



NEWS
Hector Sosa is new GOOD president

SEE PAGE 7



FEATURES
Guy Weeks enters retirement

SEE PAGE 2



PAGING DR. FRISCHER
Dangers of alcohol addiction

SEE PAGE 4



ENTERTAINMENT
Covid cancels Dia de los Muertos

SEE PAGE 7

Hahn pushes for police reforms

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY — L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn is pushing for local police departments to adopt new use-of-force policies that she said would reduce violent interactions between police officers and the public.

Hahn introduced the policy changes last week, saying “systemic racism, implicit bias, and excessive use of force have resulted in the disproportionate killing of black men and women by police.”

“The people are demanding change,” said Hahn. “These are eight steps that can be taken right now by all of our law enforcement departments that are proven effective in reducing the number of people killed by police and sheriff’s deputies.”

The eight policy changes Hahn proposed includes:

- Requiring officers to intervene to stop another officer from using excessive force
- Restricting, or prohibiting, the use of chokeholds, strangleholds, and carotid restraints
- Requiring officers to de-escalate situations, when possible, before using force
- Using a Force Continuum or Matrix that defines and limits the types of force that can be used to respond to specific types of resistance
- Requiring officers to give a verbal warning before using deadly force
- Prohibiting officers from shooting at people in moving vehicles unless the person poses a deadly threat by means other than the vehicle
- Requiring officers to exhaust all other reasonable alternatives before resorting to using deadly force
- Requiring comprehensive reporting that includes both uses of force and threats of force

The Downey Police Department did not respond to a message asking if they would adopt the policies, or if any of the policies are already in place.

The Whittier Police Department, which patrols Whittier and neighboring Santa Fe Springs, said most of the proposed policies are already in place.

While there are law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County that have made significant steps toward reform, no local law enforcement department has adopted all eight of these policies, Hahn said.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department, for example, does not include chokeholds in their training practices.

After misconduct allegations, school district promises to ‘do better’

On Twitter, former students shared stories of racism and sexual misconduct on Downey campuses.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Downey Unified School District has responded to claims of injustice, discrimination, and inappropriate behavior by staff and students with the formation of a Human Relations Council, while also saying “We will do better.”

In the midst of social

unrest and protests last week, Downey found itself trending when several former DUSD students began tweeting out their experiences of racism and sexual misconduct within district schools.

The District addressed these claims with a statement, which said in part:

“We as the governing board of Downey Unified are determined to not fail our kids... As we begin to look within our district to start making these changes, we will be establishing a Human Relations Council that will be made up of representatives from within our district, including our high school students, to determine

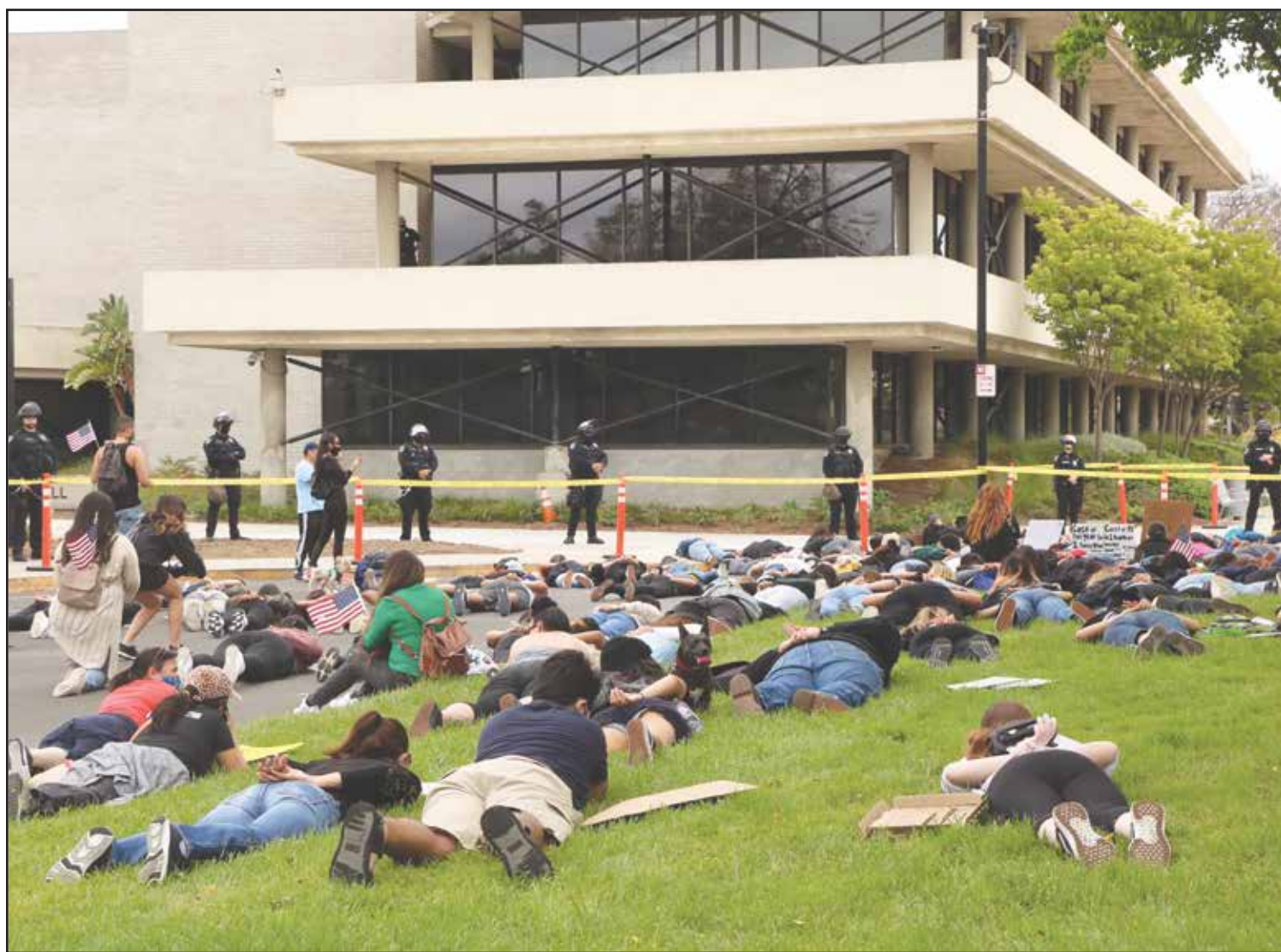
the steps that need to be taken to better provide a learning environment that is safer, more equitable and more inclusive.”

“Additionally, we are aware that some of our students have expressed that they have not felt heard or understood and have taken to social media to share experiences that have occurred in our schools. Situations where they felt victimized because of their race or occurrences where they feel we did not address situations in which they felt unsafe.

“While we strive to make Downey Unified a place of safety and stability, we have clearly heard that we have not met that standard for all of our students.

Until we meet that standard, it is clear that we have work to do and we are committed to listening and doing what needs to be done to create an environment where each individual student can learn, feel secure and thrive. You have our commitment that we will work as a district to engage in the work to help create a space that is free of racism, discrimination and violence.”

The Human Relations Council is set to meet at the end of the week, according to remarks made by Superintendent Dr. John Garcia at the Board of Education’s meeting on Tuesday.



A peaceful demonstration against racism and police brutality was staged outside Downey City Hall last Friday. The City Council adjourned its meeting Tuesday in memory of George Floyd, the black man killed by a white police officer in Minneapolis last month. (Photos by Alex Dominguez)



Weekend at a Glance

Friday 79°

Saturday 80°

Sunday 82°

ON THIS DAY JUNE 11

1776: The Continental Congress appointed Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston to the Committee of Five to draft a declaration of independence.



1837: The Broad Street Riot occurred in Boston, fueled by ethnic tensions between Yankees and Irish. The riots were quelled only after the state militia was called in.

1963: John F. Kennedy addressed Americans from the Oval Office proposing the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which would revolutionize American society by guaranteeing equal access to public facilities, ending segregation in education, and guaranteeing federal protection for voting rights.

1970: Anna Mae Hays and Elizabeth P. Hoisington officially receive their ranks as U.S. Army Generals, becoming the first females to do so.

2001: Timothy McVeigh was executed for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing.

Notable Birthdays
Hall of fame quarterback Joe Montana turns 64. Actor Hugh Laurie turns 62. Actor Peter Dinklage turns 51. Actor Joshua Jackson turns 42. Actor Shia LaBeouf turns 34. Rapper Kodak Black turns 23.

Notable Deaths
Prolific actor John Wayne died June 11, 1979, at age 72. Pro wrestler Dusty Rhodes died on June 11, 2015, at age 69. Journalist David Brinkley died June 11, 2003, at age 82.

Holidays
Today is **National Corn on the Cob Day**, a celebration of the food that is a staple of so many summer barbecues.
King Kamehameha I Day on June 11 is a public holiday in Hawaii. It honors Kamehameha the Great, the monarch who first established the unified Kingdom of Hawai’i—comprising the Hawaiian Islands of Ni’ihau, Kaua’i, O’ahu, Moloka’i, Lana’i, Kaho’olawe, Maui, and Hawai’i.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

Were you protesting near people who were not wearing masks?

You should:

- Self-quarantine for 2 weeks
- Get tested if you develop symptoms

@CityofDowney

Twitter.com/DowneyPatriot

Guy Weeks enters retirement a happy man

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — After a 30-year teaching career, Warren High School teacher Guy Weeks officially has his eyes set on the beaches of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

After graduating from North High School in Torrance and continuing his education through El Camino College and UCLA, Weeks — at that time, a Republican — found himself working on the campaign trail amongst high level politics.

“Throughout all of that time, I had worked on campaigns. My real passion was politics,” said Weeks. “I got a call from up north from the minority leader Pat Nolan’s office in Sacramento. They had a campaign they wanted me to try out, so I did; I went down, interviewed, and I got it.”

“I became an onsite director, and we ended up pulling off the biggest upset in the 1986 state elections.”

Weeks was named Chief-of-Staff; the youngest in the state and “making good money.”

However, it was in teaching where he would find his future.

“After working with kids in the campaign at Bellflower High, I realized that teaching was my real passion,” said Weeks. “I wanted to do something that made me happy.”

He also had to come to grips with some other personal revelations that would trigger some dramatic life changes.

“I also at the same time had to realize that not everything is about money and ambition, but also personal happiness,”

said Weeks. “I had to accept the fact that I was gay; that was an epiphany, sort of like an early midlife crisis.”

“That also changed my politics. That life experience made me have much more empathy for those people who have been discriminated against and that live in the shadows...I know what it’s like sometimes to be the ‘other’ or live in the shadows.”

The popular government teacher — who now identifies as an independent — has spent the entirety of his career within Downey Unified, and almost exclusively with the Bears, teaching varying combos of government and history, before ultimately solely teaching government over the last 10 years.

“I want to say, generally speaking the district has been very good, supportive whether you’re conservative, liberal, whatever,” said Weeks.

While Weeks — who says he was the only openly gay teacher for many years — admits that there were some difficult times in regards to his sexuality during his tenure, he says he was often times supported by the students, staff, and community.

“When I first started teaching, I told my parents that I would not

hide who I am,” said Weeks. “So, when the time did arise that kids started asking questions... I said, ‘ask me on your own time.’ I’m a strong believer that there’s an appropriate time, and it’s not something that’s going to come right on out unless I think it’s appropriate, and eventually it was appropriate.”

And although Weeks says that “it didn’t go without some sleepless nights,” he is adamant that the campus climate has improved and become more and more accepting over time — for both he and students alike.

His only regret as he leaves: that no one will be taking on his popular multi-week election-simulation for which he was known across campus.

“You lecture all you want, most don’t remember much after,” said Weeks. “But I learned early on the thing that [students] remember is the hands-on stuff; the stuff when they worked with others.”

“I fortunately have gotten a lot of feedback from students who remember the election simulation. All over the country now, I have little former Weeks students that are poly-sci, law or working on campaigns all over the country...that gives me chills down my spine; that’s what it’s about.”



Now at the end of his career, Weeks has his sights set on returning to a country with which he fell in love: Mexico.

“I’ve been planning to move to Puerto Vallarta; I’ve already got my apartment, I’m just waiting to fly out,” said Weeks. “I realized that — unlike when I was young — you can love two countries.”

“By guess or by gander, one summer I wanted to go away. I was unhappy...I went down to Mexico and there was a sense of community, spirituality; something about the city, the people.”

While the current COVID-19 pandemic has thrown a few wrenches in his ultimate retirement plans, one thing remains for sure.

“I promised my students that on my Facebook posts, they would see me with a bonita margarita in hand, and a guapo senior on the other,” said Weeks. “That has to wait because Columbia is locked up tighter than a drum, so I have to wait until September to see my boyfriend; I’m afraid that won’t be posted until 2021.”

“But we will be on a beach somewhere, me and my boyfriend. And he’s a keeper, I’m very very happy today. I want that to be understood too, that I am happy as I have ever been the last few years with life, and especially for those young gay kids. The old saying, ‘it gets better,’ it’s true.”

HEALTH & WELLNESS

wesley
Health Centers
JWCH INSTITUTE

SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE NEEDS | CUBRIMOS TODAS LAS NECESIDADES MÉDICAS

OUR SERVICES:

- Primary Health Care | Medicina Familiar
- Behavioral Health | Terapia Psicológica
- Pediatrics | Pediatría
- Vision Care | Salud Visual
- STD/HIV Testing & Prevention
- Pruebas de ETS/VIH y Prevención
- Dental & Oral Health Care
- Dentista y Salud Oral

OUR LOCATIONS:

BELL GARDENS
6912 Ajax Ave. Bell Gardens, CA 90201

BELLFLOWER
14371 Clark Ave. Bellflower, CA 90706

DOWNEY
5530 Firestone Blvd. Downey, CA 90241

NORWALK
12360 Firestone Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650

We accept most health coverage including | Aceptamos una amplia cantidad de cobertura médica incluyendo
MEDI-CAL | MEDICARE | COVERED CA

CALL TODAY FOR AN APPOINTMENT 866 733 5924

**NO ONE IS TURNED AWAY FOR LACK OF ABILITY TO PAY
A NADIE SE LE NEGARAN SERVICIOS POR INHABILIDAD DE PAGO**

got trees?

the original **George's** Tree Trimming Service

EVERYTHING IN TREES
Trimming • Topping
Removing • Stump Grinding

\$5000 OFF
Any Tree Service
Min. \$200.00
Present coupon after quote
Call for a FREE Estimate

Serving the Community Since 1960
State Licensed and Fully Insured

(800) 695-5237
(562) 923-8911

Residential • Commercial
Apartments • Condominiums

OUR MEMBERS SAVE

AN AVERAGE OF

\$749

A YEAR ON AUTO INSURANCE!*

PROTECT WHAT MATTERS



HOMEOWNERS

Home, Condo, Renter's Insurance, and Umbrella policies



VEHICLE

Auto, Motorcycles, RVs, Boats, and more

Contact us to see how much we can save you!

Get a free quote at FPCU.org/PIA or call 844.816.8649



*\$749 Savings on average for California drivers on auto insurance through Mercury. Insurance products are made available by Partnership Insurance Agency (PIA), LLC and underwritten by leading insurance companies. Not all applicants may qualify. This insurance is not a deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by Financial Partners Credit Union. Subject to change without notice. Partnership Insurance Agency (PIA), LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Financial Partners Credit Union. Conditions, restrictions, and terms may apply. Insurance products available only to California residents. This is an Advertisement. Savings information based on 2019 CA Department of Insurance rate comparison profile 38B. Insurance products are not insured by NCUA or any Federal Government Agency; are not a deposit of, or guaranteed by the Financial Partners Credit Union or any Financial Partners Credit Union Affiliate; and may lose value. Any insurance required as a condition of the extension of credit by Financial Partners Credit Union need not be purchased from our Agency but may, without affecting the approval of the application for an extension of credit, be purchased from an agent or insurance company of the customer's choice.

Obituaries

Jim Jarvis

The oldest survivor of the attack on the USS Indianapolis during World War II has died.

According to the official USS Indianapolis Facebook page, Jim Jarvis died Saturday. There are now only nine living survivors of the attack.



Jarvis was a U.S. Navy veteran serving aboard the USS Indianapolis when it was struck by two Japanese torpedoes on July 30, 1945. Jarvis had time to grab a life jacket before falling into the water, where he and hundreds of others remained for four days and five nights.

Jarvis was one of the lucky ones who wasn't killed by a shark in history's worst shark attack, and he later told interviewers about how he maintained the presence of mind not to drink seawater, as others around him were doing in desperation.

Jarvis was one of 316 who were saved from an original crew of 1195 crewmen. In later years, Jarvis displayed a sense of humor about his ordeal by regularly wearing a "USS Indianapolis Swim Team" t-shirt.

Jarvis was 98 years old.

Bonnie Pointer

Bonnie Pointer, one of the founding members of the group The Pointer Sisters, died Monday, according to her sister, Anita Pointer.

She was 69.

Bonnie Pointer died of cardiac arrest, according to her publicist, Roger Neal.

The four Pointer Sisters began singing together more than 50 years ago in their hometown church in Oakland, California, where their father ministered. Bonnie Pointer and her youngest sister, June, started singing together professionally in 1969. They later recruited older sisters Anita and Ruth to join them, before debuting their first album together in 1973.

The group won their first Grammy Award for their crossover hit, "Fairytale," in 1974. Bonnie Pointer recorded five albums with her sisters before pursuing a solo career. She signed with Motown and scored her biggest solo hit with the 1978 disco track, "Heaven Must Have Sent You."

Pointer released three albums with Motown before stepping back a bit from the spotlight, though she still performed periodically over the years.

In her statement, Anita Pointer credited Bonnie for the success of their musical family.

"The Pointer Sisters never would have happened had it not been for Bonnie," she said.

Dr. Thomas Freeman

Legendary Texas Southern University debate coach Dr. Thomas F. Freeman has died

at 100, the university has announced.

Freeman's children confirmed that he died Saturday from natural causes, just weeks ahead of his 101st birthday later this month, according to The Houston Chronicle.

He trained thousands of students over his seven-decade career, including Martin Luther King Jr., while King was a student at Morehouse College in Atlanta.

He was tapped by Oscar-winner Denzel Washington to work with young actors for the 2007 film "The Great Debaters," which tells the real-life story of a 1930s black debate squad that defeats an all-white team.

Among those paying tribute to Freeman on social media are Texas Rep. Al Green, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee.

Just days before his death, Freeman and his wife, Clarice, shared with Houston ABC affiliate KTRK the secret to maintaining their 67-year marriage, telling the station that one of the keys is having "a genuine respect for each other."

"I think everybody was born with a plan," Clarice said. "That plan for me was to fall in love with Thomas Freeman. And the rest is history -- 67 years of history."

Stacey Milbern

Stacey Park Milbern, an activist for disability justice who stressed the importance of listening to the voices of LGBTQ+ people and people of color in the

disability community, has died, her family confirmed.

She died at a Stanford hospital of complications of surgery on her 33rd birthday.

Milbern, who had muscular dystrophy, spent her adult life working to spread understanding of the issues faced by people with disabilities, and fighting for their equality. In North Carolina, she worked to have high schools add information on disability history added to their curriculum.

She spoke out about the importance of disability rights activism including the experiences of LGBTQ+ people with disabilities, as well as those of people of color with disabilities.

In California, when last summer's wildfires led to shutdowns by Pacific Gas and Electric, she spoke out about the needs of people with disabilities who rely on ventilators and other electrically powered medical equipment.

Milbern received a bachelor's degree at Methodist University in 2009. She lived at home until age 24, when she moved to the Bay Area to live on her own. In 2015 she earned a master of business administration degree at Mills College in Oakland.

Kurt Thomas

Kurt Thomas, the first U.S. male gymnast to win a gold medal

at the world championships, died of complications from a stroke, his family said Friday. He was 64.

Thomas won the floor exercise at the world championships in Strasbourg, France, in 1978. He would go on to successfully defend the title the following year in Fort Worth, Texas. He also won gold in the horizontal bar and a silver in the all-around, pommel horse and parallel bars - it was the most medals won at a single world championship by an American, but was later eclipsed by Simone Biles.

He competed in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal before winning gold at the worlds in 1977. He was a favorite to capture gold at the 1980 Olympics in Moscow but the U.S. boycotted the Games.

Thomas was a star gymnast at Indiana State and his popularity on campus was only rivaled by that of Larry Bird, who was leading the men's basketball team to the NCAA Tournament finals. Thomas was the top amateur gymnast in 1979 and was later inducted into the International Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 2003.

"Kurt was a fierce rival, who went on to become a cherished friend," Olympic gold medalist Bart Conner tweeted. "Proud to have been your teammate. Sending hugs to his wife Beckie, his children, Hunter, Kassidy and Kurt as well as the entire gymnastics community, who lost a true pioneer today."

Chris Trousdale

Chris Trousdale, a singer and member of the pop band Dream Street, died last week at age 34.

Family members said Trousdale died at a hospital in Burbank of complications from Covid-19.

Trousdale joined Dream Street in 1999 when he was 14 years old; they split in 2002 after two albums, including the pop hit "It Happens Every Time," due to a legal dispute between the singers' parents and managers.

Other members of the group included Jesse McCartney, Greg Raposo, Matt Ballinger and Frankie Galasso.

Trousdale continued as a solo singer, appearing on Disney songs like Play's "I'm Gonna Make You Love Me" and Nikki Cleary's cover of "You're the One That I Want," and unsuccessfully auditioning for "The Voice" in 2012. He most recently released the song "Summer" in 2019.

According to ET, Trousdale also worked as an actor, appearing on "Days of Our Lives," "Shake It Up," "Austin & Ally" and the upcoming movie "New York Christmas Wedding." Before Dream Street, he was a child star on Broadway.

St. Lic. #731172 (562) 861-1234

DOWNNEY
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

11829 Downey Ave. • Downey, CA 90241

\$10 OFF ALL REPAIRS

e-mail: joe@downeyplumbing.com

In Memory of

Lawrence Charles Cowan

On May 22, 2020, Lawrence Charles Cowan passed away at 80 years of age from Congestive Heart Failure.

Larry was born and raised in Compton, Ca., where he graduated from Compton High School and Compton Junior College. In 1959 he married his high school sweetheart, Wanda Bauman. They were married 61 years. They went on to have three boys, David, Michael, and Jerry. In 1964 they moved to Downey, CA.

Larry worked for Hanna-Barbera Cartoon Studios (The Flintstones, Yogi Bear, and Charlotte's Web) where he became the Supervising Film Editor and retired after 42 years in the animation business.

He loved all sports. He was President of our Northwest Downey Little League in 1970 - 1971, while also managing the Giants baseball team. To this day former players and spectators still refer to him as "Coach". If he was not coaching he could be found umpiring little league games. Golfing with his friends took him on weekend trips to many California courses and abroad. His favorite course was St. Andrews in Scotland. Water skiing trips with family and friends was a fun summer activity he always enjoyed. He was an avid bridge player and was in a couples bridge group, playing once a month for over 40 years.

Larry thoroughly enjoyed cruising the high seas with Wanda and friends. They took at least 35 cruises vacationing all over the world. Bus tours kept them busy exploring the United States.

Family was his most important reason for living. He was a loving, kind, fun, and generous man and he will be dearly missed.

He leaves behind his wife, Wanda, three sons, David, Michael (Julie), and Jerry (Gigi), seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

No services are planned at this time.

In Memory of

Patricia Sue Aparicio

March 14, 1949 - May 15, 2020

Patricia Sue Aparicio passed away peacefully in her home in Downey on May 15, 2020 at the age of 71, concluding an arduous and long-fought battle with cancer.

Patty's life can be best described by her loved ones as having been full of glowing and unabashed generosity, selflessness, and compassion. She was born on March 14, 1949 in Illinois to a pilot Herman (Gus) Portman and nurse Ida Lee (Bert) Portman. They moved to Palos Verdes, California when Patty was still a child, where Patty would reminisce about an idyllic upbringing; swimming in the tide pools and hearing seals barking in the distance. In her twenties, she raised two children (Donovan and Cari) with first husband Bill Niles in Hawaii, where they all frequently sailed and explored the sea together. Patricia moved back to California and remarried Edward Aparicio in February 1982, where they spent 4 years together fishing, camping, water skiing, and attending countless music concerts before settling in Downey and having two more children, David and Mark.

Raising and supporting her children had always been her primary occupation for which she executed with a surplus of hugs, love, and laughter. Blessed with the gift of the gab, she enjoyed long conversations about practically any topic, and would make you feel like the only person in her world. No matter if you were discussing the weather or recent heartbreaks, she could always find a way to cheer you up and make you feel loved and appreciated.

Aside from spending time with loved ones, Patty enjoyed tending to her yard, always keeping a steady array of sweet alyssum, roses, and lilies on display. She possessed a green thumb that was no doubt an extension of her formidable nurturing intuition. She also loved collecting antiques, and tried her hardest keeping as many family heirlooms as possible. She always loved telling the history of a particular item that has passed through generations of hands within our family.

In the week leading up to her final days, Patty spent an extended weekend with family at her son David's new home in the Northern California forests. By the end of the trip, Patty remarked that she feels like she has received everything she had ever wanted in this world. She passed away days later surrounded by her husband, all four of her children, and other dear friends.

Patty is survived by her husband of 38 years Edward Aparicio, four children Donovan Niles, Cari Shuart, David Aparicio, and Mark Aparicio, grandchildren Brittni, Noah, Zoe, Kai, Katy, Oliver, and Violet, great grandchild Rolland, and sister Penny Portman. It was her wishes to be immediately cremated and her ashes spread over the sea. There will be no formal funeral. If you wish to pay respects, simply perform a kind act for the day and dedicate it to her memory, for nothing in the world would make Patty happier than knowing that even in death, she could still help make people feel loved and cared for.

THE WORKS

\$59.99

RETAIL VALUE \$74.99

- TIRE ROTATION AND PRESSURE CHECK
- BRAKE INSPECTION
- VEHICLE CHECKUP
- FLUID TOP-OFF
- BATTERY TEST
- FILTER CHECK
- BELTS AND HOSES CHECK

PARTS, SERVICE & SALES ARE ALL OPEN DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS.
PARTS & SERVICE HOURS: MONDAY-SATURDAY 8AM-5PM
SALES HOURS: MONDAY-SATURDAY 9AM-7PM | SUNDAY 10AM-6PM

5645 FIRESTONE BLVD. SOUTH GATE CA 90280.
SERVICE (877) 311-2180

NO CASH VALUE. NON TRANSFERRABLE. OFFER EXCLUDES DIESELS AND IS GOOD FOR UP TO 5 QUARTS OF OIL. PLEASE PRESENT COUPON AT WRITE UP. COUPON NOT VALID ON PREVIOUS CHARGES. GOOD ONLY WITH THIS COUPON AT LA CENTRAL FORD. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER COUPONS OR SPECIALS. EXPIRES 6/30/2020.

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Have you noticed how much COVID-19 and isolation humor revolves around alcohol use? We are all aware that the pandemic has led to a huge rise in alcohol sales; some estimates show more than a 60% increase. This may, in part, be a sign of a dramatic increase in mental health and particularly addiction issues. Of course, long before this worldwide pandemic, we became aware of the opioid crisis, and long before that, drug and alcohol addiction has existed as a serious and tragic problem.



Addiction destroys relationships and careers, and threatens one's health and safety. Nearly every family is touched in some way by addiction.

Alcohol is the most widely abused substance in this country. It is likely that 6% of Americans have an alcohol disorder, yet only 7% of those addicted ever receive treatment. Worldwide, alcohol may be a factor in one in every 20 deaths.

Opioids are a class of drugs that block pain and cause euphoria, and pose a high risk for addiction and overdose. They are controlled substances, but are often sold illegally. In particular, heroin mixed with fentanyl has contributed significantly to the opioid epidemic in the United States. Both legally prescribed and illegal opioids have led to a surge in deaths over the past two decades.

For most of us, having a drink or taking a pill is an experience we can walk away from without needing more. It's not easy to truly understand why or how others become addicted. Addiction is a complex disease; quitting may take more than good intentions, moral principles, or a strong will. While the initial decision to take a drug is voluntary, repeated drug use can lead to changes in the brain that challenge self-control and interfere with the ability to resist the drug. These brain changes can persist, which is why addicts are at increased risk for returning to drug use even after years of sobriety. Therefore, treatment must not only be ongoing, but permanent.

reducing the ability of cells to respond to it. Over time, this reduces the high - which is known as tolerance. The user might try taking more of the drug to achieve the same high. These brain adaptations lead to the person becoming less and less able to derive pleasure from the other things they once enjoyed, like food, exercise, sex, or social activities.

Long term drug use can also cause changes in other brain chemical systems and circuits, affecting learning, judgment, decision making, handling stress, memory and behavior.

Why do some people become addicted and not others? A number of factors change the odds. Biological factors, including the genes that we are born with, gender, ethnicity, and the pres-

ence of other mental disorders, have a significant influence. Environmental factors include family influences, friends, socioeconomic factors, economic status and quality of life, peer pressure, physical and sexual abuse, early exposure to drugs, stress and parental guidance. These genetic and environmental factors interact with developmental stages. Areas of the brain that control decision-making, judgment, and self-control are not fully developed in the teenage years, so an early start to drug use makes an addiction more likely.

Can drug addiction be cured or prevented? When we treat chronic diseases like diabetes, asthma or heart disease, we don't necessarily find a cure. Instead, the goal is to control the disease. Similarly, addiction is

treatable and can be successfully controlled. The most successful treatment plan is tailored to the individual's drug use pattern and any existing medical, psychological, or social problems, and may be a combination of addiction treatment medicines with behavioral therapy.

The number of addicts in the United States is staggering. Prevention is aimed at family, schools, religious organizations, and communities. If you or someone you know has a substance abuse problem, there is help available, and I urge you to seek medical attention.

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

Downey approves outdoor dining for restaurants

The temporary program allows restaurants to serve food in parking lots and outdoor spaces.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — The City of Downey approved a temporary outdoor dining program on Tuesday, allowing restaurants to utilize adjacent outdoor areas for food and drink service.

As Los Angeles County slowly begins to reopen after the events of the COVID-19 outbreak, restaurants are now able to start reopening their doors for dine-in service.

However, safety protocols still limit dining establishments to decreased occupancy (60%) and limited party size, with social distancing still in effect.

Downey's new program provides restaurants additional seating that can accommodate the mandated safety measures by allowing restaurant owners and property owners to designate walkways, sidewalks, or parking stalls for outdoor dining.

Businesses with alcohol licenses will also be permitted to serve alcohol to accompany meals.

All restaurants in the city are eligible to participate, with restaurants located in Downtown Downey able to utilize the public sidewalk or street parking subject to meeting safety standards and obtaining an encroachment permit.

Businesses are required to register with the city and obtain a permit before beginning outdoor operations.

The program will be in place for 90 days but can be extended at such time, if needed.

Under L.A. County guidelines, customers must wear cloth face coverings to be served. This applies to all adults and to children over the age of 2.

Only individuals with chronic respiratory conditions or other medical conditions that make the use of a face covering hazardous are exempted from this requirement.

Self-service items such as condiment caddies, utensil caddies, napkins, lids, straws, to-go containers, etc. must be removed, with items provided by employees.

Refilling beverages at the table or from common containers is not allowed. Clean glassware must be provided for customer refills.

Masks required at city facilities

DOWNEY — The City of Downey will now require face coverings and non-contact temperatures check to enter city buildings.

City Hall and other facilities officially reopened to the public on June 1, after closing in the wake of COVID-19. However, with coronavirus cases still climbing, there is still a need to institute safety measures to stop the disease's spread.

The city's latest move towards health and safety was unanimously approved on Tuesday by the City Council at their regularly scheduled meeting; the first of which to be open to the public to attend for several months.

Should a member of the public not have a mask, city staff will provide one to them. Those who elect to not submit to temperature checks or to wear a mask may still conduct city business by phone, email, or online.

Non-contact temperature checks will be in effect until August 31, unless otherwise provided.

ATTORNEY

ALEXIS SAAB • HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL

ATTORNEY AT LAW

10810 Paramount Blvd Suite 201
(562) 904-2622

MONEY & TAXES 2020

We are happy to do **FREE ESTIMATES!!!**

P

PATELIS TAX
TAX CONSULTANTS

During these times of "stay-at-home" were practicing social distancing and we are helping our clients to file their taxes remotely.

Visit our website or download our app to submit your forms, www.patelistax.com or give us a call at 562-381-2253.

MALHOTRA & MALHOTRA
Attorneys

Serving the community for 36 years

Have you got your Living Trust or Will?

How will your children be cared for after you die?
How will you be cared for in your old age?

TRUSTS * CONSERVATORSHIPS * PROBATE

Call us for a free initial appointment
(800) 811-8881 * (562) 806-9400

7847 Florence Ave., Suite 111, Downey, CA 90240

Se Habla Espanol

Fox Chiropractic
Don't just reach for the pill bottle or box, call Dr. Fox.
(562) 862-0744

PRIMERICA
WILLING TO EDUCATE

Highly motivated individual for rewarding career in financial services.

Call Rebekah Ramos.
Office (562) 536-6916
Cell (562) 553-2164

BULLETIN BOARD

GOT TERMITES?

DOWNEY EXTERMINATORS

- Free Termite Inspections
- Termite Damage Repairs
- Fumigations and Local Treatments
- Low Prices
- Hablamos Español
- Real Estate Services

Bonded / Insured
562-401-5000

10% off with this ad Serving Your Community

DOWNEY PARTY RENTALS

10900 Paramount Blvd.
Downey CA 90241
(562) 861-1616
www.DowneyPartyRental.com

Hours
M - F 10am - 3pm
Sat 10am - 2pm
Sun CLOSED

NOW A UPS ACCESS POINT
We still have canopies available (with or without sidewalls)

B2BDesignBuild.com

5% OFF

We won't just fix it, we'll make it pretty!

- Roofing
- WaterProofing
- ADU's
- Moldy Drywall & Insulation
- Flood Repair
- Dryrot
- Seismic
- House & Foundation Cracks
- Kitchen & Bathroom Remodels
- Outdoor Living
- Home Office.

Lic# B1.C39 998582
(866) 222-2311

Happy Time Pix Photo Booth

WEDDINGS, BIRTHDAYS, GRADUATIONS, SCHOOL AND CORPORATE EVENTS, WHATEVER YOUR OCCASION... GIVE US A CALL

562-588-8696
www.HappyTimePix.com

10% OFF YOUR RENTAL WHEN YOU MENTION THIS AD. *Restrictions Apply Expires 08-30-2020

PIN ROOFING
Richard "Mr. Pin" Semones

New Roofs • Repairs • Tear-Offs
General Roof Maintenance
Bonded / Insured • Lic# 758000

Call for a FREE Estimate
562.923.9242

Opinion

Warren High School

Dear Editor:

I was appalled and disgusted by the arrogance of the Warren High staff in the editorial section of the June 4th edition of the Downey Patriot. When confronted with criticism of the administration they serve, they chose to defend their “beloved” leader by belittling the opinions of a member of the community.

Mr. Rojas and Ms. Reyes made valid points in their Op-Ed. Dr. White’s administration was far too optimistic in the midst of a global pandemic, promising her seniors that they would be guaranteed a prom and graduation. As a leader, she should have known better than to give false hope; she should have followed the examples of other schools and universities.

The President of my university, Rafael Reif, did not promise my senior friends a graduation. He simply informed the community that he would try his best given the circumstances. That’s exactly the statement Warren should have put out. I understand Dr. White was trying to give people hope in a difficult time, but ultimately, it was executed poorly given that we were on the cusp of a horrible pandemic and that there was widespread knowledge of the devastating effects it had in other countries.

Regardless of their source, I am honestly concerned that the only information available to Warren was that students “would only be out for two weeks.” I understand that Warren is not “...surrounded by leaders in the field of medicine and science,” but there were several warning signs that they should have taken into consideration. At the same time that Dr. White released that statement, universities around the country were sending students home. They would not have taken such drastic action if they thought the effects of the pandemic would last only two weeks.

In addition, models released by various research centers during that time period indicated that the US and the world would be in the midst of the pandemic for the next couple of years, not weeks. Given the research and events in China, Italy, and other affected countries at the time, perhaps the school should have come to the conclusion that there was a high chance that graduation would be cancelled.

I can forgive the rash decision to put out that statement in March. However, the behavior and lack of class exhibited by some of Warren High’s teachers in the Downey Patriot is inexcusable. I grew up in the DUSD system. I attended Warren. I know how much emphasis DUSD put on Character Counts, so why are these teachers not practicing the basic tenets of human decency? Why are they ruthlessly attacking an alum in such a rude manner? And tell me why the community should ever have these teachers as role models for our children?

Mr. Rojas criticized Dr. White’s administration. That is his right as a member of the community. It does not matter if he is an alum or if he just moved to Downey in January. Members of the community can criticize the schools that teach their children. When Dr. White and her peers chose to be teachers or administrators, they entered a social contract with us. We gave them the authority to teach our children and in turn, one of our rights is our ability to question their decisions. To question the credentials of Mr. Rojas is despicable because he needs none to express frustration at the decisions of the administration. Warren teachers accused him of turning his back on his institution, but the fact that Mr. Rojas took the time to voice his concerns is commendable and shows that he cares enough about Warren to demand better leadership. Constructive criticism for our systems is better than apathy because we can respond by learning from our mistakes. If these teachers and administrators can’t handle that, then they shouldn’t be in positions of authority.

Another teacher lamented the fact that “...people can be so critical – with no alternative ideas to offer – during such a difficult time for everyone.” With all due respect, now is exactly the moment

to be critical. The true colors of an administration are revealed during times of crisis. You can really learn a lot about someone when their back is against the wall and this pandemic is a test for all those in power. Regarding the point about alternatives, Mr. Rojas and Ms. Reyes did provide examples of what was done at other schools, such as the drive-by graduation or the Minecraft graduation. Perhaps if the administration were more cognizant of the pandemic back in March, they would have made better contingency plans instead of being overly optimistic about the in-person graduation. Ultimately, administration should be proactive to volatile crises, not reactive, as they clearly were in this situation.

I think it is also important to note that Mr. Rojas is not expected to solve the problems at Warren; Dr. White and her administration are the ones obligated to come up with solutions. Do not simply throw the problem back to the community after the fact and expect us to fix it. If Warren reaches out and asks for input early in the process, the community will gladly respond with ideas as I’m sure they’ve done in the past. However, at the end of the day, as the principal of the school, the decision and responsibility lies with Dr. White. It is not a valid argument to sarcastically suggest that Mr. Rojas “...knows far better than the leaders at WHO and CDC...” and should have advised them on what to do. These comments are unwarranted and unproductive to the conversation.

I find it ironic that after the defamation of Mr. Rojas’s character and credentials, these teachers tried to credit his achievements in his MD/PhD program to Warren. They suggest that Warren “...provided him the solid foundation that put him into [his] MD/PhD program,” culminating in an arrogant and smug “you’re welcome.” I find it quite degrading because this claim discredits the fruits of his own hard work and his success despite the problems with Warren’s education system.

We should move on from this matter, but my main point I want teachers, administration, and the Downey community to take away from this incident is that we need to learn to listen to criticism and respond in a respectful manner. We need to acknowledge our mistakes and grow from them. Warren has a chance right now to prove this to the community. This past week, there were numerous reports by students and alumni on social media regarding the racism and sexism exhibited by members of your staff. I’m sure the administrators saw the influx of tweets considering Warren’s account started blocking those voicing their concerns and DUSD’s account briefly went private. Listen to our students. Listen to the alumni. Listen to their stories. We only want the best for Downey and the future generations, so take our thoughts seriously. Investigate these matters and take swift action because racism, sexism, sexual harassment, and homophobia have no place on our campuses. I don’t care if they are incredible teachers or have tenure; if they are being racist, homophobic, predatory, or sexist, they are not good people and they should not be teaching our students.

To all members of the Downey and DUSD community, continue to hold our leaders accountable. They may try to attack and defame you as they did to Mr. Rojas, but they are wrong to do so. I hope it brings you comfort to know that there are community members who will defend your right to criticize those in authority.

And finally, one last time to Dr. White, advise your staff to stop writing these types of inflammatory letters. They don’t need to defend you in such a manner that is offensive towards members of our community. They can write all the letters they want full of praise for your character and the work you’ve done for Warren, but they should be respectful of the criticism that comes your way. Now if your administration and/or teachers disagree with anything I said and are open to a discussion, some of your teachers know where to find me.

Rukia Hassoun
Warren High Class of 2017
SB Candidate in Aerospace Engineering at MIT

Dear Editor:

In the Op-Ed written by Mr. Rojas and Ms. Reyes, they claim that Downey Unified School District was “disingenuous in their messages to seniors,” they believe “there has been a lack of realism and honesty in communication to seniors at DUSD,” and that “the leadership should have the competence to plan a more meaningful experience.” I’m unsure as to how they did not expect these words to be anything other than offensive.

Despite the clarification on their intent of their Op-Ed, their words were malicious and mean spirited. It is outrageous that during these times, Mr. Rojas and Ms. Reyes would feel the need to ignite controversy.

I know that Dr. White and all DUSD staff have done their very best to serve our students, especially during these difficult times. In the 14 years I have known Cari White, she is anything but disingenuous! She is selfless, honest, genuine, sincere, hardworking, and most of all, she is passionate about doing what is best for our students. That is who Cari White has always been, even before she became our principal. I know the Warren staff would agree with me in saying that Dr. White has done an amazing job of guiding our students and staff through this pandemic and I feel fortunate and blessed to have her as our principal!

Seeing your family member miss out on a milestone like graduation is upsetting. I understand, because I also missed out on my nephew’s high school graduation and my niece’s commencement ceremony. I know I am not alone, there are millions of people that have also missed out on milestones. I also know that there are many schools holding graduation ceremonies via Zoom without plans of having an in-person ceremony in the future. Unlike those schools, I know Warren plans to hold an in-person ceremony in the future. A future ceremony may not be what we had envisioned for the class of 2020, but life has taught me that sometimes things don’t always go according to our plans. I am sure that with more life experience, Mr. Reyes and Ms. Rojas will learn this lesson as well.

Ana Villareal
Warren High School

Space X Crew Dragon

Dear Editor:

We are a great nation. If any proof of that is needed, it sufficed to watch the launching and docking of the Space X Crew Dragon in the International Space Station.

It was a great example of superb engineering, terrific management and fantastic cooperation between private industry (Space X) and the government (NASA). It showed how much we can accomplish by this type of cooperation and opened the door for future activities like this one.

I spent some four hours watching the launch and the docking and as a former aerospace engineer, it gave me goose bumps to see such a magnificent achievement.

We have shown the world our greatness and we should all be proud of this accomplishment.

I look forward to seeing more achievements like this in the not too distant future.

Jorge Montero
Downey

The government is overstepping its authority

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

For two months now, most of America has endured a government-imposed lockdown. I hate to use that word — lockdown — as it connotes locking prisoners into their cells during prison disturbances. But it is the word that the government itself uses when referring to its orders of confinement.

Today, we are the government’s prisoners. Wear your mask. Stay at home. Don’t go to work. Don’t open your business. Don’t go to church. And, for heaven’s sake, don’t gather in any group larger than 25 — unless it is to speak words of which the government approves.

Here is the backstory.

When the United States was founded, the folks who framed the new government shared many political and philosophical views. Some of those views were reprehensible, unnatural and contrary to the others — most notably that the new Constitution would permit the states to enforce a system of human slavery.

That colossal error brought us 75 more years of human degradation, a horrific war, the military occupation of the southern states, Jim Crow, lynching, the advent of the KKK, official segregation and the denigration of blacks by much of the government even today.

When the pre-Civil War Supreme Court was asked to rule on whether a slave who made it to the north could sue his former captors for permanent freedom, the Court ruled that blacks were not persons, as contemplated by the Constitution, and thus did not enjoy the rights of persons that the Constitution protects.

The Dred Scott decision not only triggered the Civil War but also the abuse of blacks, which has followed to this day.

The public torture and murder of George Floyd — a 46-year-old black man — by white Minneapolis cops has crystallized the public awareness of our collective history of looking the other way when



New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy attends a Black Lives Matter protest despite his stay-at-home orders.

these horrors have happened.

The same framers who were willing to compromise on slavery were unwilling to compromise on other issues. Among them were that the purpose of government is to protect rights and that no government is moral or lawful absent the consent of the governed. The latter requires that we have not only consented to the existence of the government but also to the powers that we have given it.

This theory — embraced by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence and by James Madison in the Constitution — mandates that human beings are born free, that we have natural rights integral to our humanity, that we are free to surrender a small part of those rights to a government, that the purpose of the government is to protect the rights we have not surrendered, that the government (today) must be colorblind and that the government only has the powers that we have surrendered to it.

Stated differently, if we, as free people, did not consent to giving certain powers to the government — like the powers state governors have exercised to lock us down or the police exercised to murder Floyd — the government, quite simply, lacks those powers and should be removed from office by an angry citizenry when it tries to exercise them.

The stated purpose of the lockdown is to shield us from infection. But this raises very serious questions about our relationship to government. We never authorized the government to shield us from infection. We never authorized it to lock us down. We never authorized the police to enforce anything other than legislatively enacted statutes. We never authorized the police to murder confined prisoners.

Here in New Jersey, the police are handing out summonses that look like parking tickets. In the place where they are supposed to write the statute that the recipient has allegedly violated, they have written “Violation of Governor’s Executive Order...” This is madness. Crimes consist only of behavior properly condemned in writing by a popularly elected representative body. It is not a crime to refuse to comply with the paternalistic wishes of one person.

If the governor of New Jersey can haul you into court for violating his executive orders, can he be hauled into court for violating our basic liberties — which are guaranteed by the Bill of Rights he swore to protect?

When the Black Lives Matter movement manifested its disgust with government failures to restrain the police, huge gatherings of people defied lockdown orders of governors. Most were peaceful. Most were the quintessential exercise of the freedom to travel, to assemble and to tell the government what you think of it.

To paraphrase the poet William Makepeace Thackeray, folks were shaking their fists in the tyrant’s face. A small number of people got arrested for violence, but no one got arrested for violating a gubernatorial lockdown order.

When New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy was asked why he violated his lockdown orders by personally marching in one of those large peaceful assemblies while his police were issuing summonses for participation in other assemblies, he observed that racism is more troubling than closed nail salons. Good for him.

But he cannot use the power of government to support assembly, travel and speech with which he agrees and punish that with which he disagrees. That’s why we have a Constitution.

What a gross misunderstanding of the American ethos he has. He will bar your work. He will permit you to shop for a car but not for a book. You can walk with your family down an aisle at Walmart but not up to an altar to receive Holy Communion.

George Floyd died because the government itself put a knee on his throat. In New Jersey, the governor — without the consent of the governed and thus without any lawful authority — has his knee on the state’s throat, choking the air and lifeblood out of those yearning to be free.

How much longer will free people accept this?

The Downey Patriot

STAFF

<p>JENNIFER DEKAY Publisher</p> <p>JULIE LEDESMA Display Advertising</p> <p>LINDA LARSON Classified Advertising</p> <p>JONATHAN FOX Production/Graphics</p>	<p>ERIC PIERCE Editor</p> <p>ALEX DOMINGUEZ Staff Writer</p> <p>MARK FETTER Contributor</p> <p>CAROL KEARNS Contributor</p> <p>LORINE PARKS Poetry & Society</p>
---	---

TEL (562) 904-3668 | FAX (562) 904-3124 | MONDAY - THURSDAY 9AM - 3PM
8301 FLORENCE AVE., SUITE 100, DOWNEY, CA 90240 | FRIDAY 9AM - 12PM
THE DOWNEY PATRIOT.COM | ADJUDICATION #BS124251

The Downey Patriot is published weekly by The Downey Patriot, Inc.
Controlled Distribution, 25,000 copies are printed.
Distributed by CIPS Marketing Group, Inc., Los Angeles, CA.

Sign of the times

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

DOWNEY — Norm's Restaurant has a new poster out front, "Open For Dine-In Eating."

Vacant storefronts, some boarded up, lining the 8000 block on the south side of Firestone (except the mattress store on the corner of Firestone and La Reina). Apparently no one renewed their lease.

Art's Camera Shop is gone. An upside down sign is all

that's left of Exotic Hawaiian Apparel, a landmark even when I moved to Downey back in 1969.

For as long as I can remember the glassed-in display showed male mannequins in bright Aloha shirts beside female models in matching dresses.

Closer to Downtown Downey, Mimi's Cafe building has been newly painted, its stucco a strong maroon. Not a color I remember from my trips to Provence, but it's bright and

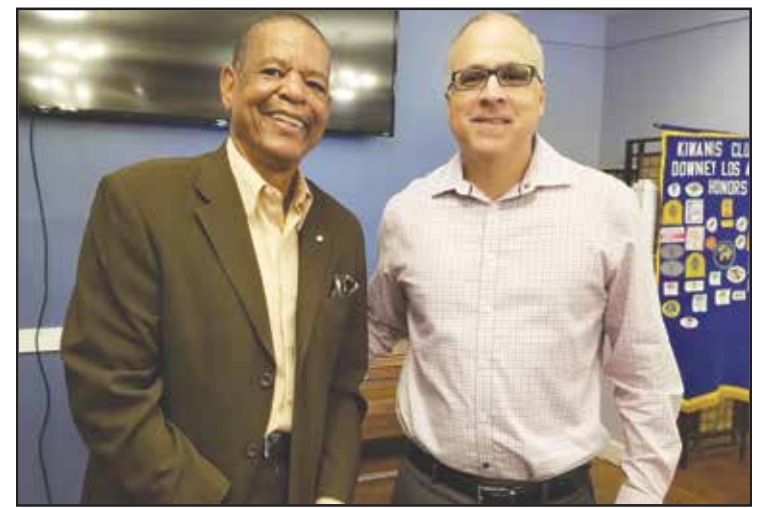
warm. Take-out orders only.

In back of Mimi's on the Civic Plaza, the new glass outside elevator has risen from its scaffolding at the Downey Theatre. Balcony and the Mezzanine display area are ready to handle handicapped patrons. The staff there is eager to greet the next audience, whenever that opportunity comes.

At Ebie Ghaneian's Café n Stuff, at Firestone and Woodruff, a row of parking spaces right at the front door,

designed "Order Pick-up Only." Yesterday I had the California chicken take-out dinner. Delicious. Instant curbside delivery service, without my getting out of the car.

Alex Dominguez's excellent and timely pictures in this week's Patriot show the faces of the demonstrators at City Hall, lying on the grass in sympathy for George Floyd. They look so young, with their hand-lettered cardboard signs.



Hector Sosa installed as GOOD president

DOWNEY — Hector Sosa was installed Tuesday as president of Gangs Out of Downey, a non-profit organization that works to reduce and eliminate gangs in Downey.

Sosa, right, is pictured with Darrell Jackson, who was sworn-in as first vice president.

The rest of the board includes Ronnie Fernandez, second vice president, and Tony Cristani as treasurer.

Eric Pierce, former Gangs Out of Downey president, installed the board via Zoom.

"President Julie Garcia had a successful 2-year reign with the many events that were held, starting with the Backpack Give-away at Golden Park in August," Gangs Out of Downey posted on Facebook.

"We participated in National Night Out, supported DUSD with resource officers and needed security carts for the high schools. The biggest fundraiser was a sold out golf tournament at Rio Hondo. We helped deliver Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to families in need, as well as support Shop With a Cop for Christmas.

"Our annual GOOD Luncheon fills the room with residents, law enforcement and supporters. We supported Kids and Cops Day, bringing together our police officers and youth. Our final signature event was the Ricky Galvez Scholarship Gala. We awarded scholarships to graduating seniors in our high schools.

"We thank you, Julie, and board members Hector Sosa, Cpt. Mark McDaniel, Tony Cristani, and Dorothy Pemberton. Heartfelt thank you to all of our supporters in making this year so successful."



COVID-19 forces cancellation of Dia de los Muertos

DOWNEY —Downey's Dia de los Muertos Art Festival, originally slated for Nov. 1, will not take place this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The festival regularly draws upwards of 30,000 visitors.

All vendors, sponsors and performance applications will be honored in 2021.

Meanwhile, a celebration of the Downey Theatre's 50th anniversary that was set for last April 21 will not be rescheduled, organizers said.

"The City and the Theatre thank the many participants, past alumni and partners for their efforts, labor and dedication in helping to mark this significant milestone," the city of Downey said in a statement.

Other shows and performances have been rescheduled for 2021, including two sold-out Willy Chirino

concerts; "Grease" and "Beauty and the Beast" sing-alongs; and a Mariachi los Camperos concert, all with dates to be determined.

Ticket holders have several options, including retaining their tickets for use on the rescheduled dates.

The Downey Theatre will reopen to the public in accordance with the guidelines, parameters, time frame and recommendations of the Los Angeles County Health Department.

"This is only an intermission," said theatre manager Amber Shaver.

Italian Sandwich \$6.49
Hall Of Fame Market & Deli
10846 Downey Ave., Downey, CA 90241

POETRY MATTERS

Briefly It Enters, and Briefly Speaks (excerpts)

I am the blossom pressed in a book, found again after two hundred years. . . .

I am the maker, the lover, and the keeper. . . .

I am the stone step, the latch, and the working hinge. . . .

I am the heart contracted by joy. . . . the longest hair, white before the rest. . . .

I am there in the basket of fruit presented to the widow. . . .

I am the musk rose opening unattended, the fern on the boggy summit. . . .

I am the one whose love overcomes you, already with you when you think to call my name. . . .

June is the month for weddings, and anniversaries. Love itself seems to be the speaker of this poem. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Jane Kenyon, Collected Poems, Graywolf Press, 2005

Yvette Mejia
REALTOR®, DRE Lic. #01011985
In Service Since 1988!
"It's the Experience"
Cell: (562) 544-5110
Email: yvette@yvettemejia.net
www.facebook.com/YvetteSellsRealEstate

21 Allstars

I Love Referrals!

TAKE OUT OR DINE IN!

La Barca Grill & Cantina
Authentic Fresh Made Mexican Food

HAPPY HOUR
ALL DAY on well drinks, House Margaritas & Micheladas

Take Out Only
Spend \$25 and get \$5 off
Spend \$50 and get \$10 off
Will Deliver within a 2 mile radius

Downey Patriot Special
SUNDAY-THURSDAY 10AM-8PM
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10AM-9:30PM
Tel. 562.622.9100
11010 Paramount Blvd.
Downey, CA 90241

Stox HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
RESTAURANT • BAKERY • BAR
(562) 803-4004
Hours: 7am to 8pm

FATHER'S DAY SPECIALS WILL BE SERVED SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH & FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST

Stox New Brunch Menu
will be served Saturday and Sunday
16 DELICIOUS ITEMS TO CHOOSE FROM
ALL INCLUDE CHAMPAGNE

Dinner Specials served from 11 a.m. till Closing
ALL ENTREES are served with choice of potato, vegetables & bakery fresh dinner roll, with your choice of soup or salad.

Prime Rib Aujus \$2895
Halibut \$2295
Half Rack of Baby Back Ribs \$1795

Don't forget to bring your father a pie or cake for Father's Day!

Mikel's INSURANCE SERVICES

CNA Liberty Mutual

MERCURY INSURANCE MetLife

Nationwide Safeco Insurance

The Hanover Insurance Group THE HARTFORD

TRAVELERS CHUBB

CIG Oregon Mutual Insurance

Proudly Serving Downey for over 35 years!

NO Broker Fees
National "A" Rated Companies

(562) 449-4321

7847 Florence Ave. Ste. 120
Downey, CA 90240

Open: Monday - Friday
9 am - 5 pm

CA LICENSE: 0E11818

www.Mikels-Ins.com

ATTORNEY • ABOGADA

Eva Juárez Malhotra

ATTORNEY AT LAW

I am fully fluent in English and Spanish and a graduate of UCLA Law School with more than 34 years of experience. Contact me today for your FREE consultation!

DIVORCE | CHILD CUSTODY/SUPPORT | BANKRUPTCY | TRUSTS/WILLS

(562) 806-9400 • (800) 811-8881

7847 E. Florence Avenue, Suite 111, Downey, CA 90240

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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

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

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

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

SERVICES POOL SERVICE & REPAIRS 40 yr exp., free estimate. Hablamos Espanol (562) 652-0054

Visit Us Online: www.TheDowneyPatriot.com

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.) Escrow No. 9824-JH

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 15, 2020. Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner.

The Downey Patriot 5/28/20, 6/4/20, 6/11/20, 6/18/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2020084987 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) G AUTO SALES LLC, 13516 TELEGRAPH SUITE P, WHITTIER CA, 90605, LA COUNTY

cases or Section 8002 of the Downey Municipal Code.

SECTION 3. That the maintenance and servicing of the landscaping in, on and along public streets and places within the District will be, in the opinion of the City Council of the City of Downey, to the benefit of the assessable properties within the District. Assessable properties are those within the District known as Zone III.

SECTION 4. That reference hereby is made to the Engineer's Report of the Engineer on file with the City Clerk and available for public inspection, of the proposed assessments upon assessable lots and parcels of land within the District, including changes from the previous fiscal year's assessment and assessable lots.

SECTION 5. The Street Light Improvements and Safety Lighting and Traffic Signal Improvements provided by the District and associated with the zones described in the Engineer's Report incorporate various landscaping and lighting improvements that are maintained and serviced for the benefit of real property within the District.

SECTION 6. That assessments for all zones will be less than, or equal to, the maximum assessments.

SECTION 7. Notice is hereby given that on June 23, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Downey City Hall located at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California [or via teleconference as directed by the City Council due to the COVID 19 social distancing guidelines], all interested persons may appear before the City Council and be heard concerning the services to be performed, the proposed assessment and all other matters relating thereto.

SECTION 8. The City Clerk shall cause notice of the hearing to be given by causing the Resolution of Intention to be published, posted, and mailed in the manner required by Part 2 of Division 15 of the Streets and Highways Code.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution. APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2020.

/s/ BLANCA PACHECO BLANCA PACHECO, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/MARIA ALICIA DUARTE MARIA ALICIA DUARTE, CMC City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Downey at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of June, 2020, by the following vote, to wit: AYES: Council Members: Ashton, Rodriguez, Saab, Frometa, Mayor Pacheco

/s/MARIA ALICIA DUARTE MARIA ALICIA DUARTE, CMC City Clerk

Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, executed by the Governor of California on March 17, 2020, and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer Revised Order Issued May 26, 2020 as a response to mitigating the spread of Coronavirus known as COVID-19 and providing direction for moving the County through Stage 2 of California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap, the Regular City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. will allow members of the public to participate and address the City Council during the open session of the meeting via teleconference as well as a limited number of in-person attendees within the City Hall Council Chambers on a first come, first serve basis.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, ADA.Coordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Downey Patriot 6/11/20

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 20-03

FY 2019/20 RESIDENTIAL STREET PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT

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, July 2, 2020 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. 20-03 - FY 2019/20 Residential Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of pavement rehabilitation on 42 street segments on the southerly half section of the City of Downey. This project includes reconstruction of failed pavement areas, cold milling of asphalt pavement; construction of asphalt concrete leveling course, base course and asphalt rubber hot mix (ARHM) overlay. Work also includes the construction of new curb and gutter, removal and reconstruction of uplifted, damaged or substandard curb, gutter, cross gutters and spandrels, sidewalk, driveway approaches and curb ramps; adjustments of manhole and utility valve covers to the new grade, replacement of traffic striping, pavement markings, and loop detectors; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 20-03.

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 \$45.00 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. 20-03. 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 Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

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

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.

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

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

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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

The Downey Patriot 6/11/20, 6/18/20

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FEES AND CHARGES FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Downey has scheduled a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of a resolution adopting City Fees and Charges, at the Regular Council Meeting of June 23, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the Downey City Council Chambers, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA.

This Public Hearing and Notice is intended to comply with the provisions of Government Code Section 66018. The Resolution will set forth the City fees and charges for various services.

Copies of the Resolution adopting City Fees and Charges can be reviewed at the City Clerk's Office, the City's website: http://www.downeyca.org and Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center (by appointment only). Persons who have any questions should contact Anil Gandhi, Director of Finance and Information Technology, at (562) 904-7265.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC City Clerk June 11, 2020

The Downey Patriot 6/11/20, 6/18/20

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 20-23 3RD STREET WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (OLD RIVER SCHOOL ROAD TO RIVES AVENUE)

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, July 2, 2020 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. 20-23 3rd Street Water System Improvement Project (Old River School Road to Rives Avenue).

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of the construction of water system improvements on 3rd Street between Old River School Road and Rives Avenue, as shown on the contract plans. The work to be performed generally consists of potable water main improvements including the installation of new main, fire hydrant assemblies, water service lines, meters and boxes; installation of gate valves, crosses, tees, bends, thrust blocks, and fittings; abandoning of existing water mains, service lines, and other associated facilities; removal and salvaging of existing fire hydrant assemblies, existing water meters, and boxes; clearing and grubbing; trenching, backfilling and compacting; asphalt concrete (AC) and Portland cement concrete (PCC) pavement reconstruction; reconstruction of miscellaneous PCC improvements, landscaping, irrigation, and other existing improvements disturbed during the course of construction; traffic control; and all labor, tools, materials, equipment, and appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 20-23.

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 \$45.00 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. 20-23. 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/her in accordance with the terms of his/her bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder

("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor" or C34, "Pipeline 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/her 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/her sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

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

Mrs. Lorena Powell, Associate Civil Engineer - Utilities E-Mail: lpowell@downeyca.org Tel: (562) 904-7110 Fax: (562) 904-7296

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

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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

The Downey Patriot 6/11/20, 6/18/20

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Downey has scheduled a Public Hearing to consider the Proposed 2020-2021 Budget at the Regular Council Meeting of June 23, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., in the Downey City Council Chambers, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA.

Copies of the Proposed 2020-2021 Budget can be reviewed at the City Clerk's Office, the City's website: http://www.downeyca.org, and Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center (by appointment only). Persons who have any questions should contact Anil Gandhi, Director of Finance and Information Technology, at (562) 904-7265.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC City Clerk June 11, 2020

The Downey Patriot 6/11/20

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Project Title: Paramount Boulevard/

FICT. BUS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2020080284 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE BRAND CO. (2) THE BRAND COMPANY, 11923 OLD RIVER SCHOOL ROAD APT. 9, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PO BOX 14641, TORRANCE CA 90603

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Downey (City Council) by Resolution No. 20-7937, proposed to levy and collect assessments within the Lighting and Landscaping District, Assessment District 121, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 23, 2020 ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Downey (City Council) by Resolution No. 20-7937, proposed to levy and collect assessments within the Lighting and Landscaping District, Assessment District 121, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 23, 2020 ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That in order to maintain and service street lighting facilities and on-street and public facilities (landscaping within the District) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Downey to levy and collect assessments pursuant to the provisions of the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 (Part 2 of Division 15 of said Code).

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY OF DOWNEY LIGHTING & LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT PROPOSED FY 2020-21 ASSESSMENT LEVY JUNE 23, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-7944

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE LIGHTING AND LANDSCAPING DISTRICT, ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 121, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 23, 2020 ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Downey (City Council) by Resolution No. 20-7937, proposed to levy and collect assessments within the Lighting and Landscaping District, Assessment District 121, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021; AND SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 23, 2020 ON THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS

WHEREAS, by said Resolution No. 20-7937, the City Council ordered the Director of Public Works to prepare and file an Engineer's Report for the District for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972 per Section 22565 of the California Streets and Highways Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary that assessments be levied on all assessable lots and parcels in the District for fiscal year 2020-2021, as set forth in the Engineer's Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 2. That the maintenance and servicing of the public lighting facilities in, on and along public streets and places within the District will be, in the opinion of the City Council of the City of Downey, to the benefit of the assessable properties within the District. Assessable properties are those within the District that have been annexed into the District by previous resolutions caused by voluntary installation of street lights and by requirements of various planning

Rio Hondo police academy defends how it trains police officers

WHITTIER — Rio Hondo College Police Academy is a leader in progressive police training, following a teaching philosophy known as Principled Policing that encourages strong community relationships, respect for diversity and an understanding of constitutional rights, the academy said in a statement this week.

“It’s critical, now more than ever, that we stand up for the tenants of a training system that values the personal relationships police officers should forge with members of diverse communities, guards the sanctity of life and upholds

the constitutional rights of all,” Academy Director Walter Allen III said.

“At Rio Hondo College, we train guardians, not warriors.”

College leaders are providing insight into the police training program in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police officers and subsequent demonstrations over treatment of African Americans by law enforcement.

Allen has led the Academy since 2014. Over more than 43 years, he has guided efforts to improve the criminal justice

system. He has led the California Youth Authority, guided improvements to the state Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, served on the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and served as the assistant chief for the California Department of Justice, conducting statewide multi-jurisdictional criminal cases.

The Rio Hondo Police Academy has trained police officers since 1964, placing them with agencies throughout Southern California. Some 20 police chiefs who graduated from the program are currently serving in the area.

The academy’s Principled Policing approach addresses cultural diversity, prejudice, discrimination, hate crimes, investigative profiling vs. racial profiling, as well as the tenants of procedural justice, which speak to providing a voice and listening with empathy and compassion to the community, being neutral in decision-making and behavior, treating people with dignity and respect, and showing concern for others to build and demonstrate trustworthiness.

The program includes training conducted in collaboration with the Museum of Tolerance and a panel discussion with members of surrounding communities who offer their perspectives on law enforcement.

“Principled Policing recognizes how implicit bias can influence perceptions, decisions and actions and how recognition of such bias can lead officers to behaving with the highest integrity and value,” Public Safety Dean Mark Yokoyama said.

“We are committed to improving our curriculum to incorporate a better understanding of systemic racism and its relation to policing and will be seeking

other opportunities to advance the academy curriculum.”

Cadets learn constitutional law, criminal law, domestic violence, traffic enforcement, emergency vehicle operations, tactical first aid and CPR, mental health, lifetime fitness, firearms, among other subjects mandated by POST. They learn techniques for de-escalation and use of force options.

The six-month training is considered one of the most intense available.

Many of the academy graduates in recent years have been minority and female

officers, mirroring the makeup of the communities where they will work.

“Our graduating cadets represent the best of the best,” Superintendent/President Dr. Arturo Reyes said. “We put our cadets through a rigorous program because we know the incredible responsibility they will shoulder on our behalf.”

California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley has called for a review of police training in the across the 115-college system, which provides training to about 80 percent of the state’s police.

“We welcome the chance to demonstrate the progressive and principled approach pioneered by the Rio Hondo Police Academy in hopes of providing a model for others as we forge a path together for a stronger, more unified community,” Reyes said.

LEGALS

Imperial Highway Intersection Improvement Project

Project Description: The Paramount Boulevard and Imperial Highway Intersection Improvement Project calls for a re-design of the intersection to accommodate anticipated growth in traffic through 2035. Dual left turn pockets will be added in the southbound direction along Paramount Boulevard and in the westbound direction along Imperial Highway. All four legs of the intersection will be widened to provide sufficient road width for vehicular U-turn movements. The project includes reconstruction of all four legs of the intersection with concrete pavement for 300 feet on all approaches and 100 feet for all departures. The intersection itself will be reconstructed with concrete pavement and decorative concrete crosswalks will be added along with modified traffic signals and striping, signing and pavement markings, street lighting and upgraded bus shelters and furnishings. There will be partial right of way acquisition required along Imperial Highway and Paramount Boulevard on all four legs of the intersection. Some utility relocations and adjustments will also be required to facilitate project construction.

Project Location: Paramount Boulevard and Imperial Highway Intersection, City of Downey, CA

Environmental Determination: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, the City has determined that, with mitigation, this project would not result in significant environmental impacts. Mitigation measures for air quality, hazardous materials, hydrology and noise will be required to reduce impacts to less than significant. Accordingly, the City intends to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to Section 21080(c) of the Public Resources Code.

The project site is not included on the list of hazardous materials facilities, hazardous waste properties, or hazardous waste disposal sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (CorteseList).

Public Hearing Scheduled: The City Council of the City of Downey will conduct a public hearing to consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts and associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program at 6:30 p.m. on

June 23, 2020 in the Council Chambers of Downey City Hall, located at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA. All interested parties are invited to attend and give testimony on the request.

Pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, executed by the Governor of California on March 17, 2020, and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer Revised Order Issued May 26, 2020 as a response to mitigating the spread of Coronavirus known as COVID-19 and providing direction for moving the County through Stage 2 of California’s Pandemic Resilience Roadmap, the Regular City Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. will allow members of the public to participate and address the City Council during the open session of the meeting via teleconference as well as a limited number of in-person attendees within the City Hall Council Chambers on a first come, first serve basis.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk’s Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to ensure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City’s ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, ADACoordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Edwin J. Norris
Deputy Director of Public Works, City of Downey

The Downey Patriot
6/11/20

WORTHY PROPERTIES
REAL ESTATE SERVICES

Jeff & Lois Worthy
Your Trust **“WORTHY”** Real Estate Team!

In these challenging times...Know that we have your back!
We will help you sell your home.
Safely, Swiftly and Hassle-Free!

For a FREE property valuation, call Jeff or Lois at:
(562) 659-2245

BRE 01858863

Maria E. Cervantes
Real Estate Broker
DRE #01267890
(562) 500-1376

8141 E 2ND St.
Suite #110
Downey, CA 90240

BH HS
“I specialize in multi-family residential sales”

Dorothy Pemberton
REALTOR DRE #00903993
NOTARY PUBLIC
(310) 717-3637
dorothy.pemberton@century21.com
www.DorothyPemberton.com

Downey resident and 30 years experience.
Stay Safe at Home

21 CENTURY 21
Peak
7825 Florence Ave, Downey, CA 90240

Roger Vingino
Realtor Luxury Home agent
DRE #01125262
(562) 472-8767

8141 E 2ND St.
Suite #110
Downey, CA 90240

BH HS
“I specialize in 1031 Probate’s & short sales. Call Roger!”

EXCELLENT 5 UNIT MID-CENTURY PROPERTY IN PRIME NORTH EAST DOWNEY LOCATION FOR SALE

11016 Newville Avenue Downey 90241
Well maintained and desirable mix of 2 bedroom/1 bathroom units each approximately 900 square feet, inside laundry and private parking. Great curb appeal, updated landscaping, concrete driveway and located on a quiet street next to Rio San Gabriel Park with convenient access to 5/605/105 freeways. Great Cap Rate!! Call/text 562-743-2121. Visit www.Dalejervis.com for more information and photos.

DALE JERVIS
CENTURY 21
JERVIS & ASSOCIATES
562-743-2121
WWW.DALEJERVIS.COM

21 CENTURY 21 Peak CENTURY 21 My Real Estate is now part of CENTURY 21 Peak **Peak Real Estate** (562) 927-2626 7825 Florence Avenue • Downey, CA 90240 QUALITY SERVICE AWARD 1994-2019

FEATURED PROPERTY

Investment Opportunity!
Great opportunity to live in one or as an investment. 4 units each one with 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, laundry, and a total of 5 car garage. This spacious property has two separate structures totaling 2,605 sq ft on a 8,078 sq ft lot. **Call Today!!!**

TOP PRODUCERS

TOP LISTING Steve Roberson **TOP PRODUCTION Edwin Huber** **TOP SALES Steve Roberson**

Amazing!!!
Don't miss a great opportunity to own this beautiful and spacious home in the Premier 55+ Gated Oasis Community. This large 2 Bedroom, 2 Full Bath highly sought-after floor plan is move-in ready and comes with Paid Solar. Virtual Showings Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call For An Appointment Today!!!

The Time Is Now!
Motivated seller. Needs some TLC to make it your own. Great area of Hollydale. Den can be used as 3rd bedroom, just need to install a closet. Built in BBQ. Has 4 camera security system.

This Is The One!
Wonderful four-bedroom home located in a nice neighborhood of Downey. Located on cul-de-sac. This home features new windows & a two car garage.

Welcome Home!!!
Come check out this well-maintained home situated in a lovely and peaceful East Downey location. This 6 Bedroom, 3 Full Bathroom home has Central A/C & Heating. The Master Suite is upstairs, and the bath has beautiful cabinets and a large shower; there's a walk-in closet and even room for an office. There's a Covered Patio and a large, rear yard, both front and rear landscaped yards have a Sprinkler System. Call Today!!!

21 CENTURY 21 Peak **Property Management Provides help with:** Statewide Rent Control | Rent Collection Working with Vendors | Tenant Relations **2 Free Months of Management** Call Edwin 866-998-4232

Location, Location, Location!!!
Beautiful Northeast Downey home features 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms. The home has 2908 sqft. of living space and sits on a 10,000 sqft. lot. This one won't last. **Call Today!!!**

Won't Last!
One of the largest 2 bedroom 2 bath units in the complex. Each bedroom has its own bathroom. There are also 2 parking spaces in the gated parking garage. This corner unit has a view of the pool/spa along with San Pedro from balcony. This unit has a gas fireplace, recessed lighting and HVAC. Updated kitchen with new stainless appliances.

21 CENTURY 21 Peak **My Real Estate School DRE APPROVED LIVE REAL ESTATE SCHOOL \$150 Reimbursed** Call Bertha - 877-829-0961



Mel & Rita Berdelis
BROKER/OWNERS

24 HOUR Real Estate

OFFICE: 562-861-7257
24hour-RealEstate.com

Carmela "Carrie" Uva
BROKER ASSOCIATE
"Let's Talk Real Estate"
562-382-1252
www.CarrieUva.com
DRE #01152047

Angelo & Marie
REALTOR®
"The Intelligent Choice!"
562-618-0033
www.MariePicarelli.com
DRE #01933141 | DRE #00610605

Jimmy Spathos
REALTOR®
"Jimmy the Greek"
562-400-2148
JimSpathos@aol.com
DRE #01296368

Vicki Spearman
REALTOR®
"I Care for Downey"
562-367-9520
Icare4dow@aol.com
DRE #00542721

Mario Persico
REALTOR®
"Mario DID IT AGAIN"
562-533-7433
Mario@MarioPersico.com
DRE #01341121



TRULY DELIGHTFUL
Lovely 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms home with remodeled kitchen, wood laminate floors throughout home, formal living and dining rooms and lovely backyard. **\$575,000**
Call Carrie for more information today at 562-761-0597.



Huntington Beach!
Corner lot w/ ocean view! 2,900+ sq. ft. featuring 4 balconies, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 fireplaces. Elevator, too! Call Marie at 562-618-0033 for details & to view the virtual tour from your home!



Mediterranean Style Home
Exquisite West Covina home near South Hills features 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, a new resort style pool with water slide. A 3,400 sq. ft. home on an over 19,600 sq. ft. lot.
Call Jimmy for more information today at 562-400-2148.
JIMSPATHOS@AOL.COM



Downey Charmer
Beautiful custom built 3 bedrooms, 1 3/4 bathrooms, family room with fireplace, amazing hardwood floors and 2 car garage on tree lined cul d'sac street in award winning Downey school district. **\$629,000.**
Call Vicki to see 562-367-9520.
ICARE4DOW@AOL.COM



ORANGE ESTATES POOL HOME
Gorgeous Downey classic in PRESTIGIOUS ORANGE ESTATES! 3 BEDS, 2 BATHS. SPACIOUS formal living room, kitchen has TON OF STORAGE, FABULOUS master suite w/ DUAL WALK-IN CLOSET/dressing rooms (permitted on 320 sq. ft. enclosed patio), 2,182 sq. ft. of living space SPARKLING NEW REFINISHED heated pool, REFINISHED ORIGINAL HARDWOOD FLOORS throughout, inside laundry, NEW roll-up garage door, *NEWLY PAINTED INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR*, EXTRA LONG driveway. Call Mario today! 562-533-7433.

CONGRATULATIONS
SENIORS WHO GRADUATED FROM DOWNEY, WARREN & COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL

JOB WELL DONE!

FIXER UPPER

Live in One and Rent the other!
2 separate homes on one lot! Separate yards. Both homes have 2 BD, 1 BA. In nice Downey neighborhood! Priced to sell at only **\$685,000.**

Fernando Buenabad
REALTOR®
562-291-4181
BuenabadFernando@gmail.com
DRE #02068613

Pam Lee
REALTOR®
562-537-1134
PamLeeRealtor@gmail.com
DRE #01750256

IN ESCROW!

9915 TECUM RD., DOWNEY
3 BD | 2 BA | 1,613 sq. ft. home | 7,828 sq. ft. lot
Call Mario today at 562-533-7433 for more info!

PREPARE YOUR LIVING TRUST!
Package includes: will, trust, advance health directive, financial power of attorney and one grant deed
CALL FOR MORE INFO
562-382-1252

\$50 DISCOUNT
- NEW CLIENTS ONLY
- EXPIRES 06-30-2020
- ONE COUPON PER FAMILY

DOWNEY'S ADVOCATE....
Carrie Uva
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SERVING THE DOWNEY COMMUNITY FOR OVER 25 YEARS

IN ESCROW!

Diamond in the Rough!
Tons of potential! Living room, dining room, 3 BD with walk-in closets, 1,844 sq. ft. of living space all on a large lot. **\$629,000.**

SOLD

Cherokee Estates
3 bedroom single level home, 3 bathrooms, 1,745 sq. ft. living space, large formal living room and dining room

JUST LISTED

Great Pico Rivera Location!!!
A Charming home with a sparkling pool on a 9,000+ sq. ft. lot. 3 bedrooms and 1+3/4 baths. Trust Sale. **\$570,000.**
Call Pam for more info! 562-537-1134.
PamLeeRealtor@gmail.com

SOLD!

11849 HARO AVENUE, DOWNEY
3 BD | 3 BA | 1,890 sq. ft. home | 6,537 sq. ft. lot
Mario did it again! 562-533-7433.

CHECK OUT
our 93 REVIEWS on www.Zillow.com

Angelo & Marie PICARELLI
EXPERIENCE, INTEGRITY, & TEAMWORK

SOLD

Sold in Whittier
4 bedrooms, 2 bath home, 1,398 sq. ft. of living space on a 9,336 sq. ft. lot
Call me today 562-291-4181.

MARIO PERSICO
BORN | EDUCATED | LIVES | WORSHIPS
- SERVING SINCE 2002 -
562-533-7433
#MarioDidItAgain
#ItsNeverJustBusinessItsAlwaysPersonal

THE SPRING SELLING SEASON IS FINALLY HERE



POST COVID-19 MARKET PREDICTION

How has the real estate market been affected by the coronavirus pandemic? From mid-March until early April, things came to a halt! Some escrows canceled as buyers got scared, while other loans were declined last minute as a few borrowers were furloughed and now didn't qualify. The overall market got better and better as each week went by, but I can tell you that SPRING is now in full bloom. After a 2+ month corona-cation, buyers are ready to buy. The demand is overwhelming – multiple offers on many listings and sometimes selling over the list price. Inventory is still low! If you put off selling because of Covid19, it's time to call, text, or email me TODAY! It appears that SUMMER IS THE NEW SPRING... at least in 2020.



Near Stonewood Mall

- 3 bedrooms | 2 bathrooms
- 1,890 sq. ft. | 7,516 sq. ft. lot
- Formal living room with fireplace
- Den (could be 4th bedroom)
- Newer roof & new garage door opener

LIST PRICE: \$749,950



Cherokee Estate Charmer

- 4 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms
- 1,925 sq. ft.
- 10,453 sq. ft. lot
- Updated kitchen
- Master bedroom

LIST PRICE: \$775,000



FOR LEASE

Prime Office Space On Florence

- 4 office spaces available
- Large parking lot
- Common reception area
- Restrooms and kitchen included
- Outdoor mezzanine/patio

Call for availability and price

JUST SOLD BY THE MICHAEL BERDELIS TEAM

SOLD!

SOLD \$20,000 OVER LIST PRICE

- 3 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms
- 1,595 sq. ft.
- Large master bedroom
- 2 car attached garage

SOLD FOR: \$595,000

SOLD!

IMPRESSIVE NE DOWNEY SALE

- 2 bedrooms | 2 bedrooms
- 2,515 sq. ft. 16,714 sq. ft. lot
- Large yard and pool
- New roof and A/C

SOLD FOR \$1,075,000

SOLD!

SOLD \$12,000 OVER LIST PRICE

- 1 bedroom | 1 bathroom
- New oak plank wood floors
- Gated community with pool
- 2 parking spaces

SOLD FOR: \$312,000

MICHAEL BERDELIS
& THE 24 HOUR TEAM
REALTOR®

Call Today for a **FREE Virtual Market Analysis** or **FREE Virtual Tour** of these listings!
562-818-6111 or visit www.MichaelBerdelis.com

DRE #01234589