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Downey voters could determine minimum wage proposal

■ Opponents of Downey's recently-adopted minimum wage law gathered enough signatures to put the issue in front of Downey voters.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — An ordinance to establish a \$25 minimum wage for eligible healthcare workers at Downey's private hospitals, healthcare facilities and clinics has been put on hold, following submission of a referendum petition last week.

Upon the petition's submission, the ordinance was immediately stayed, meaning it would not go into effect this month as originally anticipated.

The Downey City Council will now need to decide whether to repeal the ordinance or submit it to Downey voters in November.

The wage increase was backed by the SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West union.

It was just a month ago when the City Council originally voted 4-0 to forgo sending the item to the voters and adopt it outright, following a suggestion from Councilman Mario Trujillo who at the time said Downey's hospitals "would be okay."

Trujillo said that he was "very much supportive of the democratic process."

"If this is what is the next step, then we may just have to take it to the voters," said Trujillo. "It is what it is."

In an email response to a Downey Patriot inquiry, Councilman Donald La Plante —

who has been openly critical over arguments against the ordinance — said he would "vote to put it on the ballot."

"Since this process was started by a citizen's petition, I believe we have an obligation now to let the voters decide," wrote La Plante. "It's not surprising that the hospital association was able to get enough signatures with the outrageous amounts of money being offered to paid signature gatherers."

Mayor Blanca Pacheco declined to comment on the matter. Pacheco had voted in favor of adopting the ordinance outright, and her campaign for state assembly has been endorsed by the SEIU California State Council.

Opposition to the ordinance — including a group of hospitals and other healthcare facilities known as No on the Los Angeles Unequal Pay Measure Coalition — have described it as "deeply flawed," adding that a majority of healthcare workers would not benefit from the pay increase.

City of Downey staff have previously said they identified 194 businesses that would be affected by the ordinance. Downey was the second city to approve the minimum wage increase, preceded by Los Angeles and followed shortly after by Monterey Park and Long Beach.

If approved by voters, then the pay increase would go into effect 10 days after the election is certified.

Police arrest third suspect for killing off-duty cop

■ Three people ranging in ages from 17-20 have been charged with killing an off-duty Monterey Park police officer in Downey.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY — A third suspect has been arrested in connection with the fatal shooting of an off-duty Monterey Park police officer during what District Attorney George Gascón called a botched robbery attempt in Downey, police announced.

Gerardo Magallanes, 18, of San Pedro was arrested Thursday and booked on suspicion of murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Officer Gardiel Solorio, 26. Magallanes' alleged role in the shooting was not specified.

Solorio was in his vehicle in the parking lot of an LA Fitness gym in the 12700 block of Lakewood Boulevard, near the Glenn Anderson (105) Freeway, around 3:30 p.m. Monday when a suspect — later identified as 20-year-old Carlos Delcid — allegedly got out of a car nearby and approached Solorio "with a gun drawn in what appeared to be an attempted robbery," Gascón said.

"Officer Solorio attempted to flee by backing up his vehicle when the suspect fired multiple times," Gascón said. "The (suspect) then returned back to the vehicle where a juvenile was behind the wheel and they fled the scene."

Solorio was found unresponsive in his car by authorities, and was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Downey police.

According to jail records, Delcid was arrested on charges of murder, attempted robbery and being a felon in possession of a firearm around 9:30 p.m. Monday, roughly six hours after the shooting. The 17-year-old suspect who was allegedly driving the getaway car was also arrested and charged with a single count of murder in Compton Juvenile Court.

Funeral arrangements were still pending for Solorio, a rookie officer just weeks out of the academy. Monterey Park Police Department Chief Kelly Gordon called his killing "a senseless act of violence."



Gerardo Magallanes is the third person charged with the murder of off-duty police officer Gardiel Solorio.

Gordon said at a Tuesday afternoon news conference that Solorio, who grew up in Bell Gardens and graduated from Cal State Los Angeles with a degree in criminal justice, joined the department as a recruit in January, and had just graduated from the sheriff's training academy on July 22 before beginning his field training on July 25.

"Although his time with (the department) was very short, we all knew from the moment we met him that he had the heart of service and was going to be a great officer," Gordon said.

"And I could tell that from the moment he walked in and did our first introductions in my office. The family and department are grieving right now, and this is an especially difficult tragedy. It's a senseless act of violence. He was only 26 years old. I don't know about all of you, but I have children that age. So to me this is particularly difficult."

Solorio is survived by his parents, brothers, sisters and fiancée.

His fiancée and one of his sisters attended the Wednesday news conference when the charges against Delcid were announced.

On a GoFundMe page established to help cover expenses for family to attend his funeral, Solorio's sister-in-law, Wanda Marie Lane Solorio, wrote that it was his "lifelong dream" to be a police officer.

"His dream of becoming a police officer after years of hard work and dedication had finally come to fruition, when his life was abruptly taken away due to a senseless act of violence," she wrote. "He was taken from his family way too soon. He was and has always been a true American success story."

She said Solorio was the youngest of 13 children, and the family is hoping to raise money so all of his brothers and sisters can attend his funeral.

As of early Saturday, the family had raised more than \$16,000.

"(He) was a first-generation college graduate, and the first in his family to become a police officer," Wanda Marie Lane Solorio wrote.

The arrest of Delcid has again led to criticisms by opponents of Gascón, who are seeking to have him recalled, claiming his policies against filing sentencing enhancements in criminal cases allowed the suspect to avoid extended jail time earlier this year.

Critics said Delcid should have been behind bars from a criminal case filed in February, in which he was charged with burglary, domestic violence, assault, false imprisonment and witness intimidation.

According to court records, he pleaded no contest to the burglary and domestic violence counts and was sentenced March 10 to four years probation and 180 days in jail.

Jail records indicate he was released from custody the next day, with credit for time already served.

Critics said if Gascón had allowed prosecutors to file a sentencing enhancement for the use of a knife in the case, Delcid may not have gotten such a lenient sentence and might still have been behind bars.

Gascón released a statement Monday announcing Magallanes' arrest.

"We will ensure that anyone involved in the tragic and senseless killing of officer Solorio is held accountable," Gascón said. "My office commends the excellent investigative work of the police in this case and tracking all who were involved."

RAFAEL GONZALEZ WANTS YOU TO LOOK UP

■ A talented astrophotographer, Rafael Gonzalez doesn't hesitate to share his work -- or his telescope.

By Alexandra Romero
Contributor

DOWNEY — My buddy and I were about to begin a walk around Furman Park in Downey on a Friday night when all of a sudden we heard a friendly voice say, "Hey, do you guys want to look at the moon?"

My friend, kind of skeptical at first, said no but I was suddenly interested when I saw a professional telescope and heard the word "moon."

We looked into the telescope

and saw a Waxing Gibbous First Quarter Moon sitting in space so eloquently. For me, it felt as if it was staring at me directly in my eye.

Little did I know Ralf would inspire me to share his passion for astronomy with you.

He directly went into describing the moon and talking about its mountains. Before we knew it, half an hour went by and I was learning new information at a park around 8 pm for free.

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■ Claudia Frometa, the incumbent council member in District 4, has two challengers.

Three candidates are looking to replace Donald La Plante in District 2.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — With the filing deadline come and gone, voters have a clearer picture of what Downey's City Council ballots will look like.

Two city council seats — District 2 and District 4 — will be up for election.

Current Councilwoman Claudia Frometa — the sole city council incumbent in this year's election — will attempt to retain her seat representing District 4. Elected in 2018, Frometa's term includes a year as mayor in 2021.

THE CANDIDATES

District 2

Anthony Felix
Art Montoya
Hector Sosa

District 4

Joaquin Beltran
Claudia Frometa
Juan Martinez

She is joined in her race by two challengers, Juan Martinez and Joaquin Beltran.

This is Martinez's second bid for election. An outspoken critic of city officials and staff, Martinez is known for his regular use of

public comment time at city council meetings and frequent protesting at city events.

He ran an unsuccessful campaign for the District 5 seat in 2020, earning 14% of votes and ultimately finding himself third out of four candidates behind now councilman Mario Trujillo and runner up Carrie Uva.

Beltran returns to the campaign trail after just recently making a run for the 42nd Congressional District, finishing towards the bottom of a crowded pack of candidates with just 2.4% of votes. A relative newcomer to the local political scene, he ran on a platform of making the American Dream more accessible, including affordable housing and healthcare, job creation, education, wildlife conservation, and climate change.

District 2 will be contested between Anthony Felix, Art Montoya, and Hector Sosa.

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ON THIS DAY

1634: Urbain Grandier, a French Catholic priest accused and convicted of sorcery, was burned alive in Loudun, France.

1868: French astronomer Pierre Janssen discovered helium.

1917: A large fire in Thessaloniki, Greece destroyed 32% of the city, leaving 70,000 people homeless.

1920: The Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote.

1938: The Thousand Islands Bridge, connecting New York with Ontario, Canada over the Saint Lawrence River, was dedicated by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

1963: Air Force veteran James Meredith became the first African American to graduate from the University of Mississippi. He was the first Black person admitted to the racially segregated campus.

1989: Leading presidential hopeful Luis Carlos Galán was assassinated near Bogotá in Colombia.

2003: One-year-old Zachary Turner was murdered in Newfoundland by his mother, who was awarded custody despite facing trial for the murder of Zachary's father. The case was documented in the film "Dear Zachary" and led to reform of Canada's bail laws.

2008: President of Pakistan Pervez Musharraf resigned under threat of impeachment.

2019: Activists, officials, and other concerned citizens in Iceland held a funeral for Okjökull glacier, which completely melted after once covering six square miles.

Birthdays

Academy Award-winning actor **Robert Redford** (86), TV journalist **Bob Woodruff** (61), film star **Christian Slater** (53), "Fight Club" actor **Edward Norton** (53), "The Cosby Show" actor **Malcolm-Jamal Warner** (52), comedy actor **Andy Samberg** (44), U.S. Olympic swimmer **Elizabeth Beisel** (30), and "Riverdale" star **Madelaine Petsch** (28).



Residents can use Rancho's new Wellness Center for free, thanks to Kiwanis

■ The facility offers educational and fitness level programs, including support groups for people with disability and their families.

DOWNEY – During these challenging times, it is nice to know that there are people out there dedicated to supporting the Downey community. Ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Sometimes, important resources and services are available within our Downey community but few know they exist. One such resource is the Don Knabe Wellness Center at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

Despite the ongoing challenges due to COVID-19, the Don Knabe Wellness Center has managed to remain open and continue to provide comprehensive wellness and fitness level programs in both in-person and virtual formats, including peer support groups for individuals with disability, their families, community, and staff.

According to the director of the Don Knabe Wellness Center, Sonja Kiseljak-Dusenbury, "The Don Knabe Wellness Center is truly a hidden gem in the community."

"Primarily, we cater to persons

with different abilities and elderly, as our community is focused on supporting each other," she said. "The programs we offer and the equipment that we have is really catered to be a safe place for people to come have a good experience in exercise and wellness.

"And then during the pandemic, we shifted some of our programs virtually which still is offered through the website – rlafit.com. But now the gym is fully open and in person classes are open for people to come and attend.

"The highlight also is that if you are a resident of Downey, you will be receiving a Downey Kiwanis scholarship for a whole year," she added. "And if you would just want to try the gym for seven days to see if it's a good fit, you may do so for free as well. The Don Knabe Wellness Center is very accessible through various transportation and shared rides. Parking is also free.

"To obtain a scholarship, one can call the Don Knabe Wellness Center at (562) 385-6600 or just walk in and inquire about it. They will have to present documentation that shows that they are resident of Downey, such as a utility bill for example. And once we verify that, they are then eligible to receive the scholarship, so it's as simple as that."

This generous support from the Downey Kiwanis Foundation makes it possible for Downey residents to attend the Don Knabe Wellness Center and participate in various wellness programming for free.

This generosity is the hallmark of the Downey Kiwanis Club and its members' dedication to serving the local community through various service and fundraising projects.

The Downey Kiwanis Club has been serving the Downey Community since 1924. Managed and administered by members of the Downey Kiwanis Club, the Downey Kiwanis Foundation awards annual financial grants totaling \$150,000 to local non-profit organizations, including Rancho Research Institute, which operates the Don Knabe Wellness Center.

According to Gary Nesbit, treasurer of the Downey Kiwanis Foundation, "Downey Kiwanis Foundation support of Rancho Los Amigos Hospital goes back many years starting with support of the Amistad Gala and many other programs throughout the years."

"Most notably from 1995 to 2011, the foundation supported the Adult Day Care Program by directly paying for services for Downey residents with Alzheimer's," Nesbit said.



From left to right: Phil Requejo (Rancho Research Institute), Leslie Jones (Downey Kiwanis Foundation secretary), Sonja Kiseljak-Dusenbury (Director of Don Knabe Wellness Center), John F. Casillas (Downey Kiwanis Foundation member).

"This support amounted to over \$500,000 over this period before the program closed."

The Downey Kiwanis Foundation scholarship began in 2017, spurred by the late Jerry Wetzstein, president of Downey Kiwanis Foundation. Wetzstein saw the benefit of a free membership for Downey residents made available through the Don Knabe Wellness Center.

"Rancho is such a fantastic organization," he said at the time. "So it goes both ways. We need to support the people who are doing extraordinary things."

Many members directly benefited from the Downey Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Fund. This generous support continues today

with the latest donation of \$24,000.

"I am so thankful for receiving this scholarship from the Wellness Center that is helping me financially and most definitely helping with my well-being mentally and physically," said Karla Sanchez. "I enjoy coming to the gym to work out. Everyone is nice and helpful in the Wellness Center."

Another participant, Ruth Lopez, said the scholarship allowed her to join the Wellness Center.

"I have been able to set time during my break to use the gym, where working out to me is a stress reliever; where I am able to work on my physical health," she said. "Not only have I benefited from the gym, but I also just recently joined the Knitting Class where I have learned

to make beanies that we will donate during the Holidays to Nursing Homes.

"Knitting has become another form of therapy for me where I can just keep my mind clear and meditate; it has also helped me with my mental health."

The Don Knabe Wellness Center is located at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey.

To learn how to sign up and access the Wellness Center services, please visit www.RLAFit.com, email rlawellness@dhs.lacounty.gov, call (562) 385-6600, or text (562) 396-5538.

Scholarships are available to Downey residents.



THE PROKOPS CELEBRATE 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Joyce and Mike Prokop recently celebrated their 70th wedding Anniversary. These lifetime sweethearts first met in their 10th grade English class at Emerson High School in Gary, Indiana, it was May of 1948. Eight weeks later, the following August, Mike received and invite to Joyce's 16th birthday party. He said, "I don't know how I got the nerve to ask her if I could walk her home after the party, but I did, then to top that, somehow, I got the courage to hold her hand during that walk and I have never let go. They both agree, the biggest disappointment they have experienced during all those years came just three months to the day after their wedding. Uncle Sam called Mike up to serve and so they were separated for most of the next two years. Twelve months after Mike's discharge from the Army, Susan their first

born arrived and 14 months later Gail was born. Johnny was soon to follow making a family of 3 little ones under the age of 2 1/2. After raising their three children and operating a successful business for over 20 years during which time they both found time to give back to the community through their deep involvement in the Downey Chamber of Commerce, the Downey Rose Float Association, Rotary and Soroptimist. They have spent the last 20 years in retirement enjoying family and the 6 great-grandchildren their 4 grandchildren have blessed them with.

When asked, "What is your secret to a long and happy relationship?" They both agree, communication in all forms. Touching often and lots of eye contact. And of course, the usual verbal form of communication and always being considerate. Then add courtesy and a whole lot of respect and you've got a pretty good formula in which to keep your love alive and well.

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Jose Lozano cries as his dog, Nay-Nay, is returned to him after being stuck inside during the fire. (Photo by Vincent Medina)

Family escapes after home catches fire

■ The Lozano's escaped their home without injuries; the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

By Vincent Medina
Contributor

DOWNEY - Jose Lozano's house erupted in flames Monday afternoon at 13152 Verdura Ave. in Downey.

While the cause of the fire is not determined, Lozano said it started when he left a tarp on his 1970 Toyota Crown station wagon.

"My wife started yelling and I went outside and I grabbed the hose but it was just too big already," Lozano said.

When the fire started, his neighbors ran out to check on his family and ensure everyone inside

escaped the flames.

Eddie Draften, one of Lozano's neighbors, ran out of his house with his shirt half-buttoned when he saw the smoke.

"I've known him since he was 13, and I live right down the street," Draften said. "My friend called our mutual friend and said there's a fire at Jose's, so I got dressed and headed down here."

Lozano's wife, two children and parents were able to escape the home. However, one of their dogs, Nay-Nay, was trapped inside.

The family cheered when he was carried out by a police officer, and Lozano cried and held his dog close.

Lozano expressed his gratitude to the Downey Fire Department for their quick response.

George Villanueva, a battalion

chief for Downey Fire Department, said fire units reported heavy smoke and multiple vehicles on fire.

"There was some potential for extension into some of the exposures and the south structure," Villanueva said. "After a sustained amount of heat, they did notice that some smoldering occurred in the eaves. We were able to get hose lines inside and knock it down before it did any major damage."

Villanueva said crews were dispatched at 12:39 pm and the fire was "knocked down" at 1:13 pm.

Lozano said his next door neighbor was more concerned with her property than his family's safety.

"She came out of her house and said if her house burned, she was going to sue me," Lozano said.

School board elections will be uncontested

■ A lack of candidates guarantees Bobbi Samperi, Nancy Swenson will get second terms.

Tyrone Conde will replace Martha Sodetani, who is retiring.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Downey Unified School District's Board of Education will see no contests come the election this November, as only one candidate filed to run for each of its three eligible seats.

Trustee Areas 1, 5, and 7 are all

up for election this year. Trustee Area 1 was guaranteed to see a new representative take over at the start of the new term, as current Board Vice President Martha Sodetani had announced she would be stepping away.

As of the filing deadline, incumbents Nancy Swenson and current Board President Bobbi Samperi are unopposed and will see another term with the School District.

Samperi is currently the second-longest serving member of the school board, being first elected in 1993. Representing Trustee Area 7, she is currently sitting in her fourth term as president of the board.

Swenson, of Trustee Area 5, was first elected in 2005. She has served as board president twice.

Tyrone Conde - a political newcomer - is poised to take over Trustee Area 1 and fill the void of the departing Sodetani, as he is also unopposed on the upcoming ballot.

Conde's previous community involvement comes through Downey Federal Credit Union, where he is vice president of marketing. He announced his campaign in July, including early endorsements from every current member of the school board.

There are no term limits applied to the Board of Education.

City Council ballot is finalized

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Felix previously applied for the then vacant District 2 seat earlier this year. Prior to that, he ran for Congress in 2020 as a Democrat, finishing fourth in the polls. Felix has lived in Downey for four years.

Lifelong Downey resident Montoya is also not a stranger to the election cycle, having previously ran in 2016 for the District 3 seat ultimately taken by former Mayor Rick Rodriguez.

He went on to serve as Planning Commissioner for Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Alvarez before needing to

resign his seat after moving out of the district. He currently serves as one of Alvarez's representatives on the Public Works Committee.

Sosa is a first-time candidate, known primarily for his work with Gangs out of Downey (where is a former president), DJAA, West Downey Little League, and Kiwanis.

Sosa was the first non-incumbent to publicly announce his intent to run for City Council, even briefly considering applying to fill the District 2 vacancy earlier this year.

Notably absent is Councilman Donald La Plante, who was selected

to take over the seat in May after former councilman Sean Ashton resigned in March last year, citing unavailability to fill his duties after a job promotion.

La Plante's decision not to run for reelection should come as no surprise, as the councilmember was vocal early on about his intentions to step away at the end of the term barring a lack of candidates or some other extreme.

The city is currently still in the process of certifying candidate files.

The election will take place Nov. 8.

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Gascón recall supporters vow to fight on after latest effort fails

■ Recall organizers submitted 520,050 valid signatures, short of the required 566,857 to trigger a special election.

By City News Service

DOWNEY - Proponents of recalling Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón will begin regrouping Tuesday -- one day after an effort to put the embattled D.A.'s job status on the November ballot was rejected by the county clerk for a lack of valid petition signatures.

On Monday, the county clerk's office announced that organizers had submitted only 520,050 valid petition signatures, well short of the required 566,857.

Organizers of the recall had submitted a total of 715,833 petition signatures to the county Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office in an effort to force Gascón into a recall election. County officials initially conducted a random sampling of the signatures to verify their validity. Based on that initial sampling, the county undertook an effort to verify all 715,833 signatures individually.

The county announced Monday that 195,783 of the signatures were invalid. In many cases, the person signing the petition was not a registered voter, and there were also more than 45,000 duplicate signatures, according to the county.

Meanwhile, following the clerk's

Monday announcement, the Recall DA George Gascón Campaign released a statement calling the results of the verification effort "surprising and disappointing" -- but vowing to use its full "statutory and legal authority" to review the rejected signatures and the verification process itself.

It noted that regardless of the outcome, more than a half-million residents signed the petition in support of ousting Gascón.

"To deprive them of the opportunity to restore public safety in their own communities is heartbreaking," according to the campaign. "And to interpret this in any other way other than a wholesale rejection of Gascón's dangerous policies would be disingenuous, or naive at best."

"... The removal of George Gascón from office has never been a matter of if, but when. The citizens of Los Angeles cannot afford another two years of Gascón releasing havoc on their streets -- people's lives are at stake."

According to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office, the signature-verification process "was conducted in compliance with the statutory and regulatory requirements of the California Government Code, Elections Code and Code of Regulations."

Last week, organizers of the recall effort alleged the county was not adhering to current laws for signature verification, saying rules presume that a signature is valid

unless there is evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that the signature on the petition differs in "multiple, significant and obvious" respects from the one on file.

But organizers alleged that the county was not adhering to that standard.

"The outdated training materials and procedures provided by the Registrar, along with their denial of observation rights, raise grave concerns about the verification process," according to a statement by the campaign last week.

"It appears the standards being applied to verify recall signatures are different than those mandated under current law and used in other recent elections. We remain confident that once a fair, transparent and accurate verification process is implemented, it will ultimately determine enough signatures were submitted to qualify the recall."

According to the county's breakdown of invalid signatures, however, only about 9,940 were ruled to be different than the one on file, with the vast majority rejected for other reasons.

Gascón has been under fire since taking office in December 2020, when he issued a series of directives critics blasted as being soft on crime. The directives include a rule against seeking the death penalty, a ban on transferring juvenile defendants to adult court and prohibitions on filing sentencing-enhancements in

most cases.

Gascón has repeatedly defended his policies, saying his stances were well-known during his campaign and his election signified public support of his agenda.

On Monday, he wrote on his Twitter page: "Grateful to move forward from this attempted political power grab. Rest assured LA County, the work hasn't stopped. My primary focus has been & will always be keeping us safe & creating a more equitable justice system for all. I remain strongly committed to that work & to you."

Meanwhile, other supports of the recall also expressed disappointment Monday at the county clerk rejecting the effort.

Veteran Deputy District Attorney John McKinney, who had planned to run for Gascón's job if the recall had been successful, said he and "many of my colleagues" were disappointed by the news.

"I am gravely concerned about the health and safety of our community and the viability of our entire court system with Gascón at the helm of the District Attorney's Office for the next two years," McKinney said in a statement. "More than ever, the public needs to pay attention to what the Gascón administration is doing and speak out to other elected officials about their concerns."

Deputy District Attorney

Jonathan Hatami, who vocally backed the recall effort, said he was saddened and disappointed.

"The residents of L.A. County cannot afford another two years of George Gascon's dangerous policies," Hatami said in a statement. "The lives of so many innocent residents are at risk. So, we all must come together to help and stand up for one another until George is gone."

"George -- a message for you: I'm not going anywhere," he said. "I will always stand with abused & neglected children, victims & their families & all the residents of L.A. County. Your days are still numbered. Just like today, I'll be back working and fighting for the people tomorrow."

Monday marked the second failure of an effort to recall Gascón. A separate attempt last year was halted, with organizers blaming poor timing and the impact of COVID-19 health lockdowns.

The latest recall effort appeared to gain steam throughout the signature-gathering effort, bolstered by vocal criticism of Gascón by recall organizers and the leaders of dozens of local cities that took "no confidence" votes in the district attorney.

But just as the recall-petition signatures were being submitted to the county last month, there were signs of discord that threatened the effort. A petition signature-

gathering company hired by the recall campaign sued the organizers, saying it was owed nearly \$470,000 for unpaid work. The lawsuit by Let the Voters Decide also accused recall organizers of a series of missteps in the process, alleging they "made multiple strategic decisions related to the collection of signatures that were directly against LTVD's recommendations as to how to proceed."

"For example, against LTVD's recommendations, Defendants lowered the price they were willing to pay signature collectors during a time where the market demanded that, to prevent those individuals from leaving, Defendants maintain or increase the prices paid," the suit alleges.

Tim Lineberger, spokesman for the recall campaign, called the lawsuit "frivolous."

Responding to news of the recall effort's failure, LTVD spokesman David Leibowitz said in a statement, "This could not have been handled more like amateur hour. These consultants made poor decisions and ignored solid advice at every turn. You name it, they did it, from collecting signatures on the cheap to failing to pay their bills to expensive direct mail that failed to having zero clue how to verify signatures for submission. They have no one to blame but themselves for this disaster."

Downey real estate values up 6% from last year

■ The total value of all Downey real estate reached \$14.32 billion in 2021, a 6% increase from the previous year.

By Jeff Prang
Los Angeles County Assessor

DOWNEY - It's that time of year again that my office undertakes the most important function of the fiscal year that lays the ground work



for the very property taxes that pay for our vital public services: The Assessment Roll. In fact, it's a Constitutional mandate.

The Roll for 2022 has been closed as of June 30 and it reflects growth for Downey as well as the rest of the County.

First off, let me say this comprehensive tally values more than 2.5 million real estate parcels in Los Angeles County and results in the very tax dollars that goes to pay for vital public services, such as healthcare, police, fire, schools, and even librarians, to name just a few. As I mentioned, I am constitutionally mandated to close the Roll by the end of the Fiscal Year on June 30. As a point of reference, my Fiscal Year runs from July 1 to June 30.

I am pleased to announce that the 2022 Assessment Roll has a total net value of \$1.89 trillion, indicating the 12th year of consecutive growth. The 2022 Roll also grew by \$122.38 billion (or 6.9%) over 2021. That value places nearly \$19 billion to be used for those public services I just mentioned.


Locally, Downey for 2022 came in at \$14.32 billion for taxable values, which is a 6.0% increase over last year's numbers. That includes 19,992 single-family homes, 2,058 apartment complexes, 1,336 commercial-industrial parcels for a grand total of 23,386 taxable properties. Yes, it's a solid growth at \$14.32 billion.

Some basics: The Roll, as it is known, contains the assessed value of all real estate and business personal property in the County's 88 cities along with the unincorporated areas. It also breaks down the number of single-family residential homes, apartments and commercial-industrial parcels.

This year's Roll comprises 2.58 million real estate parcels as well as business assessments countywide. That includes 1.89 million single-family homes, 250,000 apartment complexes, 248,000 commercial and industrial properties and more than 165,000 business property assessments.

Since the Roll is the inventory for all taxable property in the County, it can provide some insight into the health of the real estate market. The Roll is also driven in large measure by real property sales, which added \$69.6 billion to the Roll as compared with 2021; the CPI adjustment mandated by Prop. 13, which this year came in at 2%, added an additional \$34.2 billion; and new construction added \$6.3 billion.

Finally, as we move forward during this critical period, I wish for everybody to stay safe and healthy. This is a tumultuous time in our history. No question about that, but to repeat what has been said so many times before during emergencies that demand the best from us, this could be our finest hour.



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Liz Cheney and the twilight of the old Republican elite



Liz Cheney's defeat Tuesday reflected a changing Republican party.

By Stephanie Muravchik and Jon A. Shields

If Liz Cheney's loss to Harriet Hageman in Wyoming's primary election on Tuesday seems like a bad dream to many of Ms. Cheney's Democratic admirers, that's because it is: For a generation, progressives have imagined the moment when the white working class would finally turn against an insular and privileged Republican establishment. That day has arrived. But it isn't what Democrats dreamed.

Apparently uninterested in everyday governing, the new insurgents who elected Ms. Hageman are consumed with demonstrating that they are authentic conservative Republicans. And in that sense, they are succumbing to the same impulses they associate with their liberal opponents: a shrill hostility to different viewpoints, an obsession with virtue signaling and a willingness to purge their own ranks. The older tradition of Republican politics — the one that cradled Ms. Cheney from girlhood and shaped her in office — is still alive, though embattled, even in Wyoming. Progressives who realize that this privileged Republican establishment was a linchpin of our democracy all along may start rooting for a counterrevolution from above rather than a revolution from below.

In the not very distant past, Wyoming's G.O.P. was focused on governing the state by addressing everyday challenges, like distributing a limited number of liquor licenses and funding its public schools. Politics was "frankly boring," recalled Tim Stubson, a partisan of the old school.

The Cheneys exemplified Wyoming's establishment: They are quiet and diligent legislators, even a little bland. They are also highly educated and wealthy, splitting their time between Washington and Wyoming's Teton County, one of the wealthiest counties in the United States.

Wyoming politics began to change beneath their feet, slowly at first, as the Tea Party rose to power, and then rapidly during the Trump years, as a new guard waged war with the establishment, making politics less about ordinary governance than about identity.

We've spent the last year traveling Wyoming, from Cheyenne in the south to Sheridan in the north, from Evanston in the west to Wheatland in the east, talking to local political activists and leaders. This obsession with identity left a mark everywhere, but nowhere more obviously than at the recent Republican state conventions. Just a decade ago, few delegates would have attended party meetings with guns strapped to their hips. Now many do. That wasn't enough for one delegate at the last convention: He reportedly strutted about with a gun fully cocked. In another departure from old norms, many delegates have taken to wearing their cowboy hats inside the convention center. "That's not a Wyoming thing," noted JoAnn True, a patron of the old party. This is mostly because there is no need to wear a cowboy hat indoors — unless your goal is to sport a costume that signals a conservative social identity.

Virtue signaling is also on the rise. One convention delegate argued that Wyoming schoolchildren should not be required to say the Pledge of Allegiance, since the word "indivisible" suggests that states can't secede from the union. Another Republican Party figure was criticized for allegedly failing to adopt an appropriately respectful posture during the pledge.

Acting the part of a true Wyoming conservative is a delicate art. It's not only about signaling that you belong to a rugged, rural working class, but also about highlighting your conservative bona fides, which often means exiling anyone who doesn't toe the line. Now a conservative cancel culture as unforgiving as its progressive rival is sweeping over the Wyoming G.O.P.

Ms. Cheney, of course, is the most prominent victim of that cancel culture: She has been censured twice by the party, and now has been voted

out of office. But she is just the tip of an iceberg that mostly lies beneath the media's radar. Other members of the old type have been censured as well. Their crimes are varied, ranging from supporting Medicaid expansion to founding a nonpartisan PAC to fund female candidates.

Websites have emerged that help the new censors identify politically incorrect Republicans. WyoRINO, for example, exposes legislators "who falsely claim to be Republicans" by scrutinizing their voting records for the slightest signs of apostasy. According to the site's index, nearly a two-thirds majority of Wyoming's Republican legislators are faking it.

Those who are formally censured, though, usually have something else in common: They are from the upper class. In recent years the party has censured a wealthy activist, a state senator with a doctorate and a physician. Joe McGinley, the physician — a prominent party leader of the old style — was censured for reasons that are still a bit mysterious. But as a Stanford-trained doctor, he was a perfect symbol of an inauthentic conservative. Joey Correnti IV, a pistol-packing delegate, mocks his supposed haughtiness, claiming that he introduces himself as "Doctor Joe McGinley."

Plenty of the new insurgents are themselves comfortable members of the professional class pretending to be "one of the people." Some, like Ms. Hageman, simply seem opportunistic, while others sincerely share cultural affinities with Wyoming's working class. But to its credit, the new identity politics has also done something rare in this gilded age of American politics: It has elevated genuinely working-class citizens into positions of power. For example, Tom James, elected to the State Senate in 2018, grew up in a foster home and campaigned for office as he delivered pizzas. Meanwhile, Frank Eathorne, the current chairman of the state party, previously worked as a Terminus pest exterminator. As Tim Stubson of the old establishment acknowledged, "It's a much more blue-collar party."

These candidates are starting to reshape the G.O.P. beyond Wyoming as well. Representative Lauren Boebert of Colorado earned a G.E.D., having left high school after she got pregnant. Meanwhile, in New Jersey, a truck driver won a State Senate seat on a shoestring budget. And in Arizona, Rusty Bowers — who resisted pressure from Donald Trump to overturn his state's election results — was just badly defeated by David Farnsworth, a small businessman and former crane operator with an A.A. degree.

For decades, progressives have hoped that the white working class would turn against the affluent bankers, doctors and oil magnates who control the Republican Party. Well, it did. Class warfare of a kind did finally break out. It's just not the sort of war progressives imagined, much less hoped for.

That's true partly because progressive longings for class war rested on a falsehood. Influential books like Thomas Frank's "What's the Matter With Kansas" insisted that the Republican elite was rapaciously consumed with padding its wealth and exploiting its working-class supporters. Like other myths, that critique contained a kernel of truth. Wyoming's establishment was too insular at times — and it practiced self-dealing on occasion.

But whatever its sins, it was also public spirited. It cared about the general welfare of the state and worked hard on its behalf, laboring away for a pittance in a legislature that begins its sessions in the dead of Wyoming's punishing winter, when driving is treacherous. The new identitarians infiltrating the State Legislature seem less interested in seeking remedies to real problems than in signaling to their base.

Thus, they perform small symbolic acts, like pushing a bill that requires local law enforcement officials to ignore federal law that violates the Second Amendment, or sponsoring a bill that prohibited the teaching of critical race theory in Wyoming public schools. It failed because enough traditional conservatives don't believe it's a real problem. Tom Walters, a state representative of the old school, observed, "They speak of it as though it's there, and yet they know all their teachers and they know their teachers aren't teaching it."

Addressing these phantoms swallows up time, leaving larger issues neglected. Cathy Connolly, the Democratic minority leader in the State House, told us: "We have one of the highest suicide rates in the nation. We now have the highest workplace fatality rate. We've got Covid issues. We've got hospitals closing. We're not looking at these issues because we have these stupid bills," she said, adding an expletive.

The right's new identity craze wasn't engineered by Donald Trump. It simply created an opportunity that he exploited. But Mr. Trump has rendered identity politics more dangerous than its progressive rival by wedding it to a cult of personality and a campaign to steal an election. Those changes have only widened the party's class divide: While a substantial majority of white Republican primary voters without a college degree say they would prefer to vote for him in 2024, those with college degrees generally want someone else, according to a July New York Times/Siena College poll.

Ms. Cheney's fall highlights the cultish character of the right's evolving politics of identity. During her first two terms, she supported Mr. Trump's positions 93 percent of the time, according to FiveThirtyEight (almost as often as Kevin McCarthy and more often than Elise Stefanik). Yet Ms. Cheney is not only considered to be a "Republican in Name Only" by many Wyoming Republicans — she is the face of the RINOs. At the state convention, one attendee sported a T-shirt that said "No More RINOs" with Ms. Cheney's name circled and crossed out. To cross Mr. Trump is to become a fake conservative.

Sadly, the G.O.P. establishment was not strong enough to save Ms. Cheney. Happily, though, it isn't dead, even in Wyoming. In fact, it's far more entrenched than Ms. Cheney's defeat might suggest. The old guard still controls the State Legislature and Wyoming's two most populous counties, both of which pushed back forcefully on efforts to censure Ms. Cheney. And in some places the new insurgents have been outmaneuvered and beaten back. For example, in Campbell County, where support for Mr. Trump surpasses that of most Wyoming counties, the establishment wrestled the party away from the new identitarians.

Similar fights are playing out in state parties and legislatures from Colorado to Arizona, Idaho, Illinois and Texas, where the new identitarians are gaining momentum, chipping away at the old guard's power. But even if they continue to advance, their style of politics may also contain the seeds of its destruction. Any party that elevates symbolism over governing risks stirring mass revolt down the road. Some practitioners of identity politics on the left have already discovered that lesson the hard way. When some members of the San Francisco Board of Education busied themselves renaming schools instead of prioritizing reopening them after lengthy closures during the pandemic, they were recalled. Results matter even in the age of identity politics.

Though the outcome of the G.O.P.'s civil war is impossible to determine, one thing is clear: Both sides see the conflict in existential terms. As the traditionalist Dr. McGinley said of Ms. Cheney's race: "The soul of the Republican Party is at stake." Ms. Cheney fought valiantly for the party's soul and was celebrated by traditional Republicans in Wyoming for doing so. They don't believe her cause is lost — and neither should we.

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Downey school bond

Dear Editor:

The proposed \$504 million bond for Downey Unified School District is outrageous. The ballot language is deceptive and misleading. Where is the list of specific projects to be funded? Where is the tax information statement?

In addition to the Downey Unified proposal, voters in Downey will be asked to approve a new bond for Cerritos College in the amount of \$425 million.

Will Downey voters really approve bonds with an aggregate amount face value of \$929 million on Nov. 8? The repayment with interest will be far in excess of \$1.5 billion.

I urge you to vote no on both the Downey and Cerritos College bond proposals. Demand genuine school finance reform and an honest ballot proposal.

Don't be fooled by the politicians. Vote no in November.

Stephen C. Petzold
Santa Clarita

One-two punch

Dear Editor:

I'd be hard-pressed to find two more stoic representatives in a local City Council than our own Blanca Pacheco and Catherine Alvarez.

Bruce Crow
Downey

Fund the Rose Float, not pride

Dear Editor:

If the City of Downey is flush with cash having funded \$25,000 to pay for a two-day pride event which provided entertainment for a select group, the city should double that amount and donate it to the Downey Rose Float Association so they have the funds to build a great float for the Tournament of Roses Parade which will display pride for all people in the City of Downey.

This float would be part of a big event that brings pleasure to millions of people and not one directed to a select group.

Martha Morrissy
Downey

Dear Editor:

Apparently the city of Downey has extra money to fund a pride festival. How about giving that money to the Downey Rose Float who are more deserving of the money.

The rose float embodies the Christian values Downey takes pride in.

Jason Tunga
Downey

Trump gets cozy with Russia

Dear Editor:

I have no doubt in my mind that Donald Trump will flee to Russia when it's starting to look like he's going to get convicted.

All of Trump's advocates have suggested that the raid on Mar A Lago was politically motivated. However, it appears that Trump could have complied voluntarily without all the drama but he chose not to, forcing the hand of the DOJ and FBI to get a more invasive warrant.

So for all the bluster that Trump allies like Leslie Graham and Josh Hawley have given in the form of typical conspiracy theories, it would appear, according to some accounts on MSNBC, that Trump may have withheld classified documents about America's nuclear capabilities.

Now why would Mr. Trump have such documents except that he is a pawn of Vladimir Putin? Go ahead and fact check me.

Trump, according to Rachel Maddow of MSNBC in her book which is available at our newly renovated library, "Blowout", laundered money for a Kazakhstani bank on behalf of Ukrainian oligarchs associated with Russian oligarchs to the tune of \$1 million for a Moscow Trump hotel that never got built.

(By the way, if you don't believe his association with Ukrainian oligarchs friendly to Russia, and Russian oligarchs, you need only replay Trump's inauguration day video where the known Oligarchs were literally seated in his VIP seats. If you still don't believe me, then you clearly watch the Fox News Channel. If you want to know the truth, watch any other channel.)

Trump has a shady past. Not just his association with Roy Cohen. He also had a relationship to Putin before running for president.

And then there was the G20, where Trump and Putin disappeared for an hour by themselves without witnesses. (Look it up, it's documented.)

I have long believed that Trump's dislike of NATO and the UN had nothing to do with anything legitimate.

I have always believed that Putin is the person who planted that seed in Trump's mind.

How could Trump who is such an intellectually vapid and uncurious person ever come up with things like being for the dispensing of NATO, and pulling our troops from Germany and Syria and leaving our Kurdish allies vulnerable to being murdered by the Turkish government.

You may ask, why is Turkey relevant?

Well just look at the oil deal Turkey and Russia just agreed to even though Turkey is supposed to be an ally of the US. They, Turkey, are quite duplicitous and have a dictator in the form Erdogan. Not to mention 40 allied nukes.

Trump is a transactional person, meaning he cares only about how he is affected by his decisions and whether he can make money at it. Just look at how he is reported to have ripped his donors off.

I have every confidence that Trump is guilty of espionage. That, for now, is just my opinion.

But the big question I ask is why Trump had our military secrets in his possession after he was voted out of office?

Greta Campbell
Downey

The Downey Patriot

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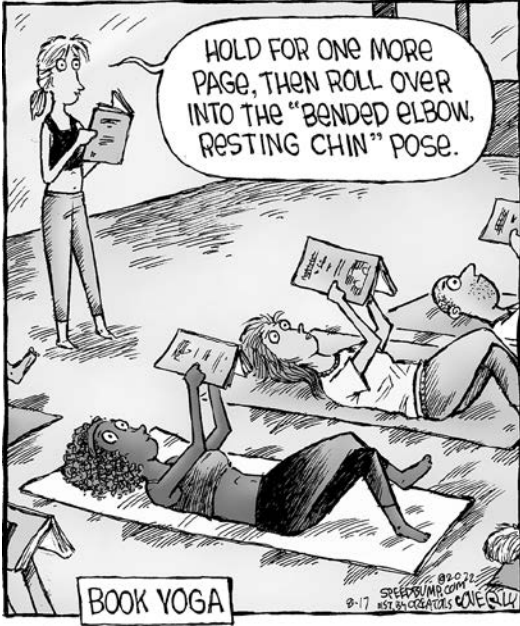
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1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: 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 Cities 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: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.
 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.
 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Frantone's Downey, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 2nd Thurs., 12 pm: 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.
 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.

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Gangs Out of Downey gave away hundreds of backpacks at a giveaway event Aug. 6 at Golden Park. Volunteers worked alongside the Downey Police Department to distribute the backpacks, along with school supplies and hot dogs. The giveaway is an annual event put on by Gangs Out of Downey. Photos by Eric Pierce



Photographing the skies

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I was enthused by his energy and knowledge. Oh, and my friend and I even held a meteor. I do not know when else that happens -- other than when you are looking for it -- but I am glad the opportunity found us.

Rafael Gonzalez is an astrophotographer and a board member of the Los Angeles Astronomical Society. Ralf got into astronomy when he was 13 at a sleepover. His best friend's brother-in-law, Bill Hall, set up his telescope to look at Jupiter on a summer morning and asked him if he was interested. The next morning, he was captivated by Jupiter and the four moons surrounding it. Ralf has always been fascinated with space and NASA since then.

Ralf is also a talented photographer and takes pictures of galaxies, nebulas, comets, the moon, and any planetary objects. Astrophotography has opened a whole new realm for Ralf but it was not an easy process in the beginning.

Trevor Jones, a Canadian YouTuber, was Ralf's mentor on how to use cameras, telescopes, and software. Through time, effort, and practice Ralf has been able to transform his photographs into artwork. Now you can even purchase Ralf's artwork and check out his photography on his Instagram, @urbancityastronomer.

Although astrophotography and chasing the moon is not his career, it is what he is truly passionate about and is his number one hobby. During a separate interview Ralf said, "It is just one of those things I personally like sharing with people through social media. I'll find myself on a Friday afternoon and I'll go do outreach in our local community. I try to give people the opportunity to look through a telescope. I take a lot of joy, especially with kids because kids are too involved with their phones."

Ralf thinks that looking at things from a natural light allows us to be more connected. Yes, our phones are great, we can all Google "picture of moon" and move on but it doesn't give the same experience as looking at the moon from a telescope.

Ralf is always enthusiastic about meeting and engaging with strangers and sharing his telescope and knowledge about space. As from the last time we spoke, he mentioned there has already been at least 10,000 people who have looked through his telescope and he plans for those numbers to grow.

Out of those thousands of people, some of them have even been celebrities, including B.J. Novak, one of the writers and actors from the 2005-2013 sitcom "The Office." So if you ever look through his telescope, you will be looking through the same telescope B.J. Novak did.

Ralf's first venture was out at the Downey Landing by Chili's. From there he took his telescope to the Columbia Memorial Space Center for the 2015 solar eclipse and there were about 170 people in line waiting to look through his telescope. This kind of attention inspired Ralf to create these opportunities for people who might take interest in taking a closer look at the sky.

Ralf answers your questions about space before you can even ask; he is definitely a gem in any community and you will be so lucky and happy if you ever run into him. He has been going to Furman Park for almost a month now and continues to venture out there along with other parks like Apollo and other local cities. So hopefully you will run into him one of these days or check out his social media where he often posts updates on where he is headed to next.

After learning from Ralf, I have taken more appreciation and interest in our sky above.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

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

Book signing with Lizette Lopez, 1:30 pm. Lizette Lopez will read and sign copies of her book, "Santiago's Daughter." The book chronicles the life of Santiago Lopez Arellano Jr., who lived with undiagnosed bipolar disorder for many years until he became another slain victim of COVID-19. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Quartermania Fundraiser, 1 pm. A recognition luncheon for cancer survivors, followed by a quartermania fundraiser. Lunch is free for survivors, and \$10 for quartermania. For non-survivors, fee is \$20 for lunch and quartermania. Proceeds benefit the Relay for Life. For details, email alysharrodriquez@gmail.com or nancy.gutzmer@cancer.org. Legacy Church of Downey, 8333 2nd St.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Music and a Movie, 5 pm. Enjoy live music, food booths, food trucks, a prize walk, and a movie starting at dusk. Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

Bee Ready to Paint, 7 pm. Bring the family and enjoy a night of instructed painting fun with the Downey Rose Float Association. All supplies will be provided, just bring yourselves and your friends! \$40/person. Reservations must be made by calling Julie @ (562) 822-7678. Downey Rose Float Site, 13030 Erickson Ave. Downey, CA 90241

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Quartermania, 11:15 am. A quartermania lunch fundraiser benefiting the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life. \$15 presale, \$20 at the door. Buy-includes paddle, raffle ticket and lunch. Legacy Church, 8333 2nd St.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

Blood Drive, 11 am to 5 pm. Sign up at redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code "Downey" Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Computer & Internet Safety, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the fundamentals of safe internet browsing and how to better safeguard yourself both on and offline. Free but registration required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

International Food & Music Festival, 4-10 pm. Check out the best food from local restaurants along with popular food trucks. Plus six live bands, a craft beer and wine garden, festival attractions, face painters, caricature artists, photo booth, and more. Free admission. Downtown Downey

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Tea with the Queens, 11 am. Calling all past and current Miss Downey Royalty! The Downey Rose Float Association is hosting a RoyalTea to honor past and current royalty. Tickets are \$45 until 9/1/22. RSVP by calling (562) 822-7678. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Kiwanis Golf Tournament, 12 pm. The 24th annual L'Abri Golf Classic benefiting Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis and the Downey Family YMCA. RSVP to jftitzl@labrimanagement.com. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

16th Annual Senior Follies, 1 pm and 5 pm. A talent show by Downey's most talented senior citizens. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

Ricky Galvez Memorial Golf Tournament, 12 pm. A golf tournament fundraiser hosted by Gangs Out of Downey. More details to follow. Rio Hondo Golf Course, 10627 Old River School Rd.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Havana Nights, 6-9:30 pm. Downey's annual Havana Nights party returns to Downtown Downey with live entertainment, food vendors, a beer and wine garden, and arts and crafts for kids. For more information, call (562) 904-7238. Downtown Downey

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

DUSD State of the Schools. Save the date. After a two-year hiatus, Downey Unified School District plans to host its State of the Schools breakfast. More details to follow.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

Rancho Golf Classic, 10 am. The 32nd annual Rancho Golf Classic with proceeds benefiting the programs and services at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey. Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Downey Dia de los Muertos Festival, 11 am to 8 pm. Save the date! Downey's annual Dia de los Muertos Festival returns to the Downey Civic Theatre. Stay tuned for details.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

Pumpkin Patch, 5-8:30 pm. A free, family-friendly event with games, activities, candy, costume contests, and more. Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Christmas Parade, 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas Parade presented by the Downey Chamber of Commerce, featuring bands, floats, classic cars, dance troupes, and Santa Claus. Downey Avenue

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

Tree Lighting Ceremony, 6-8:30 pm. Downey's annual tree lighting ceremony returns with entertainment from local schools, a snow play area, arts & crafts, photos with Santa Claus, and more. The actual tree lighting will occur at approximately 6:30 pm. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

An Irish Christmas, 2:30 pm. Experience the joy of An Irish Christmas as seen on PBS! Enjoy all the holiday carols you know and love plus a spectacular high-energy display of Irish dancing at its very best. Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

Food, music festival returning to Downtown Downey

DOWNEY - Downey's popular International Food & Music Festival is returning to Downtown Downey on Saturday, Sept. 10, officials announced.

The free, family-friendly festival runs from 4-10 pm and features six live bands performing across two stages.

Scheduled to perform are Celtic rock band Angry Briars; rock group Akrasia; U2 cover band L.A.vation the U2 Experience; Jenny Rivera tribute band Joyas Prestadas; Cuban music band SitaraSon; and R&B reggae singer Irie Love.

There will also be food booths, a craft beer and wine garden, festival attractions, face painters, henna artists, a live DJ, caricature artists, photo booth, and more.

Downtown Downey will host the festival along Downey Avenue between 2nd and 4th Streets. For questions or more information, call (562) 904-7238.

Library group announces silent auction titles

DOWNEY - The Friends of the Downey City Library's monthly auction will close on Saturday, Aug. 27 at 12 pm this month.

Titles include:

- A History of the Crusades, 3 Volume Set: The First Crusade, The Kingdom of Jerusalem, The Kingdom of Acre, Steven Runciman. A complete history of the Crusades in three volumes; each book contains illuminated illustrations and five to six maps. Volume III has a complete genealogical chart of crusaders. (The Folio Society of London). Minimum bid: \$25

- Vegan JapanEasy: Over 80 Delicious Plant-Based Japanese Recipes, Tim Anderson. Japanese cuisine in general is actually quite vegan-friendly, and many dishes can be made vegan with just a simple substitution or two. The Author taps into Japan's rich culture of cookery that's already vegan or very nearly vegan, so there are no sad substitutes and zero shortcomings on taste. Minimum bid: \$25

- Famous Artists Series, Six-book Set, Anthony Mason; Andrew Hughes; Jen Green. Introduces readers to the world's most celebrated painters and sculptors: Cezanne. Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Monet, Picasso, and Van Goh. Minimum Bid: \$20

- Archie 1941, Brian Augustyn & Mark Waid. In this publication we see the legendary Archie characters set against realistic backdrops of the most iconic moments of modern history. Minimum bid: \$10

- If You Knew Me You Would Care, Zainab Salbi. This collaboration represents a journey taken to find women who have survived wars, violence, and poverty in order to collect their stories. The stories go beyond tears and victimhood and reveal joy, love, and forgiveness. Minimum bid: \$17.

- Life Magazines: April 6, 1942 and May 4, 1942. 80-year-old vintage magazines take the readers in time to view a piece of history and actually own it. Minimum bid: \$20

- Life Magazines: May 18, 1942 and May 25, 1942. 80-year-old vintage magazines take the readers in time to view a piece of history and actually own it. Minimum bid: \$20

- Century: One Hundred Years of Human Progress, Regression, Suffering, and Hope, Bruce Bernard. With 1,120 page and 1,072 images, this colossal volume offers an informative, intimate, and incisive insight into the twentieth century from the very beginning to the very end, told through an eclectic yet exhaustive sequence of monumental photographic images. Minimum bid: \$25.

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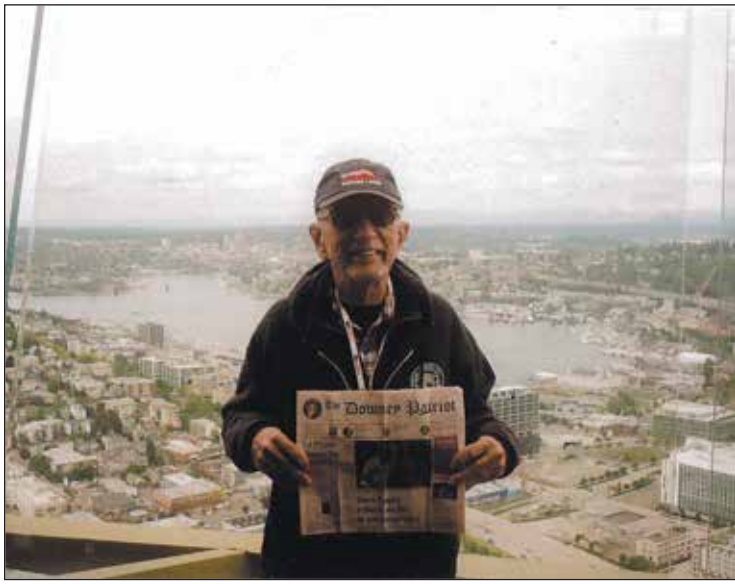
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Jim Brindis visited the Space Needle in Seattle back in May and took with him a copy of the Downey Patriot.



The OLPH Women's Guild recently installed its 2022-23 executive board. The Celebrant was Monsignor Lorenzo Miranda. Pictured, left to right, are: Lucy Solares, Julie Bosdachin, Jo Ann Ramirez, Monsignor Lorenzo Miranda, Dianna Hampton, Margie Delgado and Lourdes Pena. Not pictured are Ruby Gaytan and Heidy De La Rosa.

Mike and Joyce Prokop recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

The Downey couple commemorated the milestone with a party at the Downey Women's Club.



Johnny and Carol Lemucchi took the Downey Patriot to the 2022 Transplant Games of America in San Diego. Johnny received a heart transplant six years ago after living with an artificial heart.

The Transplant Games bring people together from all over the country to compete in different events such as track, golf, bowling, basketball and cornhole. The event also honors donors and their families for the gift of life.

Johnny earned two gold medals and one bronze medal, and expressed thanks to his donor family for the opportunity.

Youth sports coach charged with sexual assaults on teens

BELLFLOWER — A prominent youth sports coach from Bellflower was arrested last week on suspicion of sexual assaults on teenage girls in Santa Ana and Riverside County.

Christopher Flores, 37, was arrested about 11:30 a.m. in Bakersfield, said Santa Ana police Sgt. Maria Lopez.

Flores is a coach-trainer at Stars Prep Academy in Orange, Lopez said.

He is accused of assaults on a 14-year-old girl in Santa Ana and a 15-year-old girl in Riverside, Lopez said.

He is also accused of having sexual relations involving the 14-year-old girl throughout 2021 in various parts of Santa Ana,

including at a camp at Calvary Chapel.

According to ESPN, Flores was accused of rape in 2010 but was acquitted after a 17-day trial.

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