, "The Americans have all the watches, and we have all the time."

Three American service members gave their lives Tuesday in support of an effort whose only remaining purpose is postponing the inevitable. They won't be the last to die for this mistake.

*Steve Chapman is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.*

### City Council encounter

Dear Editor:

I would like to report an encounter I had with Downey city council-elect Claudia Frometa, and let the reader form an opinion on its content.

I had written an op-ed piece for The Downey Patriot about what we lose when candidates for public office don't hold public debates, which not only give us an insight into their ideas, beliefs policies and breadth of experience, but show how well they deal with the pressure of having to think on their feet in an unpredictable, challenging environment.

The candidates in question were Frometa and Carrie Uva. Both were running for the 4th District seat of Fernando Vasquez, who is termed out this year and whose purview includes the downtown region, crucial to the social, cultural and commercial life of the city. Failure to debate allowed them, as I put it in the article, to hide behind the "platitudinous drivell" of carefully edited PR statements.

Frometa won the vote.

I was sitting in an aisle seat during the November 13th city council meeting when Frometa sought me out. We had never met or communicated before.

"I take exception to what you wrote in the Patriot," she said, jabbing an accusatory finger toward my sternum. "I have a background in journalism. What you wrote is irresponsible."

Naturally, I was taken aback by this unexpected and aggressive stance.

"Where did you work in journalism?" I asked.

"Never mind that," she replied. "What you did was wrong."

"How so?"

"You didn't talk to me privately before you wrote the piece."

"I wasn't obliged to. It was an op ed opinion piece, not a news article that requires reportage. What would you have said that wasn't in your PR statements. Why didn't you debate?"

"Never mind," she replied. "What you did was irresponsible." She walked away.

This was the full extent of our conversation. I thought about it afterward and wondered about her background in journalism. Why wouldn't she reveal where she worked? How is it she didn't know the crucial difference between editorial opinion and news story and where a writer's responsibility lies on each. Finally, after I had made the case, however briefly, she insisted that I was still irresponsible.

What does this tell you? Let's see: she's evasive about her background. In not presenting a cogent argument, and not acknowledging a counter-argument, she showed that she's someone who doesn't listen. That she took umbrage at an article that was not a personal attack indicates that she may be too thin-skinned for public office, or at least naively unaware of the realities she'll be facing.

We'll never know if those qualities may have come out had there been a public debate or two with her opponents. But I for one have had a preview of what we may have to deal with in the coming years. It's not a promising start.

Lawrence Christon  
Downey



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## 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.
- 2nd 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 304-3439.
- 2nd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 923-2823.
- 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 803-4459.
- 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Marie Vukob at 328-7936.
- 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: tmsalopueda@gmail.com.
- 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11233 Hives Ave., call 923-3322.
- 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: Sentosa 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 7850 Quill Drive, call John Florenza 652-4399.

#### WEDNESDAYS

- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Robinson at 927-2626.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Vukob at 328-7936.
- 7 pm: Out Post 233 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-9030.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8034.
- 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 Proce School cafeteria, call 928-3026.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 923-2823.
- 2nd Wed., 3:30 am: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
- 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model & 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) 504-0725.
- 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 860-2192.
- 3rd Wed., 8 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Downey City Library, call Gloria Heasbalkroyd (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 904-7222.

#### THURSDAYS

- 7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info, call Rick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 am: Somnolent Nat'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 606-5217.
- 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 9:30 am: Take-off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 332-4677.
- 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jaramar 923-2973.
- 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 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 686 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 120.
- 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 am: 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 808-7828.
- 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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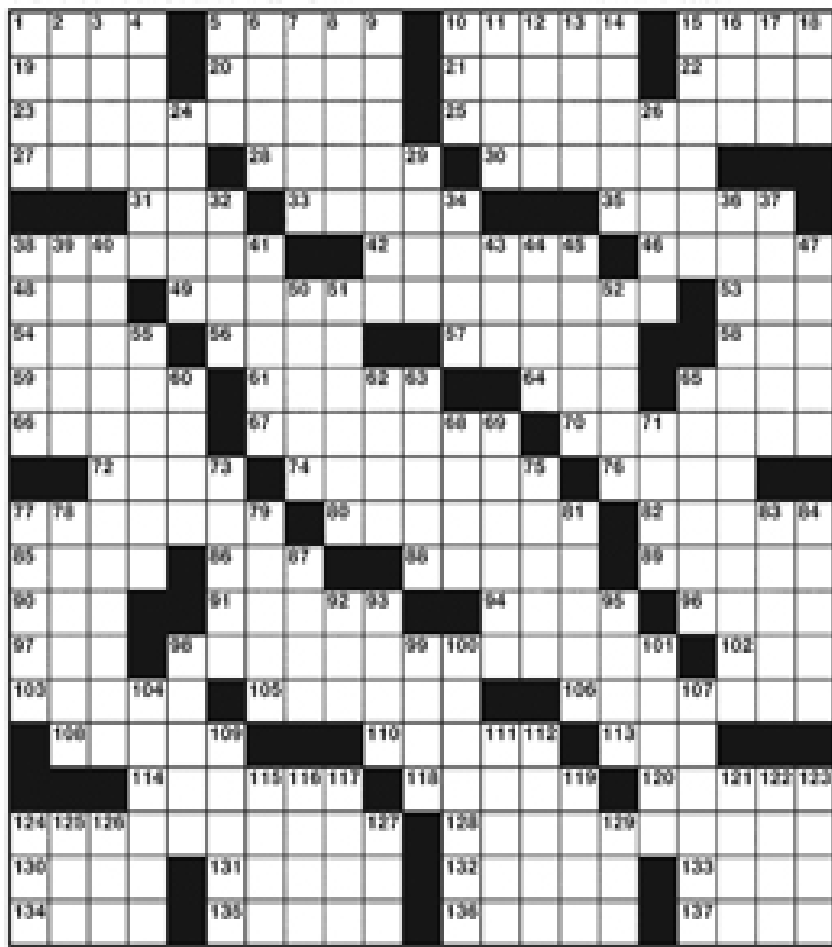
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Queen Victoria assumed the title Empress of India (20 Across) in 1876, 18 years after the dissolution of the British East India Company, which had ruled much of the country. The LEE of 48 Across is the title character of the Edgar Allan Poe poem "Annabel Lee," which contains six occurrences of the phrase "by the sea." The "examines carefully" meaning of a veterinarian's examination of a horse before a race.



## DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

### 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, freewill 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.

**Royal Winter Ball**, 12 pm. A parade of characters are ringing in the holidays with a winter ball. Appropriate for all ages. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

**Shelby Jacobs Exhibit**, 12:30 pm. The debut of a new exhibit honoring Shelby Jacobs, the unsung hero who gave us some of the most amazing images of the Earth captured from space. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

**Pokemon Tournament**, 2 pm. \$5 buy-in with 30 maximum players. Prizes for top 3 finishers. Psycho Turtle Collectibles, 8428 Telegraph Rd.

**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.

**Christmas Pop-Up Shop**, 12-5 pm. Over 20 Disney-inspired vendors will be selling unique, handmade items. Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

**Christmas & Scholarships Luncheon**, 12 pm. The Polish University Club of Los Angeles presents its scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

**Masons Installation of Officers**, 2 pm. Downey United Masonic Lodge No. 220 installs its officers for the new year. Downey Masonic Lodge, 8244 3rd St.

**Dragonball Tournament**, 2 pm. \$5 buy-in with 16 maximum players. Top two finishers receive a champion's pin. Psycho Turtle Collectibles, 8428 Telegraph Rd.

**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.

**Volleyball Clinic**, 4 pm. Justine Wong-Orantes, a Team USA Pan American Cup gold medalist, will lead a clinic on passing and defense. For boys and girls of all ages. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

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

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

**Carol Dickey Christmas Concert**, 7 pm. Singer and ordained minister Carol Dickey performs a Christmas concert. Desert Reign Church, 11610 Lakewood 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.

**Konstantinos Nazis**, 8 pm. Greek singer Konstantinos Nazis performs live, followed by a meet and greet. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

**Midnight Nightmare**, 9 pm. Live performances by Midnight Nightmare, Zeistencroix, Mortis the Devil's Reject, and more. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 23

**Christmas Service and Toy Giveaway**, 12:45 pm. Christmas service with a special presentation by the Children's Ministry. Toy giveaway to immediately follow the service. The Vine Christian Fellowship, 11610 Lakewood Blvd.

**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.

### 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.

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in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

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

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 17725.5.

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. Josef Kekula, Superintendent of Maintenance & Facilities**  
E-Mail: [ikekula@downeyca.org](mailto:ikekula@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 [dpurseglove@dusd.net](mailto:dpurseglove@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: [onezzer@dusd.net](mailto:onezzer@dusd.net)

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

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to sections 21700 – 21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, CA Commercial Code Section 2328, Section 1812.600 – 1812.609 and Section 1988 of CA Civil Code, 353 of the Penal Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Wednesday the 19th day of December, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.**, on the premises where said property including: household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at **Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, County of Los Angeles, State of California**, the following:

Customer Name	Unit#
Carlos Solis	1244
Charlene Barnes	2059
Aaron Fowler	1404
Jose Fuentes	2241
Robert Hamby	1535
Maria Ledezma	2191
Marilyn Lee	1140
Mario Medina	2907
Josie Morales	2255
Virginia Soto Padilla	1586
Nancy Pantoja	2526
Lakeisha Parker	1405
Mia Ramirez	3037
Gilbert Regalado	2107
Fatima Romero	2167
Dominga Topete	2826
Santiago Venegas M	1571
Shenetha Washington	3003

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is and must be removed at the time of sale. **Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.**

Dated this 6th Day of December, 2018 and 13th day of December, 2018.  
Self Storage Management Co. Bond #: WL11254152

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**NOTICES**

**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** NOVEMBER 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  
ELL11020@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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**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**  
7941 1/2 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY #11  
DOWNEY, CA 90242  
323-571-0958  
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: 18NWCP00046**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner HYERIM CHUNG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) HYERIM CHUNG to Proposed name (1) ROCHELLE HYERIM CHUNG 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 30, 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** DECEMBER 3, 2018  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**HYERIM CHUNG**  
11051 BARNWALL STREET, APT #12  
NORWALK, CA 90650  
(714) 833-0114  
ROCHELLECHUNG@GMAIL.COM

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00045**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SHANNA LEIGH FRANKLIN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) SHANNA LEIGH FRANKLIN to Proposed name (1) SHANNA LEIGH LOVETTE 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 23, 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 19, 2018  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**SHANNA LEIGH FRANKLIN**  
12306 SUMMER AVE  
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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

**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 KIWAN'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 Oyster 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](mailto:eric@thedowneypatriot.com)

Michael Calvert, executive director of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, and John Casillas, president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, wore their best UCLA blue Tuesday after losing a bet.

Calvert and Casillas made a friendly wager with Councilmember Blanca Pacheco and former mayor Mario Guerra on the USC-UCLA football game, which the Bruins won, 34-27.

The losers were to wear the other team's clothing and serve the winners lunch at Pita GR.

"Actions have consequences. Losing football games after making big bold bets have consequences," Guerra said. "All in fun and happy of our fun friendships in our city. We did agree that we all wanted Army to beat Navy on Saturday."



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**Charmer!**  
Very cute and very remodeled home, set a flip. New paint, stairs, plumbing, roof - just move in. Spanish style. Low maintenance front yard. Large backyard, needs grass. Also needs a new garage. Home is very nice. Flip any electrical panel. Call Today!!!

**Immaculate!**  
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**Excellent Opportunity!**  
This well maintained 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bathroom home is set a must see. This home has a two car detached garage, storage shed, and covered patio. The updated kitchen has built in stove top, oven, and dishwasher. Also included are a side with fireplace and an indoor laundry room with an attached walk in closet. Call Today!!!

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