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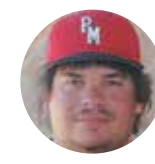
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Samperi elected school board president

■ Bobbie Samperi takes over as school board president, with Martha Sodetani as VP.

DOWNEY - Barbara "Bobbie" Samperi was elected president of the Downey Unified Board of Education on Tuesday, along with new vice president Martha Sodetani and clerk Giovanna Perez-Saab.

Outgoing president D. Mark Morris, a member of the school board since 1982, will continue to serve on the board representing Trustee Area 6.

In attendance to present Morris with certificates thanking him for his one-year term as president was Downey Mayor Claudia M. Frometa, Christopher Perez representing Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, Vincent Morales representing Supervisor Janice Hahn and Chad Oberly representing Assemblymember Cristina Garcia.

Samperi presented outgoing president Morris with a plaque on behalf of the entire Board of Education, thanking him for his leadership as president this past year.

Morris is a member of the California School Board Association and the Los Angeles County School Boards Association. He was inducted into the Downey High School Hall of Fame in 2005 and has a campus building named in his honor.

Morris' community service includes past membership on the City of Downey Community Services Commission, the Water Board, the Redevelopment Project Area Committee, the Cerritos College Advisory Board and was the founding President of the Alumni Association. He is a lifelong resident of Downey and graduate of Downey High School.

"I appreciate the honor of being president this last year," said Morris. "Downey Unified is a vital part of the city of Downey and I take great pride in our students, teachers, classified staff and administration."

"We as a Board want the best for our students regardless if they moved into Downey yesterday or they were born here. We want the best for them because they are the backbone of our community and I am truly thankful for having the honor to have served them this past year."

He closed by thanking his wife, Pam Morris, and his fellow Board members for all of their support since he was elected as president last December.

Samperi, a Downey resident and Warren High School graduate, has served on the Board of Education for 28 years.

A member of the Downey Community Service Commission for 15 years, Samperi has previously been an active member of Downey Council PTA, Alameda Elementary, Ward Elementary, Sussman Middle and Downey High School's PTA.

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Outgoing school board president D. Mark Morris and Mayor Claudia Frometa. (Photo courtesy Downey Unified)

Sources: City Council plans to fire city manager

■ A city council majority has decided to terminate city manager Gilbert Livas, sources said.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - In a major shakeup, the Downey City Council is poised to fire longtime city manager Gilbert Livas and bring in a new person to run city operations, according to sources at City Hall.

Council members met in closed session Dec. 7 where a majority of council members said they intended to fire Livas, according to sources not authorized to speak publicly.

The council members in favor of Livas' dismissal are Sean Ashton, Mario Trujillo and Catherine Alvarez, the sources said.

Mayor Blanca Pacheco and Councilwoman Claudia Frometa are said to favor keeping Livas.

The City Council scheduled a special 3 pm meeting Thursday to decide Livas' fate. Results of that meeting were not available at press time.

News of Livas' potential firing was met with negative reaction at City Hall, where officials feared an exodus of department heads.

"It could destabilize our city," said one high-ranking city official who spoke on condition of anonymity. "You're going to see Trujillo and Alvarez bring in their own person who will answer directly to them."

Livas joined Downey as community development director in 2007 and was promoted to assistant city manager in 2010. He took over as city manager following the retirement of Gerald Caton in 2011.

Downey has had only two city managers over the last 32 years and that stability has worked to Downey's benefit, officials said.

Downey city manager Gilbert Livas listens to a speaker during Tuesday's City Council meeting.

The City Council is contemplating hiring a new city manager, drawing criticism from residents, city employees and former council members.

(Photo by Alex Dominguez)

"We have two freshmen council members and their goal is not to bring fresh ideas, it is to bring someone that they can control," said another person inside City Hall who works closely with the city council. They asked that their name not be used out of fear of retribution. "Sean has been on the city council for seven years and always gave Gilbert glowing reviews. Why is he all of a sudden voting to remove him?"

Ashton, Trujillo and Alvarez did not return messages seeking comment. Frometa and Livas declined to comment.

On Wednesday, six labor groups in Downey authored a joint letter in support of Livas.

The letter was signed by Downey Police Capt. Brian Baker, president of the Downey Police Management Association; Downey Police Cpl. Ralph Diaz, president of the Downey Police Officers' Association; Downey Fire Battalion Chief Dan Rasmussen, president of the Downey Fire Management Association; Downey Fire Capt. Anastacio Rios, president of the Downey Firefighters' Association; Lee Cole, president of the Downey Public Safety Auxiliary Association; and Jason Riddle, president of the Downey City Employees Association-Misc.

"Mr. Livas has led the City through challenging times; including a recession, a pandemic, and times of civil unrest," the letter read. "He has led with a steady hand, bringing wisdom and perspective to each situation. He has made difficult, but sound decisions and guided us through many challenges. As a result of his leadership, Downey has not only survived through difficult times, but has thrived."

"Mr. Livas' kindness, care for others and dedication to public service is what has helped shape the many of us who serve the community. Based on everything we know of Mr. Livas and his proven work record, we cannot



Gilbert Livas has served as Downey's top executive since 2011.

support his removal as City Manager for the City of Downey and ask that any effort to do so be re-considered."

Another official to publicly voice their support for Livas is Downey school board member D Mark Morris.

"As a member of the Downey Unified Board of Education, I can testify that our relationship with the city has never been better," Morris wrote on Facebook. "And this is due in large part to Gilbert's leadership. He realizes that Downey's children deserve the best; look at all the services provided through our Parks and Recreation Department."

"This is not the time to let this good man go, nor is this the time or way to do it. It would send such a negative message about Downey's City Council that it's effect would be felt in the business, service and school communities for a long time."

Former Downey mayor Alex Saab, who served on the City Council for eight years and worked alongside Livas, said it would be a mistake to fire him.

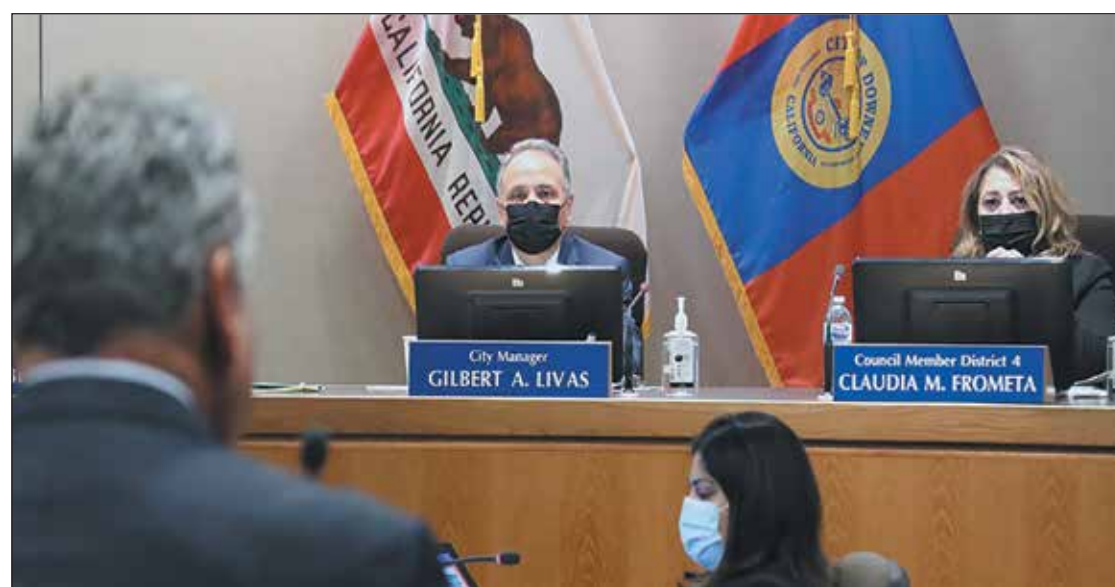
"I have personally known and/or worked with the last 14 Downey city council members

which have worked directly with Mr. Livas," said Saab. "And while we may not have agreed on some issues, the one constant was the confidence we all shared in Mr. Livas' ability to lead Downey and provide sound and ethical leadership."

Saab cautioned against the ramifications of firing a city manager "during a time of great political turmoil."

"Institutional knowledge is lost, seasoned staff members will seek employment elsewhere where there is more stability and finding a suitable replacement is extraordinarily challenging because there is currently a shortage of qualified city managers in the region," said Saab. "In addition, most qualified people would not want to work for an instable city council that fails to value its leadership."

"If the rumors are true that Mr. Livas is being let go, I hope the current city council pauses and thinks hard about the long-term effects this will cause the residents of our great City of Downey."



Rose Float scrambles to raise money after traffic collision damages facility

■ A traffic collision damaged the exterior of the Downey Rose Float Association's production barn.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - An early morning traffic accident on Friday has left The Downey Rose Float Association saddled with thousands of dollars in property damage just weeks before the Tournament of Roses.

The incident took place sometime around 1 a.m., near the Downey Rose Float barn entrance off of Gardendale Street.

According to Jeremy Clifton,

President of the Downey Rose Float Association, a single vehicle crashed through the security fence, damaging some props and equipment. There was no damage to the barn or float.

A police report was made.

Kelley Roberts, Construction Chairman of the Float, approximated that the accident would cost around \$8,000-\$12,000 and 40 hours in manpower to repair.

There are only a couple of weeks before the Rose Parade in Pasadena, meaning that the Downey Rose Float Association is already in a time crunch to make sure that its annual entry is ready for the trip down Colorado Boulevard.

Clifton said, "We'll pull it off."

"We'll probably have to do a couple of long nights to repair the props and everything else that we need to do, but one way or another we'll complete it," said Clifton.

A Go Fund Me has been started to help raise funds for repairs, which to this point has raised over \$3,400 dollars.

The Rose Float Association also received some relief via LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn, who committed \$5,000 towards replacing damaged equipment and props.

The county owns and maintains the property that the Downey Rose Float Association

uses, so Hahn's office is also working closely with the County's Internal Services Department to assess the damages to the security fence and get it replaced.

"This was a terrible accident, and the timing could not be worse for the Downey Rose Float Association, but we can't let it ruin the work that they have put into this year's Rose Parade float," Hahn said in a statement released Monday.

"We are going to help cover the costs of replacing the equipment and we are working to get the damages to the fence assessed and repaired as quickly as possible."

Downey Rose Float is scheduled to start "Decoration Week" on Dec. 26.

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ON THIS DAY DECEMBER 16

1773

The Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea overboard to protest tea taxes.

1811

The first of the powerful New Madrid earthquakes, with an estimated magnitude of 7.7, struck the central Mississippi Valley.

1901

Margaret Mead, the American anthropologist who authored 44 books and over 1000 articles, was born.

1930

Bank robber Herman Lamm and members of his crew were killed by a 200-strong posse, following a botched bank robbery, in Clinton, Indiana.

1944

The Battle of the Bulge during World War II began as German forces launched a surprise counterattack against Allied forces in Belgium.

1960

Two passenger airliners collided over Staten Island, New York, killing all 128 people aboard both aircrafts and six people on the ground.

1979

Libya joined four other OPEC nations in raising crude oil prices, which had an immediate, dramatic effect on the United States.

1980

Colonel Sanders, founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken, died in Louisville, Kentucky at age 90.

1985

Reputed organized-crime chief Paul Castellano, head of the Gambino crime family, was shot to death outside a New York City restaurant.

1998

President Bill Clinton ordered a sustained series of airstrikes against Iraq by American and British forces in response to Saddam Hussein's continued defiance of U.N. weapons inspectors.

2000

President-elect George W. Bush selected Colin Powell to become the first African-American secretary of state.

Birthdays

Music producer **Scott Storch** (48), "Breaking Bad" actress **Krysten Ritter** (40), sports agent **Rich Paul** (40) and country music singer **Frankie Ballard** (39).

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Downey Night Market, 5-10 pm. An outdoor marketplace with vendors, food trucks, and more. Located in the fountain court outside Cinemark, 8840 Apollo Way

Comedy Night, 7 pm. A live comedy show with special guest Sebastian Cetina. \$25 with proceeds to benefit the Downey Razorbacks. Buena Mesa, 5861 Firestone Blvd. in South Gate

Naughty or Nice Christmas Party, 9 pm. Tacos and music by DJ Shneak. The Shuttle Bar, 9067 Imperial Hwy.

Family Paint Day, 10 am. Share a memorable experience with your family and create your very own Northern Lights masterpiece, with guidance from professional teaching artist, Erick Rodriguez. This virtual event is ideal for ages 7 and up. Tickets start at \$10 and can be purchased at staygallery.org

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Empower Hour, 5 pm. A live discussion with Marina Torres, attorney and DACA advisor to President Obama. Moderated by Maria Torres. Plus a presentation of the Breaking Barriers Award to attorney and author Adriana Palomares. Free admission. Ola Restobar, 11040 Downey Ave.

Holiday Mixer, 6:30-8:30 pm. A free holiday mixer hosted by Ferias Legales, with a no host bar and light hors d'oeuvres. Ola Restobar, 11040 Downey Ave.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Blood Drive, 12-6 pm. Donate blood in support of the American Red Cross. Make an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code StonewoodCenter or call (800) 733-2767. Stonewood Center, 251 Stonewood St.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

Downey Coordinating Council, 11:30 am. Steve Roberson will provide an

update on efforts to build a new YMCA facility in Downey. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Ronald Reagan Library, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Join other Downey residents in a trip to the Ronald Reagan Library, which is currently exhibiting "FBI: From Al Capone to Al Qaeda." \$30. Ages 18 and up, pre-registration required at the Barbara J. Riley and Community Center.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Downey Coordinating Council, 11:30 am. Eric Pierce speaks about the Downey Patriot and the importance of community journalism. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Kiwanis Meeting, 6 pm. Larry Cunningham (Downey High School class of 2003) speaks about his career as a professional basketball player and being inducted into the UC Riverside Hall of Fame. Cost is \$22. Hosted by Downey Kiwanis at Frantone's Pizza, 9148 Telegraph Rd.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Pechanga Casino, 9 am to 7:30 pm. Join other Downey residents in a trip to Pechanga Casino. On the way home, the bus will stop at Tom's Farm for shopping. \$15. Ages 21 and up, pre-registration required at the Barbara J. Riley and Community Center.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Recruitment Expo, 10 am to 3:30 pm. Interested in a summer job with Downey's Parks & Recreation Department? Attend this expo to learn more. 7810 Quill Dr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Back to Football Night, 7 pm. A celebration of the upcoming Downey Razorbacks football season. Discounts for returning players on this date only. Parley Johnson House, 7749 Florence Ave.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Arc Walk for Independence, 8 am. After a one-year hiatus, the Arc Walk returns to raise money for The Arc Los Angeles & Orange Counties. Register at www.thearco.org or call Yolanda Chavez at (626) 862-3915.

Kiwanis Car Show,

9 am to 2 pm. Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis' second annual car show, featuring vintage automobiles, food trucks, live music, raffles, and more. \$20 to enter a car, free to the public. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

City of STEM Kick-Off Festival. City of STEM returns in-person, starting with this kick-off festival featuring booths, activities, performances, and panels provided by STEM organizations throughout the Los Angeles area, including colleges and universities, museums, learning centers, libraries, science clubs, and many more. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

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FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Fiesta Casino, 6-10 pm. Save the date for Downey Kiwanis' annual casino night fundraiser, taking place this year at the Azar Event Center, 12215 Slauson Ave., in Santa Fe Springs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Brunch with the Bunny, 9:30 am to 1 pm. Pancake breakfast, games, vendors, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Golden Park, 8840 Golden Ave.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

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

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Carpenters Legacy Concert, 8 pm. A recreation of The Carpenters' 1976 UK tour, starring Sally Olson and Ned Mills. Plus a special tribute to Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Food and Toy Giveaway, 10 am to 2 pm. Receive a free box of food along with gifts for children ages 3-16 (kids must be present). Pre-registration is required on EventBrite.com event page. For questions, email rida.hamida@asm.ca.gov or call (562) 861-5803. LA County Library Headquarters, 7400 Imperial Hwy.

Toy Giveaway, 10 am to 12 pm. Free toys for children ages 1-12. RSVP by calling (626) 587-5010. 7830 Quill Dr.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Fair Housing Workshop, 1:30-3 pm. This virtual workshop is open to tenants, landlords, managers, property owners, attorneys, realtors and management companies. The workshop will cover state and federal fair housing laws, housing discrimination, eviction processes, security deposits, rent increases, and more. RSVP at bit.ly/38dSMC4 or call (800) 446-3247.

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Blanca Pacheco takes oath to become Downey mayor

■ Pacheco takes the oath as mayor during a particularly turbulent time in Downey.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Blanca Pacheco will get her second chance as the head of city after being officially sworn in as mayor on Tuesday.

Pacheco reenters the seat just two years after her first stint as mayor, which was plagued by a then just emerging Covid-19 pandemic and widespread shutdowns.

“Tonight is special,” said Pacheco as she opened her first address as mayor of 2022. “Tonight is special because I get another opportunity to be mayor again. It is special because we get to gather again.”

“What happened in 2020 is the whole world shut down, and we were not able to gather. Because of this, this evening is extra special to me.”

Pacheco stated that she would focus on legacy goals, public safety, economic development, and quality of life.

Looking to honor the city’s history in aerospace, Pacheco highlighted the expansion of the Columbia Memorial Space Center (which is already in the planning stages) and the rehabilitation and eventual display of the Inspiration mock up shuttle.

“The Space Shuttle named Inspiration is the first shuttle ever built, and it was built here in our city of Downey,” said Pacheco. “It was used to guide the engineers in developing and building the flight-worthy shuttles, and interesting enough we still have it here in our city.”

“With the help of our senator Bob Archuleta and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, and funding from the state, we will be starting a complete renovation of the shuttle so that the public can enjoy it and walk inside of it.”

The shuttle is planned to be installed in the new CMSC annex, which will be constructed over the next several years.

Also, the Downey Police Department will host its first youth academy during Pacheco’s term.

“Many of you have heard of the citizen’s academy, but this academy will be geared towards our youth,” said Pacheco. “Now applicants between the ages of 14 to 17 years old will be able to observe what our officers do on a daily basis. If they’re interested and motivated, they can ask officers on how they can become an officer.”

Downey Police will also implement a facility dog program.

“A facility dog is usually a golden retriever, a labrador, or a combination of both,” said Pacheco. “They can help with the investigation of crimes, provide comfort to victims and witnesses both during the investigation process, but also in the courtroom. They can help lower tension and stress, conduct senior visits and welfare checks, and engage with residents at our community events.”

Facility dogs will not be trained in other K9 related duties such as apprehension, detection, etc., are not emotional, therapy, or support dogs, and are not pets.

There are also several projects scheduled to start and/or complete this year.

Notably, Honda will be expanding across the street and take over the former Cadillac



Supervisor Janice Hahn administers the oath of office to Blanca Pacheco. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

property at Studebaker Road and Florence Avenue.

The new building will house a dealership and service center, with a Honda Motorcycle lot taking over the car dealership’s former spot.

Marriott Springhill Suites will also soon be opening on Firestone Boulevard, across from the Stonewood Mall. The four-story, 140-room hotel will include a fitness gym, outdoor bar, and 300 square foot conference room.

Construction of the controversial veteran’s transitional housing project located at the former American Legion site is also scheduled to begin this upcoming year.

“The conceptual plan calls for a 100-unit veterans transitional housing development with

wrap-around services, such as job placement, mental health, physical therapy, family counseling, and substance abuse counseling,” said Pacheco. “The groundbreaking should occur in 2022.”

Residents should also anticipate seeing more housing projects in the near future.

“The state has mandated that we create more housing,” said Pacheco. “We are going to be building more housing in our city to comply with the State California Law.”

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School board reorganizes leadership

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She is currently a member of Downey Federal Credit Union’s Supervisory Committee.

Samperi said she looks forward to the year ahead and plans to continue to work hard to maintain community values and high educational standards, and strives to continue to ensure the future of thousands of Downey Unified students.

Sodetani has been a resident of Downey for many years and actively involved within the Downey community. She is a member of the PTA HELPS Food Distribution Board, Downey Coordinating Council, Character Counts Coalition, Downey Sister Cities, Gangs Out of Downey and the Assistance League of Downey.

Sodetani has served on the Board of Education since 2005. She was honored by the City of Downey with the Mayor’s Distinguished Citizen Award and named Soroptimist Woman of the Year. Sodetani is a member of the PTA HELPS Food Distribution Board, Downey Coordinating Council, Character Counts Coalition, Downey Sister Cities, Gangs Out Of Downey and Thirty-third District Executive PTA Foster Children Chairman.

Perez-Saab has been a member of the Board of Education for the Downey Unified School District representing Trustee Area 3 since 2018. She serves on several community organizations that assist families through service, fundraising and scholarships.

She has served as President of Soroptimist International of Downey with the goal to Educate, Encourage and Empower Soroptimist members and those within the community through many hands-on service projects and scholarships both locally and internationally. She is actively serving on her son’s PTA Board at Rio San Gabriel Elementary, has been selected as the Chairperson of her children’s School Site Council and continues to be an active classroom parent.

Perez-Saab is also involved with Downey Unified’s new Global Language Academies of Downey (GLAD) at Carpenter Elementary where her daughter is attending.

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Even the biggest storm of the year can't keep Santa away from these kids

■ The Rotary Club of Downey treats nearly 80 students to breakfast, gifts, and photos with Santa Claus.

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

Neither rain nor gusty winds nor a dark chilly morning could keep Downey's second graders from their luncheon date with the Rotary Club of Downey. Nor, everyone hoped, could the weather keep Santa from arriving.

The heroes of the morning were the principals and teachers from each of Downey's 13 K-5 schools. They, in their own cars, and not big yellow school buses, drove the children to the Rio Hondo Event Center, where everyone converged in little groups of fours and fives and right on time.

Waiting to greet them informally in the big front lobby were Bill Kirkwood in a cranberry-colored jacket, and John Lacey in a holly red shirt and a Dr. Seuss-sized umbrella.

Inside, the Bob Winingham Banquet Room was a buzz of excited voices as the children

clustered around the tables, set with white table cloths and red and green napkins. The Rotarians were outnumbered, with 72 visitors in attendance, counting the children and two staff persons from each school.

One little boy was so excited he was twirling and dancing all by himself beside the big picture windows overlooking the golf course. So many Rotarians were already helping, setting up the presents, and bringing out trays of cookies, and sitting down with their small guests.

The children were in their shiny best, pink quilted jackets and sequined butterflies or sturdy knit winter sweaters. The teachers wore necklaces of painted Christmas ornaments, and some had red stocking caps. Rotarian Joyce Y. wore Christmas tree glasses frames and sequined cones in her hair, and Jazlyn Acebal sported red antlers. Patricia Megallon wore a one of a kind red and green Santa's helper costume. Everyone was festive. The lunch items did not go to waste: chicken and French fries with ketchup disappeared fast from the children's plates.

The schools have a desirable teacher to student ratio of 25 to 1, but the population of

each school is large, say 900, compared to what I remember of my childhood. Yet each principal knows each child, the ones who got a ride to school today, and the ones who walked in spite of the rain.

"Do you think Santa's coming?" I asked, and got a chorus of "Yes." One little girl showed me how she had crossed her fingers on both hands, for extra good luck.

"We have several conferences," said an advisor from Alameda school, "to pick children who probably won't have any other holiday meal or gifts. Family need is considered, and we also want to reward good attendance and citizenship."

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the children's treble voices rang out above ours. Everyone was masked, and the children remembered to mask up again after they ate. We all sang Jingle Bells, Rotarians jingling their car keys to accompany the tune, and Feliz Navidad, complete with hand claps.

"It'll take one more song," said Debbie Fox, who along with husband Dan led the choruses. And sure enough, with the strains of Santa Claus Is



Coming To Town, the jolly old elf appeared.

He had a curly white beard and flowing locks, gold-rimmed spectacles and a round little belly. This was a dancing Santa. He capered into the room and bowed and waved his way to his chair in front.

"Have you been good this year?" asked Santa, and a resounding yes came back as his answer.

Dr. John Garcia, Superintendent of the Downey Unified School District, came forward to read the names of each child as each school was called up. I sat with Alameda School, right next to Imperial. Rio San Gabriel, where my own


kids had gone, was called first, Dr. John getting away from the usual alphabetical order. Barbara Lamberth and her committee made sure that a picture was taken of Santa with each school group of girls and boys, a copy to be given to each child to remember this day.

As they unwrapped their presents, I could see that each girl got colorful Disney Hair Accessories: a hairbrush, comb, headband and sparkly barrettes. Each boy got a Harry Potter action figure. Plus lots more Christmas goodies.

Popcorn, Oreo cookies, hot chocolate bombs, candy necklace for girls and boxed candy for boys.

Resourceful teachers had brought plastic envelopes to bag each child's take-home goodies and the peppermint canes and foil-wrapped chocolates that decorated the tables. We know these will be shared with all the brothers and sisters at home. Half an hour after Santa's appearance and they were packed up and on their way back to their schools.

This was a bright morning for the children, but it is one the Rotarians look forward to all year. Tickets are sold for fund raisers and the proceeds go toward purchasing the lunches and the gifts: dues don't begin to cover it. Whatever the expenses may be, the day is priceless.



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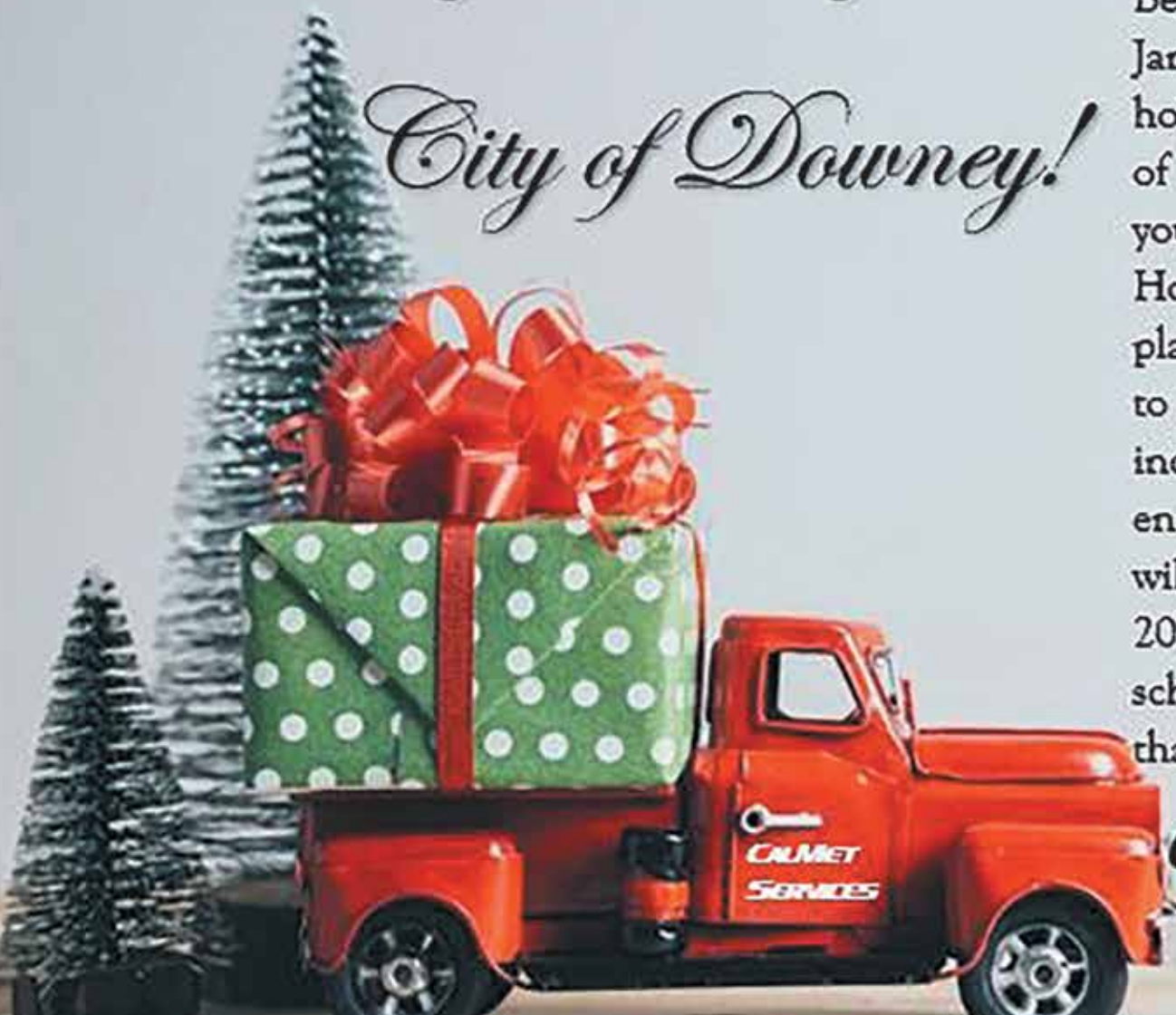
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Gilbert Livas deserves to stay

The following letter is submitted by representatives of six labor unions in Downey and signed by Downey Police Capt. Brian Baker, president of the Downey Police Management Association; Downey Police Cpl. Ralph Diaz, president of the Downey Police Officers' Association; Downey Fire Battalion Chief Dan Rasmussen, president of the Downey Fire Management Association; Downey Fire Capt. Anastacio Rios, president of the Downey Firefighters' Association; Lee Cole, president of the Downey Public Safety Auxiliary Association; and Jason Riddle, president of the Downey City Employees Association-Misc.

In light of recent information that the City Council is considering the termination of City Manager Gilbert Livas, the undersigned City of Downey employee groups would like to express our appreciation for him on behalf of our represented members. Mr. Livas has been Downey's City Manager for the past ten years and was the Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director for the four years prior. During his tenure thus far, he has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in difficult times, has improved the quality of life for our residents, and inspired those who have had the opportunity to work with him.

Mr. Livas has led the City through challenging times; including a recession, a pandemic, and times of civil unrest. He has led with a steady hand, bringing wisdom and perspective to each situation. He has made difficult, but sound decisions and guided us through many challenges. As a result of his leadership, Downey has not only survived through difficult times, but has thrived.

With a background in economic development, Mr. Livas has worked strategically to develop and ensure the future of the city. He was instrumental in the redevelopment of the Rockwell/Boeing property, bringing Kaiser and the Promenade to Downey. These improvements, which are just some examples of Mr. Livas' successful projects, brought new sources of revenue to the City, as well as new services and meaningful employment opportunities to our community.

In November, 2016, Downey voters passed "Measure S", which funded major and much needed improvements throughout the City. Since its passing, the community saw major improvements in the parks, a new modernized library, four new fire stations, and increase the sworn staffing numbers in the police department. This was all done under Mr. Livas' leadership.

In addition, the City recently held a ground-breaking ceremony for a multi-million dollar project to improve our roadways which are in dire need of repairs. This project was only able to be taken on due to the fiscal management of Mr. Livas and his staff. Mr. Livas' conservative fiscal approach has ensured the City has been able to sustain through difficult economic times, and allowed us to take on large scale, but necessary projects. These are just a few of the notable projects that occurred during Mr. Livas' tenure as City Manager; a more thorough list of accomplishments that took place under his leadership is included with this correspondence.

Going beyond the many measurable successes, Mr. Livas has had a significant influence on others. He understands the responsibilities of being a public servant and is dedicated to improving the lives of those in the Downey community. His guiding force and direction to city staff is always in the best interest of the residents of Downey. It is this commitment that shapes the decisions and actions that affect the City. Mr. Livas is forward thinking and always looking to the future to ensure Downey continues to thrive.

Mr. Livas' kindness, care for others and dedication to public service is what has helped shape the many of us who serve the community. Based on everything we know of Mr. Livas and his proven work record, we cannot support his removal as City Manager for the City of Downey and ask that any effort to do so be re-considered.

Keep the city manager

Dear Editor:

I recently heard a very disturbing rumor. Some of Downey's City Council members are advocating that the council terminate the employment of Gilbert Livas, our city's very capable city manager.

This would be wrong, and then could be tragic if the council next hired a criminal to replace him as did Bell in its city a few years ago.

Gilbert Livas has been an outstanding city manager. Under his guidance, Downey has retained a balanced budget for a number of years, upgraded all of the fire stations, added more police officers to an outstanding police department, developed a state-of-the-art city library, improved and maintained many of the city streets, planted trees in many neighborhoods, upgraded many of its parks and recreation areas, and much more.

When Gilbert was hired by Downey, he had graduated from UCLA, had a master's degree in public administration from Long Beach State college and had previous experience with employment in other cities. I am not aware of any valid basis that would warrant his being terminated by the city.

I urge my fellow Downey citizens to contact their council

List of Notable Achievements the City of Downey Has Had Under Mr. Livas' Leadership

Fiscal Responsibility

Balanced budget for 9th consecutive year, receiving awards from Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO) each year for budget excellence

Refinanced Downey's CaPERS Unfunded Actuarial Liability (AL) resulting in gross savings of \$65 million to the City and increased the City's Pension Funding Level from 67.1% to 85%

Maintained \$30 million in General Fund Reserves

Standards and Poor rating improved to AA for prudent fiscal management, responsible investment, and healthy community development

The city obtained a \$3 million Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) loan for Rancho Los Amigos South Campus Sports Field Project

Efficiency and Adaptability

Since the recession, the City has operated with less employees and has provided more services to our residents

Worked proactively to respond to COVID-19 pandemic, while also remaining steadfast on several key initiatives enhancing the quality of life for Downey residents and businesses:

- o Business Assistance Grants
- o Rental Assistance Program
- o Outdoor Dining Program to keep business open/ operational

Initiated Solar Energy Improvements that will save the city over \$10 million in energy costs over 25 years and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Locations: City Hall, Police Department, Library, Civic Theatre, Barbara J. Riley Center, Columbia Memorial Space Center

Updated city website

New timekeeping and workforce management software citywide increasing efficiency and transparency

IMA Performance Management Certification demonstrating a culture of performance management, pursuit of comparative analysis and data-informed decision-making, and promoting transparency

Implemented Five "Innovation and Technology Team" ideas enhancing efficiencies of internal and external services realizing a \$300,000 cost savings.

Over 17 citywide trainings for employees

Leadership Development Training for ten managers

Over 12 annual employee engagement events including Public Employee Recognition Week and several awareness events (breast cancer, heart health, etc.)

Economic Vibrancy

Secured a Honda Auto Dealership 81,041 square foot expansion in abandoned Cadillac site to accommodate a new showroom, parts and service department, single story body shop

Serving as Vice Chair of City Manager Regional Group to bring the West Santa Ana Branch Light Rail to benefit the residents and businesses of Downey with a Metro Light Rail station in Downey, adjacent to the new Rancho Los Amigos Development Promenade Shopping Center- negotiated \$6 million windfall for sale of Promenade

Maserati

o Memorandum of Understanding with Champion Auto Group to open a Maserati Dealership in Downey with the City receiving

member and urge him or her to retain Gilbert as our highly qualified city manager.

Bob Brazelton
Downey

Dear Editor:

One of the principal reasons Downey has been a special community is because of its stability. Unlike several surrounding cities, Downey is an independent city which means it does not contract services to the County. With this comes greater responsibility.

Downey provides a wide range of services to its residents, has its own police and fire departments, water department, Park and Recreation, and has had a balanced budget for the last nine years. With almost 800 employees and a budget of \$260 million, it is critical we have people in city hall that are ethical and knowledgeable in running a city.

All too often, we have seen in the news in other neighboring cities, elected officials and government employees, diverge from their critical role for selfish reasons, all at the cost of the residents and taxpayers resulting in damage to the reputation of the city they represent.

One of the reasons Downey has had a good reputation is because Downey has been fortunate to have only two city managers in the last 32 years, which has resulted in a positive, stable and responsible government during this time.

Downey, like most cities under 200,000 residents, is run by a city manager. City managers act as the CEO and are appointed by a city council based on their education and experience in local government. City managers coordinate and oversee the daily activities of all city departments and in essence run the city. City managers, who are full-time employees (unlike council members which are not employees), are expected to be nonpartisan and politically neutral as they carry out the decisions of the council.

Our current city manager, Gilbert Livas has worked for the City of Downey for 14 years and served as our city manager for the last 10 years. During my time on the City Council from 2012-2020 and as mayor, city manager Livas provided exceptional service to the city council, staff and to the residents of Downey. Mr. Livas is well respected in the region for his broad knowledge in municipal government and most importantly, his ethical standards.

Mr. Livas always displayed a level of professionalism and unwavering moral compass, which made serving on the city council that much more efficient. I have personally known and/or worked with the last 14 Downey city council members which have worked directly with Mr. Livas. And while we may not have agreed on some issues, the one constant was the confidence we all shared in Mr. Livas' ability to lead Downey and provide sound and ethical leadership.

Of great concern of firing a city manager particularly, during a time of great political turmoil, is the ramifications of creating great instability. Institutional knowledge is lost, seasoned staff members will seek employment elsewhere where there is more stability and finding a suitable replacement is extraordinarily challenging because there is currently a shortage of qualified city managers in the region.

an estimated additional \$19,393,731 in sales tax revenue during the 10 years of the sales tax sharing agreement

o 15 new full-time jobs

Giant RV

o Sales Tax Rebate and Job Creation agreement with the City receiving an estimated additional \$2,114,000 in sales tax revenue during the 7-years of the sales tax sharing agreement

o Estimated 55 new jobs

Established the Downtown Assessment District for an additional revenue for Downtown of \$232,385

Construction of numerous residential projects:

- o Center Point Townhomes
- o Village Walk Townhomes
- o High Point Townhomes
- o Six-Unit apartments on Second Street
- o Four-Unit townhomes on Imperial Highway

Multiple commercial developments:

- o Marriot Springfield Suites hotel
- o New Starbucks on Paramount and Florence
- o Industrial building on Woodruff
- o Burlington at the Promenade
- Completed the rehabilitation of multiple owner-occupied homes
- Secured grant for Affordable Housing for rental assistance and homeless prevention

Quality of Life and Neighborhood Infrastructure

Completed over \$67 million in Measure S Neighborhood Improvement Projects, the most robust capital improvement project in the City's history resulting in 4 new fire stations, renovation of the City Library, Civic Center, Theatre Plaza and 7 City Parks and 10 additional police officers

Negotiated to bring PIH Regional Hospital to Downey

Worked with Congresswoman's office to secure \$1 million for water rehabilitation projects

Fiscal year 19-20: \$18 million and Fiscal year 20-21: \$19 million in Capital Improvement Projects completed

Launched \$30 million residential street improvement project

Secured \$800,000 from California legislators to restore Space Shuttle mock up and showcase at Columbia Memorial Space Center

Rio Hondo Event Center upgrades to include: new energy-efficient lighting, replaced furniture in lobby, banquet, restaurant, executive dining room and bridal suite

Public Engagement

Language Line Insight citywide to provide staff the ability to use on-demand video remote foreign language and American Sign Language (ASL) certified interpreters to better communicate with the public

Pre-COVID: Over 50 community events held including International Food Festival, City of STEM Science Festival, Rooftop Havana Nights, National Night Out, Summer Cyber Space Camps, Citizen's Academy, Space Expos at Long Beach Comic Con, National Literacy Month Celebration, and Summer Concerts in the Park

Citywide public clean up events and smart gardening events

In addition, most qualified people would not want to work for an unstable city council that fails to value its leadership.

If the rumors are true that Mr. Livas is being let go, I hope the current city council pauses and thinks hard about the long-term effects this will cause the residents of our great City of Downey.

Alex Saab
Downey

Dear Editor:

An open letter to Mayor Pro Tem Sean Ashton:

I am deeply disturbed by the potential decision you and two other council persons are considering to abruptly terminate Gilbert Livas.

I am frankly shocked that you, a former educator with administration experience and after serving as a Council person for seven years is in favor of committing a gross mistake in administrative process with long-term consequences.

In my world, abrupt decisions are made to protect public safety. Egregious, immoral, illegal, or malfeasance is met with immediate suspension, termination or legal action. Remember all these reciprocal actions are eventually transparent and history will decide who indeed acted in the public's best interest.

Has Gil Livas committed such actions directly, indirectly, by co-mission or omission to warrant such actions as contemplated? There certainly has not been any public disclosures. Hence, the proposed termination process is ill-advised.

Sadly, I fear you are clearly not visualizing the grave and generational impact your decision will have on the retention of senior staff, not only in city government but also in law enforcement, fire, and education. Your actions today will reverberate for generations.

THINK! What caliber of candidates will replace the key positions YOU/OUR CITY will lose through your actions both directly and indirectly through attrition?

It certainly will not be top tier! Why? There will be immense city and professional staff instability, job uncertainty, and work slow-downs. Have you felt the pulse of the city government employees over the last six months? Morale is at an all time low. No Top Tier candidates will desire employment in this work environment.

Your actions will devastate what has been Downey (did you hear the accolades from surrounding city leaders Tuesday night).

Your legacy will be "Ashton was one of the three change-makers that crushed Downey." Do you like that? The attacks on the incoming police chief have already begun. Should we prepare for LASD? While you're at it, how about Fire? South Gate has LA County. Downey Unified? Why bother - LAUSD can cover it. Your legacy will be perpetuated through the internet forever.

I respected your independence and strength in the past, but now with this decision to align with corrupt confederates I fear I misread you. I pray you will see through the hallucinating smoke.

Please do not vote to abruptly terminate and dismiss Gil Livas.

Steven Dominguez, MD
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New mayor lays out 2022 priorities

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Pacheco also made note of the Rancho Los Amigos Sports Complex, anticipated to be completed in April next year.

As she closed, Pacheco said that she wanted to lead with "compassion, humility, and honor."

"I want to be here so that you can reach out to me, so that you can voice your concerns, and so that we can lead the city together," said Pacheco. "There is no 'me' or 'I,' it's an 'us.'"

"We all need to work together. 2020 was a difficult year; 2021 was still difficult. Now we need to enter 2022 with a little more compassion, a little bit more willingness to talk, but not just talk, also a willingness to listen and make sure that the other person is heard."

She added that she was "committed" to Downey residents.

"I am committed to leading our city forward in 2022," said Pacheco.

Of course, Tuesday night was also a chance to reflect on the mayorship of Claudia M. Frometa, who spoke and was honored before officially passing the reigns to her successor.

Frometa described her time as mayor as "the most challenging year of my career, of my life."

"I have to tell you that

servicing as the mayor, the 47th mayor of the city of Downey is one of the greatest highlights of my life," said Frometa. "Thank you for allowing me to serve you. We have faced the most challenging, the most unprecedented time in history, in recent history, over the last two years."

Under Frometa's year at the helm, Downey would see its seventh consecutive balanced budget, including an estimated gross savings of \$65 million and increased pension funding from 67% to 85% after the refinancing of its CalPERS Pension Obligation Bonds.

Under Mayor Frometa, the city would also unveil the final two upgraded fire stations (funded by Measure S), secure \$401,000 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development and create an affordable housing subcommittee, rehabilitate and repave 14 miles of street (including 76 streets), allocate \$30 million for street rehabilitation over the next three years, collected 1,008 tons of illegally dumped items, broke ground on solar panels for all government buildings, and has seen nearly 83% of its residents vaccinated with at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine, including over 97% of its senior population.

Despite the accomplishments from the past year, Frometa would allude that there were still many challenges

facing the city throughout her final address, while also emphasizing the need for solidarity amongst its leadership and citizens.

"Regardless of political affiliation, we are facing the most divisive and the most polarizing time in American history politics," said Frometa. "As a nation, as a state, as a county, and as a city, we must move forward in unity."

"I want to appeal to all, especially in local governments... your electeds are tired, just as your healthcare workers are," she would later say. "Your electeds more than ever need your support. Local municipalities need to come together in unity and stop bipartisan politics."

"Our streets, our lights, and our sewers are not partisan, and we shouldn't either."



Outgoing mayor Claudia Frometa, right, with Michael Calvert, executive director of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

Frometa was congratulated Tuesday by a slew of dignitaries for her leadership over the past year. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

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SEAACA debuts new cat enclosures

DOWNEY - The Southeast Area Control Authority (SEAACA) recently retrofitted feline enclosures with portal doors.

With the support of UC Davis' Koret Shelter Medicine program and funding provided through the California for All Cats and Dogs Grant, the portal doors were successfully installed in one day.

A cat portal is a circular door and frame placed in the sidewall of the kennels. Portals transform single, traditional feline kennels into a multi-compartment "cat condos". This enhancement provides a number of benefits to the cats housed in the kennels including but not limited to:

- Providing additional space
- Separation of spaces for eating/sleeping/defecating etc.
- Reduces stress which lowers the likelihood of illness
- Felines show better for adoption
- Allows cleaning of the kennels without having to relocate cats

"Once learning about portal doors and their benefits, we made it a goal to incorporate them at SEAACA to enhance our Care Center's traditional feline housing layout," said SEAACA Executive Director, Denise Woodside. "We are so fortunate to have been gifted the portals and expertise to install them successfully and swiftly. I have been overwhelmed with joy to see that SEAACA's team was so supportive and enthusiastic of this project."

"The next step is for the team to see the felines benefit from the retrofitting. Although the Care Center provides temporary housing, it is important to support and nurture felines' natural instincts while they are in our care."

The updates are supported by years of science and research from industry professions such as those from University of California, Davis. UC Davis' School of Veterinary Medicine is the leading veterinary school in the country. Additionally, the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program provides recommendations and resources based on research and science.

Dr. Denae Wagner DVM, MPVM from University of California, Davis is the developer engineer of the portal doors. Dr. Wagner and the UC Davis, Koret Shelter Medicine Program work tirelessly through the use of science to support animals, shelters and communities. For this project, Dr. Wagner personally drove down from Davis, California with the portals and installation equipment.

Dr. Denae Wagner said, "What a great day for SEAACA and their shelter cats. I am so glad to have been a part of making this happen. It never gets old for me to get out my tools, dive in and install portals into cat cage housing. Portals make such a world of difference for shelter cats. Housing with two compartments means they have a living side where their bed, food and water is and a bathroom side which cats much prefer. They stay healthier and happier which is something we all are striving for. Today's install of portals was a team effort too. There was great support from the SEAACA team and BAB Construction. Nice work all."

Residents interested in adopting a pet can visit SEAACA during animal browsing hours, which are Wednesday through Friday, 1-3 pm. Animals can also be viewed online at seaaca.org.

Downey non-profit hosting free legal clinic Saturday

DOWNEY - Ferias Legales, a Downey-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, will be holding their monthly Community Legal Clinic this Saturday, Dec. 18, at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center, located at 7810 Quill Drive in Downey, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Various licensed attorneys will be providing free legal consultations in the areas of Immigration Law, Tenants Rights, Family Law, Criminal Defense, Small Claims, Personal Injury, and Civil Rights.

People wishing to become citizens are highly encouraged to attend, as immigration attorneys will be screening for eligibility, advising on the naturalization application, and assisting with fee waiver applications.

Ferias Legales (Spanish for "Legal Fairs") is a Downey-based non-profit organization focusing on delivering free services to underserved communities while increasing diversity in the legal field and working towards the empowerment of women.

Appointments are not necessary but are encouraged. Community members are also encouraged to bring all legal documents that may help true attorneys better assess the legal matter.

Covid protocols will be strictly followed and anyone feeling symptoms is asked to stay home. Virtual consultations will be offered as well.

For more information, please contact Maria Torres, Ferias Legales Executive Director, at (213) 842-6214 or mtorres@feriaslegales.org.

La Habra hires company to manage its theater

LA HABRA - The historic La Habra Depot Theatre will reopen under the new management of the La Mirada-based Phantom Projects Theatre Group.

The theatre group which has been presenting theatrical productions at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts has been awarded a five-year lease to manage and program the venue owned by the City of La Habra.

The 132-seat venue will be renamed The Phantom Projects Theatre at La Habra Depot.

The theatre has been dark since February of 2020 when it was vacated by its previous tenants. The new theatre is not a replacement, but an expansion of Phantom Projects' current operations at the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts.

The new venue will receive a face-lift and reopen in January with a gala red-carpet event featuring the Grammy nominated singer-songwriter and Orange County native Aloe Blacc and Maya Jupiter, followed by the official launch of a season in February 2022

The Phantom Projects Theatre at La Habra Depot will serve the diverse Orange County community with a mainstage series to include musicals and plays, a family series, and special events such as concerts, comedy, open-mic nights, Karaoke, improv, and more.

In addition, each season will feature ASL, sensory friendly and bilingual performances. An education department will offer acting, dancing and vocal classes for kids, adults, and seniors.

The La Habra depot was built in 1909 on the northeast corner of Hiatt Street and Electric Avenue. The railway's freight and passenger service contributed to La Habra's population growth and business boom in the 1920s. It closed down in 1938, and in the late-1970s, the station was moved across the street to its current location at 301 S. Euclid Street in Portola Park. The depot was restored as a community playhouse in 1982.

A reminder that the homeless still need our help

■ Outside the post office, unhoused residents are reminders that much work remains.

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

DOWNEY - It was the first sort of rainy day that we have had in December, and there she stood, holding a black umbrella and her hand-lettered cardboard sign that said "Homeless. Please Help."

Her name is Jennifer, and she remembered that we had talked before.

"I don't have any money that I can give you," I said. "But I'll write about you for the newspaper. People will know we still have homeless in Downey."

Jennifer had the grace to ask me if I had seen "the other older lady" that used to stand here too, in the small space between the cinder block wall at the entrance to Downey's Main Post office on Firestone, and the bumper where cars pull in to park.

Jennifer probably meant white-haired Julie, who in spite of severe macular degeneration, somehow always had a smile.

"I haven't seen her for months," Jennifer said. We both hoped that she had gotten into some kind of shelter.

Jennifer wore a black mask, a black windbreaker, and jeans, with plastic grocery bags on her feet, tied at the ankle. Her hair was neatly trimmed and very short.

"May I take your picture?" I asked, but as before Jennifer didn't want that.

"You never know who's out there," she said. "I had a stalker once, and I had to call the police." So I'll try to give a word's eye view, as Chick Hearn used to say.

Jennifer is 60 now, and has had problems getting a job, as she has a bad employment record, pilfering money, I think. She served her time, but hasn't been able to get work when she discloses that she has a record.

Two years ago, when I spoke with her, Jennifer had said she hoped to get a job, filing or cleaning. "I know I have to help myself," she said then. "No one is going to do it for me. If they ask me to work, I'll come."

"What could anyone do now, that would help you?" I asked today.

"I'm waiting to get a Section Eight," she said. "Soon I hope."

Being eligible for Section Eight housing means getting a voucher from the Public Housing Authority whereby a housing subsidy is paid to the landlord directly by the PHA.


The PHAs receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer the voucher program. But many landlords do not want to rent to Section 8 people, because they get paid notoriously late, maybe six months after they submit the voucher.

The city also works with PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) which funds services for people with serious mental illness, (SMI), who are experiencing homelessness. Again, those grant funds are restricted to those with SMI, and that wouldn't seem to apply to Jennifer or Julie.

Since COVID began, the homeless in Downey have become less visible. They probably still sleep rough, although Jennifer has managed to keep her van, so she does not have to sleep out in the open or hang around an all-night McDonald's or a hospital waiting room. That is what Julie and others did, if they didn't receive enough money to pay for a motel room.

"Thank you, God bless you," Jennifer said. "And have a nice weekend."

Seeing Jennifer was proof that the homeless are with us still.



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Obituaries

Vicente Fernandez, Mexican icon

Vicente “Chente” Fernández, an iconic Mexican singer and actor called “The King of Ranchero Music,” died Dec. 12 of medical complications after a fall at the age of 81.

Fernández’ musical career took off when he released the single “Volver, Volver” (“Return, Return”) in 1976. It was a hit across Latin America and became a standard, covered by many artists in the years to come.

He was already starring in movies then, and he would appear in more than two dozen films over 20 years, including “La Ley del Monte,” “El Abañil,” and “Coyote and Bronca.”

Fernández retired from acting in 1991, but his musical career remained strong throughout the 1990s, 2000s, and beyond. He won three Grammy Awards, nine Latin Grammy Awards, and 14 Lo Nuestro Awards.

Among his hit songs were “Aunque Mal Paguen Ellas,” “Lastima Que Seas Ajena,” “Para Siempre,” and “El Ultimo Beso,” a No. 1 hit on the Hot Latin Songs chart in 2009.

In April 2016, Fernández bid farewell to live performance at a large-scale concert at Azteca Stadium in Mexico City, drawing more than 80,000 fans from across the globe.

He still continued to record, however, His 2020 album “A mis 80s” won Fernández his final Latin Grammy Award less than a month before his death.

Fernández is survived by his wife, Maria del Refugio Abarca Villaseñor, and three children.

Anne Rice, prolific goth novelist

Anne Rice, the author of the popular vampire novel series ‘The Vampire Chronicles,’ died Dec. 11, her son Christopher announced on social media.

Rice was a prolific gothic novelist beloved for her vampire series ‘The Vampire Chronicles,’ which began in 1976 with her most popular novel, ‘Interview with the Vampire.’

The book featured the vampire Lestat who would be a main character in the 13 book series, the most recent being ‘Blood Communion: A Tale of Prince Lestat’ which was released in 2018.

Two of the ‘Vampire Chronicles’ novels became feature films, 1994’s ‘Interview with the Vampire’ which starred Tom Cruise as Lestat and 2002’s ‘Queen of the Damned,’ which starred Stuart Townsend and Aaliyah.

Many vampire series have followed her work, including the ‘Twilight’ novels, which were adapted for the screen. Rice also wrote erotica fiction under the pseudonym Anne Rampling, including ‘Exit to Eden.’

Many of her works have been adapted by others for comic books. The native of New Orleans often used the city as a backdrop for her writing.

Cara Williams, popular actress from the 1940s-50s

Cara Williams, an actress known for her roles in movies including “The Defiant Ones” and on TV in “Pete and Gladys,” died Dec. 9 at her home in Beverly Hills of a heart attack at the age of 96.

Williams began appearing in movies in the early 1940s, with credits including “Happy Land,” “Laura,” and “Boomerang.”

She had a career highlight in 1958 with “The Defiant Ones,” she was nominated for an Academy Award and a Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actress for her performance as Billy’s mother.

In 1960, Williams took a starring role opposite Harry Morgan on TV’s “Pete and Gladys.” She was nominated for an Emmy Award in 1962.

In both “Pete and Gladys” and her later sitcom, “The Cara Williams Show,” Williams played scatterbrained characters, inviting comparisons to Lucille Ball.

Williams’ acting career slowed down after the mid-1960s, but she had a notable later role playing Mae on “Rhoda.”

Larry Sellers, actor on ‘Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman’

Larry Sellers, an actor of Osage, Cherokee, and Lakota ancestry who was best known for playing Cloud Dancing on “Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman” died Dec. 8 at the age of 72 in Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Sellers was an actor and stuntman who appeared in many movies and television series. His best known role was playing Cloud Dancing from 1993-1998 on the hit series “Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman,” which earned him an Emmy nomination.

He appeared in the movie “Wayne’s World 2” and made guest appearances on the TV series “The Sopranos” and “Walker, Texas Ranger.”

Joe Simon, R&B singer turned minister

Joe Simon, an R&B singer known for hit singles including “The Chokin’ Kind,” “Power of Love,” and “Get Down, Get Down (Get on the Floor),” died Dec. 13 in his hometown near Chicago at the age of 85.

After a poverty-stricken childhood and a time when he was homeless and lived in a chicken coop, Simon began singing professionally with the Golden West Gospel Singers in the 1950s.

After going solo, he began charting hits in the mid-1960s and had a No. 1 R&B hit in 1969 with “The Chokin’ Kind,” which also reached the Top 20 on the Billboard Hot 100.

Simon won a Grammy Award for Best Male R&B Vocal Performance for “The Chokin’ Kind.” His highest-charting single was 1975’s “Get Down, Get Down (Get on the Floor),” another No. 1 R&B hit that crossed over to reach the top ten of the Hot 100.

Simon’s music was widely sampled; his “Before the Night Is Over” was sampled by OutKast in their hit “So Fresh, So Clean,” and his “It Be’s That Way Sometimes” was sampled in Lil Kim’s “Magic Stick.”

In later years, he left the music world and was ordained as a minister.

“I went from the cotton field to the chicken coop to a superstar of rhythm and blues,” Simon said in 2016. “You can’t tell me I ain’t gonna be nothin’.”

Ken Kragen, organizer of ‘We Are the World’

Ken Kragen, a music manager and TV producer who organized the famous “We Are the World” and Hands Across America charity events in the 1980s, died Dec. 14 at his home in Los Angeles at age 85.

One of Kragen’s earliest jobs in the entertainment world was as a production coordinator, and later executive producer, of “The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour.” There, he met Kenny Rogers, later becoming his manager.

Kragen also managed other artists including Lionel Richie,

the Bee Gees, Trisha Yearwood, and Burt Reynolds.

In 1985, Harry Belafonte inspired Kragen to assemble dozens of musicians to record “We Are the World,” the hit single that raised more than \$50 million for African famine relief. Kragen was honored with the United Nations Peace Medal for his efforts.

The next year, he organized Hands Across America, another charity event in which millions of people held hands in an attempt to form a human chain across the U.S. The event raised \$15 million to fight hunger and homelessness.

Kragen also served as president of the Country Music Association and the Academy of Country Music. He produced the film “12 Dogs of Christmas” and the TV show “Rollin on the River” featuring Rogers and First Edition, as well as producing a portion of President Bill Clinton’s 1992 inauguration.

Kragen wrote the best-selling book “Life Is a Contact Sport: Ten Great Career Strategies That Work” and played himself in the movie “Late Shift.”

bell hooks, feminist author and poet

Author bell hooks, acclaimed for her writing on race and gender, died Dec. 15 at her home in Berea, Kentucky at the age of 69.

Born Gloria Jean Watkins, hooks chose her pen name as a tribute to her great-grandmother, Bell Blair Hooks. She didn’t capitalize it, she said, to emphasize the “substance of books, not who I am.”

With the publication of her first book, 1981’s “Ain’t I a Woman? Black Women and Feminism,” hooks became an influential feminist thinker. Her focus on Black womanhood made her one of the first to bring intersectionality into feminism.

She wrote more than 30 books, including “Feminist Theory: From Margin to Center,” “Bone Black: Memories of Girlhood,” and children’s books such as “Be boy buzz.”

A sought-after public speaker, hooks was among the leading intellectuals of her time. She was honored with awards including an American Book Award and a Writer’s Award from the Lila Wallace-Reader’s Digest Fund.

In recent years, hooks taught at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky, where she founded the bell hooks Institute

Carmen Salinas, Mexican telenovela actress

Carmen Salinas, a Mexican actress beloved for starring in dozens of telenovelas and movies, died Dec. 9 in Mexico City after suffering a stroke at the age of 82.

Salinas got her start on TV in the mid-1960s, acting in telenovelas, the popular soap operas of Mexican television.

She became an icon of telenovelas, working extensively in recent years and beloved as a mother and grandmother figure to viewers.

She was honored with TVyNovelas Awards for her performances in “Maria Mercedes” and “Preciosa,” as well as nominated for “Maria la del Barrio,” “Abrazame Muy Fuerte,” and “Entre el Amor y el Odio.” Salinas also had roles in many movies, including “Carnival

Nights,” “Man on Fire,” and her most recent credit, the upcoming romantic comedy “The Valet.”

In later years, Salinas added politics to her resume when she was elected to Mexican Congress in 2015. She served, representing the Institutional Revolutionary Party, until 2018.

At the time of her stroke, Salinas was in filming for the TV show “Mi fortuna es amarte.”

Lina Wertmuller, first woman nominated for Academy Award for directing

Lina Wertmüller, an Italian filmmaker and the first woman nominated for an Academy Award for directing, died Dec. 9 at her home in Rome at the age of 93.

Wertmüller directed her first film, “The Lizards,” in 1963. She built her reputation over the 1960s and ‘70s as a risk-taker whose films defied genre conventions.

Her best-known films were made in the 1970s, beginning with “The Seduction of Mimi” in 1972, which was nominated for the Palme d’Or at the Cannes Film Festival.

Her next film, “Love and Anarchy,” was also a Palme d’Or nominee, and 1975’s “Swept Away” won the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures Award for Top Foreign Film.

Wertmüller’s 1977 film “Seven Beauties” was an international success, receiving four Oscar nominations including Best Director and Best Writing (Original Screenplay) for Wertmüller.

The last of her two dozen films was 2004’s “Too Much Romance... It’s Time for Stuffed Peppers.”

In 2019, Wertmüller was recognized with the Academy Honorary Award for her career achievements.

Masayuki Uemura, creator of Nintendo game console

Masayuki Uemura, a Japanese video game producer who created the Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) and Super NES

home gaming systems, died Dec. 6 at age 78.

Uemura began working for Nintendo in 1971, at a time when the company was just beginning to expand from toys and board games into electronic gaming.

With the success of their 1981 arcade game Donkey Kong, Nintendo’s president asked Uemura to make something that would allow arcade game fans to play their favorite games at home on their TVs, with easy-to-use video games stored on cartridges.

He created the NES, originally known as the Famicom when it was released in 1983. Donkey Kong was among the first games

available for the NES, which, along with Super Mario Bros., helped make it an international phenomenon.

In 1990, Uemura’s next creation, the Super NES, was released.

Uemura remained with Nintendo until 2004, also producing video games including Baseball and Ice Climber.

In later years, he was the director of the Center for Game Studies at Ritsumeikan University.

In Memory of

Barbara Jane (Gazin) Neubauer

November 19, 1935 - December 8, 2021



Our beloved mother Barbara Jane (Gazin) Neubauer passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her children, on December 8, 2021, at the age of 86.

Barbara was born November 19, 1935, the youngest of three children, to Alice Tiffany Van Deusen and Charles Lewis Gazin.

She graduated Santa Monica High School as class valedictorian in 1953, and began raising her family in Santa Monica California. In 1964 the family moved to Camarillo California and was active in the St. Mary Magdalen Parrish. The family moved to Downey California in 1974 where Barbara lived for 47 years. Barbara graduated with high honors from Cerritos College where she studied computer science. She worked as a Systems Program Analyst, retiring from IBM Global Services.

Barbara was known for her legendary Christmas rolls, her volunteer work with youth organizations, and her beautiful, crocheted blankets which she made for so many.

Barbara is survived by her 10 children; Michael, James, Linda, Patricia, Mary, Peter, Margaret, Carolyn, Steven, and Robert; 23 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren.

Barbara is preceded in death by her sister, Margaret; brother Chester; and grandchild Jonathan.

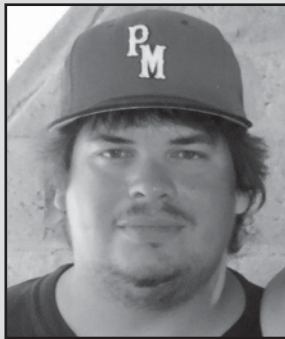
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In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made in her memory to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation <https://www.cff.org/>

In Memory of

Matthew “Matt” Grant Santisteven

November 27, 1990 - December 2, 2021



On Thursday, December 2nd, 2021, Matt Santisteven, a loving son and brother, passed surrounded by his family at the age of 31. Matthew was born on November 27th, 1990. Matt was a graduate of Downey High School class of 2009. Considering himself a “Jack of All Trades,” Matthew attended several classes at Cerritos Community College and Long Beach City College. He learned many skills throughout his life including carpentry, welding, and masonry. He used these skills not only with several jobs, but also giving back to his Community. In 2015, Matthew was awarded Volunteer of the Year by the Downey Rose Float Association where he was a vital volunteer for several years. Matthew also gave his time to St. Pius X – St. Matthias Academy as a groundskeeper.

Matt’s passion didn’t stop there, he was a lover of music of all genres and a self-taught guitar player. He adored fishing, camping, and hunting with friends and family and joined a bowling league with his sister. Matthew made many friends throughout his short life and was known for his eclectic sense of humor. Though he may have been quiet, he was a great and devoted friend to all who got to know him.

Matthew leaves behind his parents Mark & Angel, brothers Eric & Aaron, younger sister Ashley, Grandfather Ed, and many aunts, uncles, & cousins.

A Celebration of Matthew’s life will be held after the Holidays and family will send details after arrangements have been made.

As this was an unexpected & sudden event, the Family has set up a GoFundMe to assist with funeral costs: <https://gofund.me/7c5a39a4>

In Memory of

Jeffrey Michael Shipley

May 22, 1972 - November 19, 2021



Jeffrey Michael Shipley passed away due to complications from Multiple Sclerosis on November 19, 2021. He was 49.

Jeff was born May 22, 1972 in Downey, California, the son of Colonel (Skip) and Brenda Shipley. He graduated from Downey High School. Shortly after graduation, he began working for his uncle, Michael Richardson, in his construction business. He was his right-hand man for over 15 years. He was a hard worker and a fast learner. Jeff later became a master electrician and was very proud of his work at QuickWire Electric where he worked for the past 13 years.

In addition to being a hard worker, Jeff was also funny, loyal, and generous to a fault. He would help anyone at any time of the day or night. Jeff was a wonderful and devoted son, grandson, nephew, uncle, cousin and friend. He loved his dog, enjoyed fishing and hunting, and spending time at the Colorado River. Although he battled it like a warrior, MS got the best of him.

Jeff was predeceased by his brother, John; his sister, Wendy; and his grandfather, Vernon Richardson. He is survived by his parents, his fiancé, Dodi Moore; his grandmother, Mary Richardson; his aunt, Carla Shipley-Governale; his uncle, Larry Richardson; his aunt and uncle, Lisa and Michael Richardson; his sister-in-law, Melinda Shipley-Beggs; his cousins, Emily Duker-Richardson, Blythe Post, Carly and Taylor Richardson, Jason Governale, and Sarah Governale-Sullivan; and his niece, Elizabeth Gaston; and nephews, Daniel and Andrew Shipley.

A celebration of his life is planned following the New Year at Calvary Bellflower Church. Date and time TBA. Those who wish to remember Jeff in a special way may make gifts in his name to: Calvary Bellflower Church - Celebrate Recovery 14722 Clark Ave. Bellflower, CA 90706.

Risher Mortuary & Cremation Service are Funeral Directors. You may leave the family condolences on our website. www.rishermortuary.com. 562-699-0916.

POET'S CORNER

Can I Interest You In Hanukkah?

Maybe something in a Festival of Lights
It's a sensible alternative to Christmas
And it lasts for seven--for you--eight
nights
Hanukkah, huh?
I've never really thought about it
Well, you could do worse
Is it merry?
It's kind of merry
Is it cheery?
It's got some cheer
Is it jolly?
Look, I wouldn't know from jolly
But it's not my least unfavorable time
of year...

Does Hanukkah commemorate
Events profound and holy?
A king who came to save the world?
No, oil that burned quite slowly
Well, it sounds fantastic!
There's more!
We have latkes
What are they?
Potato pancakes
We have dreidels
What are they?
Wooden tops
We have candles
What are--
THEY ARE CANDLES!
And when we light them
Oh the fun it never stops
What do you say, Stephen
Do you want to give Hanukkah a try?

A Colbert Christmas Album: The Greatest Gift of All!, 2008

This song first aired on Stephen Colbert's TV show. It was written for Jon Stewart as a duet by Javerbaum and Schlesinger, and has become a holiday classic. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis hosted more than 40 Downey students for its annual Breakfast with Santa event at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Children enjoyed breakfast, received gifts, and had their photos taken with Santa Claus. (Photos courtesy Downey Unified School District)



LEGALS

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(Division 6 of the Commercial Code) Escrow No. 36003-KR
(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described
(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: MULLYXN, LLC, 10923 FIRESTONE BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650
(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 2349 SILVERTREE ROAD, CLAREMONT, CA 91711
(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: DR WASH, LLC, 661 S. BEACH BLVD., LA HABRA, CA 90631
(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT of that certain business located at: 10923 FIRESTONE BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650
(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: THRIFTY WASH
(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is JANUARY 5, 2022 at the office of: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 19671 BEACH BLVD STE 103 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648, Escrow No. 36003-KR, Escrow Officer: KIT RHOADS
(8) Claims may be filed with: ADVANTAGE ONE ESCROW, 19671 BEACH BLVD STE 103 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648, Escrow No. 36003-KR, Escrow Officer: KIT RHOADS
(9) The last date for filing claims is: JANUARY 4, 2022.
(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
(11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE.
Dated: DECEMBER 7, 2021
SELLER: MULLYXN, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
BUYER: DR WASH, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
ORD-734365 DOWNEY PATRIOT 12/16/21

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The Downey Patriot
12/16/21

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021267712
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MARTIN REALTY GROUP, 24251 TOWN CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 201, VALENCIA CA 91355, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARTIN HOLDINGS, INC., 24251 TOWN CENTER DRIVE SUITE 201, VALENCIA CA 91355
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/MARTIN HOLDINGS, INC., PRESIDENT, CRAIG MARTIN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 9, 2021.
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021265938
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LA FELINA RADIO TV, 4166 TWEEDY BLVD, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GLORIA F VILLA, 4166 TWEEDY BLVD, SOUTH GATE CA 90280
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/GLORIA F VILLA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 7, 2021.
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12/9/21, 12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021242223
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TEACH, 14046 DUNROBIN AVE., BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRIAN AHUMADA, 14046 DUNROBIN AVE., BELLFLOWER CA 90706
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2021
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/BRIAN AHUMADA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 4, 2021.
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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12/2/21, 12/9/21, 12/16/21, 12/23/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021244450
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LUXE BEAUTY LA, 14329 WOODRUFF AVE SUITE B AND C, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 5612 S WILTON PLACE, LOS ANGELES CA 90062
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUXE FLORAL STUDIO, LLC, 5612 S WILTON PLACE, LOS ANGELES CA 90062
State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2021
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/LUXE FLORAL STUDIO, LLC, CEO, SCARLETT CRUZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 05, 2021.
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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11/25/21, 12/2/21, 12/9/21, 12/16/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021267762
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EB'S CONSTRUCTION, 7136 1/2 WATCHER ST., COMMERCE CA 90040, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HENRY GERARDO EB GONZALEZ, 7136 1/2 WATCHER ST., COMMERCE CA 90040
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2021
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/HENRY GERARDO EB GONZALEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 9, 2021.
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021258559
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PACIFIC MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES, 7125 GARFIELD AVE SUITE B, BELL GARDENS CA 90201, LA COUNTY, 7125 GARFIELD AVE SUITE B, BELL GARDENS 90201
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ZORAYA GONGAR, 7125 GARFIELD AVE SUITE B, BELL GARDENS CA 90201
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2020
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ZORAYA GONGAR, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 29, 2021.
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot
12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021258868
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) 3D CONCRETE, 18004 CANEHILL AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBERT HANER, 18004 CANEHILL AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ROBERT HANER, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 29, 2021.
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot

12/2/21, 12/9/21, 12/16/21, 12/23/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021260685
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SOCIETY MORTGAGE, 11015 PARAMOUNT BLVD SUITE 7, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY, 11015 PARAMOUNT BLVD SUITE 3, DOWNEY CA 90241
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MILA & ME INC., 11015 PARAMOUNT BLVD SUITE 3, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2021
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/MILA & ME INC, PRESIDENT, OSCAR RAMOS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 1, 2021
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot
12/9/21, 12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021252793
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE HOT LAB BEAUTY BAR, 8036 3RD. ST. UNIT 105, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALPHA FOUR ENTERPRISES INC., 19812 REINHART AVE, CARSON CA 90746
State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2021
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ALPHA FOUR ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED, SECRETARY, WILLIAM AQUINO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 18, 2021.
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot
12/2/21, 12/9/21, 12/16/21, 12/23/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021239153
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) L.A.V.A. GROUP, 12526 DANTE ST., NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICARDO BUENROSTRO, 12526 DANTE ST., NORWALK CA 90650 (2) CELEXISNER YEREIMAR BUENROSTRO, 12526 DANTE ST., NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2021
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/CELEXISNER YEREIMAR BUENROSTRO, WIFE
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 2, 2021.
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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The Downey Patriot
12/2/21, 12/9/21, 12/16/21, 12/23/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2021254774
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RICHMOND PROPERTIES, 216 RICHMOND STREET, EL SEGUNDO CA 90245, LA COUNTY, 8141 2ND ST ST 300, DOWNEY CA 90241
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOHN M NISLEY, 325 LOMITA STREET, EL SEGUNDO CA 90245
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/1971
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/JOHN M NISLEY, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 20, 2021.
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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Downey resident and Downey High School class of 1975 graduate Robert Arana, 65, recently retired after working with United Airlines for 35 years.

Here he is posing with a copy of The Downey Patriot in front of a 737 Boeing Max Airplane during his final trip. His daughter Mollie says that he "always carried the Downey Patriot on his many trips, wherever he went."



Downey High School's girls varsity wrestling team took first place at the Walnut Girls Invitational Tournament held Nov. 19-20.

The team also medaled individually and had three first placers, two second placers, one third, one fourth and one sixth place. "Congratulations to the girls for their hard work and dedication," the team said.

"A big thank you to Coach Rios and Coach Adalpe for their leadership and preparation of the varsity team."



Earlier this month, Excellence Real Estate held a grand opening ceremony for its newest office, located at 11600 Paramount Blvd. It is the ninth Excellence office in Downey.

Jack in the Box acquires Del Taco

Three years after ditching Qdoba Mexican Eats, Jack in the Box is scooping up Del Taco in a \$575 million deal.

The deal, which is expected to close early next year, doubles down on Jack in the Box's success with tacos.

Together, the California-based brands will have over 2,800 restaurants in 25 states and will be better positioned to compete with large quick-service restaurants, the companies said.

Jack in the Box was founded in and remains headquartered in San Diego. Del Taco is headquartered in Orange County.

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OUR CLIENTS

"Lilian Lopez was really good.! Very professional, dedicated and took care of our needs!!" - **Moises Hernandez**

"Steve Roberson was great! He explained everything in detail, and we are very happy with his service!!" - **Stephen Ponce**

"Amanda Shaw didn't give up on us getting the house, she was very persistent and did a great job!!" - **Jorge Wence**

FEATURED PROPERTY

Will Not Last!!
This cozy 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,335 sq. ft. single family home sits on a 5,261 sq. ft. corner lot. Home upgraded several years ago, kitchen and baths, central heat and air, and more. Spacious front yard and backyard and inground swimming pool with 2 car detached garage. Near schools and parks! **CALL TODAY!!!**

TOP PRODUCERS

TOP LISTING Karen Hayashi

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Two Units!!
Great starter units or investment. Two units - 1 bedroom, 1 bath each unit. Property in good condition. **CALL TODAY!!**

This is the one!!
Beautiful 1925 Colonial home. Hardwood floors throughout. Formal dining room with lots of light. Updated kitchen with built-ins and subzero refrigerator. Fireplace in living room. Den downstairs. Stand up attic with lots of storage. Basement with 2-unit gravity heaters. **CALL TODAY!!!**

Must See!!
Large 5 bedroom, 2.5 bath house. Great for an extended family or investment property. Plenty of parking on the ample sized driveway and in the gated carport. Fresh new paint throughout the house. Centrally located by the 105 and 605 freeways, near Costco, Downey Landing, parks, and bike trail. Property has plenty of mature persimmon, mango, lemon, and pear fruit trees. **CALL TODAY!!**

Double Wide Mobile Home!!
3-bedroom, 2-bathroom Mobile home in a family park. Small side yard. Parking for up to 3 cars. Community pool and clubhouse. **CALL TODAY!!!**

Great Potential!!
Probate sale. Court confirmation is required. Property with potential. Needs work. Good for investor or fixer upper project. Property sold as is. **CALL TODAY!!!**

Will sell fast!!
Beautiful North Downey home with 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. This large home has a 2-car detached garage and a large lot. One owner. Fruit trees. **CALL TODAY!!!**

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FOR SALE



2 Vacant Lots in Whittier

- Total lot size 36,725 sq. ft.
- R-1 zoning

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JUST LISTED



Downey Deal

- Slight fixer upper
- 2 bedrooms, den could be 3rd bedroom
- Large living room with fireplace
- Hardwood floors
- 16000 + sq. ft.
- Studio apartment over garage!

ONLY \$799,999

JUST LISTED



Northeast Downey!

- 4 bedrooms | 3.5 bathrooms
- 2,657 sq. ft. | 12,170 sq. ft. lot
- Living room & family room
- Large pool
- Bonus room behind garage

LIST PRICE: \$1,299,950

FOR SALE



Central Downey

- 3 bedrooms | 2 bathrooms
- 1,235 sq. ft. | 6,939 sq. ft. lot
- Living room with fireplace
- Permitted enclosed patio

LIST PRICE: \$739,999

JUST LISTED



Downey Diamond in the Rough!

- 3 bedrooms
- 1 bathroom
- 1,888 sq. ft.
- Nearly 10,000 sq. ft. lot

PRICED TO SELL! CALL MARIO FOR MORE INFO!

SOLD!



Whittier Delight!

- Terrific 4 bedrooms | 2 bath
- Living room & family room
- 2,144 sq. ft.
- 6,629 sq. ft. lot

SOLD FOR: \$850,000

SOLD!



Classic Downey Home

- 3 bedrooms
- 4 bathrooms
- 1,844 sq. ft.
- Bonus room

SOLD FOR: \$770,000

SOLD!



Downey Opportunity

- 4 bedrooms | 3 bathrooms
- Open floor plan large remodeled kitchen
- Large rear yard with room for adding an ADU, or pool

LIST PRICE: \$899,999

TRIPLEX



Reduced - Lakewood Units

- Upgraded 3 bedroom home with dining room in front
- Attached duplex has spacious 1 bedroom units built in 1991
- 3 one car garages plus ample parking

LIST PRICE: \$1,249,000

SOLD!



RECENT SALES IN DOWNEY

8451 DONOVAN, DOWNEY	\$890,000
8415 DONOVAN, DOWNEY	\$960,000
7642 ARNETT, DOWNEY	\$660,000
7711 ADWEN, DOWNEY	\$550,000
9725 SAMOLINE, DOWNEY	\$717,000
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- 2 bathrooms
- Family room with fireplace
- 1,696 sq. ft. | 7,796 sq. ft. lot
- 2 car garage

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Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scout Pack 805 is currently recruiting boys from Kindergarten to 4th Grade. Pack 805 meets every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at **Trinity Baptist Church, 8219 Florence Avenue, Downey** we will have a recruitment meeting **Tuesday August 31st 6:30 pm**. Cub Scouts enjoy fun activities such as **Pinewood Derby, Camping and earning fun Adventures along the way.**

Do Your Best. Let's start here: Cub Scouts are awesome. A program with an amazing history and tradition, Cub Scouting is a sure-fire way to get more involved with your son that puts the fun first. Have Fun Doing It.

Cub Scouting uses six specific methods to achieve Scouting's aims of helping boys and young adults build character, train in the responsibilities of citizenship, and develop personal fitness.

1. The ideals: The Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Cub Scout sign, handshake, motto, and salute all teach good citizenship and contribute to a boy's sense of belonging.

2. The den: As part of a small group of six to eight boys, they are able to learn sportsmanship and good citizenship. They learn how to get along with others. They learn how to do their best, not just for themselves but also for the den.

3. Advancement: The advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding.

Cub Scout leaders and adult family members work with boys on advancement projects.

4. Family involvement: Family involvement is an essential part of Cub Scouting.

5. Activities: In Cub Scouting, boys participate in a wide variety of den and pack activities, such as games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, and trips.

6. The uniform: The Cub Scout uniform helps build pride, loyalty, and self-respect. Wearing the uniform to all den and pack meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, a sense of belonging, and good behavior.



E-Mail Cubmaster Aaron Storey cubmaster@downeyboyscouts.com for more information.