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Warren tops rival Downey in QB showdown

■ Quarterbacks Nico Iamaleava and Aidan Chiles put on a show for over 9,000 fans.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

DOWNEY – It was a game that was in the waiting for almost a year.

Simply, Downey vs. Warren.

The best kept secret outside of the City of Downey should go down as one of the top rivals in all of California high school football. Period.

Over 9,000 fans probably had this game circled on their calendars, and that included Downey senior quarterback Aidan Chiles.

Chiles, who transferred into Downey and is headed to Oregon State next season, missed the game last year due to an injury, said in the preseason that he was waiting for week eight.

The result didn't end up like he wanted, but Chiles and University of Tennessee commit, Nico Iamaleava, didn't disappoint the throngs of fans at Warren Friday night (October 14).

A highlight 78-yard touchdown run by Chiles and four TD passes by Iamaleava had both sides of the field jumping.

Warren is in line for the first-ever Gateway title, which is part of the Suburban Valley Conference.

"Our kids played hard and I know Downey played hard," Warren fourth-year coach Kevin Pearson said. "It was a good match-up on paper, but the kids did good."

Iamaleava went down just before half with a cramp and was limping noticeably going into halftime but came back out after the intermission and continued to play.

"Nico is one of the toughest kids," Pearson said. "I've had linebackers and great linemen and he is one of the toughest kids I've ever had. I thought he'd come back, somehow, somehow. Our training staff did a great job working on it at halftime."

"He wanted to tough it out. As he was playing on it, it kind of loosened up."

The competitor in Iamaleava came out in the second half and he picked up right where he left off before he went down before half.

He threw for two short touchdown passes of 8 and 12 yards.

"When I went down, I was fine and I went in the locker room and my trainer took care of it and I felt good after that," Iamaleava said.

Perhaps, Warren Athletic Director Samantha Miyahara said it best about the rivalry.

The crowd size was upwards of 9,000 fans in attendance," Miyahara said.

"The atmosphere was electric. The environment created by the ASB, band & color guard, cheer, and dance was nothing short of spectacular. It is remarkable to know that our student-athletes have the opportunity to compete in front of a crowd like that. This is an experience that very few high school student-athletes are afforded, and this is yet another example of what makes Downey Unified School District so special."

The marquee match-up brought praise from Miyahara.

"The match-up of the two Division I quarterbacks was thrilling," added Miyahara. "Aidan Chiles is very talented, and I look forward to watching him continue to flourish at Oregon State."

"I cannot say enough about our quarterback, Nico Iamaleava," Miyahara said. "He obviously had a tremendous game. I would contend that he is the most gifted quarterback in the nation, and he proved that again on Friday night. Although his talent is undeniable, what I found to be truly inspiring was his mental and physical toughness. His insatiable desire to win and his unflinching doggedness make him one of the most fierce competitors on every field."

Props were handed out to the team from Miyahara.

"I was incredibly proud of the way our team played," Miyahara said. "They maintained their composure and poise. They played with a lot of determination and tenacity. They also played with incredible maturity and integrity."

I spoke with the team this afternoon, and I conveyed the message that I was proud of them for the win, but more importantly, I was proud of them for the way they won."

Iamaleava led with four touchdowns, passing for 260 yards (8 for 16), with one interception. He also ran for 63 yards on eight carries and totaled 323 yards of total offense.

Senior running back Marcus Higgs (8 carries, 27 yards) ran for touchdowns of 2 and 8 yards, while senior Romeo Clark (8 carries, 57 yards) ran for one TD.

Iamaleava spread out the passes to five players, with junior Jordan Ross (3 catches, 140 Yards) scored two touchdowns and senior receiver Jeremiah Ingram caught two passes for 84 yards and a touchdown.

"I thought we did good preparing for the game and it was Ross' first game back," Iamaleava said. "We already had a connections before he got hurt and it felt good to have him back out there. He opens the offense up"

Downey was led by Chiles with 195 yards passing (18 for 29) and two touchdowns and an interception. Chiles also ran for a touchdown. He carried the ball eight times for a game-high 131 yards. Marco Navarrete ran for 22 yards on seven carries, while Jaylen Crutchfield carried the ball five times for 18 yards.

"They outplayed us, pretty simple as that," Chiles said. "They just outplayed us in that (first) half. We just didn't come back with anything, and we didn't capitalize on what we had and made some mental mistakes."

On Chiles' 78-yard dash down the sidelines, he said it was one play they had been practicing all week. "We practiced it all week and we prepared for it in the game and it worked."

Chiles missed last year's big game as he was out with an injury, but he said, "It was great, it was great," said Chiles of his chance to play in the game. "It was a great feeling to be here in general, with all of the fans and everything. I loved it and it didn't come out with the outcome we wanted. This was the biggest stage I've played on ever."

Downey senior wide receiver Bryant Carey caught a touchdown and had seven receptions for 88 yards, while senior Ian Hernandez ran four times for 42 yards. Freshman Oscar Aguilar had a touchdown and 14 yards on three carries.

"If you look on paper, statistically we played bad in the first half and it's hard to play catch up against (Warren) and they got all of the momentum," Downey football coach Jack Williams said.

Other than Chiles big 78-yard



Warren High School quarterback Nico Iamaleava scrambles as he's chased by Downey's Anthony Gurrola. (Photo by Keith Durlfingler)

touchdown run, he only had seven other carries.

"I think Aidan takes it away from himself sometimes. He's worried too much about things going on around him. He still had a good game."

After Downey took the opening drive down the field and missed a 40-yard field goal attempt, Warren drove the ball 80 yards on only three plays, highlighted by a 74-yard TD pass from Iamaleava to Ross for the 8-0 lead. A penalty on the extra point attempt allowed the Bears to go for a 2-point conversion which Higgs ran successfully.

On the second play by Downey after the ensuing kickoff, Chiles blew by everybody for his 78-yard score. The extra point was blocked, as Downey trailed, 8-6.

Warren answered again on the third play from scrimmage with a 75-yard touchdown pass from Iamaleava to Ingram for the 15-6 lead.

Warren scored twice more, late in the first and in the second quarter on an 8-yard run by Higgs and a 57-yard touchdown reception by Ross for the 28-6 lead.

With 5:02 left in the half, Downey scored its second touchdown on a 28-yard pass from Chiles to Carey, to trail, 28-14. Carey was open right at the goal

line and easily scored.

With three minutes gone in the third quarter, the Bears extended the lead to 35-14, on an 8-yard TD run by Higgs, his second of the game.

The Bears scored two more times in the third quarter on a 12-yard pass from Iamaleava to Higgs and a 41-yard run by Clark to open up their lead for the 49-14 score.

Downey added a late score in the fourth quarter on a 23-yard touchdown reception from Chiles to freshman Oscar Aguilar.

Game Notes

In the rivalry, both schools protect their mascot symbols – The Bear for Warren and the Bell for Downey. Many alumni attended the game and three former football players shared crazy stories about attempting to steal the prizes, but the Bear and the Bell remain intact.

Also, at the beginning of the fourth quarter, the Warren team saluted and honored fallen player Jaylon Connish, who died in a car accident earlier this year.

Quotes

Marcus Higgs, Warren senior wide receiver: "I've never lost to Downey in my three years. The big

lead was super fun to have. It's like a monkey off of our back, because they were talking crap all week.

"All we have to do is make no mistakes and stick together and we can win."

Jordan Ross, Warren junior wide receiver: "Nico knows where to put the ball so the DBs can't get it. It's a great connection. I just built that relationship with him. I've only been here a year and I live to beat Downey. I love all the hype and everything about Warren. To me it feels great."

Daniel Cassidy, Warren senior safety: "Downey is a tough team, and they are good and we played them hard. But being able to come out in my senior year and beat Downey was great at home. It was something special."

My job at the Wednesday night rally was to get the crowd hyped about the game."

Nic Iamaleava, assistant coach (Nico's father): "Nico is a tough kid. He loves to compete and just loves to win."

"It was a big stage for both teams and both quarterbacks. I don't think there's going to be a bigger one than this, even going into the playoffs. This atmosphere is crazy. You can't script this. It's bigger than Bosco-Mater Dei."

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 81°

Saturday 68°

Sunday 73°

THINGS TO DO



Stay Gallery's 10-Year Anniversary

Saturday, 7-11 pm
Stay Gallery in Downey

Join Stay Gallery as it celebrates its 10-year anniversary with the opening reception of CYCLES, a group exhibition featuring new and recent works by 25 local and emerging artists.

ON THIS DAY

1803: The U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase, buying 828,000 square miles from France for less than three cents per acre.

1882: Actor Bela Lugosi—who was famous for his sinister portrayal of the elegantly mannered vampire Count Dracula—was born in Hungary.

1904: Chile and Bolivia signed the Treaty of Peace and Friendship, delineating the border between the two countries.

1931: American baseball player Mickey Mantle—who was one of the game's greatest players, known for his tremendous power as a switch-hitter—was born.

1964: Former U.S. president Herbert Hoover died in New York City.

1968: Former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

1973: During the ongoing Watergate investigation, U.S. President Richard Nixon ordered special prosecutor Archibald Cox fired, resulting in the resignations of Attorney General Elliot Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William D. Ruckelshaus, both of whom refused to carry out his request.

1973: Australia's Sydney Opera House—designed by Danish architect Jørn Utzon, whose dynamic, imaginative, but problematic plan won an international competition in 1957—was opened by Queen Elizabeth II.

1977: A plane carrying the Southern rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd, known for such songs as Free Bird and Sweet Home Alabama, crashed in Gillsburg, Mississippi, killing six people, including three band members.

2011: Libyan de facto leader Muammar al-Qaddafi was killed by rebel forces following a revolt that received international military assistance.

Birthdays

Baseball hall of famer **Keith Hernandez** (69), Vice President **Kamala Harris** (58), rapper **Snoop Dogg** (51), and "The Office" actor **John Krasinski** (43).



Downey quarterback Aidan Chiles ran for a 78-yard touchdown against Warren last Friday. (Photo by Keith Durlfingler)

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

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.

Stay Gallery's 10th Anniversary & Opening Reception of "CYCLES", 7-11 pm. Join Stay Gallery in celebration of their 10th Anniversary with the opening reception of "CYCLES", a group art exhibition featuring new and recent works by 25 local and emerging artists. Vegan friendly Mexican food by Gardunos Taco King and beer selection by Alchemy Craft and Voodoo Ranger. Live music performance by experimental band Furcast @

10pm. Admission is free with RSVP. Learn more & RSVP: staygallery.org/cycles

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Park Discussion, 7 pm. The City of Downey wants the public's input as it prepares to renovate Rio San Gabriel Park. Share your ideas about new playground equipment and park features. Rio San Gabriel Park, 9612 Ardine St.

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.

Sip & Paint, 7 pm. Get creative at this Angels & Devils paint night. \$40 ticket includes presketched canvas, easel, paint brushes, acrylic paint, and two hours of instruction to guide you. Plus a live DJ. Mariscos La Chula, 8262 Firestone Blvd.

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.

Stay Gallery: Cheaper Than Therapy Comedy Show, 7:30 pm. A live stand-up comedy experience hosted by Alex Caron and headlined by Ben Gleib. Doors @ 7:30pm. Show from 8 - 10pm. Tickets are \$10 online and \$15 at the door. Learn more & purchase tickets: staygallery.org/comedy

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.

Halloween Party, 9 pm. Two live bands on stage performing ska and Spanish rock. Plus a costume contest. \$15 presale tickets by calling (323) 901-2095. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

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.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, 2 pm and 8 pm. Get in the Christmas spirit early this year with the beloved TV classic 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical' as it soars off the screen and onto the Downey Theatre stage. Come see all your favorite characters from the special including Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, the Abominable Show Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius and, of course, Rudolph. Downey theatre, 8435 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 OLPCC. 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.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Coffee with the Superintendent, 6 pm. Enjoy coffee and conversation with Downey Unified School District superintendent Dr. John Garcia. Stauffer Middle School, 11985 Old River School Rd.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

TLC 5K, 7 am. The TLC 5K run/walk returns with proceeds benefiting the TLC Family Resource Center. For details, email tlc@dusd.net or call (562) 904-3577. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Coffee with the Superintendent, 6 pm. Enjoy coffee and conversation with Downey Unified School District superintendent Dr. John Garcia. Price Elementary, 9525 Tweedy Lane

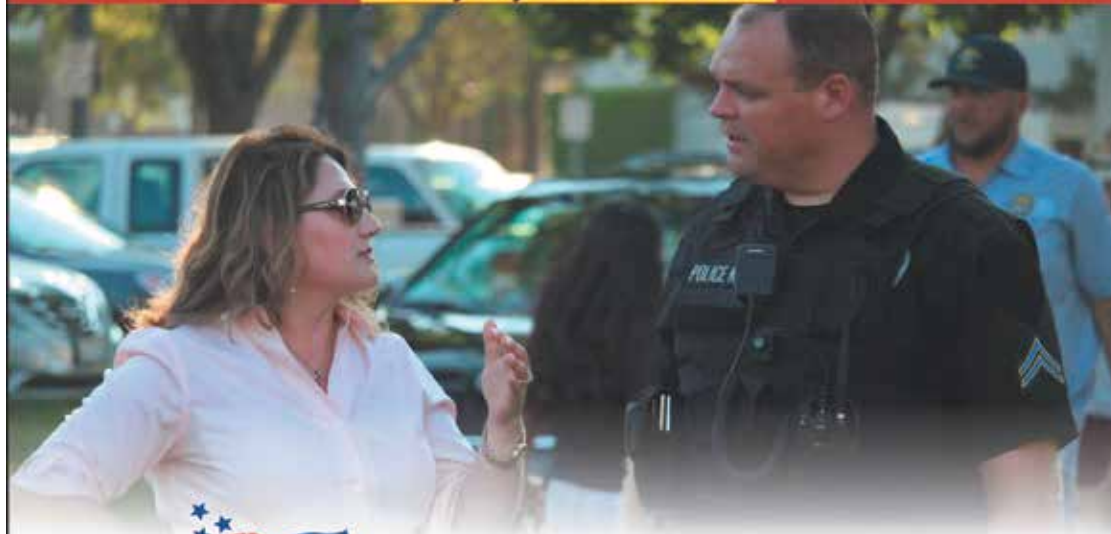
SATURDAY, APRIL 8

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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Downey Coordinating Council Awards Banquet. Downey service clubs and non-profits recognize their volunteers of the year. Woman's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd.

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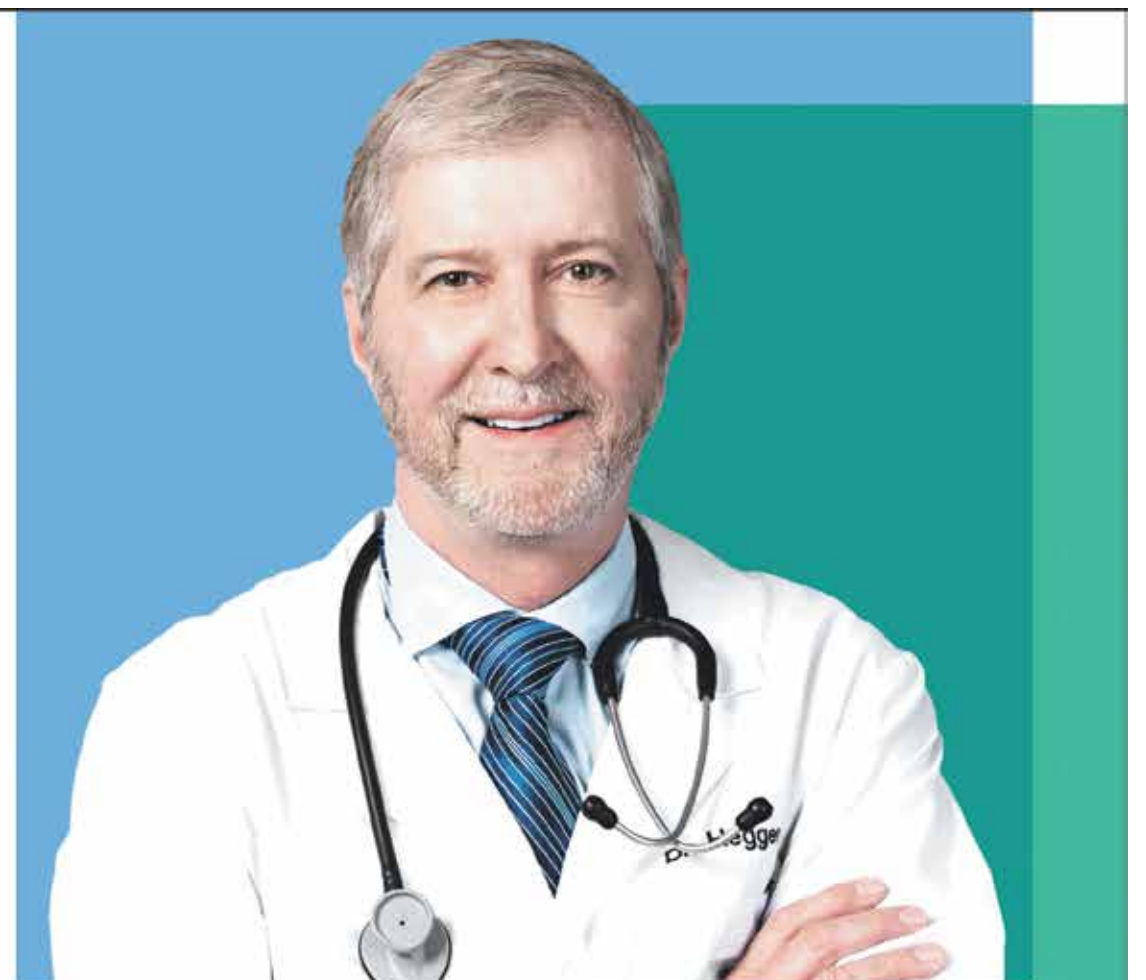
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Eyes on our Schools

By Bobbi Samperi
Downey Board of Education
President

Happy October, Downey Unified families and the entire Downey community!

This school year seems to be flying by and I just want to take a second to thank both our families and the community for the continuous support shown to our students, staff and the district as a whole. The first week of October, we held our State of the Schools breakfast. It was so wonderful to get the community together to showcase our students, schools and the amazing programs within our district. All the proceeds of this breakfast will be going to our TLC Family Resource Center, so for those of you who attended, donated or sponsored, thank you!

Then last Friday was our exciting Downey vs. Warren football game, where our city came out in droves to support our students. There were close to 9,000 people in attendance at the game Friday night and I must say, it was such an amazing experience! Not just for those of us watching, but for all of our students participating as well. A huge congratulations to all of our student athletes, our cheer teams and our bands for their dedication that was evident that evening.

Now on to some items I really felt the need to share as we get ready for the upcoming holiday season. In Downey Unified and within the city itself, there are many partner and/or community organizations that support those in need. These include the TLC Family Resource Center, as mentioned above, that provide various physical and emotional services to our Downey Unified students and families. There is the PTA Helps Room, led by our Downey Council PTA, that provides food staples to residents of Downey and to families whose children attend our schools. PTA Helps clients are assisted every other month and given special baskets of food as well as gifts for children at



Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Other community groups include the Exchange Club of Downey, the Downey Kiwanis Foundation and the Kiwanis Club of Downey, the Assistance League of Downey, Gangs Out Of Downey, the Downey Masonic Lodge and many more! As you can see, there are a lot of resources and support programs for our students, families and the community as a whole; so please contact them should you be in need or if you know someone who is in need.

As October comes to a close and with Halloween upon us, I want to share a quick reminder with families to please trick-or-treat with safety! Always cross the street at the corners or crosswalks, bring a glowstick or flashlight with you to both help your children see and to be seen by drivers and always remember to check your child's candy after you get back from trick-or-treating to make sure that packages are unopened or tampered with.

In closing, I just want to share an enjoyable memory that came up last month. As many know, Queen Elizabeth II passed away

in September, which was a sad event for everyone worldwide. For those who may not have seen, the Downey Conservancy Facebook page shared an image of Queen Elizabeth II visiting Downey in 1983 where she toured the Rockwell plant. Well, upon her visit, she was also driven around the city. This was a very exciting time for all of Downey. My son, who was attending Ward Elementary School, got the opportunity to go outside to the sidewalk (along with all of Ward's students and staff) to wave at the Queen as she passed by. This was a moment that he and I will never forget, and with the news of her passing, this vivid memory resurfaced, and I was reminded of how thankful we should be that we got that opportunity to see her in person.

So, with that, have a safe and happy Halloween! I look forward to sharing all the happenings across the district in my article next month.

Sincerely,
Bobbi Samperi
President

Friends of Library auction

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library is accepting bids for its monthly silent auction, with proceeds going towards programming at the Downey City Library.

Bids can be placed inside the library or by calling (562) 299-6790. The auction closes at 12 pm on Oct. 29.

1. Soup of the Day (Williams-Sonoma): 365 Recipes for Every Day of the Year, by Kate McMillan. This tantalizing collection of 365 recipes offers a soup for each day of the year. From January to December, you'll find daily inspiration and a seasonal soup that will satisfy any craving or fit any occasion. Minimum bid: \$10

2. The Art of Medieval Manuscripts, by Krystyna Weinstein. This book traces the evolution of the artwork, and the cultures that produced it, by showing the highlights from 750-1500 A.D. Exquisitely executed with over 70 color photographs and illustrations and metallic inks and printed trace-

paper inserts. Minimum bid: \$8

3. Forgotten Peoples of the Ancient World, by Philip Matyszak. A chronicle of forty forgotten ancient civilizations which highlights the important contributions that each has made to modern society. Minimum bid: \$15

4. The Illuminated Rumi, by Jalal Al-Din Rumi. Rise up nimbly and go on your strange journey to the ocean of meanings as you enjoy Rumi's passionate and playful poems that find and celebrate sacred life in everyday existence. Minimum bid: \$8


5. MirrorMask, The Illustrated Film Script of the Motion Picture from the Jim Henson Company, by Neil Gaiman (Author); Dave McKean (Illustrator). Embark on a breathtaking journey through a strange and magical looking-glass world where anything can happen ... and frequently does. Here is the complete film book of the new high-water mark in family fantasy entertainment. Minimum bid: \$10

6. Kim (1962 printing), by Rudyard Kipling. Written by Nobel Prize-winning author Kipling, this book was first published serially in McClure's Magazine from 1900 to 1901. The story unfolds against the backdrop of the Great Game, the political conflict between Russia and Britain in Central Asia. Minimum bid: \$12


7. Alexander the Great, by Robin Lane Fox. This superb account searches through the mass of conflicting evidence and legend to focus on Alexander as a man of his own time. Combining historical scholarship and acute psychological insight, it brings this colossal figure vividly to life. Maroon cloth with gilt lettering and cover design. Minimum bid: \$12

8. The World of Hirschfeld, by Al Hirschfeld. Hirschfeld's caricatures captured the essence of hundreds of celebrities and historical figures. This extensive collection provides humor and insight connected to many of the most prominent people for over 50 years. Minimum bid: \$25

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Claudia Frometa the best choice for city council

By Eric Pierce

Downey is lucky Claudia Frometa wants to run for re-election.

Nobody would blame her if she walked away. In four years on the city council, Frometa has had a front row seat to the degradation of our local government. At council meetings, she is routinely called names and cursed at. Gadflies hold profane signs calling her things we can't reprint here. Her personal life was disrupted when the same group of knuckleheads showed up outside her home with bullhorns.

And for what? Having the courage to vote in the best interests of her constituents?

Downey is a different city than it was in 2018, when Frometa was first elected. Downey was a stable city with experienced department heads and a mature city council. The 2020 elections altered the course of Downey history forever. A new city council majority unilaterally decided to move Downey in a different direction; towards where, we don't know. For what reasons, the council won't say. They label it a time of transition for Downey but I call it chaos.

Downey is a mess despite Frometa's best efforts. She fought valiantly to try to keep city manager Gilbert Livas. She recognized that forcing Livas into early retirement would trigger an exodus at city hall, and she was right. Decades of institutional knowledge was lost over the course of just a few months, leaving Downey floating with no vision or leadership.

Many times, Frometa was the lone voice of reason on the city council. She voted against making Catherine Alvarez – the subject of the first recall election in Downey history – the mayor pro tem, knowing it would cause more turmoil. She was right again. Frometa also is the only council member questioning why Fire Station No. 4 near Doty Middle School remains closed months after a small fire erupted at the station, despite millions of dollars spent to renovate the facility.

Frometa's leadership abilities came into full view in 2020 and 2021, when Downey was in the grips of the Covid-19 pandemic. Frometa voted in favor of reasonable eviction moratoriums that protected Downey renters and small business owners. She helped distribute food to the elderly, even when cameras were not there. She posted weekly informational videos on social media and made herself available to the press. In her day job, Frometa is an emergency management professional with Kaiser Permanente – Downey literally could not have had a better mayor at the time of the pandemic.

Downey needs Claudia Frometa on the city council if it has any chance of regaining its position as a respectable city in Los Angeles County. Let's be clear: this is an election voters cannot mess up.

I hope District 4 voters do the right thing and give Claudia Frometa four more years.

Eric Pierce is editor of the Downey Patriot.

L.A. was built on zero-sum politics. Can its Latinos chart a new path?

By Miguel A. Santana

It is particularly painful that Latino leaders are at the center of an ugly scandal about racial representation in Los Angeles, given the hard-fought battle that Latinos waged over decades to gain fair representation in the city's government in the first place.

Now, as the city attempts to heal, the question is: Will the new Latino-led governing majority follow the same zero-sum political framework that for so long benefited Whites. Or will they pursue a new, multicultural, coalition-based governance?

The racial power-brokering apparent in a taped conversation among three powerful Latino members of the Los Angeles City Council, recorded in October 2021 but only made public this month, is nothing new, nor is it unique to Los Angeles. Rather, it is part of the long American tradition of those in power working to stay in power, often by marginalizing others.

But the particularities of Los Angeles history are important: The modern-day city was built on the premise that by keeping power in the hands of the majority population, the iconic California Dream could be realized for some, while others, primarily people of color, were kept in roles in service to the dream.

That dream is centered on homeownership. And until the 1940s, it was legal in Los Angeles to deny homeownership to Black, Latino and other people of color, to keep them from buying homes in largely middle- to upper-class neighborhoods. This redlining also allowed the White-majority council to draw district lines limiting the political representation of non-Whites, along with their access to quality education and good-paying jobs. These racist practices cemented the segregated Los Angeles that exists today. Racial disparities persist, and generations of disinvestment in some of the same communities remains evident.

Decades of organizing, power building, coalition work and civil rights litigation have chipped away at this history. Seats for Latino representation on the council and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors – among the most powerful local governments in the nation – came as a direct result of litigation where evidence from backroom conversations revealed intentional discrimination based on race. Power wasn't relinquished easily. The case eventually reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

Latinos today represent half the population of Los Angeles and have power at every level of state, county and city government. Many leaders have brought important gains for the Latino community and beyond, including the council members recorded in the leaked audio. Gil Cedillo fought for driver's licenses for undocumented Californians. Nury Martinez, the first Latina to serve as council president, fought for investments to support poor families. Kevin de León championed environmental and climate justice.

In a way, the conversation between the three Latino councilmembers exposed that even those who are champions for racial and social justice can be seduced by power and succumb to the zero-sum framework.

In this difficult moment, I joined Latino civic leaders this week calling for the resignations of the three councilmembers and demanding that we

separate ourselves from Los Angeles's legacy of racist policies. (Martinez has since resigned.) As a community, we must demonstrate that we can govern in a different way – one that is inclusive and based on shared values.

This is the path to justice and fairness, but it is also right as a matter of practical politics. Latinos cannot advance the issues most important to us by ourselves. Police accountability, equitable access to services, good jobs, quality education, access to health care – in all these areas we require multiracial coalitions to make real and lasting progress.

As a Latino community leader, I've seen evidence of Angelenos forging cross-sectoral and multiracial coalitions to bring resources that benefit all. Since the pandemic, nonprofits led by Black, Latino, Indigenous, Asian American and Pacific Islander communities have come together and successfully fought to ensure that federal relief money is directed toward those most in need.

We can only make progress on issues that matter to the Latino community when we ensure that everyone in Los Angeles has a voice and is represented fairly. Doing so means holding our Latino leaders accountable.

One immediate way to ensure this is to take the ability to draw district lines out of the hands of those already in power. We should create a truly independent redistricting body whose role is to consider all factors – representation of all communities being one – and set district lines accordingly. And we need to require that those in power accept the district lines without insisting on substantive changes to benefit themselves.

Just as important, we need vibrant civic leadership that is multicultural, grounded in community and willing to raise tough questions when it matters most.

What gives me hope is that much of that leadership has been present since the recording became public. Voices from Latino, Black, Indigenous, LGBTQIA+ and other marginalized communities have joined in a powerful show of solidarity to express their feelings of anger, hurt and betrayal.

The message is loud and clear: Angelenos demand accountability and systemic change. No more backroom deal-making. As Latino leaders, it is our duty to ensure that we break free from hurtful, archaic zero-sum politics.

Miguel A. Santana is president and chief executive of the Weingart Foundation.

Support for Measure K

Dear Editor:

I appreciate Eric Pierce's editorial expressing his support for Measure K, which would fund investments in Downey public schools.

Although my children matriculated from the Downey school system long ago, I also will be supporting Measure K.

I look forward to seeing Downey schools further modernized and enhanced with critical safety features to keep our kids safe.

Donna Lambert
Downey

Miscommunication

Dear Editor:

The time finally arrived -- after more than twenty years, the alleyway behind my house was completely repaved.

There were some issues though in regards to trash pickup, since we place our trash bins in the alleyway for pickup. Due to the ongoing construction in the alleyway, it was closed to vehicles, which meant no scheduled trash pickup.

I did speak with some of the contractors onsite, Athens and even the city project manager, asking if trash pickup would be rescheduled and I received different answers; there seemed to be miscommunication between all three of them.

Not only that, there was a lack of communication with the residents. None of us knew anything as our trash bins filled up.

I really do hope that for future projects, there is better communication between the contractors, Athens and the city project manager and better communication with the residents.

Guillermo Vazquez
Downey

Neglected street

Dear Editor:

I live on a street called Tristan Drive. Not the Tristan in North Downey but a short little street in the center of Downey near the Coca-Cola factory.

Our street is in various stages of disrepair and has been this way for as long as I've lived here. I called city hall a few years back to find out what the schedule was for street maintenance and was told most streets got serviced about every 12 years. I have lived here for almost 25 years and aside from patching potholes twice when things got pretty extreme, I have never seen any work done on our street.

In 2016 all the streets around us were getting a new coat of slurry. The two streets on either side of us and the one behind us all got repaired so I waited anxiously for our street to be next but it never happened.

When I called to find out why, they explained that the city uses a company to give each street in Downey a score from 1 to 100. 100 would be a perfect street and 1 would be in extreme disrepair. Most streets get a score of about 50. Our street received a score of 11. It was decided that a slurry seal on our street would be a waste of money.

So the solution? Do nothing. Yes, that's right. Our street was so bad that they decided to do nothing at all. I was shocked with their answer.

What bothers me even more is that for many years I worked at a school in North Downey and drove down the same street every day. I realize we are not the only street in Downey in disrepair but in the 19 years I drove that street, they had major maintenance done three times. I confirmed this with city records. At no point did it ever look bad to me nor did it have potholes.

In 2020, I contacted our district representative who was also shocked and told me she would look into it. At first it seemed promising. We spoke a few times and I was to follow up after the holidays. When I called back in the new year, she was apologetic but said there was nothing she could do.

Who is in charge of the maintenance schedule because it seems a little off. Again, I realize there are many streets that need work done and that money is scarce but I do think the streets that have been neglected the longest or received the lowest scores should be a priority. According to city records, the last major repair to our street was done in 1994, almost 30 years ago.

But don't worry. We are scheduled to have some repairs done at the end of 2023 and I quote, "assuming there are funds". Only a little over a year to go.

In the meantime, I watch where I walk each evening, am crossing my fingers and remain patient and hopeful.

J. Saldana
Downey

Prop. 1

Dear Editor:

I won't mention the name of the woman defending Proposition 1 in your 10/13 issue for I don't want to embarrass her, but as a woman, her argument to vote yes is an embarrassment to most clear-thinking women.

The Supreme Court reversed a very bad decision which rightfully threw the abortion issue back to the states. She stated that this made women "second class citizens." Really?

The truth is that the abortion business makes women something worse than second class citizens for it has made them and their unborn babies into products of a billion dollar industry. California law already allows abortions, but does last week's reader understand that Prop. 1 grants permission to abort the child all the way up to nine months, so a full-term baby may be put to death even at delivery? Even many Democrats agree that Gov. Newsom and his radical legislature have gone too far. Their thirst for fetal blood is insatiable, wanting this state to be a "sanctuary" for abortions. With current laws on the books, we are already a mortuary state enticing women to come here to have their unborn offspring killed. And paying for it with our tax dollars.

Obviously last week's writer does not understand how treacherous it is to put to death one's own child, and yet she calls for women to "stand together to keep our freedoms." The "freedom" to end the life of the unseen human in the womb is in fact a slavery to evil men (and women) who desire your choice to be death and not life.

California is teetering on being the most evil state in the union, on par with North Korea and Communist China. Please vote no on Proposition 1.

Patti Sharpe
Downey

Costly bonds

Dear Editor:

On the last school bond measure, we the taxpayers gave the school district \$400 million to build new buildings. I see them all, they're beautiful and I think it's money well spent.

Now I'm told the school needs more money for "safe modern schools"? I don't understand, are the current buildings defective? Are they unsafe? We, the parents, would like to know.

When Measure K was proposed, the interest rate was super low. The interest rate has gone up significantly. I want to see a new calculation on how much my taxes will go up due to this bond measure. Taxpayers deserve those answers otherwise, are we basically writing a blank check for DUSD and hoping for the best?

We just built the new schools so "safe, modern schools" can't be the reason for Measure K. If the money is going to the kids, then all our graduating 12th graders should be able to get into their first choice of college. All our special needs kids should have a one-to-one aid; 30 minutes of speech a day, 30 minutes of OT a day and a certified behaviorist assigned on site daily. For \$400 million our Downey kids can get all that and then some. I can get behind that measure, but that's not where Measure K fund is going, is it?

I think Measure K will be more painful than the gas tax. Remember that when you vote.

Ana Henins
Downey

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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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 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.
 2nd Wed., 7 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.
 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.
 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 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.

SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.

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While a student at the University of North Carolina, I was discovered by an American photographer; she appeared in Vogue the next year. Created in 1933 as part of FDR's New Deal, the TVA (51 Across) is very much alive today, providing electric power to seven states, and is currently the sixth largest public utility in the country. KARL BENZ (60 Across) received a patent for his motorcar in 1886; his company built the world's first automobile production plant before the end of the decade.



Danny Trejo named parade grand marshal

HOLLYWOOD – Danny Trejo is bringing his unique touch to the Hollywood Christmas Parade. He was announced Thursday as the grand marshal of the parade, celebrating its 90th anniversary this year.

The parade, presented by Associated Television International and the City of Los Angeles and set for Nov. 27 at 6 p.m., culminates with the appearance of Santa Claus and his reindeer, ushering in the holiday season.

Trejo, an actor, author and restaurateur, has been featured in dozens of movies and TV shows, including "Desperado," "Spy Kids," "Machete," "Sons of Anarchy" and "The Book of Boba Fett." He is also a New York Times best-selling author of "Trejo: My Life of Crime, Redemption, and Hollywood."

"Wow! I'm honored to represent Los Angeles. As a kid growing up in the San Fernando Valley, I never would've imagined I'd be the Grand Marshal of the Hollywood Christmas Parade," Trejo said in a release. "Then and now I still love cruising the streets of Hollywood. What an unbelievable honor."

The Hollywood Christmas Parade supports the Marine Toys for Tots campaign, a partnership celebrating its 75th anniversary.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade is hosted by Erik Estrada, Laura McKenzie, Dean Cain and Montel Williams, with special co-host Elizabeth Stanton.

It features Hollywood celebrities and movie cars, award-winning bands from around the country,



Danny Trejo

Frustrated thoughts from a frustrated Dodger fan

■ Trying to make sense of the Dodgers' premature exit from the postseason.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

I've grown up a Dodger fan. My favorite Dodger is Eric Karros. When I would go to Dodger games as a kid, most of the time it was to watch them lose. Heck, the Dodgers even had one of their worst seasons ever the year I was born, amassing a pitiful 63 and 99 record in 1992.

Why open this article this way? To articulate that I remember a time when the Dodgers weren't good. To acknowledge that I – along with many other Dodger fans – am spoiled by their current success.

But I've had it with the post-season disappointments.

On paper, the Dodgers are arguably the best team in baseball right now. With 111 wins, they definitely were from a record standpoint this season.

The 3-1 series loss to the San Diego Padres over the weekend wasn't just devastating – it was unacceptable. In theory, it should've never happened.

Still, I struggle to understand how the Dodgers haven't won three, four, or five world series over the last decade.

There is 2020, sure, and I will fight tooth and nail defending its legitimacy.

But columnist Bill Plaschke made a decent point in the Los Angeles Times earlier this week when he wrote that "...the 2020 title [is] looking more deserving of an asterisk with each passing nightmare."

I wouldn't go so far as to put an asterisk on it, but I get it. The naysayers are loud, and the only way to get them to shut up is with a title at the end of a 162-game season.

The Dodgers had a remarkable season; it just seems a little less spectacular now.

Some things got to give.

First, let's talk about Dave Roberts. A lot of fans are calling for his head now, if they haven't been already.

I get it. There's been a lot of head scratching moments throughout the years.

I personally don't think Roberts is the issue, at least entirely. But he does need to learn to read the room, or field rather. Keep hot pitchers in. In high leverage situations, maybe don't just go to Yency Almonte just because that's what the gameplan dictates. If a player is slumping, give him a chance to work out of it, but also know where to cut the leash.

Analytics are good, but they're not the be all, end all. You have to be able to call an audible.

Secondly, the trade deadline.

The funny thing about being the team at the top is everyone is making moves to try and catch you. Don't move yourself, eventually they're going to catch you.

After watching the trade deadline this year and hearing talks of Juan Soto and high caliber pitchers like Luis Castillo, I was a little bummed to see the Dodgers' biggest splash be Joey Gallo.

I like Gallo. I'd like to see him get another shot in Dodger Blue next season.

Still, we all knew he wasn't

going to be the final piece of the championship puzzle; he didn't even end up playing in October.

The reason given for the lack of activity was that the Dodgers felt "really good" with who they had coming back – Walker Buehler, Dustin May, Blake Treinen, and Danny Duffy.

Ultimately, pitching collapsed.

It'll always be a "what if," but I can't help but wonder if an extra elite arm or two at the deadline would've been the difference.

And finally, before I have Padre fans jump on my back, let me give some credit where it is due: "Little brother" is legitimately a good team.

Having a few friends who are Padre fans, I've done my fair share of trash talk. Yet in the last several seasons, I'll admit to being nervous about the team down south. Those jitters amplified at the trade deadline when they acquired Soto, the hot-stove's hot-ticket of the year.

Despite all the noise, the Dodgers have (usually) done pretty well to keep the Pads at bay. Unfortunately, this time around, the Padres are hot and the Dodger's limped into a bye.

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■ Part 4 in a multi-part series written by a pioneering Downey family.

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Downey Historical Society

DOWNEY – This is a continuation of a family history given to the Downey Historical Society by Dorothy Dimmitt Gaston. The narrative gives a good description of what times were like in the 1920s and 1930s.

In the early 30's, farm land was giving way to residential parcels. Land north of our farm was being subdivided by the O.C. Beck Organization. People, trying to recover from the stock market crash of 1929, had no choice but to start over. Beck's plan gave them that opportunity. A minimal down payment and low monthly payments drew families to this new area.

My father and his brother,

Clarence, were caught up in the plan. In 1933, they subdivided their land into commercial quarter acre parcels. Lots (75' x 160') on Clara Street, sold for \$695; others \$595. A down payment of \$15 and monthly payments of \$10 (most of which was consumed in interest) could buy a parcel.

Water mains and service lines were installed to provide domestic water service. My parents did business as Dimmitt Water Service under the jurisdiction of California Public Utilities Commission.

The monthly flat rate was \$1.25. I typed the water bills each month on a Smith-Corona portable typewriter. My mother, my brother and I walked door-to-door delivering and, hopefully, collecting the monthly bills. Bills not collected when delivered could be paid at our home where we had a make-shift office.

Dad's brother-in-law, Xelis Gephart followed the pattern as did other farmers in time. Water service was provided to the newly-opened

tracts in exchange for use of an existing water well. Gephart's well was utilized and the business was incorporated in 1937 as Clara Street Water Company. Gephart serves as President; Earl Dimmitt, Vice President; and Bertha Dimmitt, Secretary-Treasurer. My brother, Donald, was employed to work in the field of installing water service to consumers. He continued until he joined the Sea Beas or active service following the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

I was employed by the newly-formed corporation to keep the books and records. I continued typing the water bills each month and doing the bookkeeping under the watchful eye of Ray M. Dennis, Auditor. For this, I received \$15 per month. For a sophomore in high school, in the mid-30's, this was a small fortune. The water business grew as more farm land was subdivided and sold and more water wells added. Later, I was employed by the Water Company to work full-time in the office. First, out of the living room of my parent's home; then from an addition to the front of the house for an office. After my father's death in 1942, my mother continued operation of the business until she sold it to Southern California Water Company in 1947.

Neighbors

Our closest neighbors were my uncle, Clarence Dimmitt, and his family.

Neighboring farmers were a special variety. There was Ira B. Walton, known as "The Mule Man." He believed mules were better working animals than horses. He kept several teams of mules using them for pulling farm implements and for hauling borax on the Mojave Desert.

He was a gruff man with a heart of gold. His wife, "Rosie" (Rosamond Barnes Walton) kept their two-story house on Gage Avenue – one of the finest in the area. They had no children of their own but always made us feel welcome. I'll never forget a basket of wax fruit on her dining room table. A concealed music box played a tune when the

basket was lifted. She knew I loved that so she would pick it up when I came in so I could hear the music. A special treat was the applesauce she would make from the Arkansas Beauty apples in their orchard. They kept guinea hens and peacocks in their yard – a novelty for us. Their long driveway from the street had a border of loquat bushes and we loved to pick the fruit to eat. One time, she hired me to help her clean house. She paid me with a \$5 check – the first check ever written payable to me.

Rosie had a niece attending UCLA. One time, Rosie took me and some of the Japanese girls to the niece's sorority house to entertain. I played two piano solos and the Japanese girls did some of their dances. All of us were dressed in kimonos.

Other neighbors were a French family – the Bernards; a Dutch family – the Camphuysens who operated a dairy; several Italian and Mexican families and many Japanese vegetable growers and their families.

Property south of our place, leased and farmed by my father, was owned by Louis Kaufmann and his brother, who were Los Angeles attorneys. They came to the country occasionally to visit the farmers and to see about their property.

A familiar sight on the country roads was Isaac (no one knew any other name). He was a hermit, of Russian descent, with full beard and shoulder length hair. He lived in a shack on the river bank. He was a good, friendly man – never caused any trouble – and lived a very secluded life. He traveled in a horse-drawn wagon.

Pete Rama, a Frenchman bachelor, lived in a small house, across the road from us. He often helped my father with the farm work.

On the west side of the Los Angeles River, on the south side of Clara Street, was a sorghum mill, owned and operated by "Old man Higgason" as he was known. Sorghum syrup, made from the sorghum stalks he raised, was sold in a small shop at the front of the building housing the sorghum mill. Often, when the sorghum was being processed, the aroma permeated the countryside. He also operated a small public dump next to the river.

To the north of our property, along the river banks, lived a Mexican family, Luz Gonzales, his wife and

children. He often helped my father with farm work. The children all helped with chores at their home. They would come to our place to get drinking water in Mason jars. It was interesting to see them put a few grains of sand in the jars with a small amount of water and swish it around to clean the jars.

My Paternal Grandparents

Grandfather, Robert Cassel Dimmitt was born Oct. 17, 1852 and died Aug. 16, 1941 at 88 years of age. Grandmother, Lydia Mabel Fair Dimmitt was born May 18, 1853 near Manchester, Maryland and died in Huntington Park, California Jan. 10, 1949 at 95 years of age. They were married March 9, 1875 and observed their 66th anniversary. Their California home was at 6402 Stafford Ave. (corner of Gage Avenue), Huntington Park. They first settled in the area of Cypress when they came from Iowa.

Grandpa was an Iowa farmer; grandma, a school teacher, as were their three daughters, Clydena, Mabel and Kyle. They had five sons, Howard, Clarence, Robert "Earl," Herbert and Ralph.

Grandpa was a Shriner and a 33rd Degree Mason.

Grandma Dimmitt was one who called the family together for a reunion on special days, particularly Thanksgiving and Christmas. She was a stickler for everyone being there. No excuse was acceptable except, perhaps, being on one's death bed.

At these family gatherings, there was plenty of wonderfully delicious home-cooked food. All the women pitched in to help in preparation, serving and clean-up. No electric dishwashers then – just willing hands. The men usually cranked the freezer for home-made ice cream. There were times when no one wanted to crank the freezer. Not to worry – just a block away was Coast Ice Cream Company. In those days, it was the ice cream place. Double scoop ice cream cones were 10 cents and big malted milk drinks, 20 cents. It was almost a tradition to have salted mixed nuts and chocolate candies from See's after dinner. At that time, See's Candy could be bought for \$1 per pound. After dinner, the men gathered on the front porch to talk as they smoked their White Owl cigars and the cousins played together.

There was a time for the cousins to perform. Each one had to do something – recite a poem, sing a song, play an instrument, or do a dance.

One particularly fond recollection of Grandma Dimmitt was that she was a thrifty person. She was raised in the tradition of

the Pennsylvania Dutch. She darned socks, patched clothes and sewed up runs in stockings. She often repeated an old adage: "Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without."

Her backyard was lush with flowers and a vegetable garden. She kept a few chickens to have fresh eggs and chicken for frying. Pans used for drinking water for them were discarded from the kitchen. A hole was mended by pulling a bit of fabric through the hole until it stopped the leak.

Grandma served sassafras tea with the admonition "it's good for you." We children loved the treat – healthful or not – for it wasn't served in our home. Another health potion was alfalfa tea. When the new crop of alfalfa came, Grandpa and Grandma would drive to the country to pick some of the fresh, green alfalfa leaves from Dad's field. Grandma would boil the fresh leaves to make a tea. This was a healthy remedy we avoided!

Grandma Dimmitt was active in the Eastern Star and Huntington Park Woman's Club. She sang in the Woman's Chorus. I remember her summoning the families to a performance.

Grandma attended the Presbyterian Church on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles. She would walk a few blocks to Pacific Boulevard in Huntington Park and board and electric street car for the ride to church.

My Maternal Grandparents

Grandma Porter - Mary Belle Mayes Porter – was born Oct. 20, 1869 in Fayetteville, Arkansas and died Aug. 15, 1951 in Riverside, California at 81 years of age. Grandpa Porter, (William Henry Porter), was born in Laurel County, Kentucky, Aug. 26, 1862 and died Dec. 31, 1921 in Downey from injuries suffered when he was hit by an automobile while walking near his home.

I was only 3-years-old when Grandpa died. I vaguely remember sitting on his knee but have no other recollection of him. My mother spoke fondly of him – "Papa" – she called him.

He raised sweet potatoes and corn and took his produce to Grand Central Produce market in Los Angeles by wagon, drawn by a team of horses. Mother tells of waving (a towel) to him as he drove north of their farm.

Grandma Porter's poor health, due to border-line tuberculosis, prompted the family's move to California, early 1900s. The doctor advised getting her to the desert and drier air or she would die.

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Grandma could make wonderful light, baking powder biscuits and did so daily for her big family. She raised eight children: six sons, Frank, Elbert, Clarence, Jesse, Bill, George and two daughters, Bertha and Minnie. Five boys remained at home after Grandpa's death in 1921.

Grandma always had some "handiwork" and did beautiful embroidering. Crocheting and quilting. She made hand-sewn quilts for her children and grandchildren, piecing together, by hand, small pieces of fabric into intricate designs.

In later years, when she made her home in Riverside, she continued sewing, canning fruit and doing her yard work – mowing the lawn with a push mower.

She had a mid-20s Plymouth sedan for getting around. She had a set of dresser drawers built into the back part to keep her wearing apparel in when traveling. She often went to visit her children and families. She was always welcome and a joy to have around. I shared my bed with her. We would lie there talking for a long time before going to sleep. She read "Western" stories of the days of cowboys, bandits and Indians. She loved to tell the stories to the grandchildren. In her wisdom, she would never overstay her welcome in her children's homes. We never knew when she was going to leave until the morning of her departure. We would beg her to stay – to no avail – she was determined to move on.

Grandma always had her Bible by her chair and read it daily. She gave me a New Testament when I was a young girl.

Dimmit Uncles and Aunts

Aunt Dena: Clydena Belle Dimmitt Gephart was born Aug. 24, 1876 and died Sept. 11, 1944. She was married to Xelis Gephart on Oct. 10, 1900. She was an elegant lady, yet common enough to be warm and friendly. She had no children but made her nephews and nieces feel welcome always. When they built their new houses in Downey, we children often went there to stay overnight. We had the run of their huge two-story house. We played hide and go seek, hid in the closets and cupboards, and slid down the stairs on Persian throw rugs. We loved to stay overnight. On school days, she would take us to school. A special treat was the fig jam and chopped walnut sandwiches she made for our lunches. Figs were from their big tree by the driveway where we could pick and eat figs until we were nearly sick.

She and Uncle Xelis lived in a two-story brown farm house with white trim when I was born on their 18th wedding anniversary. Our family moved into a smaller house on their property about 1921. We children played in the huge yard surrounding the two houses. Chickens and turkeys had the run of the yard. More than once, we were chased by the tom turkey. We also played in the big barn. A rope, used for lifting hay into the hayloft, hung from the top of the barn. We could swing on the rope from one side to another. This act was not necessarily approved of by our mother and other adults. We were fascinated by the big silos where corn silage was stored for cattle feed. We weren't allowed to go in the silo. I remember a couple of times when Uncle Xelis took us in there to satisfy our curiosity.

I distinctly remember when "hoof and mouth" disease was killing cattle around the area. Uncle Xelis built two troughs, the width of auto and wagon wheels. They were filled with disinfectant. Any vehicle entering the farm had to pass through this cleansing trough.

Once, my brother and I hid ourselves in the room where the cattle feed was stored, and sitting on top of the feed-sacks, ate molasses-flavored bran feed mix that was intended for the livestock. I don't remember being sick, but I do remember being sorry I did it after a good scolding from older and wiser adults.

Aunt Dena would give us paraffin wax to chew, flavored with mint leaves from her garden. Chewing gum was expensive – a nickel a pack.

In 1929, the Gepharts built their dream house at 1017 North Downey Ave., at the corner of Florence Avenue in Downey. It was beautifully decorated. The huge dining room had royal blue velvet drapes, crystal chandelier and an imported gray rug with blue border. The kitchen has floor-to-ceiling cupboards, a pass pantry to the dining room and a cold pantry. A glassed-in breakfast room was on the south side providing a pleasant, casual dining area. There was a parlor (living room) with a fireplace and a grand piano in

front of the tapestry-draped bay window. The fireplace and mantel provided a perfect setting for family weddings. The bride and attendants would descend the stairs in the entry way and move to the living room wedding site. There was also a library room for informal times. A fireplace provided a cozy atmosphere and two floor-to-ceiling bookcases held volumes. A special treat for us children was to play the Victrola phonograph. The most often played record was an organ rendition of "Amapolla."

There was a big three-car detached garage with a laundry room. Aunt Dena had two copper coiler kettles for laundry. She always put white things in water that had been treated with lye, to make them snow-white. Water was heated over a natural gas-fueled fire.

All the family members were invited to take part in a tree-planting on completion of the house. Each member shoveled some soil to cover the roots. The home was the scene of many family gatherings, picnics in the yard under shade trees, holiday dinners, and gatherings of her P.E.O. service club friends. The P.E.O. letters were secret. Uncle Xelis loved to tease by calling it "Pigs Eat Onions."

Aunt Dena was a gracious hostess and entertained often. My cousin, Virginia, and I helped by serving and clearing the table. Aunt Dena often spoke at P.E.O. meetings, was active in welfare work through Red Cross, and served as president of Downey Women's Club.

Uncle Xelis was a fine man who dearly loved his Dena. He was a hard-working man, a farmer, a dairyman, livestock feeder and an intelligent business man. As a resident of Downey, he held positions and was active in civic affairs. He was a tease and loved to try and trick us kids. He would tell us there was a nickel at the bottom of the stairs to the basement of their big home. We could have it by going down the stairs – alone – in the dark.

He kept their yard full of a large variety of blooming flowers. He would plant bulbs for spring bloom and start seeds in flats keeping them inside until big enough to plant. There was always flowers to pick and bring in to the house.

Uncle Xelis and Aunt Dena were struck by a drunken Mexican driving an old truck, as they got out of their car to cross Firestone Boulevard to attend a lecture at Downey High School in 1944. She lived only a few days and he was bedridden thirteen years.

They were always very special to me since I was her namesake and I was born on their 18th wedding anniversary.

Auntie Mabel: Laura Mabel Dimmitt was born Feb. 2, 1878 and died Sept. 12, 1975 (97 years).

She was a dedicated school teacher having been educated at Normal School in Iowa. She never married. I "heard" she had a sweetheart but her mother put an end to the romance. She was the one to stay home and care for the parents and she did until their respective deaths.

Early in her teaching career, she taught school in the San Antonio School District near where two of her brothers settled to farm. At one time, her younger brother, Clarence, was one of her students. Later, she taught school at Malabar Street School in Los Angeles and was promoted to vice principal where she remained until retirement. A real treat for us was when she would take us with her to school to spend the day.

She loved children and would have us come to stay overnight with her often. She had a tiny closet in her bedroom. It was neatly organized – everything in boxes. There, she could always find something entertaining for children.

Their home was a few blocks from Pacific Boulevard, the main street of the Huntington Park shopping district. She would walk with us to the S.H. Kress Store – a five and dime wonderland. She would give each of us a quarter and it would take us forever to decide what to buy. Once, when Virginia and I were there, we each bought a small doll. Auntie Mabel helped us make a bed for each doll with a cardboard box, complete with soft mattress, pillow, and blanket.

Auntie Mabel always remembered our birthdays with a card and a dollar enclosed. At Christmas, there would be a small remembrance for each of her nieces and nephews. I still have a card table she bought at Thrifty Drug Store for \$1 in 1933 and gave to me at Christmas.

Uncle Clarence: Clarence Cassel Dimmitt was born Dec. 12, 1887 and died Nov. 23, 1988 (three weeks short of 101 years of age) and Aunt Ozella (Ozella Rosamond Rudd Dimmitt) born Oct. 1, 1894 and died May 1, 1988 at 93 years of age. They were married in Downey June 25, 1914 and were married nearly 74 years. They raised four children: Virginia Mabel, William John, Marjorie Kyle and Robert Clarence.

Their home, on a farm next to ours, was a place where we always felt welcome. We were fascinated with their player piano and spent many hours pumping out the music and singing along.

Uncle Clarence was a hard-working farmer. He and my father, when they weren't working on their farmland, hauled oil in a tank pulled by horses and sprayed dirt roads to control the dust.

They kept goats for their family's milk supply. We always had a cow. I never liked goat's milk and he tried to convince me there was no

difference. He tried to fool me, offering me two glasses of milk, defying me to tell the difference. But he didn't succeed because I recognized that both glasses contained goat's milk.

Uncle Clarence, in his leisure time, enjoyed music and loved to dance – much to our delight. He was a rhythm man. Virginia played the banjo and, even though he didn't, he knew the sound he wanted to hear; "plunkety-plunkety-plunk," he would tell her.

When a new car was introduced to the world – the Essex – Uncle Clarence bought one of the first models. It was unique and drew the curious to look it over.

After selling his farm land, he opened a business, on the southwest corner of his property, next to their residence, selling feed for livestock and poultry. Eventually, they moved, first to the Riverside area, then to Buena Park and finally, to Carmichael.

Aunt Ozella was a soft-spoken, loving mother and friend who had a warm way of making everyone feel at home. Our families were close and spent much time together. We cousins played together and rode horses together. Their strawberry roan mare, Nellie, was a favorite to ride.

At the back of their property was a huge cottonwood tree. Virginia and I would climb up into the tree and sit on the branches for hours. It was our hideaway.

Auntie Kyle: Kyle Dimmitt Hoffmann was born March 3, 1885 and died June 16, 1964. Her marriage to Ralph Hoffmann ended in divorce about 1928. She and her

children, Oliver and Mary Louise, lived in a big house at the corner of Santa Ana Street and Wilcox Avenue in Cudahy.

Oliver and Mary Louise were about 10-years-older than the rest of the cousins. We saw them usually only at family gatherings.

Auntie Kyle was a good-natured, jovial person. In her later years, she worked as care-taker for Bertha Strauss, a wealthy, elderly woman in Beverly Hills.

"Uncle Hub": Herbert Harry Dimmitt was born Jan. 27, 1893 and died Feb. 2, 1943. He was a handsome man with winning ways. He chose his wife, Mary Church, from the elite of the Wilshire District in Los Angeles. There they made their home on Citrus Avenue and raised two sons, Douglas and Herbert Jr. Aunt Mary's mother, "Grandma Church" we all called her, joined us often at family gatherings.

Uncle Hub was a contractor and owned and utilized a fleet of dump trucks with his partner, Jim Taylor. In 1936, he built the bridge that crosses over Pacific Coast Highway to Balboa Island. The original structure still stands.

Doug and Herbie, their sons, being raised in the city, loved to come to our farm in the country. Mother always fixed country dinner for the family. The boys enjoyed exploring the farm. Daddy would bring Molly, one of his work horses, and we kids, five or six at a time, would ride back and forth across the field.

Mother put an Army blanket over the horse's back so we wouldn't get the horse's sweat on us. One time, the blanket slipped and the horse stepped on the corner, pulling blanket and kids to the ground.

Uncle Ralph: Ralph Bertrand Dimmitt was born Aug. 15, 1895 and died March 18, 1987 (92 years). He was married to Jennie Lambert,

birthdate Oct. 4, 1897. They raised one son, Richard Bertrand.

Ralph was the youngest child of the family. His siblings often teased him by calling him "Babe of the Fam."

He served in the Army in World War I and, on his return home, set up an auto repair shop in Huntington Park. He also worked in construction with Uncle Herb.

For many years, he delivered the Los Angeles Times, door-to-door. He was also a successful builder of houses. He moved his family to Balboa Island before it was developed and began building there. They would live in a house they were building until it was completed and sold. Then, on to another location to start all over. The present valuable house and property are occupied by son, Richard.

Uncle Howard and Aunt Edith: Howard Gilbert Dimmitt was born April 25, 1880 and died Dec. 13, 1964. Edith Stevens Dimmitt was born April 25, 1880 and died Dec. 21, 1963 (Yes, they shared the same birthdate). They were married June 15, 1904. They raised four children: Robert, Bruce, Lyndall, and Gordon.

Uncle Howard remained in Iowa when the rest of the family came to California. He was a railroad man and in time retired on a railroad pension. Both he and Aunt Edith were loved and respected by all the family. We didn't have a close relationship because of the miles separating us, but they came to California periodically so we could get better acquainted. It was always an exciting time for us. We would go to Union Station in Los Angeles to meet the train bringing them here. And, after a visit with the families, we would all go with them to the train station for their trip home.

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Downey Symphony opens with a blast from the musical comedy past

■ The Downey Symphony's new season opened Saturday with music from "E.T."

By **Lorine Parks**
Society Editor

DOWNEY – In an evening of unexpected but welcome rain showers, the Downey Symphonic Society's season began.

Lars Cunningham and Eric Pierce were in the lobby of the Downey Theatre discussing the pre-concert talk Lars had just delivered. "It was personalized," said Eric. Lars knows composer John Williams, and Music Director Sharon Lavery had chosen "Adventures on Earth" from the movie "E. T. The Extra-Terrestrial" as a tribute to Williams on his 90th birthday.

The lobby buzzed as concertgoers arrived. I took the Downey Theatre's new glass elevator up to the mezzanine level to see the art exhibit put on by the Downey Arts Coalition. Pat Gil was supervising the project, looking splendid in a dusky mauve evening blouse with a black rose on a velvet ribbon around her neck.

"This one's by Martin Ross," she said, nodding toward a large surreal painting of Frida Kahlo holding a fawn in her arms. Frida wears stag horns on her head, and stands in a green meadow bright with flowers.

Dustin Garcia and Ursula Harris were the featured artists in the show whose theme was "Surrender." Twenty-four artists showed 94 pieces, the most ever.

"There is one for every year Joyce Sherwin was on this planet," said Pat.

Joyce, a longtime member of

the Downey Symphonic Society Board and staunch supporter of the Guild, died last month. Her spirit was celebrated everywhere, with a tribute in the printed program.

"Joyce's family is here tonight," said Mary Stevens, who with Joanne Gronley presided over a table in the lobby distributing the evening's printed program. "Sixteen of her children, grandchildren, and their friends." A black and white portrait of Joyce was mounted on the table.

"The artist, Ben Ynende, is coming too," said Pinky Sales, Joyce's daughter.

Pinky is Joyce's middle daughter. She met me in the lobby as the family was arriving.

"Covid exposure took out a few," said Pinky, "and the freeways are holding some up, but we'll be here." Joyce's daughter Linden, and son Laird were also on hand, for an unprogrammed musical nod to Joyce.

Carol and Frank Kearns were in the lobby, with Carol's longtime friend Dottie Nadelksi. Dottie won the bid for the baton and led the orchestra in an overture a few years ago.

"I'm loving it," said Dottie. "Carol has opened up a new world for me." Frank and Carol have returned from a vacation to Cape Cod and mini-reunion with Frank's family.

"The Cape is quieter in October," said Frank, "and cooler. With a little less traffic. We had wonderful New England food, lobster, and steamed mussels."

City Councilman Mario Trujillo was seen making his way to his seat. Glenn Stephens was there, fresh from his eleventh

successful Glennfest, with a member of the newly formed Downey Film Society, the non-profit umbrella organization that sponsors Downey's Festival of Films of Special Interest. Bill and Katie Hare, and Larry and Marge Lewis, anchored the left side of the auditorium from their usual seats.

Bernice Mancebo Stumps sparked in her black knit suit with brilliants on the lapels. "Last night was the dress rehearsal," she said, "and we sat right on stage." Bernice was a top bidder at the September Symphony Garden Party, and won the privilege of having dinner with Maestro Sharon and then sitting in, really right in with the orchestra, for the final rehearsal.

"It sounds wonderful that way, and totally different," Bernice said.

Two little girls and their mother with a big bouquet of red roses were spotted. "They are pupils of Man-Ling Bai, the piano soloist," their mother said. "And they are going to present these flowers to her backstage, after she performs."

The lobby lights dimmed and the gong rang, the signal that the performance was about to begin. Downey Society President Anthony Crespo welcomed the audience and thanked everyone for coming. Frank Kearns, local poet and owner with Carol of the bijou press Los Nietos, then paid tribute to Joyce as "a pillar of the Society and also a friend to artists." The DAC-sponsored art show featured 94 pieces, in recognition of Joyce's amazing age, and service. Frank acknowledged each artist as they stood in the audience.

After a rousing National Anthem, Music Director and Conductor Sharon took the mike

and turned to the audience. "We are missing Joyce Sherwin tonight," said Sharon. "It's hard for me to speak, because she meant so much to me. But not just to me. She meant so much to the organization, and gave herself tirelessly. This next piece is by Meredith Wilson from The Music Man. Meredith and Joyce both grew up in Mason City, Iowa. And Joyce was proud of that."

"She conducted this very piece on this stage," said Sharon, "several years ago when she won the auction for the baton. We want to honor her with a piece that's not on the program. Not with sadness but in a spirit of fun. That's how Joyce would have wanted it."

With that, Sharon turned and with a full orchestral fanfare led them in Seventy-Six Trombones. Not every symphony concert opens with a blast from the musical comedy past, but this one did, with an arrangement that featured snare drums, cornets, "copper-bottomed timpani and big bassoons," strings, and of course, those trombones.

The program followed, with Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini. Paganini was an 18th century rock star violinist and Rachmaninoff converted one of his Caprices into a piano tour de force, a concerto in a single movement. It was performed by Man-ling Bai, a young virtuoso from Taiwan. Her fingers sparkled on the keyboard even more than the sequins on her dress, and her hands often moved faster than the eye could follow.

On the patio in the intermission that followed, President Anthony said of the dazzling piano artistry, "Wow. That was amazing." Tom Hutchinson, talking with Jorge and Maru Montero about the soloist, said, "Someone like her is priceless. Some musicians perform only for pay, but some do it also for the opportunity to perform with a fine orchestra." Man-ling had shown just that.

The concert continued with the nostalgic strains of the ET



Henry and Mario Trujillo

piece, Williams's complex music for the finale of the film, where the two friends say goodbye and the boy achieves lift-off, riding his bicycle into the air.

Stravinsky's Fire Bird Suite capped the evening, full of plaintive folk melodies and fireworks when the enchanted bird appears. The audience left the Theatre into a night with flashes of lightning in the sky.

Conductor Sharon makes it clear that, "This is your symphony orchestra, Downey," as she

threads her way before each performance, not across center stage but through the chairs of the musicians. She recognizes each section and special individual performance after each piece.

Saturday's concert was the first of three Downey Symphony's subscription programs, the next being Jan. 21, 2023, and the final one, the big spring concert that will feature Latino-themed music and the auction bid, on April 8.

The audience was enthusiastic but small, something that all theatres and musical organizations have experienced as patrons slowly begin to come back after two years of Covid apprehension. It takes time to rebuild, back to where we were only a few years ago. The Symphonic Society continues to present quality programs, confident that Downey will support its Symphony, one of the finest in the region and a continued force for artistic greatness for almost 65 years now in the community.

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Rotary Club of Downey, Arc prepare for another successful golf tournament

■ The annual Downey Rotary golf tournament is slated for Nov. 4 with proceeds benefiting The Arc.

**By Lorine Parks
Society Editor**

DOWNEY – “We’ve got over 150 golfers signed up,” said Paul Mathys, “and sponsors are underwriting the day’s events, and signing up for tee signs. Everyone can participate.”

Paul and the rest of the Golf Tournament Committee of the Rotary Club of Downey are getting ready for the Nov. 4 golf tournament to benefit the Arc of Los Angeles and Orange County.

“The California Country Club will be a new venue for the tournament,” said Rotarian Tournament Chair David Minishian. “It’s a hidden gem, a private golf club in nearby Whittier, and the awards banquet will be held in its classic clubhouse.”

Rotary hosted a panel discussion at their weekly luncheon meeting, with Event Chair David and Emilio Sosa, executive director of the Arc, both Rotarians, and the Downey Patriot’s Eric Pierce moderating, to explore the connection between golf, the Arc and Rotary. David also provided the audience with a driving, iron handling, chipping and putting demonstration. Emilio was his pupil for the demonstration.

Who are the clients that the Arc serves? “The intellectually disadvantaged,” said Emilio,

and those with developmental difficulties. The Arc promotes and protects the human rights of these people.”

And who are Rotarians? “Men and women in business or the professions,” said past president Jesse Vargas, “who are attracted by the idea that volunteers can make a difference for the better in this world.”

What really happens at service club meetings? Are they only knife and fork clubs, eating lunch and exchanging business cards?

“People join for the fellowship,” said president Amelia Sanchez. “But for it’s really for the chance to give of yourself, to give back to the community. Rotary’s motto is ‘Service above self.’”

How does the giving work? “On the one hand, there is a need,” said Emilio. “On the other hand, we have those who want to help. And in the middle, the community. Here the need is with the Arc. This need is met by the Rotary Club of Downey, that has a long history of devoting its major fund raiser to support the Arc.”

As for the community, unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. “It benefits when volunteering allows you to connect to your community,” said Amelia, “and make it a better place.”

“Helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need,” said Raul Lopez, another past president and Golf Committee member.

“Rotarians doing good, having fun,” is how the business of Rotary has been described, and that goes for Kiwanis, Soroptimist, the Lions, Assistance League, PTA Helps. Add the Downey Rose Float Association, Gangs Out Of Downey, Friends of the Library, the Historical Society, the Downey Arts Coalition - all the service clubs where volunteers come together for something bigger than themselves.

“Funding for the Arc comes from regional government grants,” said Emilio. “And then donations like this, and from events like the Arc Walk every March that is supported by so many community groups. We have high school bands there, a Downey fire truck, thousands of walkers ready to circle the mile-long sidewalk around the Stonewood Mall, or take the longer 3-mile walk. Reward for everyone who finished is a burrito breakfast donated by Acapulco Restaurant.”

“Decades of underfunding,” said Emilio, “has driven low wages for the staff who deliver services to people with disabilities.” It’s a challenge. Even during Covid we never closed, and we currently serve about 150 clients.”

How will the funds be spent? “We use them to buy equipment to update technology for our consumers,” said Emilio. “Ipad and computers. Now we need more kitchen equipment to expand our culinary catering service.” The Arc facility at 12049 Woodruff in Downey has a banquet room and a large cafeteria, that can be rented for community events.



Emilio Sosa works on his golf swing.

“Advocacy is also what we do,” said Emilio. “Grassroots advocacy is the foundation of The Arc. We encourage contact and communication with their local, state or federal officials to make their voices heard. People with intellectual and developmental disabilities are entitled to the respect, dignity, equality, safety, and security accorded to other members of society.

“Legislative Advocacy too,” said Emilio. “The Arc of California tracks, legislation that right to grow and develop in nurturing environments impacts the lives of our clients. Everything helps raise the public awareness of our clients’ right to grow and develop in a nurturing environment.”

What could be more fun, and useful, than playing golf in a Tournament like this? To play or to donate, contact David Minishian, dminishian.aim.com@clubrunner. email, or Emilio Sosa, esosa@thearcloac.org.

POET'S CORNER

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Poem in October *excerpts*

**It was my thirtieth year to heaven...
My birthday began with the water-
Birds and the birds of the winged trees flying my name
Above the farms and the white horses
And I rose
In a rainy autumn
And walked abroad in shower of all my days
High tide and the heron dived when I took the road
Over the border
And the gates
Of the town closed as the town awoke.
A springful of larks in a rolling
Cloud and the roadside bushes brimming with whistling
Blackbirds and the sun of October
Summery
On the hill's shoulder,
Here were fond climates and sweet singers suddenly
Come in the morning where I wandered and listened
To the rain wringing
Wind blown cold
In the wood faraway under me...**

**It was my thirtieth
Year to heaven stood there then in the summer noon
Though the town below lay leaved with October blood.
O may my heart's truth
Still be sung
On this high hill in a year's turning.**

Dylan Thomas, Deaths and Entrances, New Directions, 1946

Thomas celebrates his 30th birthday on a soft October morning (“soft weather” in Wales means rain or mist). He is transported back to a childhood summer, and at the same time tries to foresee the future. Thomas died one month after his 39th birthday, in New York City. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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S/OLUFUNKE JAIYEOLA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 11, 2022

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022208703

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JCJ BILLAR CORTICO (2) JCJ PRODUCTIONS, 6510 FONTANA ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUIS CAMILO SIGALA, 8510 FONTANA ST, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2019

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/LUIS CAMILO SIGALA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022218162

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE GENOVEVA MARVINE WAY, 12929 TELEGRAPH RD F, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARVINE ERRIK SELF, 12929 TELEGRAPH RD F, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/MARVINE ERRIK SELF, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 6, 2022

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022219366

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) C&Y ENTERPRISES, 1223 E 59TH ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90001, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARTIN

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/MARTIN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022207762

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SAGLOOP DESIGNS, 4247 LA SALLE AVE, CULVER CITY CA 90232, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARTIN

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/MARTIN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 202221081

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT - IMPERIAL #36432, 14871 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, LA MIRADA CA 90638, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 15079 JUPITER STREET, WHITTIER CA 90603

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NLC IMPERIAL, INC., 15079 JUPITER ST., WHITTIER CA 90603

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 09/20/22

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/NLC IMPERIAL, INC., PRESIDENT, NATHAN CARTER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022207502

FILE NO: 2018121570 DATE FILED: MAY 17, 2018

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): SB GRAFIX & PRINTING

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 13225 PHILADELPHIA ST, SUITE T, WHITTIER, CA 90601

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STEPHEN PATRICK ANAYA, 13225 PHILADELPHIA ST, SUITE T, WHITTIER CA 90601 (2) CHRIS MURGUIA, 13225 PHILADELPHIA ST, SUITE T, WHITTIER CA 90601 (3)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

2022207502

FILE NO: 2018121570 DATE FILED: MAY 17, 2018

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): SB GRAFIX & PRINTING

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 13225 PHILADELPHIA ST, SUITE T, WHITTIER, CA 90601

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STEPHEN PATRICK ANAYA, 13225 PHILADELPHIA ST, SUITE T, WHITTIER CA 90601 (2) CHRIS MURGUIA, 13225 PHILADELPHIA ST, SUITE T, WHITTIER CA 90601 (3)

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Date: NOVEMBER 22, 2022, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: A, Room: 904
The address of the court is 200 WEST COMPTON BLVD, COMPTON 90220
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT, INC.** SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
MICHAEL SHULTZ
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
JESSICA MERCADO, ESQ. (SBN 242965)
MERCADO LAW FIRM
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LONG BEACH CA 90802
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22PSCP00426

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner **DONNY RICHARD SANDLEDA** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) **DONNY RICHARD SANDLEDA** to Proposed name (1) **DONNIE RICHARD SANCEDA**
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: OCTOBER 28, 2022, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: O, Room: 543
The address of the court is 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA 91766
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** AUGUST 30, 2022
JUDGE **PETER A. HERNANDEZ**
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
DONNY RICHARD SANDLEDA
1415 ELWOOD STREET
POMONA, CA 91786
323-891-9697
DONNIESANCEDA@GMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCPO0420

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner **DEWEY ROBERT SANDERS** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) **DEWEY ROBERT SANDERS** to Proposed name (1) **ROBERT DEWEY SANDERS**
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described

above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: DECEMBER 21, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** OCTOBER 19, 2022
JUDGE **MARGARET M. BERNAL**
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
DEWEY ROBERT SANDERS
9210 BIRDVALE DR.
DOWNEY, CA 90242
(562) 773-9608
RSANDERS80@HOTMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22CMCP00142

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner **ALFONSO AIDEN CHHAY ALVARADO** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) **ALFONSO AIDEN CHHAY ALVARADO** to Proposed name (1) **AIDEN CHHAY**
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: OCTOBER 25, 2022, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: A, Room: N/A
The address of the court is 200 W. COMPTON BLVD, COMPTON CA 90220
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** AUGUST 11, 2022
MICHAEL SHULTZ
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
ALFONSO AIDEN CHHAY ALVARADO
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LYNWOOD CA 90262
(323) 926-4162
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF VERN EBERHARD
Case No. 22STPB09369
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may

otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **VERN EBERHARD**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **Elvira Eberhard** in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Elvira E. Eberhard** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Oct. 25, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
NEAL B JANNOL ESQ
SBN 180713
LAW OFFICES OF NEAL B JANNOL PC
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LOS ANGELES CA 90024
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DELIA ELEANOR STOVER
Case No. 22STPB10122

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **DELIA ELEANOR STOVER**

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **Cheryl Lynn Sanders** in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **Cheryl Lynn Sanders** be appointed as personal representative to administer the

estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 17, 2022 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
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SBN 243227
PAUL HORN LAW GROUP PC
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SUMMONS

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO: 22 CVD 4439

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

TOMAS ARGELIO QUINTANILLA
Plaintiff
MARIBEL QUINTANILLA
Defendant

TO: **MARIBEL QUINTANILLA**

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action; the nature being sought is for an annulment.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days

after the first publication of this notice being 10/20/2022, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

Melinda C. Flinn
Attorney at Law
5311 Raeford Road
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Fayetteville, NC 28309
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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 101900-CA APN: 6190-015-10/20/2022, AND UPON YOUR FAILURE TO DO SO, THE PLAINTIFF SEEKING SERVICE AGAINST YOU WILL APPLY TO THE COURT FOR THE RELIEF SOUGHT.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/20/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 12/7/2022 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/28/2007, as Instrument No. 20072853718 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: HAZEL IONE SURWILLO, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3991 BEECHWOOD AVENUE, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$329,472.69 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the

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Hector Sosa releases vision for Downey

■ The city council candidate says he wants to bring high-paying jobs back to Downey.

DOWNEY – Downey city council District 2 candidate Hector Sosa released his “vision for Downey” on Wednesday. It is reposted below:

There was a time, not long ago, when Downey was the center of the aerospace industry. Companies like Rockwell and North American Aviation put Downey on the map with their flight innovations that quite literally helped put men on the moon. The aerospace industry created thousands of quality, high-paying jobs, solidifying Downey as an upper middle-class community. My vision for Downey is to become the new economic hub for the region.

In addition to creating jobs and generating tax revenue, the aerospace industry did something else: it gave Downey a sense of identity. We were the birthplace of the Apollo program, a city where innovation thrived and generations of families put down roots. Accordingly, Downey adopted its official motto in 1950: “Future Unlimited.”

Fast forward to today and I believe Downey has struggled to reclaim an identity since the aerospace industry left in the late 90s and early 2000s.

Why did Sprouts open a grocery store in a neighboring city and not Downey? Why don't we have more entertainment options for teens and young adults? What does it say about Downey when we are attracting businesses like Ojos Locos instead of Trader Joe's?

Growing up in Downey, I've

witnessed the changes...both good and bad. I believe Downey's future remains unlimited, with the potential to again change the world. But first we need two things: (1) Stability at City Hall and (2) Cut unnecessary red tape and bureaucracy making Downey a business-friendly community so we can attract small and large businesses alike.

Stability is the first priority. Voters need to make informed decisions and elect council members with ethics and integrity. Once we regain a stable City Council, we can hire a city manager and executive staff to move Downey forward. And to be clear, Downey must hire the best city manager available because that is what we deserve.

Attracting more new businesses to Downey requires a concerted effort on behalf of the city. There are plenty of fiscal incentives Downey

can offer, including grants, rebates, and tax credits. Long Beach created an Enterprise Zone that incentivizes businesses to hire locally. Whittier purchased a shuttered juvenile detention facility from the State of California and redeveloped it into a sprawling mixed-use project with modern homes, grocery stores, a dog park, and restaurants. It's worth noting that Whittier's city manager is Brian Saeki, formerly Downey's director of community development. And like Whittier, Downey also has a closed juvenile detention center.

Small businesses are the backbone of our community and need our support by incentivizing creativity, innovation, and growth.

Downey is capable of becoming an economic hub once again but it will take a city council with vision and ambition to move Downey into the future. Without stability

and strong leadership at city hall, Downey is in danger of becoming just another city in Southeast Los Angeles County, instead of the unique, thriving community we once were. After I'm elected, I look forward to leading the charge to bring innovation and prosperity back to Downey.

If you'd like to chat more about my vision for Downey, please contact me at sosa4downey@gmail.com or visit my website at www.hectorsosafordowney.com. I'm curious to hear your thoughts and ideas on things we can do to make Downey the best city possible.

Rising interest rates slow down home sales

Thanks to rising interest rates, the median price of an existing, single-family home in the Los Angeles metro area fell to \$750,000 in September -- down from \$765,000 in August but still up from \$730,000 one year ago, the California Association of Realtors reported Tuesday.

The month-to-month drop represented a 2% dip, but the year-to-year data shows a 2.7% rise, according to CAR.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles County trended in the opposite direction over the last month, with the median price rising to \$891,770 -- up from \$854,960 in August and up from the \$886,050 in September of 2021. The month-to-month rise was 4.3%, while the year-to-year increase was 0.6%.

“With interest rates rising rapidly since the beginning of the year, buyers and sellers are having difficulties adapting to the market's new ‘normal,’” CAR President Otto Catrina, a Bay Area real estate broker and Realtor, said in a statement.

“As the market continues to evolve in the next 12-18 months, Realtors will be playing an ever-

more important role as trusted advisors to guide their clients through the complicated buying and selling process and help them overcome their obstacles during these challenging times.”

The median price in Orange County was \$1.2 million in September, the same as August but up from \$1.1 million in September 2021. Those numbers represent no change month to month but a 9.1% rise year to year.

The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home in the Los Angeles metro area was 22 in September, up from 19 in August and from 10 in September 2021.

In Los Angeles County, the median number of days an existing house was on the market was 21 in September, up from 16 in August and 10 a year earlier.

In Orange County, the median time on the market was 21 days in

September, up from 17.5 in August and eight in September 2021.

San Diego County's median price was \$899,000 in September, up from \$885,000 in August. It was \$850,000 in September 2021.

Riverside County's median price in September was \$600,000, down from \$620,000 in August but up from \$570,000 in September 2021.

At the regional level, sales continued to fall sharply from last year, with four of the five major regions in California falling more than 25% from last year. Southern California had the biggest annual drop in sales at 32.6%, as every county within the region experienced a sales decline of more than 30% in September.

The 30-year, fixed-mortgage interest rate averaged 6.11% in September, up from 2.9% in September 2021, according

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