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Film festival returns for 11th year

■ The four-day film festival kicks off Sunday in Downey; tickets are free.

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

DOWNEY – Glennfest lives!

Glenn Stephens, founder and impresario of Downey's own Festival of Films of Special Interest, announced this year's dates of October 9-13. As always, tickets are free, but must be ordered through Eventbrite.

"Enjoy films again on the big screen," said Glenn. "We're 'sensor-friendly.' Our experience will feature lowered volume, brighter lights and freedom to move around."

So far, titles for the 11th annual screenings include director Gemma Arterton's "Summerland;" "Fantastic Planet, a Sublime Trip to a New World;" "I Dream in Another Language;" "MVP: the Movie;" and "This Changes Everything."

Venues include longtime arts patron David Devin's Epic Lounge, 8329 Second Street, that has a bar and menu from next-door LA Buns. "Summerland" and "I Dream in Another Language" play at the Epic Lounge on Monday, Oct. 10, ("Summerland" at 6 pm, "I Dream" at 8 pm). "MVP" screens on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 7 pm.

Look Dine In Cinema, located at 8200 3rd Street, offers state-of-the-art immersive presentation experience, upscale menu and exceptional service. "Fantastic Planet" plays there Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7 pm, and the surprise kid-friendly special on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 11:30 a.m. and again Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m.

A big treat every year is the movie Glenn chooses for kids and young adults with special needs.

"We can't name the movie," said Glenn, "because it's still in the theaters. But it is very new, and Look Dine In Cinema will provide free popcorn and sponsors will provide drinks. Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia has helped with promoting and will give out coloring books."

Added special attraction is "This Changes Everything," a film held over from last year's Glennfest, about the MeToo movement in show business. It's an investigative look and analysis of gender disparity in Hollywood, featuring accounts from well-known actors, executives and artists in the industry.

Showing will be Thursday Oct 13, at 6 pm, at LOOK Dine In. Glenn is arranging a panel of women directors, representing Latinx, Afro-American, and gender-fluid points of view. Complimentary pastries and coffee will be offered.

Glennfest began 11 years ago with Glenn's October birthday, as his present for the community. In spite of Covid, Glenn has managed to provide the continuity of the film festival every year. Somehow he juggles all the balls and satisfies audiences, negotiates with feature suppliers, deals with venues and still presents quality films.

Glennfest now operates under the independent umbrella of the Downey Film Society, a non-profit 401k corporation. All donations are acknowledged and donors receive a statement for tax purposes.

"Everything helps," says Glenn.

"Summerland" explores the joys of magical realism, and why characters don't have to be "likable."

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Fundraising disclosures show wide disparities among candidates

■ Claudia Frometa and Hector Sosa lead in fundraising among Downey city council candidates.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Four of six Downey city council candidates reported receiving monetary contributions between July 1 and Sept. 24 in anticipation of this year's election.

State law requires candidates to report campaign expenses and expenditures with the city clerk.

District 2

Hector Sosa significantly out raised his competition, collecting \$28,600, reporting no loans.

His most significant financial contribution comes attached to property management company L'Abri Management, who gave him \$1,000 in addition to \$1,000 he received from owner Ron Kolar. He also shares several contributors with Councilwoman Claudia M. Frometa, whom he did some campaigning with.

At a total of \$21,317.86, Sosa outspent all other candidates, mostly on campaign consultations, literature and paraphernalia/misc.

Contributors include:

- Ron Kolar: \$1,000
- L'Abri Management: \$1,000
- Azar Event Center: \$1,000
- Sam Entertainment: \$1,000
- Jeremy Fitzel: \$1,000
- Anthony Zamora: \$1,000
- Angie Rademaker: \$1,000
- The Law Offices of Gavril T Gabriel: \$1,000
- Greg Welch: \$1,000
- Cartozian Associates Real Estate: \$1,000
- The Olive Restobar: \$1,000
- Penske Toyota: \$1,000
- La Barca Grill and Cantina Inc.: \$1,000
- Trading Post: \$1,000
- Saul Flores: \$1,000
- Downey Hospitality LLC: \$1,000
- Dimitrios Spathopoulos: \$1,000
- Vijay Patel: \$1,000
- Joseph's Bar and Grill: \$1,000
- Downey Exterminators: \$500
- Dan K. Fox: \$500
- Chita's Floral Design: \$500
- John Lacey: \$500
- Mark McDaniel: \$500
- The Tanning Company: \$500
- Hernandez Carpet Brokers: \$500
- RMI International Inc.: \$500
- Juan Galvan: \$500
- Velasco Law Group: \$500
- Bill Adrian: \$300
- Larry McGrew: \$300
- Keith McCarthy: \$300
- Rene Caballero: \$300
- Kenneth Ferraro: \$250
- Raul and Arlene Lopez: \$250
- Brenda Sosa: \$250
- Martin Sosa: \$250
- George Guzman: \$250



Claudia Frometa and Hector Sosa have raised and spent more money than all other candidates. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

- Robert Cancio: \$250
- Linda Saldana: \$250
- Dr. Roger Brossmer: \$250
- Angela Galleno: \$250
- Worthy Realty Advisors: \$200
- Michael Murray: \$200
- Carrie Uva: \$150
- Jose Hernandez: \$100
- Esther Lee: \$100
- Darrik Hale: \$100
- Ronnie Fernandez: \$100
- Kenneth Ferrero: \$100 (\$350 cumulative to date)
- Mark and Carla Solis: \$50
- Lisa Mahaffey: \$50

Art Montoya has raised \$7,655, over half of which came from two loans he gave himself in the amounts of \$2,000 and \$2,500.

Montoya's reported expenditures are limited at \$896.50. They account for \$790 to Crummitt and Associates Inc. for professional services, and the rest in assorted credit card processing fees.

Of his 11 contributions, four came from within Downey.

- Contributors include:
- Horacio Ortiz: \$1,000
- Paula Mejia: \$300
- Stephen Chu: \$250
- Emma Montoya: \$200
- Lorraine Montoya: \$200
- Aaron Magness: \$150
- Lauren Troupe: \$150
- Rhiannon Connors: \$100
- Savina Hernandez: \$100
- Jennifer Stanley: \$100
- Kristen Von Iderstein: \$100

Dr. Anthony Felix reported \$2,095.87 in contributions received, all but \$60 coming from two self-loans of \$1,235.87 and \$800, \$800 of which he has already paid back.

In total, he has spent \$2,095.87 on his campaign.

Neither of his two contributors are listed as being from within Downey.

- Contributors include:
- Ron Solano: \$40

- Joshua Castro: \$20

District 4

Claudia M. Frometa, who is running for reelection, raised the most of any candidate this election, reporting \$37,000 in contributions - including a \$2,000 loan from herself and husband Nolveris Frometa - and \$15,643 in expenditures.

A majority of Frometa's contributions came from individual donors and businesses within Downey; in many ways a "who's who" of Downey's usual suspects and key players.

- Contributors include:
- Greg Welch: \$1,000
- Ron Kolar: \$1,000
- Bruce and Patricia Leach: \$1,000
- Labri Management Inc.: \$1,000
- Cartozian Associates Real Estate: \$1,000
- El Pescador Bar & Grill: \$1,000
- Toma Tequila: \$1,000
- Jimmy Spathopoulos: \$1,000
- CSI: \$1,000
- Gavril Gabriel: \$1,000
- CMD Electric: \$1,000
- The Olive Restobar: \$1,000
- Trading Post: \$1,000
- Research Vintage: \$1,000
- Raul Porto Revocable Business Trust: \$1,000
- Prima Waste: \$1,000
- Ivan Altamirano: \$1,000
- Nader Moghaddam: \$1,000
- Downey Nissan: \$1,000
- Edison International: \$1,000
- Fernando Vasquez: \$1,000
- Olivarez, Madrugá Law Org.: \$1,000
- Biz Fed Pac: \$750
- Steve Roberson: \$500
- Sempre Energy: \$500
- RMI International Inc.: \$500
- Rick Salyer: \$500
- Anthony Samora: \$500
- Armando Nogueiras: \$500
- Downey Exterminators, Inc.: \$500

- El Pescador Inc.: \$500
- Beverly J Mathis: \$500
- John Lacey: \$500
- Tony Abboud: \$500
- Villa Properties Investments: \$400
- Loving Heart Loving Home LLC: \$300
- Robert Cancio Jr.: \$250
- Dr. Roger Brossmer: \$250
- Fox Chiropractic: \$250
- Law Office of Alexis Saab: \$250
- Jennifer DeKay: \$250
- Jose A Garcia: \$250
- Alfredo Velez: \$250
- Veronica and Arturo Garcia: \$250
- Linda Saldana: \$250
- Carrie Uva: \$250
- Bonnie Travers: \$250
- Marta Gonzalez: \$200
- Jeff Worthy: \$200
- Wilmer Frometa: \$100
- Brenda Gafin: \$100
- Ayrin and Jose Hernandez: \$100
- David Olmedo: \$100
- Gina Cabrera: \$100
- Wilmer Frometa: \$100
- Los Mentores Financieros: \$100
- PDI Risk Insurance Service: \$100
- Michael Marray: \$100
- Patricia and Richard Tuttle: \$100
- Joanna Peterson: \$100
- Robert Cabrera: \$100
- Norman Ives: \$100
- David and Manuela Olmedo: \$100
- Ana Brown: \$100
- Rudy Curiel: \$100
- David Crespo Ins.: \$100
- Neither Joaquin Beltran nor Juan Martinez filed financial disclosure forms, according to City Clerk Alicia Duarte.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 84°

Saturday 84°

Sunday 84°

THINGS TO DO



Elvis Festival
Sunday, 10 am to 6 pm
Garden Grove's Historic Main Street

An all-day tribute to the King of Rock n' Roll, the Elvis Festival will feature a classic car show, Elvis tribute artists, fan clubs, vendors, and more. Event parking and admission are free.

ON THIS DAY

1927: The Jazz Singer, starring Al Jolson, premiered in New York City, introducing the sound era of motion pictures.

1960: Spartacus, directed by Stanley Kubrick and starring Kirk Douglas, had its world premiere; it won several Academy Awards, including best supporting actor for Peter Ustinov.

1973: On the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur, Egypt and Syria attacked Israel, which suffered heavy casualties, but Israeli forces successfully fought back, and the war eventually ended inconclusively.

1979: Pope John Paul II became the first pontiff to visit the White House.

1981: Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was assassinated by members of the radical fringe of the Muslim opposition.

1993: Michael Jordan retired from professional basketball, saying "I don't have anything else to prove," only to return in March 1995.



2000: Near Sakaiminato, Japan, an earthquake of magnitude 7.3 struck, the most powerful earthquake since the devastating Kōbe earthquake of 1995, but damage and casualties were relatively low because the epicentre was in a sparsely inhabited area.

2010: Instagram, a mainstream photo-sharing application, was founded.

2018: President Donald Trump appointed Brett Kavanaugh as Supreme Court Associate Justice.

Birthdays

Retired football coach **Tony Dungy** (67), photographer **Jordan Matter** (56), "Power Rangers" star **Amy Jo Johnson** (52), LGBTQ activist **Jazz Jennings** (22), social media influencer **Addison Rae** (22) and basketball player **Bronny James** (18).

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Some of my patients, in addition to seeing me regularly, seek out acupuncture treatments. What is this ancient practice, and what does Western medicine have to say about its effectiveness?



An acupuncturist penetrates the skin with thin, solid, metallic needles. Traditional Chinese medicine identifies more than 2,000 acupuncture points, connected by pathways (meridians). These pathways channel an energy known as Qi. It is believed that disruption of this energy flow is responsible

for disease, and that the application of the needles improves the energy flow.

Since acupuncture uses extremely thin needles, the discomfort is minimal. Some find that the treatments make them feel energized; others, relaxed. The needles might be heated, or a mild electrical current may be applied to them. The FDA regulates acupuncture needles, just as it does other medical devices.

What has Western medicine found? Many Western practitioners believe that acupuncture stimulates the central nervous system, which in turn releases chemicals into the muscles, spinal cord, and brain. These biochemical changes may

stimulate the body's natural healing abilities and promote physical and emotional well-being. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has performed solid scientific studies demonstrating that acupuncture is effective, alone or in combination with conventional therapies, for conditions which include:

- nausea from surgical anesthesia and cancer chemotherapy
- dental pain following surgery
- addiction
- menstrual cramps
- tennis elbow
- fibromyalgia
- myofascial pain
- osteoarthritis
- low back pain
- headaches, including tension and migraine
- carpal tunnel syndrome
- asthma, allergies and other respiratory conditions
- labor pain

Increasingly, acupuncture is also being used for overall wellness, including stress management, although its effectiveness in those areas is more difficult to quantify through scientific studies.

The risks from receiving acupuncture are minimal, assuming that the practitioner is competent and certified. Common side effects include soreness and minor bleeding or bruising where the needles were inserted. Single-use, disposable needles are now the practice standard, which nearly eliminates the risk of

infection. People who should avoid acupuncture include those with a bleeding disorder, a pacemaker (due to the electrical pulses sometimes used), and pregnant women (as some acupuncture points might actually stimulate labor).

An acupuncture session may last up to 60 minutes, although some may be shorter, depending on the problem being treated. The number of sessions also depends on the condition, although six to eight treatments are common. Note that acupuncture points are located all over the body, and that the appropriate points may be far removed from the actual area of the discomfort. A treatment may use 5 to 20 needles, which may be moved, twirled, conduct heat, or receive a mild electrical pulse.

My bottom line? Acupuncture is a very safe treatment when used by a qualified practitioner. Complications are exceedingly rare. Extensive studies show real efficacy for a variety of conditions. Note that researchers are only beginning to understand whether acupuncture can be helpful for other conditions as well. As always, discuss any treatment method with your physician, and I urge you to not use acupuncture in lieu of seeing your regular health care provider.

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

Downey agency lands \$50K grant for health initiative

DOWNEY – Downey-based St. Louise Resource Services (StLRS) was awarded a grant of \$50,000 from Health Net in support of StLRS' Community Promoters Initiative (CPI) to help reduce health disparities by educating families across marginalized communities and areas where healthcare systems may be challenging to access due to socio-economic, cultural, or linguistic barriers.

St. Louise Resource Services' mission is to empower people to access health care benefits and social services they may need, and this grant will support those efforts through the Community Promoters Initiative.

"This grant will enhance our outreach efforts by connecting us with grassroots individuals involved in the community we aim to help while simultaneously promoting job development skills," stated the executive director of StLRS, Lydia Ramirez. "Health Net's funding to our health initiative helps StLRS achieve its goal of promoting community health. When families have access to healthcare benefits and nutritious foods, it strengthens them and their children. They are better prepared to attend school, learn, and obtain higher education."

The Community Promoters Initiative will recruit individuals as volunteers within the community who have a close relationship with the obstacles and struggles their community faces regarding health knowledge and accessibility. Their unique connection to their community will make them effective in increasing the awareness of health insurance benefits, social services, food assistance programs, and preventative health topics. Aside from addressing community health, this initiative will also invest in our Promoters by providing them training, skill development workshops, and work experience, thus preparing them for careers in the healthcare industry.

Promoters will conduct workshops and outreach events at locations that are regularly accessed by community members, such as schools, neighborhoods, and local churches. The initiative is an extension of StLRS' work to connect individuals to government-sponsored programs such as Medi-Cal, Covered California, and CalFresh.

For the past six years, StLRS has served thousands of families within the community through free services aimed at increasing the awareness of healthcare benefits and social programs, as well as application assistance, case management, and advocacy.

StLRS confronts the urgent need for clients to get connected and enrolled into healthcare benefits and food assistance programs daily. With the generous grant from Health Net and the launch of the Community Promoters Initiative, StLRS will be able to expand its efforts to address the health inequities in marginalized communities across LA County.

Interested individuals should email with their interest to shernandez@stlrs.org or call (844) 245-1900. StLRS is also hosting information sessions on the following dates: Thursday, October 13, 5:30 - 6:30 pm; Saturday, October 15, 12:00 - 1:00 pm; Monday, October 17, 12:00 - 1:00 pm; Friday, October 21, 12:00 - 1:00 pm; Tuesday, October 25, 5:30 - 6:30 pm; Saturday, October 29, 12:00 - 1:00 pm.

Meals will be provided at all information sessions. Future information sessions will be announced on our website at www.stlrs.org.

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Library fundraiser Saturday

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey Library are hosting a "quartermania" fundraiser at the Downey Library this Saturday, Oct. 8.

Cost for the event is \$30 per person and includes lunch.

Doors will open at 11:15 am for lunch, with the event starting at 12:15 pm. Final drawing will be at 3 pm.

Attendees are encouraged to bring quarters for bidding and dollars for shopping and drawings.

For more details, call Lenora Perri at (310) 283-9825.

Downey Theatre presents: The 2022-2023 Season

Downey Día de los Muertos Art Festival

Día de los Muertos Art Festival
11:00AM - 8:00PM Saturday, October 29, 2022
Admission is free for a full day of fun and festivities for all

Mariachi Herencia w/ Lupita Infante
8:00PM Saturday, October 29, 2022
A new generation of mariachi music, a vibrant and colorful celebration of Mexican music and culture. (A ticketed event)

Napoleon Dynamite
8:00PM Friday, November 18, 2022
A full screening of "Napoleon Dynamite" followed by a lively, freewheeling, discussion with fan-favorite cast members.

Mariachi Divas Christmas
8:00PM Saturday, December 10, 2022
The Divas return with a special Holiday Show

Ladies Night 2023 w/ Taylor Dayne & Sheena Easton
8:00PM Saturday, January 14, 2023
An evening featuring two award winning divas of pop.

Mariachi Rock Revolution
8:00PM Friday, February 10, 2023
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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

DUSD State of the Schools, 7 am. Learn about the major programs being implemented throughout the Downey Unified School District. \$35 with proceeds benefiting the TLC Family Resource Center. L.A. County Office of Education's West Conference Center, 12830 Columbia Way

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Mulch Giveaway, 8-11 am. Downey residents can receive up to 32 gallons of free garden mulch while supplies last. Bring your own containers (no truck beds and no bags). City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Free Document Shredding, 8-11 am. Downey residents can bring up to three banker boxes for free shredding. Documents must be in boxes, not bags. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Job Fair, 9 am - 12:30 pm. On the spot interviews and on the spot hiring from employers across multiple

industries. Entry level positions available. Imago Dei Church, 9826 Priscilla St.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Ribbon Cutting, 1:30 pm. A ribbon cutting celebration for the newest member of the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Code 4 Private Security, 10907 Downey Ave.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, 7 am. Retired NFL player Keith Davis headlines the 34th annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. Before being drafted by the NY Giants, Davis won two championships at USC. \$35. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Pink Patch Fundraiser, 5-9 pm. Downey police officers will be working as servers in support of the Pink Patch Project, which raises money and awareness for breast cancer research. Any tips the officers receive will be donated to a local cancer research organization. Shirts, a pink

version of the Downey Police patch, and keychains will be available for purchase. Lazy Dog Restaurant, 8800 Apollo Way

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Video Shoot, 3-6 pm. The Downey Historical Society is shooting video for its "Downey Then and Now" series at Bob's Big Boy. Paying customers are needed to fill the restaurant. Classic cars are also needed. Bob's Big Boy, 7447 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags provided. Wear old clothes and close-toed shoes. Meet behind St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy, near Paramount Boulevard and Consuelo Street

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Somewhere in Time," the concert features The Polovtsian Dances by Alexander Borodin; Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini by Sergei Rachmaninoff; Adventures on Earth from E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial by John Williams; Firebird Suite (1919 Version) by Igor Stravinsky; and a piano solo by Man-Ling Bai. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Reboot Your Life Seminar, 9:30 am to 4 pm. This seminar is specifically designed to help veterans transition to civilian life. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. Sign up at rebootyourlife.net. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Spooky Science Night, 5-9 pm. Spooky-themed science activities, a costume parade, and more. \$5 admission. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

Miss Downey Pageant, 5 pm. Young ladies will compete for the titles of Little Miss Downey (ages 6-10), Junior Miss Downey (ages 10-13), Miss Teen Downey (ages 13-16) and Miss

Downey (ages 16-23). Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Moreno Peregrino, 4 pm. HSMSPC presents La Historia del Sr. de Los Milagros, a dance and play show. Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

State of the City, 12 pm. The Downey Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual State of the City luncheon. \$50 lunch. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Trunk or Treat, 5:30-8:30 pm. Enjoy a live DJ, food vendors, candy, and a meet and greet with the Berenstain Bears. A Cub Account exclusive event. Downey Federal Credit Union, 8237 3rd St.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Ribbon Cutting, 11 am. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the newest Downey Chamber of Commerce member. Honey Greens Cafe, 10407 Lakewood Blvd.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Downey Dia de los Muertos Festival, 11 am to 8 pm. A free community festival featuring art exhibits, community altars, live dance performances, shopping, food trucks, and more. Downey Civic Center

Mariachi Herencia, 8 pm. Mariachi Herencia performs with special guest Lupe Infante. Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Rotary Golf Tournament, 11 am. Rotary Club of Downey's annual golf tournament, with proceeds benefiting The Arc Los Angeles & Orange Counties. California Country Club in Whittier

Toys for Tecate, 6 pm. Live comedy from professional comedians. Proceeds will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for children in Tecate, Mexico. For info, call Monica Sanchez at (562) 644-6514. Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Blood Drive, 8 am to 2 pm. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women Guild's

sixth annual blood drive. Sign up at redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code OLPHCC. Knights of Columbus, 11231 Rives Ave.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

"Foster Boy" Film Screening, 6 pm. "Foster Boy" is a true story about children caught in an often failing foster care system. Presented by Father Con. \$10. LOOK Dine-In Cinema, 8200 3rd St.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags provided. Wear old clothes and close-toed shoes. Meet in the See's Candy parking lot, 9839 Paramount Blvd.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

5K Run/Walk, 7 am. A 5K run/walk in honor of late Downey police officer Ricky Galvez, presented by the Downey Police Officers Association and Friends of Downey PD K9 Foundation. Warm-ups begin at 7 am, followed by the national anthem at 7:15 and the run at 7:30 am. \$40 if registering online at racewire.com. \$45 day of event. Columbia Sports Complex, 12400 Columbia Way

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

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 3 pm. Join other volunteers in helping clean up the streets after the Downey Christmas Parade. Meet in front of the Downey City Library

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.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags provided. Wear old clothes and close-toed shoes. Meet at Big Lots, 9020 Firestone Blvd.

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "With a Song in My Heart," the concert features Concerto in G major "alla rustica" for strings, RV 151 by Vivaldi; "Irish Tune from County Derry" and "Molly on the Shore" by Grainger; Serenade for Strings in C Major, Op. 48 by Tchaikovsky; and a clarinet solo by Kelli O'Connor. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "¡Danzón!", the concert features Ritual Fire Dance from El Amor Brujo by De Falla; Marichitlán by Juan Pablo Contreras; Danzón No.2 by Arturo Marquez; "Fanfare for Earth" (world premiere) by Giovanni Santos; Capriccio espagnol, Op. 34 by Rimsky-Korsakov; and a solo by baritone Anthony Moreno. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department and community volunteers will be collecting unused, unwanted, or out-of-date prescription medications during its semi-annual "Drug Take Back" event Saturday, Oct. 29.

This event offers community members an opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous drugs and minimize the possibility of their misuse and abuse.

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How I'm voting on CA propositions and the upcoming election

By **Mario A. Guerra**

California voters will be asked to weigh in on seven statewide ballot measures in the upcoming election, the fewest measures in an election year since 1916. (In November 2020, for example, voters determined the fate of 12 statewide ballot measures.)

Two of the seven deal with gambling (26 and 27), one is a rehash of kidney dialysis centers (Prop 29), one deals with abortions (Prop 1), one deals with flavored tobacco products (Prop 31), one is about money designated for music and arts in school (Prop 28) and one is about charging higher taxes from the wealthy to pay for electric cars charging stations (Prop 30).

In Downey we will also be voting whether to tax ourselves an additional \$500,000,000 for another bond for our school district and another \$450,000,000 for a different bond for Cerritos College buildings. Yes, you read it right, \$500 million plus \$450 million. Downey residents will vote to tax themselves (or not) an additional \$950 million onto our property tax bills.

Since we are still paying for two bonds for Downey Unified and another one from Cerritos College, I will be voting no on both. While DUSD is a very good steward of our funds and a well-managed district, the timing along with inflation and cost make it wrong to be asking us to vote on this now.

I have been asked to write a brief description of each proposition. I usually do this every election. I do not ask anyone to vote any particular way, but I will let you know how I'm voting. I am not involved, nor do I work with anyone involved in any of the propositions, on either side. My vote is based on my personal beliefs, knowledge, and experience.

I do ask everyone to do their own research and vote after making a review of each proposition. It is also interesting to think about the influence the ballot designation has and what the proposition actually is doing. Knowing who supports and opposes each proposition is also fascinating and, in some cases, mildly funny. But rest assured, there is a lot of money spent on each proposition, both ways, and we should be informed of this.

Some propositions of the past are very telling. Do we remember in our last election the proposition that was put on the ballot by the realtor's association. The one that basically took away the right to leave your house to your children without a new tax assessment unless they moved into the house? It was also promoted as money going to our firemen and to fight fires and wildfires. There were lots of commercials with fake firemen stating how good these new funds would be used to save property and our planet. So now we ask, how much money has been raised or spent on these activities? Nothing. Not one cent. Firefighters are now weighing in again on one of this year's propositions.

We need to read the fine print sometimes and look beyond the phony or misleading advertising we see during election season.

Hence my point, we have a responsibility to inform ourselves or we get what is let down by fancy TV commercials and special interest groups. This is my reason for writing this every election season, just trying to bring up the facts and information. You, the informed voter, should decide.

And to put my views and voting record into perspective I do think my background is important to know too because it does influence how I personally vote.

Some facts about me...I am an immigrant refugee who came to this country at an early age. I consider myself a moderate in most of my political views. I served on the Downey City Council for 8 years and as Mayor twice. I am a Catholic Clergy and serve as a Chaplain for the Downey Police Department for the past 20 years. I am a homeowner in Downey for over 40 years and raised all 5 of our kids here. I have 4 grandchildren, two of which live in Downey. Our 8-year-old grandson is in the 3rd grade and attends public school here in the Downey Unified School District. I'm what you call a high propensity voter, or likely to vote. I hope this helps you.

It happens every election cycle in California. We voters open our ballots to find a long list of ballot measures with confusing ballot titles. The process leaves most voters frustrated, if not angry.

It shouldn't be this way. The non-partisan National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) recommends that initiative titles and summaries should be "concise, accurate, and impartial." Sadly, in California the politicians try to manipulate the vote by giving favorable titles and summaries to ballot measures they like and unfavorable titles and summaries to ballot measures they don't like.

You must be careful and know what you're voting for - especially because this year there are hidden tax increases on the ballot and competing gambling initiatives as well.

Here is a "plain English" rundown of the seven statewide ballot measures on California's 2022 ballot:

Proposition 1

Official Title: Constitutional Right to Reproductive Freedom. Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

Plain English Translation: Eliminates Any Restrictions on When Abortions Can Be Performed

Prop 1 is being sold publicly as merely a codification of a pro-choice position in the California state constitution, but it actually goes far further than that. The actual text of this ballot measure would repeal the current ban on abortions after 23 weeks of a pregnancy and allow the right to a late-term abortion up to the moment of birth. Proposition 1 would give California one of the most extreme abortion laws in the country. This measure may also interfere with existing state laws that allow for Sexually Violent Predators to be placed under mandatory treatment to limit their sex drive. Abortions will continue to be legal in California whether this passes or not. But it is too extreme, even for our state. I will be voting NO.

Proposition 26

Official Title: Allows In-Person Roulette, Dice Games, Sports Wagering on Tribal Lands. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Plain English Translation: Protects and expands non-competition on Tribal Gaming Rights, and allows Tribal Lawyers to file more lawsuits through expansion of the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA)

Prop 26 affirms the current practice of allowing only federally recognized Native American tribes to operate roulette, dice games, and sports wagering on tribal lands, subject to compacts negotiated by the Governor and ratified by the Legislature. It would also allow on-site sports wagering at privately operated horse-racing tracks in specified counties for ages 21 and up. Unfortunately, the measure contains a "poison pill" to expand the use of the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA) to allow trial attorneys to file frivolous lawsuits that harm small businesses. I will be voting NO on 26.

Proposition 27

Official Title: Allows Online and Mobile Sports Wagering Outside Tribal Lands. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Plain English Translation: Allows Private Businesses to Engage in Online Gambling to Compete with Native American Tribes

Proposition 27 would expand gambling in California beyond casinos currently operated by Native American tribes by allowing private businesses to operate online and mobile sports wagering for persons 21 and up. Native American tribes say this competition from private businesses will undermine their ability to fund programs for their tribes. Backers of the measure say they would impose a special tax on these new forms of gambling with revenue allegedly going toward homeless aid programs.

Who is behind Prop 27? Private gaming giants are behind this proposition of course. But online gambling is legal in many states, and it is fairly simple to do so from California now. So, it really comes down to your personal preference and whether you think regulating online gambling and taxing it for California intentions is worth it. While I don't gamble personally, I do not have a problem with us taxing gambling and having some new funds for our state projects. I am voting YES on 27.

Proposition 28

Official Title: Provides Additional Funding For Arts And Music Education In Public Schools. Initiative Statute.

Plain English Translation: Earmarks Mandatory Funding from the Existing State Education Budget for Arts and Music Programs which could take away from the Basics Core Curriculums of Math and Reading.

Prop 28 is an earmark - or a requirement that the state spend at least a certain amount of funds from the state budget for the exclusive benefit of art and music programs. The earmark mandates that 1% of required state and local funding for public schools be set aside for arts and music programs and then allocates a greater proportion of the funds to schools serving more economically disadvantaged students. Earmarks are not free money - so any

earmark will have to come at the expense of other educational programs for fundamental academic areas like reading, writing and math. 1% doesn't sound like a lot but it really is. While arts and music programs are important and worthy of funding, Prop 28 is flawed as currently written and could lead to budget cuts in core education programs. I will be voting NO on 28.

Proposition 29

Official Title: Requires On-Site Licensed Medical Professional At Kidney Dialysis Clinics And Establishes Other State Requirements. Initiative Statute

Plain English Translation: Imposes Costly Regulations on Kidney Dialysis Clinics to Benefit Organized Labor Unions Who Have Asked Voters Before

Prop 29 may be familiar to voters since it has been rejected twice before in 2018 and 2020. Why does it keep appearing on the ballot? Wealthy labor unions force the measure on the ballot in an attempt to impose new costly regulations on kidney dialysis clinics that would benefit the interests of the unions. Prop 29 requires specific medical personnel on site during treatment at outpatient kidney dialysis clinics - whether or not the personnel are even needed. The measure also increases mandatory state reporting and prohibits clinics from closing or reducing services without state approval. A "no" vote keeps doctors and clinics more independent from state control. Since I have a Type 1 diabetic son I know how important it is to keep medical treatment stable that is working. I will be voting NO on 29, again.

Proposition 30

Official Title: Provides Funding for Programs to Reduce Air Pollution And Prevent Wildfires by Increasing Tax on Personal Income Over \$2 Million.

Plain English Translation: Tax Increase Funded and Proposed BY Lyft to Help Themselves- Increases Income Taxes to Fund a Variety of New Government Programs That Even Governor Newsom Opposes

Prop 30 is a massive income tax increase - even though California already has the highest income taxes in the country of any state. Prop 30 imposes a 1.75% tax increase for personal incomes over \$2 million. Revenue for the proposition aims to go toward climate change measures, but the definition of programs eligible for these new funds is quite broad as to allow the funds to be used in a wide-range of ways. This initiative was put on the ballot by Lyft to be self-serving.

The list of those who support and those who oppose make for some interesting conversation too. Supported by Lyft, several trade unions, and the California Democratic party. Opposed by Governor Newsom (he called it a Trojan horse and terrible law), the California Teachers Association, the California Republican Party and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association. You may never see these groups against the same cause together again. Yes, politics can make you laugh out loud at times. I will be voting NO on 30.

Proposition 31

Official Title: Referendum on 2020 Law that Would Prohibit the Retail Sale of Certain Flavored Tobacco Products.

Plain English Translation: Should California Ban the Sale of Flavored Tobacco?

Prop 31 is a "referendum" or question on whether a proposed state law should be implemented or rejected. State Senate Bill, SB 793, which prohibits the retail sale of certain flavored tobacco products and tobacco flavor enhancers. A "yes" vote would uphold and pass the law into effect, banning the retail sale of these flavored tobacco products. A "no" vote would overturn the law and tobacco companies would be allowed to sell flavored tobacco products in the state. We already have strict tobacco laws, including age restrictions - which should take care of several gateway drug concerns. I generally do not like government taking away choices or preferences on already heavily regulated items. For those reasons I will be voting NO on 31.

Mario A. Guerra is a two time former Mayor of Downey and co-host of the podcast Talking Downey with Mario and Eric. He can be reached at www.marioaguerra.com

Blanca Pacheco for state Assembly

By **Eric Pierce**

As someone who has known Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco for more than a decade, since before she was elected to public office, there are things I can say about her with absolute certainty:

She is honest.

She enjoys helping others.

She never intended to be a politician.

Pacheco, a Democrat, is one of two candidates for the 64th state Assembly district. Her opponent is Republican Raul Ortiz Jr. If elected, Pacheco would be the first Downey resident to serve in the state Assembly.

But Pacheco making history for the City of Downey is a convenient bonus, not a selling point. The truth is that Pacheco is the more qualified candidate, the more experienced candidate, and the candidate best equipped to advocate for her constituents in Sacramento.

Pacheco is a practicing attorney and real estate broker. She was elected to the Downey City Council in 2016 and was elected mayor in 2020, helping lead Downey's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. As mayor, she spearheaded a rent moratorium for both commercial and residential tenants, helping families stay in their homes and small businesses stay open.

Pacheco's upbringing is a story of perseverance, not privilege. The daughter of a nurse and school bus driver, she attended elementary school in Cudahy and then middle school and high school in Downey. As a teenager, Pacheco spent weekends with her dad mowing lawns to make extra money. She and her dad, Gonzalo, also taught karate.

Pacheco went on to earn her bachelor's degree in political science from UCLA, with a specialization in chicano/a studies. Then came Loyola Law School; she passed the California State Bar exam in 2003.

After law school, Pacheco worked as a substitute teacher in the Downey Unified School District. She also worked as a part-time paralegal instructor at Downey Adult School.

As an attorney, Pacheco has worked in municipal law and estate planning. She donates her time and services, often helping low-income, mostly Spanish speaking families.

But more important than Pacheco's biography are her plans for the state of California. One of her priorities is reducing homelessness and she plans to do this through policy that supports the construction of affordable housing.

"I'll also work to reduce homelessness by advancing compassionate policies like investing in supportive and permanent housing, mental health services, job-training, and more, to provide resources to those in need while helping to get people off the streets and into housing," Pacheco said.

Other priorities include:

Creation of middle class jobs -- "Nobody in California should work a full 40 hour work-week and still live in poverty," she said. "That's why in the State Assembly, I'll work to ensure livable wages for California's working

people, protect workers' rights and their ability to form or join a union..."

Funding public education -- "I strongly support ensuring high-quality early education and universal pre-K for all children," she said. Pacheco also supports free community college for California residents.

Combating climate change -- "In the State Assembly, I'll work to protect our environment and address climate change, while safeguarding clean air and clean water for our communities," Pacheco said. "I believe we can protect and create good jobs, and simultaneously ensure a cleaner, safer environment for all Californians if we work together."

Affordable healthcare -- Pacheco supports expanding access to healthcare and protecting women's reproductive rights. "I also believe we must lower the cost of prescription drugs as nobody in our community should be forced to choose between paying for healthcare or medicine and putting food on the table for their family," she said.

Enhancing infrastructure -- "I will work to invest more in infrastructure, from upgrading and expanding mass transit to universal broadband to clean energy technologies, modernizing our transportation hubs, roads and bridges and more," she said. "These investments will not only help ensure the long-term competitiveness of our economy and level the playing field for so many disadvantaged communities, but it will also create countless good paying, middle class jobs."

It's clear that Pacheco's political ideologies swing left, which will satisfy the majority of residents living in the newly-drawn 64th assembly district encompassing Downey, Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, La Habra, La Mirada, Los Nietos, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs and South Whittier.

But on the City Council, Pacheco has proven herself a moderate willing to work with people of all political parties. She supports law enforcement and has been endorsed by Republicans, Democrats and independents.

Blanca Pacheco has dedicated her adult life to helping her neighbors and community. She will be missed on the Downey city council but the time is right for a promotion to the state legislature.

She will make Downey proud.

Eric Pierce is editor of the Downey Patriot.

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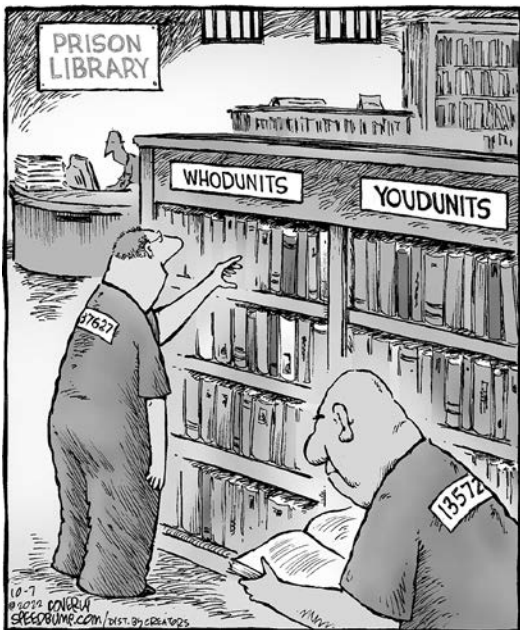
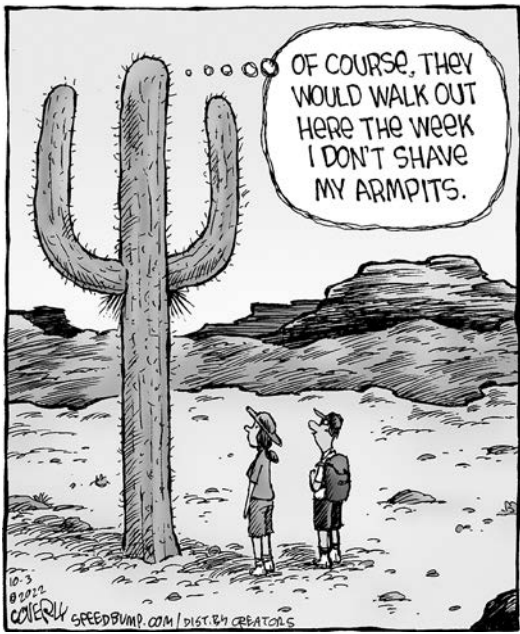
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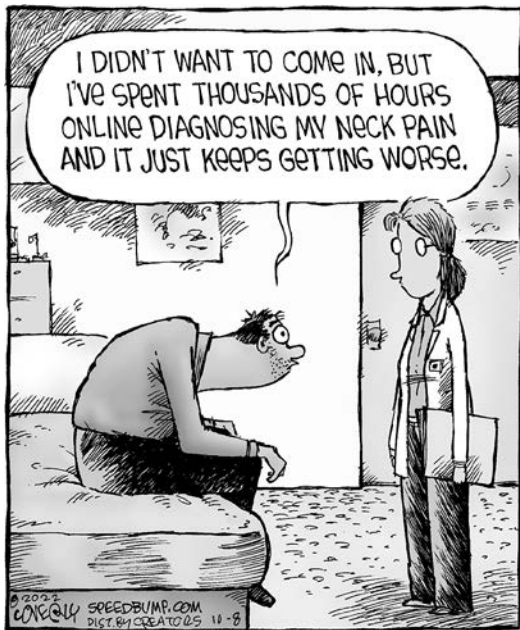
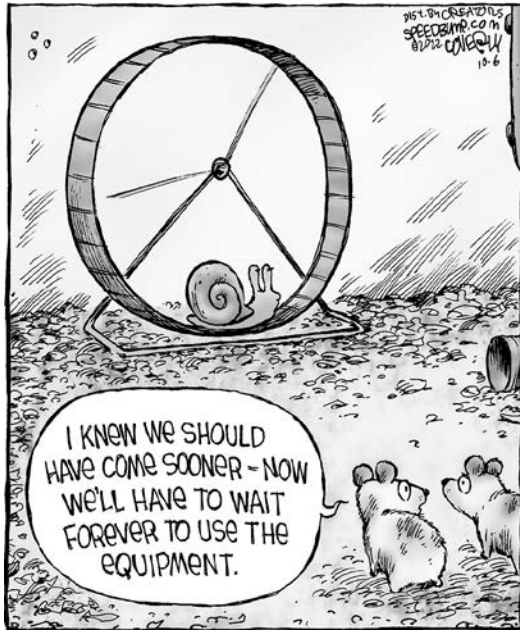
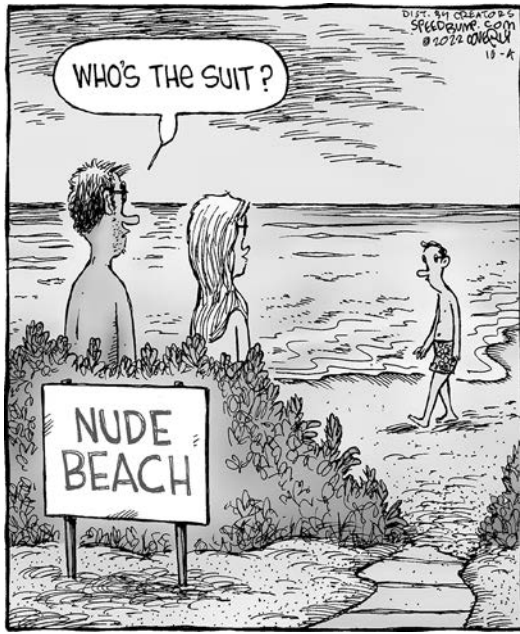
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 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462.
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task 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 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
 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.
 10:30 am: Ballroom dance class, at Downey Community Center, call 776 7270.
 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.
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 3rd Wed., 11:30 am: 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 Barbara 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.
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 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara 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.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, 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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The name of the Red Sea nation of ETRREA (26 Across) is derived from the Greek word for "red," the same root of the scientific prefix erythro-. Chopin's ETUDEs (27 Across) were highly innovative for their time; numerous composers (such as Debussy and Rachmaninoff) emulated Chopin's style in their own études. Located southeast of Los Angeles, COSTA Mesa (95 Across) experienced a population surge after World War II, as thousands of soldiers trained at a nearby army base returned to the area to raise their families.

Bears beat Mayfair to stay undefeated



Warren High School senior Sabrina Santos (R) digs the ball in a girls volleyball match against Mayfair in Gateway League action Tuesday at Warren. Jaylynn Fierro (L) and Sophia Galvan (Center) look on. Warren won 3-0 (Photo by Mia Hattery)

Warren High's perfect record stayed intact as the Bears beat Mayfair, 3-0.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School Girls Volleyball team kept on rolling and remain perfect in the Gateway League in the Suburban Valley Conference with a sweep of Mayfair, 3-0, Tuesday (October 4).

With the win, the Bears sit atop the league with a 6-0 record and are 13-5 overall.

With only two matches remaining in league play, Warren is geared for a run in the CIF-Southern Section playoffs, which begin a little more than a week.

The Bears are coming off of a second-place finish last season in the final year of the San Gabriel Valley League, in which they finished second with an 8-2 record to Downey, which won the league at 10-0.

"We had a pretty good team last year," said Warren coach Scott Lane, who has been at Warren for 14 years.

Warren defeated Nordhoff, 3-0, in the first round of CIF Division 5, but fell to Bishop Amat in the second round.

The current roster for the Bears consists of eight seniors, one junior and four sophomores.

"We have a senior-based team, which has been together since middle school," Lane said.

Four of those seniors have played together since middle school, since they were in the 7th grade – Mayra Gonzalez, Litzy Flores, Sabrina Santos and Jaylynn Fierro.

"All of the girls on the team have good chemistry on and off the court," he added. "In league, we are 6-0, despite more than half of our team having two-plus years in club experience."

As for the match, the Bears accomplished what they needed to stay above the rest in league.

"I think, literally, we won the serve and pass game pretty well," Lane said. "Mayfair is a talented team and they have some good athletes."

Leading the way for Warren was senior opposite Fierro, with a match-high 10 kills. She also had seven service aces.

"Jaylynn is very good at every position," Lane added. "She can set, pass and serve well. She is super knowledgeable about the game. She does everything well."

"I believe she is a candidate for MVP of the league."

In the first set, Fierro had a service run of 15 points, six of which were aces.

"The rest of the kids are playing really well and they are getting better," Lane added. "I think the kids we have this year are so good. They have bought into the system. This year we needed to have everyone handle the ball well."

Earlier in the season, the Bears went the distance with Cypress in five sets, losing in the fifth, 16-14 and in the Bellflower Tournament they were 3-3.

The final two games of the season will determine if Warren can win the league title, as Downey (15-7) is one game behind Warren with a 5-1 record in league.

As for the league, Lane knows how even it can be. "I think our league is pretty good and I never take a win for granted."

Lane, in his 14 years said: "Every team I have put together, it's a team under 6".

"If you can serve and pass, you can play with anybody."

Downey will play two games

next week. The Vikings will play at Warren on Tuesday, which could determine the league title. They also end the regular season at home against Paramount.

"(Downey) is very well coached," Lane said. "It's going to be a challenge."

"A lot of pride is on both sides. It's going to be in our house and there are great fans at Warren. Even at Warren it's a packed house."

This month is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Warren

Activities Director Andrea Sims makes sure it's a big event.

"She puts on the 'Dig Pink' game for Cancer Awareness," Lane added. "The kids are excited to play in that game."

Both coaches played at a high level nearly at the same time, as Lane was at Brigham Young University and Downey coach Shawn Patchell played at Long Beach State University.

Warren played Gahr on Thursday (Oct. 6 – results unavailable at press time).

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Downey can't afford wishy-washy candidates

■ **OPINION:** There is too much at stake in Downey to elect candidates who don't offer clear answers to important questions.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

If there was one section I enjoyed most from Tuesday's city council candidates forum, it was the "yes or no" portion of the evening.

Let me explain.

Moderators Mario Guerra

and Eric Pierce of the Talking Downey podcast laid out several of the issues the city is currently facing: everything from the hotel occupancy tax and the Downey Unified School District Bond, all the way down to the widening of our freeways and Ojos Locos.

Candidates were asked to state if they supported each topic with a yes or no answer, and then could elaborate as much or as little as they wanted. If their answer was too muddled or vague, either Guerra or Pierce would ask for simple clarification.

Yes or no?

The strategy was to get each candidate officially on record on various topics. Too often, politicians say a lot while saying absolutely nothing. At the very least, they try not to take an obvious side.

Candidates Joaquin Beltran, Art Montoya, and Dr. Anthony Felix were probably the worst offenders on Tuesday. Still, if

you've read any of my candidate stories from over the last several weeks, you'd see that every candidate — every single one — has been guilty of being wishy-washy at some point this campaign season.

From a strategy standpoint, I get it: candidates don't want to risk peeving off a potential voter and losing their vote, or even — as Felix alluded to Tuesday — alienate themselves from their future colleagues.

Those are fair points, albeit not great ones.

Here's why.

Downey has no time left for indecision, for wishy-washy, for campaign strategy.

Our city has been described as in "transition." May I offer a different word that starts with "T."

Turmoil.

We are very likely to lose our mayor to the state assembly by year's end. Our Mayor Pro Tem is fighting for her political life with a

recall election on the horizon. Two seats will be decided next month; one is already guaranteed to provide a rookie councilmember.

We still do not have a permanent City Manager, and interim City Manager Mark Scott is limited on the number of hours he can work due to CalPERS. His limit may carry him through the calendar year, but it will most certainly expire before the end of the fiscal year.

That's before acknowledging the slew of other administration staff that have either already left, will be leaving, or are rumored to be leaving soon. Many of those positions will also need to be solidified, however it is unlikely to happen until the new city manager is selected.

With so many hanging questions at Downey's top, voters need and deserve to be as informed as possible on Nov. 8.

Candidates who are not straightforward and clear, who say

"it depends," or who choose not to answer do a disservice, both to themselves and to the constituents they are attempting to sway.

As residents, we don't expect to always agree with you, nor do we expect that you will always agree with the rest of the council should you be elected.

That's democracy. That's why there are five of you up there on the dais.

We want to know your viewpoints. We want to know where you stand — clearly — and why.

At a time where there is so much at stake in Downey, it helps to know the person who's box you're checking on election day.

The candidates forum can currently be watched on the Downey Patriot Facebook.

Alex Dominguez is a staff writer for the Downey Patriot.

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Downey couple celebrates 65 years of marriage

Luis and Ana got married on Sept. 28, 1957 in the small town of Santa Ana, Ecuador. Every time Luis shares their wedding details, he shows such happiness.

He was able to give his bride a wedding that was unusual in their hometown. He worked very hard

to save \$6,000 sucres. Besides the wedding gown, he bought her a whole wardrobe, which he had delivered to her before the wedding.

At that time there was no electricity, so he rented a generator, and a gramophone for music. The church was first-class, with a long red carpet and lots of flowers. Luis also rented a car for the people to be able to attend the wedding.

For their honeymoon, they went to the city of Manta, about two hours away. When they came back, they stopped at the city of Portoviejo. Luis got a haircut next door to a photo studio, where they took the only photo the family has to commemorate the special occasion.

In January of 1974, Luis and Ana migrated to the United States, leaving behind their five children, parents, siblings, and a large family from both sides. Though their lives in Ecuador were good, they wanted a better life for their children. When they arrived in California, they lived in the city of Cudahy with Luis's brother. Ana would soon discover that she was expecting. That same year, their two daughters would also arrive.

It was through Luis's brother that they would meet "their guardian angels," The Denenberg family. They guided Luis to a new way of living, introducing him to the pizza business, enrolling him in driving school, and taking him to a car dealer where he was able to



buy his first car, a Ford 1968. The Denenberg's were also there for Luis and Ana step by step in regard to their immigration status.

Three years later, Luis, Ana, and their two daughters went back to Ecuador to receive the visas that would not only come back to the USA, but with their three sons that were left with relatives.

1977 would be the most important year for the Mendoza Cevallos family, as on May 20 they left LAX Airport with their green cards in hand.

It was not easy to find a home to rent for eight people. Guided by his sister, who was a real estate agent, they were able to buy their first home in May of 1978 in the city of South Gate.

Always thinking of what was best for their children, Luis and Ana bought their second home

in the city of Downey in January 1989. Half of their married life has been lived in that home, which has been remodeled to accommodate the young children who still lived with them. Three of these children graduated from Warren High School, as well as some of their grandchildren.

Life was not easy, but it was not bad. With time, Luis became a business owner with his own pizzeria. Two of their children (along with some grandchildren) have earned Master degrees.

Luis and Ana grew a beautiful family who are now caring for them as they live their autumn season.

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Downey students accepted into Biola

DOWNEY — Several Downey residents have started their studies at Biola University.

Four students were announced by the university, including:

- Gianluca Gonzalez, majoring in Accounting
- David Ruiz Jr., majoring in Worship Arts
- Andrew Herrera, majoring in Psychology, and
- William Gonzalez, majoring in Business Administration

A total of 1,583 undergraduate and graduate students started their collegiate journey at Biola University on the first day of classes, Aug. 29.

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Cheryl Kleensmith, Gloria Krebs, Ray Travers, and Mary Kitchener recently visited Lillydale, New York, and took their Downey Patriot.

Greg Welch, owner of Risher Mortuary, catches up on the news as he surfs the Rio Hardy River in Baja, Mexico.



Glenn Stephens, left, at the 2017 Glennfest Film Festival.

POET'S CORNER

Problems with Hurricanes

A campesino looked at the air
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or the noise or the water.
I'll tell you he said:
it's the mangoes, avocados
Green plantains and bananas
flying into town like projectiles.
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feel if they had to tell
The generations that you
got killed by a flying
Banana.
Death by drowning has honor
If the wind picked you up
and slammed you
Against a mountain boulder
This would not carry shame
But
to suffer a mango smashing
Your skull
or a plantain hitting your
Temple at 70 miles per hour
is the ultimate disgrace.
The campesino takes off his hat—
As a sign of respect
toward the fury of the wind
And says:
Don't worry about the noise
Don't worry about the water
Don't worry about the wind—
If you are going out
beware of mangoes
And all such beautiful
sweet things.

Victor Hernández Cruz, *Maraca: New and Selected Poems 1965-2000*, Coffee House Press, 2001

Poetry is an entry point into a culture. Victor Hernández Cruz, born in Puerto Rico, engages the social, political, and personal. It's not till the last lines that we see this poem is not about mangoes. It's a warning about something more dangerous than hurricanes. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks



Rick Rodriguez, left, was sworn-in by Judge Dennis Saab.

Rick Rodriguez is new Kiwanis president

DOWNEY – Former Downey mayor Rick Rodriguez was installed as president of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis on Friday.

Rodriguez's executive board includes immediate past president Vijay Patel, president-elect Hector Sosa, treasurer Jeremy Fitzl and secretary Esther Lee.

Rodriguez was installed by Judge Dennis Saab.

Established in 1967, Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis is a registered non-profit and operates several programs benefiting kids.

Downtown Downey hosting film screenings

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A reclusive and fiercely independent writer living in the English countryside befriends a young evacuee who is thrust into her care after the London Blitz. It's shown at Look Dine Cinema, and the dining option is available.

"Fantastic Planet" is a 1973 experimental animated science fiction film, directed by René Laloux and written by Laloux and Roland Topor. The film uses cut-out stop motion techniques, and received the Special Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival.

"I Dream in Another Language" (sueño en otro idioma) is a poetic Mexican film that raises philosophical questions about what is lost when a language – and by extension, our elders' memory – fades away. Zikril, an indigenous language is in peril as its last two speakers, Evaristo and Isauro, had a quarrel, and a linguist arriving in a small jungle settlement hope to settle it, but the men haven't spoken to each other in 50 years.

In release right now is "MVP The Movie." Former Green Beret and NFL player Nate Boyer directed and stars in the film "MVP," which tackles real-world issues. On the streets of Hollywood, a recently retired NFL player is saved from scandal by a homeless veteran suffering from PTSD. With their glory days behind them both, the two men bond in search of true purpose and identity.

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Newsom signs 8 of Archula's bills

■ The governor agreed to sign eight pieces of legislation authored by Downey's state senator, Bob Archuleta.

DOWNEY – Eight bills authored by State Sen. Bob Archuleta (D-Pico Rivera) and passed by the California Legislature to address issues ranging from veterans affairs to public safety have been signed into law by Governor Newsom.

Archuleta represents Downey in the state senate.

"I applaud the Newsom administration for signing eight of my bills into law that will improve public and professional

safety, increase the number of zero emission sites available to hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, and help support the households of active duty military service members," said Archuleta. "From best practices when handling lead paint during renovation work, to my ongoing efforts as chair of the Hydrogen Energy Committee making transportation healthier, safer and better for all Californians, I am proud to have delivered a diverse range of legislative wins."

The eight bills are summarized below:

SB 277 – Fireworks: dangerous fireworks: seizure management: provides the

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CAL FIRE's) Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) the authority to manage – instead of only dispose of – illegal fireworks.

SB 950 – Vet Cal Fresh: requires the State Department of Social Services to submit a request to the United States Department of Agriculture to exclude the basic allowance for housing for members of a uniformed service from countable income in the calculation of CalFresh eligibility.

SB 954 – Operating Engineers Database: requires the Department of Industrial Relations to establish a database

of electronic-Certified Payroll Records that will lead to increased labor compliance and save taxpayer dollars.

SB 984 – CALANGUS – Military Leave: allows state employees who are members of the National Guard to use military leave if called to active military duty and active emergency military duty for the first thirty calendar days of such active service.

SB 1076 – Lead Paint Conformity: requires, among other things, the State Department of Public Health, to conform California's program regulating lead-related construction work to the United States Environmental

Protection Agency's Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule.

SB 1111 – Best Safety Act: requires a person or entity who sells or provides a trash receptacle or storage container that meets certain size criteria to mark the receptacle or container with a reflective marking on each side.

SB 1291 – Hydrogen Permitting: requires local governments to expand their existing administrative approval process for the permitting of zero emission vehicle infrastructure to include hydrogen-fueling infrastructure and allows for denials of those permits based only

on health or safety impacts.

SB 1428 – Board of Psychology Tech: creates a new category of registered mental health professional, psychological testing technicians, to meet the growing need for psychological and neuropsychological services while protecting consumers and payers.

"In addition to these bills and legislation I will be working on in the future, I remain committed to ensuring that the state's budget delivers meaningful fiscal relief to working families, continued funding to address veteran mental health and suicide prevention, while also ensuring our children's schools receive sufficient funding."

LA's eviction moratorium has expiration date

■ The Los Angeles City Council agreed to allow its ban on renter evictions to expire at the end of January.

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles' long-standing renter eviction protections due to COVID-19 hardship will be lifted at the end of January, the City Council decided unanimously Tuesday.

The council voted 12-0 to approve a package of recommendations from a council committee, following a spirited public comment session that featured both tenants advocating for continued protections and mom-and-pop landlords pleading for the restrictions to end.

Under the council action, landlords will be able to resume increasing rent on rent-controlled apartments, which account for three-quarters of the units in Los Angeles, beginning in February 2024.

Council President Nury Martinez called the vote a compromise that "preserves the livelihood of our renters while still transitioning from COVID-era protections to permanent tenant protections."

"We cannot let this burden fall on either side, whether it's the tenants or the mom-and-pop landlords," Martinez said. "This policy that was put into place two years ago was intended solely to keep people housed and keep them

off the streets. Now it is time that we not only keep people off the streets, but we also protect people's housing and preserve their financial well-being."

For the past few months, council members have grappled to balance the needs of renters and landlords. Housing groups believe ending the moratorium will place thousands of families impacted by the pandemic into limbo, while landlords claim current conditions are different from those at the onset of the pandemic and renters should no longer be able to use COVID-19 hardship as a reason to eschew paying rent.

Tenants who have missed payments since March 2020 will have to meet two re-payment deadlines. Under state law, they have until Aug. 1, 2023, to pay back missed rent between March 1, 2020, and Sept. 30, 2021. Under the city's moratorium, tenants will have until Feb. 1, 2024, to re-pay rent accumulated from Oct. 1, 2021 to Feb. 1, 2023.

The council voted to explore initiating universal just-cause rules, which would require specific reasons for landlords to

evict tenants in all units, not just those under rent control. It also supported providing relocation assistance for all evictions deemed no-fault evictions.

Tenants also cannot be subjected to a no-fault eviction for unauthorized pets until Jan. 31, 2024. Other renter protection plans were noted as "report backs," with several council members urging the city to enact those protections before the moratorium expires next year. Those included creating a Tenants' Bill of Rights and data collection and tracking of all evictions, amendments offered by Council members Kevin de León and Nithya Raman.

Maria Briones, a street vendor who lives in District 8, said she was sick with COVID-19 for six months last year and fell behind on rent. Her landlord tried to evict her, taking her to court three times and cutting off her power during the recent heat wave, according to Briones.

"I could not sleep because the power was off," Briones said. "I could not have my fan on. This is not right, and this is not human. We have been treated like animals."

To end the moratorium

without first enacting permanent protections would be "reckless and inhumane," according to Faizah Malik, a senior staff attorney at Public Counsel.

"There should be no gaps in protections for tenants," Malik said. "We cannot go back to a pre-pandemic world of tens of thousands of evictions, increasing rent burden, rising homelessness and a worsening housing crisis."

Fred Sutton, senior vice president of local public affairs

for the California Apartment Association, told the council landlords should "not be forced to provide the service of housing without compensation," noting that "the conditions of 2020 are completely different than today."

Sutton was hissed and booed by the crowd, eliciting a warning by Martinez.

"Rental housing providers are not in the eviction business," Sutton said. "But eviction is unfortunately

necessary and often a singular tool for resolving the most disruptive situations or when someone is not being compensated."

A property owner who identified himself as Wayne Harris told the council that landlords should not be blamed for the pandemic. Harris said if the council wanted to continue the moratorium, it should also find a way to compensate landlords, noting that landlords can also get COVID-19 and become at risk of homelessness.

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This is the one!!

3-bedroom, 3-bathroom home with formal dining area. Two of the bedrooms and a full bathroom are just past the dining area. Kitchen with lots of counter space and a view of the family room. Laundry area. Master suite with a private balcony located on second floor. Direct access from the family room to the backyard and two car garage. **Call Today!!**

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A Must See!!

This home is a perfect opportunity for anyone looking to purchase as a first-time buyer or possible investor rental property. Featuring 2 bedrooms - 1 bathroom. Residence also features a front porch, driveway to accommodate two cars, and much more. **Call Today!!**

2 Story Condo!!

This 2-story condo features 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, new carpet upstairs, laminate flooring downstairs, in-unit washer/dryer hook-up, ample closet space, and an installed chair lift. The condo also offers a private patio and 1-parking space with a small storage area. Additionally, residents get to enjoy the swimming pool, a separate patio area, and a community laundry area. **Call Today!!**

Won't last!!

Nice home located in the City of Los Angeles. Features: 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, laminated floors, tile floor in kitchen, granite kitchen counter, back patio, garage converted, and iron fence in front yard. **Call Today!!**

Beautiful Townhome!!

This beautiful 2-level townhome offers 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 1,731 of living space, plenty of natural lighting with a backyard filled with fruit trees. The kitchen and baths are recently remodeled to include smart home technology such as Nest Thermostat, and electrical outlets with USB ports. Double-space windows throughout, high ceiling, walk-in closet, laundry room, overhead garage storage, and even a hidden storage room!! **Call Today!!**

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Great Opportunity!!

Affordable Lake Home. 5 min from the lake. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms 1440 sq ft of living area, 6534 sq ft lot. Property has been freshly painted, it has forced AC & heat, new 30-year roof installed less than a year ago. Nice open floor plan with double driveway big enough to park a boat or an RV. It has a casita at the rear of the property with ADU potential for extra rental income. **Call Today!!**

PRICE REDUCTION

Don't Wait!!

This 3 bedroom and 1.75 bathroom home is conveniently located in the city of Downey. Property features high vaulted ceilings, crown moldings, and a built-in fireplace located in the dining room. The primary bedroom is spacious with double closets and ensuite bathroom. **Call Today!!**

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<p>MULTIPLE OFFERES</p>  <p>NORTH DOWNEY HOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 bedrooms • 2 bathrooms • 2,036 sq. ft. of living space • 9,296 sq. ft. lot <p>LISTED FOR \$935,000</p>	<p>JUST LISTED</p>  <p>BELL DEAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 bedrooms • 3/4 bathroom • Tile floors • Single car garage <p>LIST PRICE \$489,000</p>	<p>FOR SALE</p>  <p>A-1 NEIGHBORHOOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 beds 4 baths • 3,829 sq ft 10,250 sq ft lot • Large family room with fireplace • Large yard with pool & spa • 3 car garage <p>LIST PRICE \$1,499,950</p>	<p>FOR SALE</p>  <p>LOCATED IN A QUIET CUL-DE-SAC IN DOWNEY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 beds 3 baths • 3,516 sq. ft. 16,623 sq. ft. lot • Formal living room with fireplace • Fully furnished home • Large backyard <p>LIST PRICE \$2,199,950</p>	<p>SOLD</p>  <p>5562 CALIFORNIA AVE, LONG BEACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 bedrooms 2 bathrooms • 1,120 sq. ft. • 4,810 sq. ft. lot • Upgraded bathrooms • Long driveway • Detached 2 car garage <p>MARIO DID IT AGAIN!!!</p>	
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