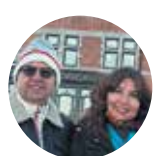




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New laws take effect in 2022

■ Hundreds of new laws go into effect New Year's Day. Here are some of the most notable.

DOWNEY - Gov. Gavin Newsom has signed 770 bills into law this year, many of them impacting people's daily lives, that will take effect as soon as Jan. 1, 2022.

Here are a few of the more noteworthy ones:

- **Animal welfare:** Proposition 12 makes metal enclosures that restrict pigs from turning around and cages that prevent hens from opening their wings illegal.

- **Minimum wage:** SB 3 requires the minimum wage for all industries employing 26 or more employees to rise to \$15, and \$14 for employers employing 25 or fewer workers.

- **Cocktails to go:** SB 389 allows getting cocktails and wine to go with your dinner order at restaurants extended until Dec. 31, 2026. The delivery of cocktails alone, however, ends Dec. 31, 2021.

- **Traffic safety:** AB 43 authorizes local authorities to reduce speed limits to protect the safety of vulnerable groups such as pedestrians and cyclists.

- **Non-gender marketing:** A new law not taking full effect until 2024 mandates that department stores with more than 500 employees must provide a gender-neutral section displaying "a reasonable selection" of items regardless of whether they've been traditionally marketed for either girls or boys. The law does not include clothing. LGBTQ advocates maintain the pink and blue hues of traditional marketing methods pressure children to conform to gender stereotypes.

- **Food delivery apps:** In an effort to support delivery workers and increase billing transparency, AB 286 makes it illegal for food delivery apps to retain any portion of a tip or gratuity. If the order is for delivery, that tip must go to the individual worker. If the order is for pickup, the gratuity must go to the restaurant.

- **Police reform:** AB 1475 protects the rights of people arrested but not yet prosecuted, forbidding law enforcement from posting mugshots of those arrested on suspicion of nonviolent crimes.

- **Rape:** A new law alters California's penal code to make rape within marriage the same in every legal sense as any instance of rape.

- **Police decertification:** Another noteworthy new law allows police officers who have committed misconduct to be decertified. Previously, problematic officers could sometimes find employment in other areas without repercussions. Now, they will have their license revoked and not be able to simply switch departments after being fired.

- **Protected time off:** Among other things, AB-1033 expands protected unpaid leave under California Family Rights Act to include leave to care for a parent-in-law.

- **Vote by mail:** California will require elections officials to mail ballots to all registered voters for all elections and will allow any registered voter to vote by mail for any election. AB-37 will also set minimum standards for ballot drop-off boxes. With the expansion of mail-in ballots, election officials will be allowed to process votes early, on the 29th day before any election.



Alexis Givens, 12, designed the Downey Rose Float Association's 2022 float. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

Weather, pandemic not enough to derail Downey Rose Float

■ Alexis Givens, 12, is the youngest person to have designed a float for the Downey Rose Float Association.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - It is officially crunch time for the Downey Rose Float Association, as they race to finish their entry for Saturday's annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

The theme of this year's event is "Dream. Believe. Achieve." Downey's entry is called "Reading: It's an Adventure," and will include three giant pop-up books, featuring a submarine voyage, a wild jungle, and a rocket blasting off into space.

The concept came from a drawing authored by Alexis Givens, who at 12-years-old, is the youngest in Downey Rose Float history to have her submission selected.

"I had no idea I was going to submit an entry at first; I didn't even know we were going to the meeting before that night," said Givens. "This was a one-time thing, like, a first-time thing. I've never done anything like that before."

President Jeremy Clifton expressed a lot of pride in Givens.

"Generally speaking, we have either people who have done it for years, and years, and years, or professional artists," said Clifton. "To have a kid's basic stick figure drawing come to life is something that she'll take with her the rest of her life and have good memories about it."

Givens's first drawing was similar to the float's now middle section, originally featuring lions, tigers, and bears. Some fine tuning along with float designers made



Volunteers spent this week preparing Downey's float for the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

it what it is now, adding the underwater and space elements.

"I always think of a jungle adventure when I think of adventure," said Givens. "Me and [Construction Chair] Kelley Roberts came up with a better and new design to go from the depths of the sea to the limits of space, because if you dream it and believe it, you can achieve anything."

Roberts said that each book on the float will have some kind of animation or special effect, or both.

"It will be simple animation that you would see in a typical pop-up book," said Roberts. "If you pull something on a pop-up book, it moves, or you turn it or you slide it, a little something moves; that little quirkiness. That's what we tried to do."

According to Floral Designer Danielle Storey, parade viewers can expect to see lots of roses, orchids, vegetables and fruits, more

plants than usual, and "lots of popping colors."

"Probably in the flower realm, we probably at least have 12,000 stems of roses," said Storey.

Givens said that seeing her concept come to life is "an amazing feeling."

"I love my city; it's an amazing community," said Givens.

Givens served as Little Miss Downey in 2020, and will be one of the riders on the float along with Miss Teen Downey Sarah Sarofeem, Junior Miss Downey Allie Hanks, Storey, and Pam Chambers.

After a traffic accident caused extensive damage to the float site's security fence and several props just a few weeks ago, "Decoration week" - which officially began Dec. 26 - also got off to a bit of a rocky start.

As of Monday, Downey Rose Float had not seen the number of volunteers that

they usually do, which Clifton and Roberts agreed was likely due to the winter storm that was rolling through, and the rapidly rising number of Covid-19 cases.

Downey Rose Float has been following several safety protocols this week, including screening volunteers and requiring proof of vaccination or negative Covid-19 test.

Still, despite its hectic and somewhat nail-biting nature, the final days before the parade also brought a sense of normalcy for many of the organization's volunteers.

"People have been stuck at home, haven't been able to get out and see each other," said Clifton. "A lot of these people we see every year, year after year after year. We watch their kids grow up. We watch them get older, we watch them get married."

"Believe it or not, a year makes a big difference."

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The British burned Buffalo, N.Y., during the War of 1812.

1865

Rudyard Kipling, the Nobel Prize winning author who wrote "The Jungle Book," was born in Bombay, India.

1911

Sun Yat-sen was elected the first president of the Republic of China.

1928

Rock 'n' roll pioneer Bo Diddley was born Ellas Bates in McComb, Miss.

1940

California's first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway connecting Los Angeles and Pasadena, was officially opened.

1972

The United States halted its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

1978

Ohio State University fired Woody Hayes as its football coach, one day after Hayes punched a Clemson University player during a game.



2003

The federal government announced it would ban the sale of ephedra, an herbal stimulant linked to 155 deaths and dozens of heart attacks and strokes.

2006

Former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was hanged.

2010

Top-ranked Connecticut's record 90-game winning streak in women's basketball ended with a 71-59 loss to No. 9 Stanford.

Birthdays

Dodgers hall of fame pitcher **Sandy Koufax** (86), golfer **Tiger Woods** (46), R&B singer **Tyrese** (43), actress **Eliza Dushku** (41), Lakers star **LeBron James** (37), singer and actress **Andra Day** (37), and pop singer **Ellie Goulding** (35).

Doty, Griffiths band directors marching in Rose Parade

■ Laura Taylor and Andrea Keen were chosen to participate with an all-band director ensemble.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The Rose Float won't be Downey's only representation on Colorado Boulevard this New Year's Day.

Downey Unified middle school band directors Laura Taylor (of Griffiths) and Andrea Keen (of Doty) will be marching in an all-band director ensemble at the upcoming Rose Parade.

The Salute to America's Band Directors will consist of a float and of an ensemble made up of over 270 educators of different ages and backgrounds, from across all 50 states and Mexico.

Taylor described it as a "bucket list thing."

"How many people can say they've done the Rose Parade," said Taylor.

Rather than a traditional audition, participants were selected based on their experience.

"They basically wanted to know how long you have been teaching band, what your primary instrument was, and basically your qualifications, what you've done with your career and stuff."

Keen – who has taught at Doty for over 28 years – will be playing the flute. Taylor – who has taught band and choir for 36 years – will make up part of the symbol line.

They will be performing four songs: three for the parade and one for a Bandfest performance.

While they've had the music since July to prepare, musical



practice and preparation has been mostly solo – with the exception of a few zoom sectionals and meetings – due to the pandemic.

The first full, in person rehearsal will take place just a couple of days before the parade.

"You don't have a lot of wiggle room," said Keen. "You just have to get in and get it done."

There is also the physicality of a 5 1/2-mile march to prepare for.

"I'm walking with weights," said Taylor. "I have 6-pound weights on my wrist and I'm walking around the neighborhood, because the symbols are anything between 5-8 pounds apiece."

"I've been walking since

May or so."

Keen said that she tries to get 18-20 steps a day, as well as working out at the gym.

She says that the biggest sense of pressure comes from their peers.

"I think it's kind of funny that you have 270 people that are so used to being in charge, so it's going to be 270 people who all have opinions on things we're not allowed to," said Keen.

She added that there was pressure to perform well.

"I don't want to be the worst flute player of the bunch," said Keen. "I feel honored to have been chosen. This is once in a lifetime; I don't think they'll ever do this again."

"It's kind of a cool concept. The Rose Parade, you think

music, so you do thank your band director. We don't always get thanked by our students verbally over the years, but it's nice to feel that kind of love and comradery with other people who get what you have done for years too."

Both Keen and Taylor expressed deep gratitude to their schools and the district, which they say have been supportive of their upcoming endeavor, even helping fund part of it.

"It's nice to have a district where we were kind of recognized for it, and they're willing to help us with the finances so we can do that," said Keen.

Both directors said that the reality of their soon-to-be experience hasn't quite hit them yet.

Keen says that when it's time, she just wants to "take it all in."

"It is a once-in-a-lifetime type thing, and I want to be able to appreciate – maybe not every moment of everything – but, wow, there's 270 of us and how many band directors are there in the United States, let alone North America."

"We think so much I think sometimes of the kids or the school, or different things, and then at the end of the day, it's like, 'Okay, what am I doing for myself,'" added Taylor. "I'd say this is one of those things."

The Rose Parade will air Saturday, Jan 1, at 8 am.

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

As I contemplate dealing with yet another year of COVID, I am motivated to write about resilience. Resilience is that part of our character that either helps us live through tough times, or prevents us from moving forward.



I have found that life teaches us all about resilience, if we are willing to listen. Navigating through hardships is painful, but guides us through the next challenge. We say that youth is wasted on the young. Perhaps this is because age and experience have not yet taught us how to manage and appreciate life. Some do go through hardship early, and if successful, they come out on the other side stronger, smarter, and wiser. Yes...it does indeed take a journey.

No one truly understands what you're experiencing. Perhaps it is difficulties related to the pandemic as it affects your psyche, finances, relationship, job, or physical health. The best words of advice somehow capture in just a few phrases the reality of being human, and illuminate an essential element of our experience. Here are a few quotes about resilience that I found meaningful:

- "Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again." Nelson Mandela
- "You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them." Maya Angelou
- "My barn having burned down, I can now see the moon." Mizuta Masahide (17th century Japanese poet and samurai)
- "Rock bottom became the solid foundation in which I rebuilt my life." J.K. Rowling
- "She stood in the storm, and when the wind did not blow her way, she adjusted her sails." Elizabeth Edwards
- "Grief and resilience live together." Michelle Obama
- "Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems." Gever Tulley
- "No matter how bleak or menacing a situation may appear, it does not entirely own us. It can't take away our freedom to respond, our power to take action." Ryder Carroll
- "Life doesn't get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient." Steve Maraboli
- Let's conclude with Rainer Maria Rilke: "Let everything happen to you. Beauty and terror. Just keep going. No feeling is final."

I wish all of you a year of experiences that bring greater health, happiness, and joy!

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Crime Report

On Dec. 20 at 2:55 am, officers responded to an armed robbery in progress at 7624 Firestone Blvd (Albertsons). The adult victim was approached by two suspects in the parking lot. One suspect brandished a handgun. The victim handed over their property and were not harmed. The suspects fled prior to police arrival.

On Dec. 21 at 7:15 pm, officers were dispatched to 9020 Apollo Way (Ulta) in regards to a robbery. Three suspects entered the store,

filled shopping baskets with merchandise, and attempted to leave without purchasing the items. The manager attempted to detain the suspects and was pushed to the ground. The suspects fled prior to police arrival and the employee was not injured.

On Dec. 22 at 6 pm, officers were dispatched to the area of Paramount Blvd. and Florence Ave. in regards to a road rage incident. The suspect followed the victim eastbound on Florence to the intersection of Paramount Blvd. The suspect exited his sedan and pointed a black handgun at the adult victim who was seated in her vehicle. The suspect returned to his vehicle, fled southbound, and was not located.

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An Inside Look Into the CTE Programs at Downey High School

Downey High School offers a diverse amount of Career Technical Education (CTE) programs that focus on preparing students with the academic skills necessary for a 21st century education and employability for the future. Through the diverse amount of pathways offered, students participate in hands-on training that provides them the occupational competency to leave high school ready to meet industry standards in their chosen vocations. From courses such as Principles of Education where students learn from educators in classroom settings to paid student internships these programs serve as a foundation to leave high school ready to transition into either future careers or expand core interests during postsecondary education.

AUTO TECH is a course that promotes innovative thinking, teamwork, and assists students in embarking on a possible career path. Two students who are recognized for exceeding in the program are seniors Mailyn Diaz and Jayden Ramirez. Diaz is indecisive about her career choice, but shared that automotive has provided her with useful skills to implement in her future. Diaz also conveys



her deep appreciation for the program. "Automotive really inspires me and allows me to express myself," Diaz said.

As another experienced automotive student, Ramirez revealed that he will be pursuing a career in correlation to the course. "The career path I decided to take was enlisting in the United States Marines," Ramirez stated, "I will be working on and maintaining aircraft engines." As a student who challenges himself, Ramirez is deciding to go big, working with aircraft engines (as opposed to dealing with car parts like he does in the class now). "It has been a starting point because it doesn't just show me the basics, but it dives deeper into more intermediate skills and tool usage." Although the basis of automotive emphasize the etiquette of students' ability to be hands-on in the classroom, Ramirez shared that, "It has taught me to think in a completely different way." Automotive assists students not only academically but gives a sense of belonging.

FINANCIAL OCCUPATIONS and **RETAIL MARKETING** are both classes where the sole focus is to prepare its students as they get ready to enter the workforce.

In the financial occupations class, students are put through real life scenarios that include paying rent while maintaining an assigned job. They are also taught how to spend their money, understand taxes as well as filling out the annual tax income. In previous years, before the pandemic, there have also been internship opportunities where students can gain work experience during the school year. In some cases these students were later hired to stay on the job.

In the retail marketing class, students are able to practice creating actual resumes and edit them to make them better and learn how to identify mistakes. The class also provides a program where students have the opportunity to work at jobs connected to Downey. Pina Pizza House, Embassy Suites and JCPenney are just some locations where students have been employed. These are not the only workforce diffusion within the class. This program also specializes in helping students know what career path they should go down.

The **SPORTS MEDICINE** program allows students, like senior Monica Luna, to gain experience aiding with student athletes during football games and practices.

Luna has developed skills and instincts that have helped her become a reliable resource for Downey athletes. "Do not press a bad situation; an example is if our tape isn't good enough, trust an instinct and don't let the hurt person go out and play, even if they're forcing," Luna states.

After taking all the courses available in Sports Medicine, Luna feels prepared and ready to continue her studies to work in the field of athletic training and sports rehabilitation.

Students Benefit from Graphic Design

Senior Isabella Ramirez on the benefits of Graphic Design

Q: How has the graphic design program at Downey High School contributed to your personal growth with the subject?

A: "Mr. Herrera's graphic design class has taught me a lot about how to view graphic design from a professional lens. I learned how to use high end programs like Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop to create logos, clothing mock-ups, and style guides. In this class, I've been able to practice my designs and improve my skills with each assignment."

Q: What has having a paid internship relative to graphic design been like and what opportunities has it provided?

A: "I was a part of the MADE internship where I did the graphic design Deep Dive for Blue Dot Education. It was a great experience because I was able to apply everything that I learned from Mr. Herrera's class to the work that I did in the internship. I got a lot of positive feedback on my designs which made me feel really proud of my work. Collaborating with others was a bit of a challenge for me because everyone's ideas and design styles are so different. Figuring out how to incorporate other peoples ideas to my designs was a great learning experience because it's a skill that I'll need in the future."

Q: Would you recommend this program to current or future Downey High students?

A: "Yes, I'd definitely recommend the graphic design program to any DHS students that are interested. My message to them is to always think outside the box and show your personal style through your designs because it's what makes them unique and creative."

The CTE programs offered at DHS ultimately serve as a starting point for students to launch into post graduation. These cutting edge pathways provide a range of experiences such as learning to apply for jobs to obtaining paid internships. Students not only gain the confidence to pursue their interests in the classroom, but are also encouraged to go beyond the school setting. Across the board, the curriculum promotes critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork skills. With this in mind, beginners to any of the pathways have numerous opportunities, supportive educators, and a challenging curriculum waiting for them if they choose to participate in the CTE programs.

A Window of Opportunity: WOMEN IN STEM

With only fourteen percent of women employed as engineers in the United States, their voices are muffled in comparison to the eighty percent of men currently dominating the field. However, Downey High's engineering pathways led by Mr. Yamasaki, provides female students with a breath of discovery, exploring potential careers in STEM. Through the infinite creativity in coding projects to identify and solve problems, there are no bounds.

Eager to take on the realms of engineering, Alejandra Pelayo, a senior, explains how this "hands-on" experience has challenged her to excel in an environment where "nothing is limited." Hoping to become a biomedical engineer, she stresses how this pathway has opened up a window of opportunity, guiding her pursuit of knowledge.

"Nobody expects anything from us, so when they say you can't do it, we say watch us," Pelayo stated. Her unyielding determination empowers females to exceed in STEM whilst simultaneously divulging in their passions.

The engineering pathway has a unique classroom environment where students can use trial and error on their teamwork-based projects. The flexibility in their work that this provides helps students like senior Jasmine Vallejo, build their confidence in the field.

"You can build your confidence a little bit; it's very low pressure and [you can] mess up here. You can learn from your mistakes," Vallejo said. "In a group setting as well, the kids here are very understanding and welcoming. Honestly, we're all like a team together."

The CTE engineering program had opened a door to a new world at a young age. Not only that but it has given girls the opportunity to explore a STEM related field which is usually male-dominated. The CTE programs, however, dismantle this environment, ensuring a safe space for girls like Pelayo and Vallejo to gain confidence and work on their engineering skills. These classes in the pathway have ignited their interests to further study engineering and has encouraged these individuals to keep their heads up high.

For the students who have enrolled in **DANCE 3**, the class has grown from an alternative of Physical Education to becoming the hatching ground of lasting friendships. Being the last class of a 3 year program, many students find it to be their favorite period of the day.

"Each student's dance pathway is different and fits the needs of each individual. No matter the journey each dancer is challenged and pushed to meet their own goals all while helping others throughout the process," the Dance Director Leslie Patterson said. "Together we all achieve more."

While some students, like senior Giselle Ornelas, decided to take the class to improve herself, others, like senior Liv Lopez refer to the class as a safe place, keeping her out of trouble and providing an escape of the outside world stress.

"The program kind of kept me entertained. I had something to do, so I wasn't out and about doing trouble or anything. It made me more involved with the school and I learned a lot of things I never thought I would in the program," Lopez states. "I think for me dance is a lot about having control of your body and it connected to my personal life because I had it tough through my high school years. If I wasn't in control in my life, I could at least be in control with my body."

Both four year students agree that the highlights of the class would have to be the companionships built from the hard work put into the classes.

"Getting to express your inner feelings in a way and making new friends-it's one of the best things I've experienced in my high school career," Ornelas said.

According to senior Sam Sarofeem, he has incorporated the editing skills he learned in **VIDEO PRODUCTION** into his YouTube channel, which also benefits his future career. He has also learned to better present himself in front of the camera. Another multimedia production student, Mia Poveda, a senior knew she had a passion for film and, because the "teacher supported everyone regardless of skill level," it allowed her to continue film for her entire high school career. Time management is an important skill that senior Brody Urzua, has acquired during his time in the class. Expressing his creativity within a deadline has its challenges but an important practice for college whether students plan to continue with film or not. Aside from filming in general, storyboarding and patience are other skills that come out of editing and building a rough draft.

PHOTO & DIGITAL IMAGING

classes are taught by Ms. Ronda Cordova and Ms. Michelle Napoli on the Downey High School campus. Here, students get a chance to express themselves through the art of photography as well as learn employable skills that will aid them in their future careers. These values are especially embodied by Downey High seniors and winners of the Foot Locker Sneaker Photography Contest: Alejandro Salinas, Brenda Torres, and Megan Sanchez. Students were challenged to put their knowledge to the test through contest entries which allowed



them to explore their creativity and apply their technical skills. "Being told that it was a really nice photo and that I should take it [photography] seriously makes me really consider that," Salinas said. Torres, a Digital Imaging student and second place contest winner, says her favorite part of the course are the assignments, as "there are no wrong answers, you can be creative and do whatever you want." Torres has determined that she would enjoy pursuing a career in graphic design and has learned valuable skills such as using Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, in which she is able to "crop out, change the filter, and coloring of the images."

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In 2022, prioritize progress over perfection

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - One of my favorite questions to ask longtime Downey residents - those who have lived here since at least the 90s and have accumulated sizable equity in their homes - is what keeps them here.

After all these years, why Downey and not, say, Fullerton, Pasadena, or any of the other tree-lined bedroom communities with similarly safe neighborhoods?

The answer is usually "the people."

In Southeast L.A. County, Downey remains the most desirable city in which to raise a family and set down roots. We are the "Mexican Beverly Hills" after all, a step-up community where families from surrounding cities drive slowly in envy of our stately homes.

That was my family in the early '90s. Every December, my brothers and I packed into my mom's Hyundai Excel, headed down Rosemead Boulevard and turned left on Gallatin, taking in the dazzling lights and gorgeous homes that seemed to have been handpicked out of a Hallmark Christmas movie. "One day son, we will live here," my mom would say. Forget Beverly Hills, for many lower-income families,

buying a house in Downey meant you had finally "made it."

Raising a family in Downey often came with the added responsibility of becoming involved in the community. That meant coaching at Northwest Downey Little League or Downey Ponytail, swim lessons at the YMCA, PTA pancake breakfasts, late night practices with the Downey Razorbacks, gluing flowers with the Downey Rose Float, and countless other projects that makes Downey the charitable community it is.

You made friends along the way - deep, lasting friendships impossible to replicate in other cities.

This is a long-winded way to say that as much as Downey is changing, it remains a safe, charming and desirable place to live. (It's good to be reminded of that sometimes.) But there remains room for improvement and it's our responsibility as residents to push for growth and evolution.

The bar is low for 2022 - if we can get through the upcoming year with our health and sanity intact, that would be a win. But in the spirit of ambitiousness, here is my wishlist for 2022. Make sure to read my colleague Alex Dominguez's column for his perspective.

Transparency. "Transparency" is a popular buzzword with politicians but it usually rings hollow when it matters most. Two weeks before Christmas, the City Council made a sneaky attempt to oust the city manager, who by most accounts has done a remarkable job as the top executive at city hall. Over the past 12 months he has played the role of adult in a room filled with bickering children.

To be clear, the city council has every right to fire a city manager, but the public has an equal right to hear the reasons behind their rationale. Democracy dies in darkness.

Shopping Experiences. Have you ever been to Town Square Las Vegas? Located about two miles south of the Strip, it's an open-air shopping, dining and entertainment complex set on 93 acres.

Unlike the Downey Promenade, Town Square Las Vegas is truly walkable, with paths that lead you to shops and restaurants. There is even a grassy park in the center of the complex for mini concerts, exhibits or just to stretch your legs. It's a pleasant shopping experience, mostly devoid of loud cars and exhaust fumes.

It's too late to fix the Downey Promenade, but hopefully future large developments (Stonewood

perhaps?) will incorporate more imagination into their designs.

Priority for Non-Profits at the Rio Hondo Event Center. The recently remodeled Rio Hondo Event Center is swanky and a gem in our community. Unfortunately, under its new management, it has become too expensive for many Downey organizations.

The Downey Chamber of Commerce relocated many of its fundraising luncheons to the Embassy Suites. Downey Kiwanis relocated its weekly meetings to Frantone's. Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis held its installation ceremony at the Azar banquet facility in Santa Fe Springs. Soroptimist International of Downey hosted its annual gala at Geezer's.

The Rio Hondo Event Center - previously the Rio Hondo Country Club - was built with taxpayer dollars as a venue to host Downey's non-profit organizations. It's a shame that the original vision was dismissed in the name of profit.

Fix Florence Avenue. The section of roadway between Downey and Brookshire avenues has deteriorated to a state of disrepair. This is not new information. Will it ever be fixed?

Investment in Stay Gallery. Stay Gallery is entering its



Photo by Pam Lane

10th year in Downey, serving as the anchor of this city's arts community. And while the pandemic has been tough for most of us, it was especially harsh on Stay Gallery, forcing the non-profit to close its doors for 16 months.

It seems like every couple of years Stay Gallery finds itself in front of the City Council, pleading for financial support so the gallery

can continue operations. Instead, I'd like to see the City Council and Downey Board of Education make a joint, long-term commitment to Stay Gallery in the name of arts, culture and education. With financial security, Stay Gallery can focus its efforts where it belongs: programming and public art that will enhance the Downey community.

My Downey wish list for 2022

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - When I wrote my letter to Santa (a wish list for Downey in the year 2021) last year, it was received well; I got tons of feedback expressing gratitude and appreciation for my words and wisdom (if you can even really call it that).

This year, I find myself wrestling with the idea of writing

anything remotely similar at all.

I suppose you could blame my sudden on-set curmudgeonly demeanor on a few things. Pandemic fatigue. Strained mental health. Feeling in a rut while staring down the barrel of my age 30 year.

Let's be honest: 2020 was hard, 2021 wasn't much better, and as such I wouldn't blame any of you for being apprehensive about 2022 like I am, especially in

the midst of this current Omicron surge.

Yet, I digress.

Please, I beg your forgiveness for sounding so crotchety at the start of this article. I do legitimately have a few ideas that I believe would do the city well.

As a city, let's all get back on the same page. Folks, every second and fourth Tuesday when I walk into the Council Chambers for council meetings, I feel

numb. Between council drama, gadflies, the recall effort, and most recently the debate over our city manager's future, I have continuously shielded my eyes, nervously watching our council politics through the gaps between my fingers.

I hope for dialogue. I hope for compromise. At the very least, I crave decorum.

Let's get back to the collaborative, community feel

that once made our city feel so strong.

Good, capable leadership. With an election year and at least one change in our higher representation guaranteed (along with all the uncertainties that come along with redistricting), this will be a critical year for our community.

I hope that whether through elections or change in borders, Downey falls under the blanket

of good, respectable, qualified leadership that has Downey's best interests in mind and at heart.

More niche, non-chain retail businesses. Have you been to Brick LA yet? How about OG Collectibles?

There is no doubt the value that big retail chains like Walmart, Best Buy, Home Depot, Party City, Michaels, Foot Locker, etc. bring. However, smaller businesses - especially ones that are home grown - are what provide a city, its shopping district, or its downtown with personality.

Things that come immediately to my mind: a bookstore / coffee café, a dedicated toy store, a comic book shop, a record store, a camera repair shop, a big and tall / plus size clothing store.

A Pho restaurant. I haven't had Pho since my ex-girlfriend (who introduced me to the Vietnamese soup) and I broke up several years ago. I hear there are some good places in some of the surrounding communities, but I'd love to see one set up shop here in Downey (If there's a place here already and I'm missing out, let me know).

The end of the pandemic. Be responsible. Be safe. Wear your masks and get vaccinated / boosted. Let's protect ourselves and one another, and work to getting back to "normal."

Trader Joes. Only joking. Sorry, I couldn't resist.

I wish you all a successful, healthy, and safe new year. I look forward to continuing to bring the news to the community that helped raise me, and hope that I continue to be able to do so into next year and beyond.

Happy New Year Downey, may 2022 treat us well. I love you, and God bless you.

In Memory of



Dorothy Marie Tilley

April 10, 1930 - December 14, 2021

Dorothy was born, Dorothy Marie Carpenter, April 10th, 1930, in South Gate, California. Dorothy was the second daughter, and youngest child of 4 of Earl and Bessie Carpenter. Dorothy's younger years were spent in both Downey, and Huntington Park, California. Dorothy graduated from Huntington Park High School in 1948. After graduation, she met her future husband, Rufus Edgar "Ed" Tilley. They were married, August 19th, 1951 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Ed was serving in the Army in Korea, and Dorothy lived in San Luis Obispo from 1951 to 1953. When Ed returned from his service in the military, they moved back to Downey. Except for two years in Tucson, Arizona, Dorothy spent the next 53 years in Downey.

In 2006, Dorothy sold her Downey home, and moved to Laguna Niguel, California. There she spent the next 10 years. In 2016, Dorothy moved into a condo in Dana Point, California. Around 2018, Dorothy started showing signs of Dementia. She spent one more year in Dana Point, before moving into an Assisted Living facility in San Juan Capistrano, California. She lived one year there. A little over one year ago, Dorothy moved to a Board and Care, Granny's Place in Mission Viejo, California. She was there until she was admitted into the hospital, 8 days before she passed away.

In 1953, Dorothy gave birth to her only child, a son, John Tilley. Dorothy is survived by her son John, her daughter-in-law, Karen Tilley, her four grandchildren, Alyson Tilley Cornelius, Kirk Tilley, Shannon Tilley, and Erin Tilley. Dorothy has two great grandchildren. Henry, and Adeline Cornelius.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Tilley, her mother and father, and her 3 siblings, Lucille Carpenter Huntsman, Robert Carpenter, and Floyd Carpenter.

Dorothy worked for many years for newspapers doing display advertising. She worked over 25 years for the Los Angeles Herald Examiner.

Dorothy loved her family, she loved spoiling her son and grandkids. She loved going out to eat, loved animals, especially giraffes, elephants, dogs, and horses. She loved to travel, and frequently went with John and his family to Hawaii, Alaska, numerous cruises, Paris, and other trips to Europe. She also loved going to Las Vegas, and to New York City. She loved the bright lights, and playing slot machines.

Dorothy passed away, December 14th, 2021 in Mission Viejo, California. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to Red Bucket Equine Rescue, Chino Hills, California.

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The economy happens to be glorious

By Froma Harrop

If Joe Biden takes office, there'll be a "depression the likes of which you've never seen," Donald Trump warned a month before he lost the 2020 presidential election. It didn't happen.

You know that, right?

Also, your 401(k) surely did not "go to hell," as the previous guy predicted. On the contrary, stocks in the S&P 500 are up 26% as the first year of the Biden presidency is about to end.

How good is that? "U.S. financial markets are outperforming the world by the biggest margin in the 21st century" is how Bloomberg News put it.

The U.S. gross domestic product is expected to have grown an extraordinary 5.6% this year, according to economists. And that's after adjusting for inflation.

The unemployment rate is down to 4.2%. Retail sales in the recent Christmas shopping season rose 8% from the same period last year — the biggest gain in 17 years.

As Bloomberg summed it up, "America's economy improved more in Joe Biden's first 12 months than any president during the past 50 years."

And so how do we explain Biden's lackluster approval ratings, weirdly

depressed by discontent on how he's managing the economy? The reasons include distorted media coverage of the economy, a Republican opposition that doesn't want to give Democrats credit, and Democrats who don't want to give themselves credit (and for wholly neurotic reasons).

Now, as always, there are economic concerns. Inflation has been cutting into the good news of fattening paychecks for American workers. However, the bubbly retail numbers point to consumers with the means to spend and happy to do it. That consumer credit grew a record 27% in Biden's first year reflects a public confidence about the future.

The supply chain blockages seem to be easing, as witnessed in the fake news of bare store shelves this shopping season. The difficulty in getting parts and products shipped from Asia has raised interest in bringing manufacturing back into this country, and that is a good thing.

The biggest driver of inflation, oil prices, could very well be headed down. "Much needed relief for tight markets is on the way," according to the International Energy Agency. The simple reason is rising oil production. Helping matters was Biden's planned release of 50 million barrels of oil from the U.S. strategic reserves, with similar steps being taken in other countries.

Why Democrats don't shout hosannas for this basically strong economy has long been a mystery. One explanation is that some of the

loudest voices in the party, mainly on the left, engage in a culture of complaint. The lefties obsess angrily on what isn't being done for the poor and ignore what is.

They've been hollering at West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin for blocking passage of the current Build Back Better plan, even though it is they who screwed it up. All hope is not lost, though. Democrats can trim their overweight wish list, thus avoiding such cheesy tricks as financing the child tax credit for just one year. Manchin does have a point.

The programs most worth saving are universal preschool, strengthening the Affordable Care Act and fighting climate change. A plan costing \$1.8 trillion — a number Manchin has reportedly said he would consider — would still be bold under any previous definition of the word.

Stock market gains do benefit the better-off, but lots of average people have some skin in the game. Sweden has more billionaires per capita than we do while maintaining a dream of a social safety net.

There's nothing wrong with prosperity. "Happy Days Are Here Again" was the campaign song for Franklin D. Roosevelt — just before he launched the New Deal.

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Bowl games? Some players take a pass

By Steve Chapman

College football's bowl season is upon us, raising the question: If the RoofClaim.com Boca Raton Bowl ceased to exist, would anyone notice? But occasionally these games produce news that deserves attention — such as when Missouri head coach Eli Drinkwitz benched his star player for the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl on Wednesday.

Drinkwitz was not punishing Tyler Badie, who this season rushed for 1,604 yards, scored 18 touchdowns and was named to the All-SEC team. Just the opposite: He was looking out for his best interests.

Badie stands to reap a handsome windfall by entering the NFL draft. An injury, however, could derail that prospect. Drinkwitz refuses to take that risk. He thinks protecting his player is more important than winning a bowl game. "If you truly value your team like they're your own sons," he told reporters, "sometimes you look at things a little bit differently."

Badie is not the only standout player who will be watching his team's bowl game rather than participating. Texas A&M had to withdraw from the Gator Bowl after several starters opted out and others contracted COVID-19. Two Penn State linebackers are skipping their bowl, as are two SMU wide receivers. At least three Oklahoma starters will not be starting or finishing the Alamo Bowl.

Not all coaches approve of this trend. Mississippi State's Mike Leach fumed, "It's one of the biggest absurdities that I've seen, and it's selfish, too." You may remember Leach as the Texas Tech head coach fired after

being accused of abuse by a player who selfishly made himself unavailable by sustaining a concussion.

It hasn't been long that players have had the nerve to look out for themselves rather than take uncompensated risks in meaningless games. In 2016, LSU running back Leonard Fournette and Stanford running back Christian McCaffrey provoked criticism by sitting out their bowl games. Both went early in the first round of the 2017 NFL draft, and the combined value of their contracts was \$73 million. They also have gone on to success, and more riches, as pros.

Their story is different from that of Jaylon Smith, whose example they doubtless had in mind. A second-team All-American linebacker at Notre Dame, he was in line for the same sort of windfall — until he tore up his knee in the 2016 Fiesta Bowl. He fell to the second round of that year's draft, costing him upward of \$16 million.

If coaches want their best players to take the field for bowl games, they could persuade their university presidents to buy insurance policies to make up any financial losses resulting from injuries. Or they could use their own immense fortunes to do the same. But for some reason, they don't.

It's not as though the missed bowls matter. At one time, being invited to play in a bowl game was something special. Today, it's not really an honor; it's more of a disgrace not to make one. Nowadays, the chance to play on TV is not much of a lure, because the vast majority of regular

season games are on TV.

If a college football player from 1970 came out of a 51-year coma, he would be astonished by the proliferation of post-season contests. Back then, there were 11 bowls. This year, 44 were scheduled. Why would a sensible young man jeopardize his livelihood for the sponsors of the Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl?

It's also not as though the games won't be played — at least in a nonpandemic year. Most athletes are willing to play in bowls because 1) playing football is what they enrolled to do, 2) they feel an obligation to their coaches and teammates, or 3) it will give them a chance to impress their own coaches (for those who will be back next season) or NFL scouts (for those who are entering the draft).

Every player who pulls out of a bowl game creates an opportunity for another one to take the field instead of riding the bench. For reserves who get little if any playing time, the no-shows are an opportunity they otherwise wouldn't get.

Anyone who has a shot at getting an NFL contract has already helped his university reap huge sums of money and has good reason, at the close of his college career, to put his own interests first. True, there's no "I" in "team." But there are two in "millions."

Steve Chapman blogs for the Chicago Tribune.

The destruction of our personal liberties

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

Two recent and unconnected revelations demonstrate that the deep state remains engaged, deceptive and dangerous.

Here is the backstory.

The deep state consists of those parts of the government that do not change in response to elections and are not transparent or answerable to voters.

This generally includes the intelligence and law enforcement communities, the military and diplomatic communities, and central bankers. Each has its private sector collaborators.

Some would include the judiciary. As a former member of the judiciary from one of the four states that grant life tenure to judges, I do not consider judges to be in the same category as CIA, FBI and other thugs — armed, or flush with cash — who have their own secret agendas.

With the sole exception of the unconstitutional Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, judges operate in public courtrooms, and whatever they do is reduced to writing and subject to appeal or public criticism.

The deep state is well below the visible parts of government and rarely subject to public scrutiny. Its budgets are secret. And its power is rarely subject to appeal of any sort. Its two most notorious members — and the two that tormented former President Donald J. Trump — are intelligence and law enforcement. And the two best known in those communities are the CIA and the FBI.

Readers of this column know that the CIA tortures people in foreign lands, believing that somehow torture committed outside the United States cannot subject its officers to prosecution. We know this because of recent revelations in hearings in the military courtrooms at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

There have been no full jury trials there since the inception 20 years ago of this George W. Bush-inspired modern-day Devil's Island, but there have been hearings with juries to determine the punishment of those who have pleaded guilty to federal crimes.

In one of those hearings, we learned of four years of torture of a foreign national at the hands of the CIA, only to have its officers reveal their opinion that the torture was useless as the victim was telling the truth before, during and after they repeatedly invaded his body cavities and nearly froze him to death in a walk-in refrigerator/freezer.

These revelations were not challenged by the military and civilian prosecutors.

There are many CIA actions that the agency wishes we did not know about, such as the wars it has fought, its physical presence in every statehouse in the U.S., and its domestic spying on Americans without search warrants. When Gen. David Petraeus was the director of the CIA, he admitted in a talk he thought was secret, but which was secretly recorded, that the CIA has access to all microchips in your home.

Thus, if you own a microwave oven, the CIA is quite literally in your kitchen. If you use a cellphone or drive a car, the CIA quite literally goes wherever you do.

No statute authorizes CIA torture or domestic spying. In fact, the Constitution and treaties to which the U.S. is a signatory and federal statutes prohibit both types of behavior. Yet, CIA agents engage in criminal behavior because they can — and because they know that they can get away with it.

Over the Christmas holiday, CIA officials leaked to friendly reporters at CNN their determination to overhaul their network of spies, cease paramilitary actions — which presumably include torture — and return to the "quiet statecraft" of spying on "adversaries" like China and Russia. Then the CIA learned that it has failed to recruit enough Mandarin- and Russian-speaking agents to do so. Criminal and inept.

We also learned shortly before the Christmas holiday from testimony at Guantanamo Bay that nine FBI agents were formally transferred to the CIA so that they'd be free to engage in torture themselves without damaging the reputation of the FBI. CIA agents apparently don't care about their employer's reputation the way their bosses do.

During the Christmas holiday, former FBI agents revealed that they and others had secretly gone undercover and pretended to be part of the mobs that engaged in the riots in 2020 in Portland, Oregon. There, 200 folks were arrested in a six-month period and charged with various

crimes, which ranged from unlawful assembly to obstruction of justice to using violence to destroy government property.

When FBI agents go undercover, their task is to blend in with the folks they are secretly monitoring. That often means committing the same crimes as these folks. Thus, 100 of the 200 cases were dropped because the FBI agents who were sent to join the mob and who pretended to be part of it failed adequately to chronicle what they saw.

Or so their now-retired former colleagues say. We will, of course, never know the true reasons why these cases were dropped. Nor will we know which of these crimes were actually provoked or committed by FBI agents.

We know from reports by the inspector general of the Department of Justice for 2020, and from courtroom files in the FBI-created conspiracy to kidnap the governor of Michigan, that the FBI never prosecutes its own when they are undercover and commit crimes and, in fact, regularly permits its undercover sources to commit crimes with impunity.

What's going on here?

What's going on is the destruction of personal liberty in America by the very folks we have hired to protect it. CIA and FBI agents have all taken the same oath as I did when I became a judge — to abide by the Constitution. The folks who torture, spy without warrant, and create and participate in criminal behavior have become a law unto themselves as they decide what laws to break, what laws to uphold and whom to permit to get away with lawless behavior.

This will bring us to ruin. Why do we tolerate it?

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As presidential nominee, Kamala Harris is not the one

By Froma Harrop

The year 2022 should be too early to get into heated speculation about the Democrats' 2024 candidate for president. But since it's already begun, now would be a good time to resist arguments for making Vice President Kamala Harris the nominee.

First off, the current president, Joe Biden, has not ruled out seeking reelection. Though up in years, Biden is overseeing a functional presidency. The economy is boffo. And he got passed a desperately needed infrastructure plan that eluded his predecessor, forceful tweets notwithstanding.

Such a program, Donald Trump tweeted in March 2020, "should be VERY BIG & BOLD, Two Trillion Dollars, and be focused solely on jobs and rebuilding the once great infrastructure of our Country!"

So where was it?

A second term for Biden is not to be dismissed, especially if Republicans decide to choose another whack job more intent on dismantling the democracy than rebuilding roads, bridges and water systems. Or the same whack job, for that matter.

But we digress. As Biden's vice president, Harris has not done anything very objectionable, and she's brilliant in some ways. But her political skills are plainly lacking. That's why her Democratic cheering squad needs to be countered.

Harris's penchant for identity politics is both dated and political poison. Recall her performance in the first Democratic presidential debate, back in 2020, when she all but called Biden a racist for allegedly being against busing children to desegregate schools. Declaring herself "the only black person on this stage" was her claim to authority on such matters.

As it turned out, the federally mandated busing in the '70s was roundly disliked by whites and Blacks alike. She also misrepresented Biden's position. He was opposed to forced busing, not the voluntary

kind. Harris later said that this was, actually, her position as well.

Harris's obvious mission was to unfairly smear a primary opponent, and the hell with Democratic solidarity. Although she self-dramatized as a member of a disadvantaged racial minority, her mother was, in fact, a medical researcher from India, and her Jamaican father was a professor of economics at Stanford University. (That Biden made her his running mate surprises me to this day.)

Even now Harris is doing the identity thing, complaining that the news coverage of her would be different if she were white and male like the other vice presidents. You don't hear that victim talk from Nikki Haley, the former governor of South Carolina born to Indian immigrants — and possible member of the Republican ticket in 2024. The busing issue was long ago, but Republicans would undoubtedly move it front and center should Harris be the nominee.

As vice president, Harris had been tasked with addressing border issues. But when Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Texas Democrat representing part of the Rio Grande Valley, had staff call Harris' office to discuss her upcoming visit, no one bothered to call him back. He said that from now on, he'd go directly to the president's office to discuss problems at the border rather than the vice president's.

Harris is very much a product of the coastal liberal establishment in a party whose House leader is from San Francisco and Senate leader is from New York City. This year, Washington Post columnist Jonathan Capehart has written no fewer than three adulatory columns about Harris. One imagines she returns his calls.

Democrats badly need voices from the rest of the country in positions of prominence. That and Harris' lack of nuance in dealing with genuinely complicated issues should prompt Democrats to look elsewhere for their next presidential candidate. All this assumes, of course, that Biden doesn't run again. He very well might.

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 2nd Thurs., 12 Noon: Creative Purposes, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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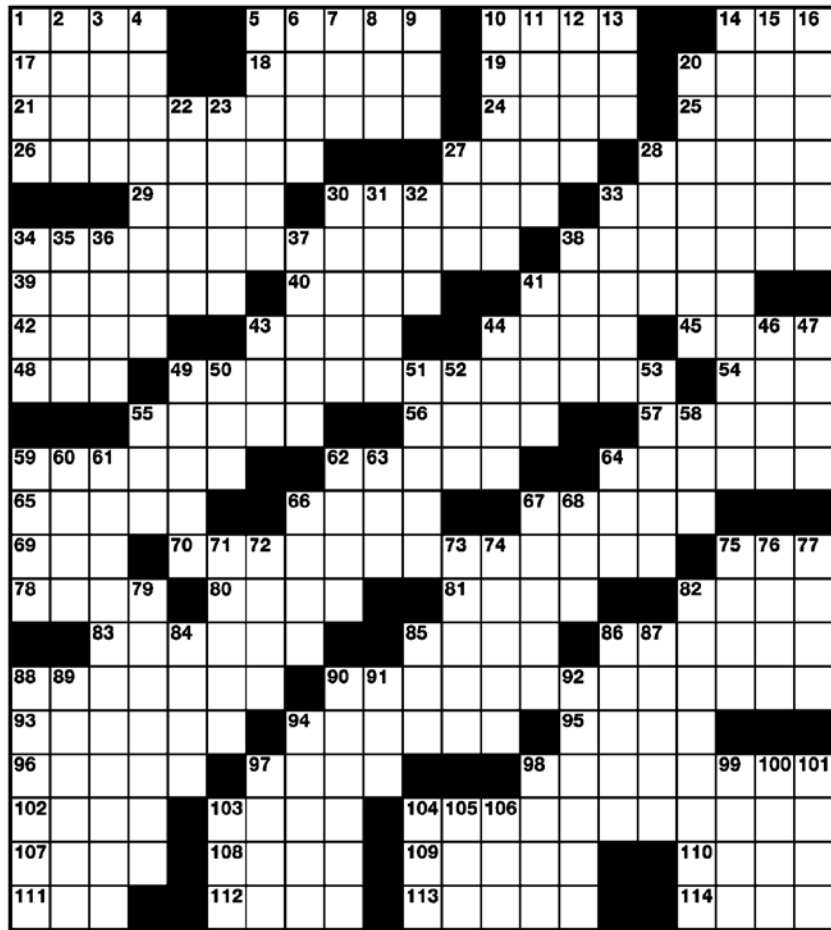
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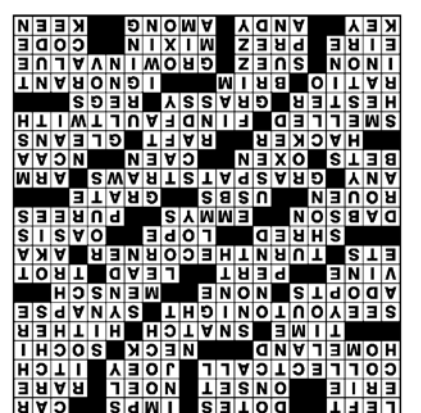
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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

NYE Party, 9 pm to 2 am. A LGBTQ+ party with food, drinks, music and drag performances. \$20 presale tickets at muevelo.eventbrite.com. Muevelo Fridays, 7929 Firestone Blvd.

NYE Party, 9:30 pm to 2 am. Food, drinks, and music by Noize Ent. Ola Restobar, 11040 Downey Ave.

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.

Ribbon Cutting, 4 pm. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for new ice cream shop Le Coco, 11901 Lakewood Blvd.

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.

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Western Pacific Pulp, 9400 Hall Rd.

Kids Zone, 11 am to 12 pm. Kids are invited to create a snowflake craft to take home at this free event hosted by Stonewood Center. Children will also receive a collector's pin and special lanyard. JCPenney, 251 Stonewood Street

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

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Bob's Big Boy, 7400 Firestone Blvd.

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.thearcloa.org or call Yolanda Chavez at (626) 862-3915.

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. 9901 Paramount Blvd. (near See's Candy)

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

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Grocery Outlet, 8320 Firestone Blvd.

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



Soroptimist International of Downey celebrated the holiday season with a dinner, 12 games with the "12 Days of Christmas" theme, and a gift exchange.

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 14

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower 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, JUNE 18

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Big Lots, 9020 Firestone Blvd.

POET'S CORNER

Poem for New Year's Eve

The year passes and the old man with the scythe
Is mowing closer. He hasn't been subtle, has he.
Every day a few more people say goodbye,
Which makes me want to be lighthearted, jazzy,
Put out the hors d'oeuvres and the champagne,
Sing God Bless America, You Are My Sunshine,
In My Life, Amazing Grace, Purple Rain,
I'll be Your Baby Tonight, and Auld Lang Syne.
We've mourned for our dead and been sorry a
Long enough time. Now I take your hand, your
Eyes alight, and let us sing an aria
To love and beauty and youth and grandeur.
May 2022 bring us before it has flown
What we would have wished for had we but known.

Garrison Keilor, Writers Almanac, Nov. 21, 2021

At the end of a year when we have mourned our dead, Keilor writes a sonnet to being lighthearted and in love. Scrooge and the Grinch have both reformed, and the New Year means another chance to get it right. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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Date: FEBRUARY 23, 2022, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: F47, Room: N/A
The address of the court is NORTH VALLEY DISTRICT, CHATSWORTH COURTHOUSE, 9425 PENFIELD AVENUE, ROOM 1200, CHATSWORTH, CA 91311
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 22, 2021
DAVID B. GELFOUND
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00436
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOHN PAUL CHWEYA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) JOHN PAUL CHWEYA to Proposed name (1) JOHN PAUL CHWEYA NYANDUSI NYACHAE
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 4, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 8, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
JOHN PAUL CHWEYA
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00445
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner MATEO ENRIQUE VERDUZCO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) MATEO ENRIQUE VERDUZCO to Proposed name (1) MATEO ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 14, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., ROOM 101, NORWALK, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 16, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
MATEO ENRIQUE VERDUZCO
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00435
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LAURA NEVAREZ TRUJILLO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) LAURA NEVAREZ TRUJILLO to Proposed name (1) LAURA NEVAREZ
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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Date: FEBRUARY 4, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
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A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 7, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00437
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JEREMY TODD SMITH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) JEREMY TODD SMITH to Proposed name (1) JEREMY TODD FLEMING
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00439
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LAURA NEVAREZ TRUJILLO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) LAURA NEVAREZ TRUJILLO to Proposed name (1) LAURA NEVAREZ
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00440
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Present name (1) JEREMY TODD SMITH to Proposed name (1) JEREMY TODD FLEMING
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00441
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Present name (1) JEREMY TODD SMITH to Proposed name (1) JEREMY TODD FLEMING
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00445
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner LAURA NEVAREZ TRUJILLO 8513 STEWART AND GRAY RD DOWNEY, CA 90241 323-907-3806 LAURANEVAREZ721@GMAIL.COM

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00397
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DONTAY JEROME HOUSTON SR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) a. DONTAY JEROME HOUSTON SR b. DONTAY JEROME HOUSTON JR c. CALIL KING HOUSTON to Proposed name (1) a. DONTAY NEAL BUCHANON SR b. DONTAY NEAL BUCHANON JR c. CALIL KING BUCHANON
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 14, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 16, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
DONTAY JEROME HOUSTON SR
16331 CORNUTA AVE UNIT K BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

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12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22, 1/13/22

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00435
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LAURA NEVAREZ TRUJILLO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) LAURA NEVAREZ TRUJILLO to Proposed name (1) LAURA NEVAREZ
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Date: FEBRUARY 4, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 29, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
ARMANDO CARRILLO RAMOS JR.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00437
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JEREMY TODD SMITH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00439
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LAURA NEVAREZ TRUJILLO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

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CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00440
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CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00445
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 2, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
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Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
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12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22

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

CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00456
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ARMANDO CARRILLO RAMOS JR. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) ARMANDO CARRILLO RAMOS JR. to Proposed name (1) ARMANDO CARRILLO
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MARCH 4, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
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TRUSTEE SALES

Title Order No.: 05944274 Trustee Sale No.: 85646 Loda No.: PL8001948 APN: 63622-014-024 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. *NOTICE TO POTENTIAL

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How to avoid New Year's resolution disappointment

As we get set to ring in the New Year, millions of Americans will be taking part of an annual tradition of making New Year's resolutions.

For many, they will be setting unrealistic goals that are hard to attain and they may end up disappointed.

According to DiscoverHappyHabits.com, a 2016 study showed out of the 41% of Americans who make New Year's resolutions, by the end of the year, only 9% feel they are successful in keeping them.

There are a few things you can do to successfully achieve your New Year's resolutions, however, notes Dr. Britany Alexander, a psychiatrist with Kaiser Permanente Southern California. "The desire to be our best self is the first step to real, positive change," she adds.

Here are a few tips Dr. Alexander offers to help you make your New Year's resolution a success:

Choose something YOU want to change. For example, if your spouse would like nothing more than for you to take up a hobby or a sport they really like, but you have little interest in it, you will be less likely to follow through on your commitment. Make sure it's your own personal goal.

Keep it simple. It can be tempting to set several goals at once. After some holiday overindulgence, you might feel like giving up all alcohol, going on a diet, exercising five times per week and drinking lots of water. Those are all excellent habits. But people tend to become discouraged and quit if they miss their mark. Instead, making one or two small achievable goals can set you up for success and is ultimately more rewarding.

Plan ahead and be consistent. Instead of saying, "I will exercise every day," try modifying your goal to be more specific. For example, you could say, "I will exercise for 30 minutes on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays." And to take it a step further, make sure you have the necessary equipment available, and the time blocked off in advance, hence increasing the likelihood of

reaching your goal.

It's OK to re-evaluate the goals you set. If no matter what you are becoming stuck in a particular area, go back and reassess. Was the goal too aggressive or not truly something you wanted to do? For example, if you set out to train for a marathon but are finding the schedule too overwhelming, perhaps consider preparing for a 5K first. Any step forward counts.

Be kind to yourself. If you don't quite make it today, show up again tomorrow. You are worth a second, third and fourth chance. Remember that the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step!

"The key to success in keeping your New Year's resolution is to be realistic and take small steps," Dr. Alexander says. "Taking too big of a leap could result in discouragement, and that could ultimately lead you away from your goals."



The Greater Downey Association of Realtors has announced its 2021 award winners. From left: Andy Zuloaga (Affiliate of the Year), Rowena Dominguez (Chairperson of the Year), Mario Acevedo (Distinguished Service Award) and Anthony Amodeo (Volunteer of the Year).

In the bottom photo, Mario Acevedo and Josue Ramon congratulate Natalie Romo, 2021 Influencer of the Year.



Paula and Eduardo Mejia traveled to Quebec, Canada last week to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. The couple stayed at the Le Chateau Frontenac, a former castle that has been called the most photographed hotel in the world. "We went there in summer 2001 and wanted to celebrate our anniversary in a winter wonderland and Quebec was our perfect place," said Paula.

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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.



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