



NEWS
Historical groups shine light on Downey's past

SEE PAGE 2

NEWS
Jazz musician touring with Jonas Brothers

SEE PAGE 3

OPINION
Newsom's vetoes reveal his selfish agenda

SEE PAGE 5

LAW ENFORCEMENT
Downey Police adds comfort dog to roster

SEE PAGE 3

PIH marks 10 years since acquiring Downey hospital

■ This month marked the 10-year anniversary of PIH Health acquiring Downey Regional Medical Center.

DOWNEY – Oct. 1 marked the tenth anniversary since Downey Regional Medical Center became part of the PIH Health network as PIH Health Downey Hospital, the second hospital in the growing healthcare system.

Over the last decade, the hospital has undergone a number of modernization projects to enhance the facility, advance healthcare, and improve the patient experience, and now earns national recognition annually for its optimal use of information technology, best practices, and excellence in care.

“The last 10 years have been focused on the renewal and growth of the Downey hospital for the betterment of its patients and the community,” says PIH Health President and CEO, James R. West. “We’ve come a long way from where we started, and, in keeping with our ‘Patients First’ vision, we will continue to advance our position as the Downey community’s trusted health and wellness partner.”

Almost immediately after the hospital joined the network, PIH Health began a stream of short and long-term projects including updates to the hospital’s interior and exterior, seismic retrofitting, and improvements to hospital processes. From the welcoming main entrance, spacious and updated waiting areas and hallways, to remodeled patient rooms, cafeteria, and other renovated departments and offices, the Downey hospital has been updated to offer patients and visitors a pleasant and comfortable space to receive the highest quality care and services.

Extensive technological upgrades were also made in the form of the installation of state-of-the-art medical equipment, updates to the hospital’s communication and medical software systems, and a modernized wireless infrastructure built to support electronic medical records. These technological enhancements have improved the coordination and delivery of patient care, resulting in more security, accuracy, and efficiency.

Directly across the hospital campus, the Downey medical office building (located at 11480 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA) offers robust medical specialties including allergy & immunology, cardiology, digestive health services, hematology & oncology, otolaryngology (ENT), pain management and rheumatology. The latest addition to the building is a new PIH Health retail pharmacy which recently opened in July 2023.

After several years of work, the hospital also nears completion of another long-term project. The multiphase expansion of the 5,000-square-foot Emergency Department (ED) is expected to be completed early 2025.

“PIH Health Downey Hospital has grown to be a leader in improving the health and wellness of the local community over the past decade,” said Dianne Saucio MSN MSHCA RN, PIH Health Downey Hospital chief nursing officer. “As we move forward, we remain focused on growth and continue to expand our services in response to the community’s healthcare needs.”

Red Cross asks for blood donations

DOWNEY – Since announcing a national blood and platelet shortage a month ago, thousands of donors across the country have rolled up a sleeve to help rebuild the American Red Cross blood and platelet supply.

As that generosity continues, the Red Cross is working around-the-clock to ensure patients have access to lifesaving transfusions and must collect 10,000 additional blood and platelet donations – over and above expectations – each week over the next month to sufficiently meet hospital needs. Donors of all blood types are urged to book a time to give now, especially those with type O blood or those giving platelets.

To encourage more blood and platelet donations, the Red Cross is offering new incentives to donors over the next month. All who come to give Oct. 21-Nov. 9 will receive a \$10 gift card by email to a restaurant merchant of their choice to enjoy lunch on the Red Cross. They’ll also be automatically entered to win a \$5,000 gift card. There will be three lucky winners – one chosen at random each week. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Lunch.

The Red Cross has two scheduled blood drives in Downey: Oct. 25 from 8 am to 3 pm at Warren High School and Nov. 7 from 10 am to 4 pm at Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center.

To make an appointment, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



Nation swoons over Downey’s Golden Bachelorette

■ Edith Aguirre was recently eliminated from “The Golden Bachelor” but she made fans around the country.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – She may not have found love, but Downey’s own golden bachelorette captured the hearts of Bachelor Nation.

Edith Aguirre, 60, was recently a contestant on ABC’s first ever “The Golden Bachelor,” the current installment of the popular, long-running romance reality television series “The Bachelor.”

A retired realtor, Aguirre has divorced twice. It was her daughter who submitted her application for the Bachelor.

“I was stunned when they called me. I thought it was a prank; I didn’t believe that,” said Aguirre. “After the second call, they wanted to get an interview and I was like, ‘Okay, this is real.’”

Aguirre was one of 22 women vying for the affection of 72-year-old bachelor Gerry Turner. In the season premiere, she was the first woman to exit the limo.

“My nerves were going crazy. I was so nervous because this was the first time I was going to meet him,” said Aguirre. “Just being on TV, with all these cameras and all that, I was pretty nervous.”

She said Turner was “a big ham.”

“Looking into his beautiful blue eyes, he just made me feel so comfortable with him,” said Aguirre.

Aguirre would greet Turner in Spanish; a very important detail to her.

“I wanted to show that I’m Latina, and that I was representing Latina,” said Aguirre.

According to Aguirre, all the ladies on the show were very supportive of one another.

“What we wanted to do is give support. We wanted to make it a change. We wanted to make it a show that was supportive between all us ladies, and that we were going to date one man,” said Aguirre. “I was not going to bring no drama, I wanted just to show the love that we got along with everybody.”

Despite making it through the first two weeks and feeling like she had a connection with Turner, Aguirre would find herself without one of the coveted roses after week three.

She admits to being surprised at her elimination.

“I was in shock when I didn’t get the rose,” said Aguirre. “They did interview me after about how I felt. I said I was surprised, but if he didn’t see the love that I have in me, I’m sure somebody out there is going to see it.”

Still, she says it may have been the perfect time for her to leave.

“Now that I look at it, what happened to me, I guess it was the perfect time for me to leave because if there was not any connection between me and him that I thought I had, then it’s the perfect time for me to leave.”

Aguirre hasn’t given up on love, either.

“This had not made me feel sour or anything,” said Aguirre. “I know deep in my heart that ‘he’s out there; I just haven’t found him.’”

While not on the show long, Aguirre managed to swoon an endearing and adoring fanbase, many of which took to X (formerly Twitter) after her elimination.

“GERRY. You fumbled. JUSTICE FOR EDITH,” one X user posted.

“I’m convinced Kathy got Edith’s rose and now I’m upset again,” said another.

Some have even called for Aguirre to make a return to the show down the line, whether it be on Bachelor in Paradise, or as the first ever Golden Bachelorette.

If given the chance, it’s an opportunity she is more than willing to accept.

“I would do it again in a heartbeat, but this time I would go back and not be so... reserved,” said Aguirre. “I was more reserved than anything else, and I think I need to show a little bit more, the people, that I’m funny too, and that I’m silly, and I love to dance in the kitchen, and laugh, and I didn’t show that part of me.”

Ultimately, she just wants to show off the love in her heart.

“The only thing I want to do is just show love, I don’t want no chaos.”

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 84°

Saturday 80°

Sunday 75°

SOMETHING TO DO



WHAT: Trick or treating, free kids slime workshop, Dia de los Muertos altar, carnival games, costume contests, food trucks, live rock music, and a Scare Zone with haunted clowns (not recommended for kids under 13)

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 21, 5-9 pm

WHERE: Downtown Downey

ON THIS DAY

1781:

Britain’s Lord Cornwallis surrendered at Yorktown, Virginia, handing a huge victory to American General George Washington and effectively ending the American Revolution and assuring America’s independence.

1789:

John Jay, a Founding Father of the United States, was sworn in as the first chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

1960:

The United States imposed a near-total trade embargo against Cuba.

1979:

Prince released his sophomore album, “Prince,” containing the #1 R&B hit “I Wanna Be Your Lover.”

1987:

The Dow Jones Industrial Average plummeted nearly 23 percent, the largest one-day percentage drop in the stock market’s history.

1990:

“Dancing with Wolves,” starring Kevin Costner, had its premiere in Washington, D.C.; the film would win the award for Best Picture at the 1991 Academy Awards.

2003:

Pope John Paul II beatified Mother Teresa, who had won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her charity work.

BIRTHDAYS

“3rd Rock from the Sun” star **JON LITHGOW** (78), boxing hall of famer **VANDER HOLYFIELD** (61), actor and director **JON FAVREAU** (56), “South Park” co-creator **TREY PARKER** (54) and actress **REBECCA FERGUSON** (40).

For the Downey Conservancy & Historical Society, the present is in the past

■ A small but dedicated group of residents shines a light on Downey's past.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Downey has accumulated a lot of history over its 150-year existence, but it's not worth much if it becomes lost to time.

That's where organizations like the Downey Conservancy and the Downey Historical Society come in.

The Downey Conservancy was established in 2010 by George Redfox and Harold Tseklenis.

Redfox, who has had an affinity for history since he was a young child, took his first steps towards historic

preservation – and ultimately, the establishment of the Conservancy – as a young adult.

"I remember, probably right around [age] 22-ish, somewhere in there when the McDonalds closed down because of the earthquake in Whittier...When that happened, they closed the McDonalds and they were going to tear that place down, and I wrote a little article, a little comment for the Downey Eagle," said Redfox. "That was my first kind of thing that I wrote for the city as far as stuff going on with historical stuff."

According to Redfox, the purpose of the conservancy is education and preservation.

"Our main thing is educating the public on historic sites, buildings, places,

trees, whatever it might be. Strive to save those places if we possibly can," said Redfox. "I think knowledge and people knowing what they have a lot of times helps them think, 'Maybe this is something worth saving.'"

Board Member Gabriel Enamorado said the city's historic resources "make Downey."

"What is a community without its culture? What is a city's identity without its history," said Enamorado. "When you speak and think about Downey, we always tend to go back to what we once had or were, or what we started with."

He added that the Conservancy's work was "about preserving and maintaining our identity as a community."

The mission isn't always easy or successful. It's the Conservancy's hope that a historical preservation ordinance can be established in the city to help.

"We can advocate, we can publicize, we can promote, but if there is no layer of real protection for those resources, then there's not much we can do," said current Conservancy President Kathy Perez. "We have been successful in the last year or so."

"The current council has been very open. Back in February, the council did send back to staff the historic preservation ordinance, which that is one of our goals; definitely to have a historic preservation ordinance."

She continued:

"That provides that layer; not that it will save it completely, it just gives everybody a heads up this is what's happening. How we might work with the owner, doing an adaptive reuse, doing something rather than a tear-



Members of the Downey Conservancy at the rededication of "The Button Hole" at Stonewood Center earlier this year. (PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ)

down."

Started in 1965 by Joe Coss, the Downey Historical Society handles many of the articles, documents, and artifacts from Downey's past.

"History is a prologue," said Nick Curry, board member.

"There's an old saying, 'Those who fail to learn from their history are doomed to repeat it,'" added Roger Miller, also a board member. "Also too, what I'm discovering is the more people know about the history...the more connected you feel to it, the more connected you feel to it, the less you're likely to vandalize and tear it down, and you wanna stay and build on the successes of the people who came before us."

Located in a small building at Apollo Park, the Historical Society is practically filled to the brim with information and resources just begging to be

discovered by passersby.

Much of what the Historical Society has been donated throughout the years.

Bobbi Bruce, docent and board member, described the Historical Society as a "suppository for people's memories."

"People that have grown up here, they'll come in here and want to share their stories of their life and their journey growing up here in Downey," said Bruce. "We have been very fortunate enough to maintain the yearbooks, the newspapers, personal items of people, what they experienced in their life, that they've donated to us."

"When they come in, we have this so we can share it with the people that are trying to remember things when they were growing up: places, restaurants, orange fields, walnut groves. And also,

people that went to school here, some of the famous people and that, to be able to feel a certain amount of pride in the people who grew up here and went on to bigger and better things."

That sense of pride is something shared by and deeply rooted within each member of the society.

President Bob Thompson says he "loves Downey."

"I've seen a lot of changes and so on, but this city, I feel is like my city," said Thompson. "My children were born here; my sisters and brothers were born here in the old and new hospital."

"I try to tell the young folks that come in to please protect your city of Downey; love it, protect it, don't let it fall on bad hands, and that's how I feel about it. I love Downey."

In Loving Memory of

Joan Carol Lueke

February 5, 1933 - September 11, 2023



Joan Carol Lueke, age 90, passed away peacefully at Downey PIH on September 11, 2023. She was born on February 5, 1933 in Los Angeles. Joan was married to Joseph "Conrad" on May 5, 1956. They were happily married for 46 years until Conrad's death in 2002.

Joan was a devoted mother to her five children: Danette Buckley, Laura Kramer, Barbara Mall-Brooks, Christopher Lueke (deceased), and Stephen Lueke. She was also a cherished grandmother to nine grandchildren and a proud great-grandmother to ten great-grandchildren.

Joan was a founding parishioner of St. Raymond's Catholic Church. She dedicated countless hours to volunteering at the church, volunteering 4 mornings per week up to the day she went into the hospital. Joan Carol Lueke was well-loved by all who knew her.

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Raymond's Catholic Church, in Downey on Saturday, October 28 at 12 noon.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Joan's name to DSDN-Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network or a charity of your choice.

Joan's spirit and love will live on in the hearts of those she touched. She will be dearly missed.

In Memory of

Frank Werner Jr.

November 22, 1933 - October 2, 2023



Frank Werner Jr., 89, of South Gate, California passed away on Oct. 2, 2023. He was born Nov. 22, 1933 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Frank was raised in Kansas City and graduated high school there.

Frank proudly served as a reserve in the U.S. Army National Guard from 1952 to 1955. He began working as a line chef for the General Motors production plant in Kansas City. He met his wife Betty in Kansas City and the two were married in 1958. He was subsequently offered a job opportunity by GM at their plant in South Gate, California and he, Betty, and their three children moved to South Gate in 1965.

When the GM plant in South Gate closed, Frank took a job as a janitor at Barlow Respiratory Hospital of Los Angeles. Through hard work and dedication, he rose to become Director of Materials Management for the hospital. He retired from Barlow in 1996 at the age of 62.

Frank and his wife Betty were avid Dodger fans and they held season tickets to Dodger Stadium for more than 20 years.

He also loved to travel and, in the same year he retired, he and his wife engaged in a two-month driving vacation around the country, visiting family, friends and more than a few baseball stadiums along the way.

Frank also enjoyed reading about the world of archeology and for his 80th birthday, his family took him to Machu Picchu in Peru.

He will always be remembered for his calm, soft spoken midwestern demeanor, and his quick wit.

He was preceded in death by his wife Betty; his daughter, Linda; and his son-in-law, Mitchell.

He is survived by his daughter, Betty and husband David Zibello; son, Robert and wife Silvia Suarez; grandson, Robert Sims; great-granddaughters, Faith and Hope Sims; and sister, Mary Shirk.

Funeral Services will be held at White Emerson Mortuary in Whittier, CA on Oct. 23, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with burial to follow at Rose Hill Memorial Park. Condolences may be left for the family at www.dalyleachchapel.com.

In Memory of

James Richard DeKay

October 9, 1941 - October 2, 2023



James Richard DeKay was born Oct. 9, 1941 in Huntington Park, CA, to John Kenneth and Lydia Erma Elfrida DeKay. Soon after, the family moved to a new home construction in Hollydale where Jim grew up.

Jim's education consisted of attending Roosevelt (K-6), St John's Lutheran (7-8), Paramount Jr. (9), Paramount Sr. (10-12) and one year at Compton Junior College. Jim was extremely active his entire life. During his school years he played all sports with his favorites being running track and playing football. Jim loved the outdoors and as a member of the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, going on as many campouts as he was able. Twice he completed the Silver Moccasin hike (65 miles) and once the Golden Arrowhead (63 miles).

After school, Jim joined the Air Force in January 1961. During his enlistment he was assigned to be a Crew Chief on a C-124 transport aircraft. Jim was honorably discharged in January 1965. Seven days after his discharge he went to work for Tumpane Mfg., maintaining NASA aircraft at LAX. In February 1969, Jim left Tumpane and went to work for Continental Airlines. Six months later he was promoted to Lead Mechanic and voted to be the IAM union steward for the mechanics.

In 1982, Frank Lorenzo filed bankruptcy and abrogated all Union contracts. In 1984 Jim helped form the Employees Committee and negotiated the first set of nonunion work rules. In 1989, Jim helped organize the Teamsters to represent the Continental Mechanics and was elected to be the Chief Steward. Over the next seven years Jim was instrumental in negotiating three contracts between the Mechanics and Continental.

After 36 years, Jim retired from Continental in November 2006 and went to work for the Teamsters Union as an organizer and negotiator. Jim was instrumental in organizing United and Horizon airlines and negotiated the first Teamsters contract for Horizon Mechs. Jim retired from the Teamsters in 2013.

Jim met his wife Linda at Messiah Lutheran Church in Downey. Their first date was the 10th grade graduation dance at Paramount High School and they dated until they married on May 14, 1966. Jim always said there was no sense dating anyone else as he found the right one the first time around. Jim and Linda went to Solvang on their honeymoon and went fishing at Lake Cachuma. For the next few years, they traveled extensively, Europe, all the southern Canadian Provinces, Quebec, New Brunswick and fishing in British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

Jennifer arrived in December 1972, the cutest little thing in a red dress. As you can imagine, Jim encouraged her to get into sports, which she did and was very good. Jim coached all her teams: volleyball, basketball and her best sport, softball. Jim was the head coach for the Astros, which was the Ponytail softball team Jennifer played on, and the team actually went undefeated two consecutive years. He always said there was nothing like coaching girls. They were competitive on and off the field.

Alexis was born December 10, 2009 and was a true inspiration to Jim. He was so proud of all her accomplishments. He loved spending time with Alexis, whether they were working in the garden, repairing fences, or riding around the golf cart at LA Sporting Clays, he also enjoyed taking her whale watching, riding amusement park rides at Knott's Berry Farm, trips to the aquarium, dinners at Golden Coral, and many more countless excursions. Jim celebrated his 80th birthday, doing what he loved the most, coaching – only this time it was Alexis' ponytail softball team, the BombSquad.

Jim loved to sing. He was in the choir at Paramount High School and Messiah Lutheran Church for many years. He was asked to sing at many weddings, including Jennifer's.

As stated earlier, Jim loved the outdoors and spent as much time as he could hunting and fishing. Deer, elk, antelope, ducks, geese, pheasants, quail, doves... there was always something in the freezer. His favorite pastime was long range fishing. At least three trips a year 15 - 17 days on the ocean at a time, searching for giant Yellowfin tuna, Wahoo, etc.

Jim is survived by his wife Linda, daughter Jennifer, granddaughter Alexis, sister Joan, brother John and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on January 20, 2024 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Downey.

Police department adds comfort dog to roster

■ “Howdy” will provide comfort to victims and witnesses.

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department has added a yellow Labrador retriever to its canine lineup.

Howdy will assist his handler, Sgt. Ruth Valenzuela, during her work with victims, witnesses and residents exposed to traumatic events.

Howdy will also be available to department employees on a day-to-day basis, notably during critical incident debriefings.

Howdy was chosen for his unobtrusive and calm demeanor, officials with Canine Companions for Independence said, which provided the dog.

“As a department, we are excited to welcome Howdy to the DPD family and we want to thank Canine Companions for Independence for their generous donation,” said Police Chief Leslie Murray. “We look forward to the positive impact this program will have on our community and Department employees.”

Murray said Howdy will be used to:

Provide comfort to crime victims and witnesses during interviews and court



proceedings
 Help victims process grief and loss
 Lower tension and stresses of residents and staff after traumatic events
 Work with children to build relationships
 Conduct senior citizen visits and welfare checks
 “The city of Downey is committed to the health and

wellbeing of our community, and now thanks to the wonderful partnership with Canine Companions, we have a trained police support dog who can provide needed comfort and care to individuals during difficult events,” said Mayor Claudia Frometa. “I’m proud of the work of the Downey Police Department in implementing impactful programs such as this.”

Downey musician hired to tour with Jonas Brothers

■ Fabian Chavez is playing alongside the band on a world tour.

By Alex Dominguez
 Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Warren High graduate Fabian Chavez is currently on tour with the Jonas Brothers, with a return performance slated in just a few weeks.

The current World Tour kicked off in August in New York, and will continue into early December. After a brief hiatus, the show picks up again overseas, spanning New Zealand, Australia, and Europe.

A multi-instrumentalist, Chavez, 30, has steadily continued to build a name for himself in the music industry. He was tapped to play saxophone for the Jonas Brothers on the strength of his reputation and on the recommendation of one of the band’s existing members,

whom Chavez had played with recently at a gig in Los Angeles.

“He texted me a few days later and said, ‘Hey man, I’m actually the piano player of the Jonas Brothers, would you want to go on tour with the Jonas Brothers. Are you interested in that at all?’ I was like ‘What? Oh my God,’” said Chavez. “I think it was that in combination of my name had been thrown around in the hat for the sax position.”

He is no stranger to touring having toured with indie-pop band Saint Motel previously.

Chavez says things came full circle, however, a few weeks ago.

“We actually did Dodger Stadium a month ago, a couple of weeks ago, something like that. That one, for me, was really really big; that was a full circle moment,” said Chavez. “Obviously, I was raised in Downey and LA, this is like my home. We’re going to Dodger Stadium, I’ve been there so many times, but to play a



concert there was really like, ‘Oh man, this is amazing’ you know? It was a whole thing.

“We did Yankee Stadium, Wrigley, but playing Dodger Stadium was a beautiful moment that I’ll honestly never forget.”

The Jonas Brothers World Tour will return to the area at the end of the month, playing at the Honda Center on Oct. 29.

Downey's BIGGEST FAVORITE
VIPS
 Firestone Blvd. BoiA Woodruff Ave.
 9304 Firestone Blvd., Downey, CA
 562-381-2050 Text/Call
 Dry Cleaning | Laundry | Alterations | Uniforms
 @vipscleaners | #vipscleaners | vipscleaners.com

I can sell your property for top dollar
JIMMY SPATHOS
 REAL ESTATE
 Selling Downey for 24 years!
 (562) 400-2148
 jimspathos@aol.com
 Broker/Notary DRE#01296368

Gil Contreras Legaspi
 Downey City Council District 3

Gil will roll up his sleeves to get the work done for Downey:

- Address Homelessness by providing options to get people off the streets.
- Improve Parks and Recreational Spaces for youth and families.
- Funding for Street improvements, including paving streets, fixing sidewalks, and trimming trees.
- Attract Family-style restaurants, shops and stores.
- Allow appropriate vending, such as the Farmers Market and permitted Pop-Up shopping events.

The Choice is Clear!
Vote for Gil Contreras Legaspi for Downey City Council, District 3
 Sworn Reserve Police Officer • Family Man • Successful Downey Businessman

LEARN MORE AT: Call or text: 562.360.4367 Instagram: @gilcontreraslegaspifordowney Facebook: gilcontreraslegaspi
www.gillegaspifordowney.com
 Paid for by: Gil Contreras Legaspi for Downey City Council 2023 #1460747

SAVINGS SPECIAL

6.50% APY*
 8 Month Certificate

- Exclusive offer for new members
- Federally Insured by NCUA
- \$5,000 maximum deposit

Save Smarter

888.415.3893
 FPCU.org/downeypatriot
 Visit one of our Downey branches at 7800 E Imperial Hwy or 8274 Firestone Blvd.

FINANCIAL PARTNERS CREDIT UNION

*APY = Annual Percentage Yield. Minimum deposit is \$1,000. Maximum deposit is \$5,000. Penalty for early withdrawal/early closure. Offer is available to new members only. Limit one per new member. Fees could reduce earnings on the account. Rate quoted as of 10.16.2023 and subject to change at any time. Offer is subject to change, be revoked, or end at any time. A new Financial Partners Credit Union membership required. © 2023 Financial Partners Credit Union. All rights reserved.

Federally Insured by NCUA 844.TRY.FPCU • FPCU.org

City of Downey

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Honoring all those who have served

NOVEMBER
SATURDAY 11 10:00 AM
2023

COLUMBIA MEMORIAL SPACE CENTER
 12400 COLUMBIA WAY, DOWNEY, CA 90242

For more information, please call the Parks & Recreation Department at (562) 904-7238

150 years of newspaper coverage

Downey has benefited from having its own newspaper for 150 years; not many communities can say the same.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Since the city's founding 150 years ago, there has been a newspaper in some shape or form covering Downey.

That is no small stat to wink at.

According to longtime Downey Patriot editor Eric Pierce, the difference between community newspapers and larger publications comes down to the level of coverage.

"I think it's kind of cool when you open the paper on a

Friday morning, and you might see your neighbor in there, or maybe you see somebody who's turning 100, or somebody who got a promotion, or even obituaries, it's a part of life," said Pierce. "It's kind of rare to see newspapers now cover the community like we do...I think we do really important work."

Pierce said that bigger papers "are not going to come into Downey" barring extreme circumstances.

"For the most part, a paper like the LA Times, they don't have the resources to cover a community like ours," said Pierce. "In LA County alone there's 88 cities, and bigger newspapers, they just don't have the staff to cover every community. That's where smaller newspapers like ours

come in to kind of fill the gap.

"Every once in a while, we'll get a bigger newspaper come in – we've had the Washington Post come into Downey to do a paper – and it's exciting, but then they leave, and what's going to happen after they leave? We need newspapers to cover the day-to-day of what's going on...There's a lot going on in Downey, believe it or not. Finding things to write about is not difficult; there's news happening, you just have to be involved and know what's going on."

Downey's coverage began in 1875 with the Downey Courier, established by Alonzo Waite, a Maine native who started off as a printer in 1854 for Los Angeles' first paper, the Los Angeles Star.

The Courier resided in one of Downey's first buildings, The Central Hotel, which was erected in 1875 near the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. It published every Saturday, and eventually expanded to the Los Nietos Valley Courier in 1876.

As the community around it grew, however, so did the competition.

In 1879, Santa Monica news editor L.T. Fisher brought his paper, the Outlook. Downey's second newspaper would quickly disappear from the scene.

The Courier would suffer a similar fate, ceasing in 1881. Publishers Samuel H. Purcell and J.M. Emmert opened the Downey Signal the following year, however it too would fold in 1895, following Emmert's descent into poor health.

In 1885, Superior Court judge and L.A. County district attorney James C. Rives – the builder of the Rives Mansion – established the Downey Weekly Review. It too would be a short-lived endeavor, folding in 1887 after Rives left his paper to

pursue law career.

Pennsylvania native Charles Henry Eberle found some success in 1888 with the Downey Champion, albeit the Champion was initially established to "champion" the agendas of the Democratic party. Nevertheless, it went on to become Downey's longest lasting newspaper.

That wouldn't stop others from popping up.

In 1898, the Downey Mirror was published by M. M. Purcell and Jessie McCoy. The Downey Dispatch was brought forth by C.A. Seay and C. C. Arrowsmith in 1902, publishing for five years until November 1907.

The Downey News came next, in 1910, thanks to printer H. Hull, and in 1914 merged with the Champion. Upon the Merger, Eberly retired, giving Hull the reins.

The Downey Eagle was established in 1914 by J. Ed Van Matre. In 1918, Van Matre bought the champion.

There was some turbulence in the transaction, however, as prominent employee Knowles C. Weiss' wife Fannie parted company with Van Matre after an alleged disagreement. Soon after, the Weiss family published the Downey LiveWire, with a more conservative tilt.

The Weisses retired by 1968, and the Call-Enterprise, an expansive paper that covered many cities in the Gateway, bought out the LiveWire and merged with another paper, the Downey Herald American.

VanMatre sold the Champion in 1935 to Thomas S. Fisher, a democratic businessman from Calgary, Canada. His son, 1944 Downey High School graduate Don Fisher served as editor during the mid-1940s until the paper was sold again in 1954 to Gus Karnopp.

Karnopp published the Champion alongside the Southeast News from the same headquarters for four years. In 1958, the Champion and Southeast News merged and became a Monday-Friday paper owned by John Dennis.

Operating as the Southeast News, the paper covered Downey, Norwalk, Bellflower, Paramount, Pico Rivera and Santa Fe Springs. It closed in 1985.

The News Tribune (published by Joseph S. Bianchi) followed. Then came the Eagle, a weekly newspaper published by Jerry Andrews from March 5, 1993 until March 29, 2002.

That brings the story to current day, and the Downey Patriot which rose from the ashes of the Eagle in May 2001.

Publishing for over 21 years, the Patriot was established by veteran news editor John Adams. In 2006, when Adams' health started to decline due to Parkinson's Disease, he sold the company to current publisher Jennifer Dekay, a Downey native and 1990 Downey High School graduate.

That brings us to today.

In the online age, most have turned away from newspapers in favor of quicker, more immediate access.

That is, except for the Downey Patriot, according to DeKay.

"I think media in general has taken a different shift. I think in order to stay relevant you have to stay consistent, and not only consistent in many ways," said DeKay. "You have to stay consistent with technology, and consistent in what people are looking for. They want quick and easy, and that's maybe not sitting down and reading the paper, except in Downey. People say print is dying, and I would

agree with them, except in this city."

DeKay lauded the support that the Patriot has received from the community, saying that "The Downey Patriot is still regarded as a very good source of information."

"I believe that the Downey Patriot has a brand that other companies – I don't necessarily want to say should be envious of – but we are very fortunate to have the brand that we do, and we've worked very hard on making that brand very prominent in the city."

When asked about the Patriot's role in the legacy of Downey news coverage, DeKay said "it's a lot of pressure," but also called it an honor.

"It's a lot of pressure only because you don't want that piece of the legacy to end; you don't want to be the reason why it ended," said DeKay. "That's why it's so important to stay relevant. Downey has such a diverse community in ages, and you want to make sure that newspaper is read by the youth as well as generations before them."

DeKay said that "there is always going to be news" in Downey, as long as there is business, government, and a school system.

"At the end of the day, the biggest difference between community newspapers and national newspapers, or multi-city newspapers, is reporters are stretched thin – even in our company, they're stretched thin – but you can always look to the Downey Patriot for what is happening in that city. As long as there's a city of Downey, there's always going to be news, and hopefully we will be the ones providing it to you."



THIS SEASON GET MAXIMUM PROTECTION AVAILABLE NOW



Flu Vaccine

and



Updated COVID-19 Vaccine

Ask Your Health Care Provider or Pharmacist

FREE Vaccines Available

ph.lacounty.gov/vaccines



EVERYDAY SAFE 

DOWNEY COLLECTIVE PRESENTS



FREE ENTRY

GET SPOOKY!

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

OCT
28

STONEWOOD CENTER

251 STONEWOOD ST.

3 PM - 9 PM

COSTUME CONTESTS (DOGS & KIDS) * JUMPERS * FOOD TRUCKS * CRAFTS * SHOPPING *

Newsom puts himself before California

Newsom’s vetoes indicate he is trying to appeal to voters nationally.

By Jill Filipovic

Jill Filipovic is a journalist and author of the book “OK Boomer, Let’s Talk: How My Generation Got Left Behind.”

What does California Gov. Gavin Newsom actually stand for? He leads the state with the largest economy in the US, and one of the largest in the world. Back when he was mayor of San Francisco, he ordered the issuance of marriage licenses to same-sex couples, in defiance of state law and more than a decade before the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage nationwide. During the Trump era, he grabbed headlines as a liberal counterweight to the former president, a telegenic and bright young man on the rise. And now, he’s grabbing headlines again by vetoing more than 100 bills passed by the California legislature.

It’s hard to know what exactly Newsom is playing at. But one thing seems clear: He’s a man who puts his own political future ahead of the will of the people. And right now, he seems to think it’s politically beneficial to maintain the status quo, regardless of what many Californians actually want.

Newsom vetoed many bills that are either common sense, wildly popular or both. One would have made insulin more affordable, capping prices at \$35 for a 30-day supply. Another would have put free condoms in public high schools, and banned retailers from refusing to sell young people condoms. Another would have outlawed caste discrimination, which many South Asians say is troublingly common in the workplace. He also vetoed several drug-related bills, including one that would have allowed cannabis cafes and another that would have decriminalized the possession and personal use of hallucinogenics.

While a lot of these bills may not fly in the deep South, they’re unremarkable in progressive California, and were on Newsom’s desk in the first place because

the state legislature put them there — ostensibly carrying out the will of California voters.

It’s tough to explain the veto spree, unless Newsom is thinking as much about voters outside of California as within it.

Not all of the bills on Newsom’s desk were vetoed. He signed one to ban four common but potentially harmful chemicals in food, and others to require businesses disclose their carbon emissions and school buses go electric by 2035. Several environmental protection bills came across his desk, and he put his signature on many of them.

But he vetoed others. And generally, Newsom used his pen to keep change from happening.

Why? He largely says money: California can’t afford a bunch of new or expanded services, and some of the bills, he claims, will actually create more downstream costs for consumers. Newsom said prohibiting caste discrimination was “unnecessary” because “California already prohibits discrimination based on sex, race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, and other characteristics, and state law specifies that these civil rights protections shall be liberally construed.” On vetoing cannabis cafes, Newsom expressed concern that “this bill could undermine California’s long-standing smoke-free workplace protections.”

Not all of Newsom’s vetoes here are bad ones. But their volume paints a picture of a man who is taking great care not to rock the boat, and not to have any unpopular legislation tied back to him — which certainly suggests national ambitions.

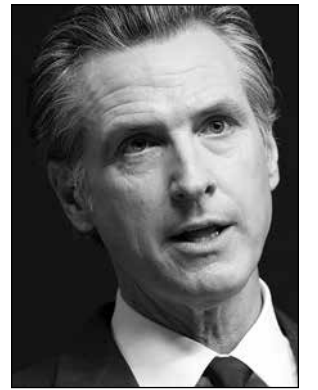
Newsom is far from the first person to politically shapeshift or put attention-seeking over job-doing. And he was never a far-left progressive. But the kind of moral courage on display when he stood up for same-sex couples well before doing so was politically palatable has been conspicuously absent in recent years.

None of us can read Newsom’s mind. Maybe he really doesn’t have national ambitions, and is making these veto decisions based on what he believes is best for California, not based on what’s best for his own political future. But this playbook — liberal governor of a liberal

state moves toward the middle in an effort to appeal to voters nationwide — isn’t exactly novel.

It is disappointing, though. And it’s unclear if it will actually work in today’s unpredictable political climate.

The days of young(ish) handsome men of privilege charming their way into political office by saying whatever it is they think voters want to hear seem to be waning. There are a great many moderate Democrats out there, and their votes do win elections — just look at President Joe Biden. But I imagine these voters also want a president with vision. At the very least, voters want to know who, exactly, they’re voting for. And with this spree of keep-things-the-same vetoes, Newsom doesn’t answer that question.



Gavin Newsom

Why we’re supporting Dorothy Pemberton

Dear Editor:

We are working to help elect Dorothy Pemberton for Downey City Council as the District 3 representative.

Why would we do that? Well, as we all saw before the recall, each city council member’s vote affects the entire city. At this time, Downey cannot afford to elect an unknown.

We know Dorothy. We encouraged her to run for city council. We have watched her give her life and time to our city. She has worked tirelessly for 30 years in leadership of numerous civic organizations such as PTA President, Soroptimist, Gangs out of Downey, the PTA Helps Room and many others. She is endorsed by retired Downey PD Captain Mark McDaniel along with current Mayor Claudia Frometa and former Mayor Rick Rodriguez. She is a team player and gets things done.

Gil Legaspi is an unknown. He originally campaigned as a police officer when he is in fact a reservist for LAPD, working only a few days a month. He issued campaign literature in uniform, standing in front of the Downey mural; this was also misleading. He has in the last few weeks changed his political party affiliation, implying originally that he was a Republican, when he is listed as a Democrat and now has re-registered as “Declined to State”. Who does that in the middle of a campaign?

Additionally, he has voted in only one of the past eight major elections.

Recent revelations regarding his relationship with District #5 Downey City Council member Mario Trujillo are concerning. Over 60% of his campaign contributions have come from outside of Downey. Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn has appointed him to the L A County Tax Assessment Appeals Board. Who is he trying to be? Not the well connected, commercial investment real estate broker and property manager he is.

We do not need someone in this seat that is looking for a leg up politically or financially. We’ve seen that before. We need our next city council member to be there for us, for the many needs of the residents of Downey.

Dorothy has been here for us for years. Dorothy knows Downey and that’s what we need at this important time.

Vickie Smith, Trish Morris, Gail Rabe, Monica Gross, Dee Bacus, Cheryl Van Rensselaer, Dania Janczak, Bonnie Travers
Downey

Poor voting record

Dear Editor:

As a registered voter in District 3, I received a letter from the former recall committee mentioning Gil Legaspi’s voting record.

I read that he has only voted one time in the last eight elections. I find this appalling and shameful, particularly for someone who touts his involvement in law enforcement. He doesn’t seem to care enough to vote for the laws that have a high impact on law enforcement personnel. Gil is a reservist for LAPD.

This, in my opinion, speaks volumes about what he does and does not find important.

Mr. Legaspi certainly has not earned my vote.

Lawrence Brown
Downey

Cudahy needs a newspaper

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to the City of Downey for having newspaper coverage for the past 150 years.

I sure hope the residents of Downey appreciate the coverage as many cities in the southeast have absolutely no coverage. Here in Cudahy, we have not had any type of paper print for years.

A local newspaper can strengthen a community as well as being a great resource. Newspapers have played a vital role in their communities for decades, providing a go-to resource for local readers and businesses.

Hoping one day we in Cudahy can have a newspaper we can call our own.

George Perez
Cudahy

Do California democrats really care about diversity?

By Steve Phillips

Steve Phillips is a San Francisco-based writer and podcast host.

Do California Democrats believe that representation matters, or do they just pretend to? We’re about to get our answer.

The death on Sept. 29 of longtime Democratic senator Dianne Feinstein opens up a racial and gender quagmire that is sure to bedevil Democrats for many months to come. Early this month, California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) appointed Laphonza Butler, a Black lesbian and president of Emily’s List, to the Senate at least until the upcoming special election (November 2024) to fill the remainder of Feinstein’s term. But that hardly settles the question of who Feinstein’s long-term successor will be. Two prominent Democratic members of Congress — Reps. Katie Porter and Adam Schiff — had already launched candidacies for Feinstein’s seat in anticipation of her retirement. Rep. Barbara Lee joined the race shortly after Feinstein officially announced her retirement.

Time and again, it has been shown that Black women are the heart and soul of the Democratic Party. Democrats across the country agree that Black women are badly underrepresented in our nation’s leadership. Schiff and Porter are White; Lee is a Black woman. The right course

is clear, isn’t it?

It would be, anyway, if the participants had the courage and principles to follow it: Schiff and Porter should step aside and reembrace their vital leadership roles in the House. And the rest of the state’s Democratic leaders should walk their talk and throw their clout behind Lee’s bid for the state’s full six-year seat in the Senate.

Why is electing a Black woman to the Senate in California a moral imperative?

Consider the numbers: Before becoming vice president in 2021, Kamala D. Harris was just the second Black woman ever to serve in the Senate, after Sen. Carol Moseley Braun (D-Ill.) in the 1990s. With Butler’s appointment, that’s three Black women in more than two centuries.

Further, Democrats’ tributes to Feinstein’s life and legacy illustrate their belief in the importance of representation of marginalized groups in the country’s top deliberative bodies. California Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis noted that Feinstein “broke marble ceilings for the rest of us” and “inspired women like me to leadership.” Former House speaker Nancy Pelosi — Feinstein’s fellow San Franciscan and herself a trailblazing woman in politics — said Feinstein’s “extraordinary career will continue to inspire countless young women and girls to pursue public service for generations to come.”

Another reason to choose Lee: Two-thirds of California residents identify as people of color. A partnership of Lee and Sen. Alex Padilla, who is Hispanic, would give powerful voice in Washington to their interests.

There’s something else, perhaps the most important thing, which is that she has proved to be an effective legislator who can work across the aisle on a variety of issues while maintaining her progressive values. She has worked with Republicans on matters of foreign policy and gun reform; her career is marked by unwavering and unapologetic support of police accountability, reparations, immigration reform and environmental justice — issues that are critical to Californians. Many politicians talk about courage, but Lee is the real deal.

California’s Democratic leaders have an opportunity to do more than pay lip service to their rhetoric around diversity. It wouldn’t hurt to remind them that Harris gave up one of California’s seats to serve the country. They need to know, and show, that forcing genuine equality isn’t easy or comfortable. It requires hard decisions, especially for White people who might have to disappoint their friends or sacrifice their egos and ambitions for the sake of the larger cause.

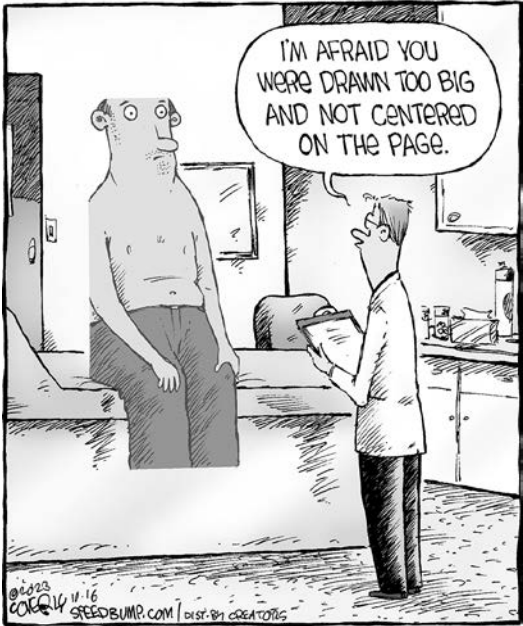
The Downey Patriot STAFF

JENNIFER DEKAY Publisher	ERIC PIERCE Editor
JULIE LEDESMA-AZIZ Display Advertising	ALEX DOMINGUEZ Staff Writer
LINDA LARSON Classified Advertising	LORINE PARKS Poetry & Society
JONATHAN FOX Production/Graphics	CAROL KEARNS Contributor

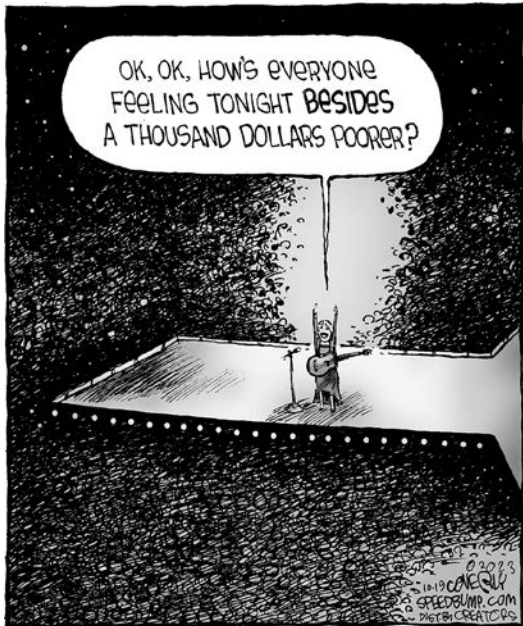
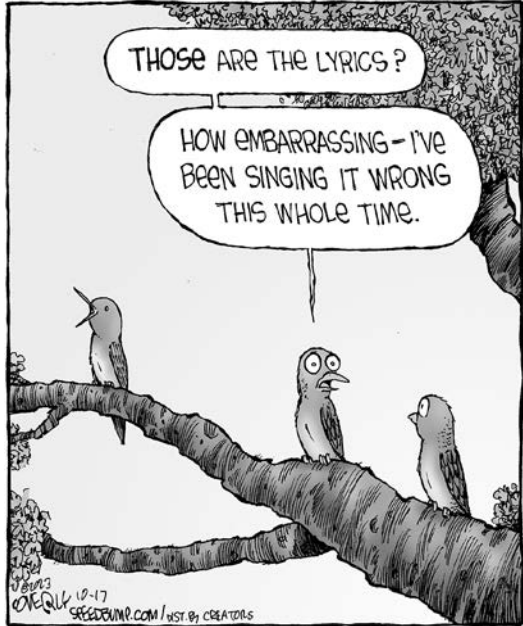
TEL (562) 904-3668 | FAX (562) 904-3124 | MONDAY - THURSDAY 9AM - 3PM
10927 DOWNEY AVE., SUITE C, DOWNEY, CA 90241 | FRIDAY 9AM - 12PM
THE DOWNEY PATRIOT.COM | ADJUDICATION #BS124251

The Downey Patriot is published weekly by The Downey Patriot, Inc.
Controlled Distribution, 25,000 copies are printed.
Distributed by CIPS Marketing Group, Inc., Los Angeles, CA.

SPEED BUMP



DAVE COVERLY



Pemberton releases vision for Downey



Downey residents have a comprehensive understanding of how their tax dollars are being utilized.

Dorothy will work diligently to foster trust and engagement between the city government and its residents.

Quality of Life:

Improving the quality of life for all Downey residents is at the heart of Dorothy Pemberton's campaign having lived in Downey her entire life. As a 20-year Board Member of the Downey YMCA, Dorothy is on the capital improvement committee to help rebuild the YMCA, which is so needed in the community for seniors, youth and adults. The project is very close to begin construction in the upcoming months.

She envisions a Downey where every resident has access to safe parks, quality recreational facilities, and well-maintained public spaces. In addition, Dorothy wants to create a community garden and a dog park in District 3 bringing families and friends together.

Dorothy will prioritize investments in infrastructure, such as road repairs, sidewalk maintenance, and green spaces, to create a vibrant and livable community for families and individuals of all ages. She will collaborate with local stakeholders, community organizations, and residents to address their specific needs and concerns, ensuring that Downey remains a desirable place to live, work, and raise a family.

Economic Development:

Dorothy Pemberton understands the importance of a strong and thriving local economy. She will actively seek opportunities to attract new "family-friendly" businesses, name-brand anchor stores, businesses that offer high-paying jobs, foster entrepreneurship, and support existing enterprises.

By creating a business-friendly environment and streamlining bureaucratic processes, Dorothy aims to stimulate job growth and economic development in Downey. She will work closely with local chambers of commerce, business owners, and industry leaders to identify and address their needs, ensuring that Downey remains competitive and prosperous.

"I believe in a Downey that is safe, transparent, and economically vibrant," said Pemberton. "Together, we can build a community where everyone feels secure, where our finances are transparent, where quality of life is enhanced, and where businesses thrive. I am committed to listening to the voices of our residents and working tirelessly to turn our shared vision into a reality."

DOWNEY – District 3 city council candidate Dorothy Pemberton released her vision for Downey this week, which includes a four-point plan that covers Community Safety, Fiscal Transparency, Quality of Life and Economic Development.

The plan is listed below, as released by her campaign:

Community Safety:

Dorothy Pemberton believes that the safety and well-being of Downey's residents should always be the top priority. As a City Council member, she is committed to working closely with local law enforcement agencies, community organizations, and residents to implement effective crime prevention strategies.

Dorothy will prioritize initiatives that strengthen neighborhood watch programs, enhance police-community relations, and ensure adequate resources for public safety including the installation of sub-stations in every district.

Her experience having graduated from the Downey Police Citizens' Academy and her 10-year leadership role with Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) give her a unique advantage and qualifications to be the next Councilmember for District 3.

Fiscal Transparency:

Transparency and accountability are crucial for the effective functioning of local government. Dorothy Pemberton served on the Measure "S" Oversight Committee managing a \$50 million dollar budget making sure the funds were spent responsibly.

She is committed to promoting fiscal transparency in the city's budgeting and financial processes. She will advocate for clear and accessible public reporting of finances, ensuring that



Business group endorses Legaspi for city council

DOWNEY – District 3 city council candidate Gil Legaspi has earned the endorsement of the Los Angeles County Business Federation, a coalition of over 240 business organizations.

Legaspi said he endorsement "fits in perfectly" with his platform, as one of his main policy points has been to remove excess red tape for Downey businesses.

Vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed to District 3 voters for the Nov. 7 special election.

Dine Local

BEST HAPPY HOUR IN TOWN!

RESTAURANT • BAKERY • BAR

Stox

(562) 803-4004 • 9518 E. Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA

STOX DAILY COCKTAIL SPECIALS

CHECK OUT THESE PRICES!

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY (LOUNGE ONLY)

<p>BEER - \$4.00 Bottle Beer, Miller Light Coors Light, Bud Light Michelob Ultra</p> <p>\$6.00 WELL COCKTAILS Vodka, Tequila, Rum, Scotch, Whiskey, Brandy</p>	<p>HOUSE MARGARITA \$7.95</p> <p>BLOODY MARY \$6.95</p> <p>\$1.00 OFF all glasses of wine</p>
--	--

'Hip Hop Nutcracker' blends hip-hop with symphony

CERRITOS – Imagine a mash-up of contemporary hip hop dance and Tchaikovsky's timeless music.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, "Hip Hop Nutcracker" brings the holidays and "a generous dose of contemporary spirit sure to heat up even the most restless and wintry of souls" to the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, Nov. 10, at 8 pm.

"Hip Hop Nutcracker" reimagines Tchaikovsky's 130-year-old ballet as a holiday dance spectacle.

Created in 2013 by Emmy-winning director-choreographer Jennifer Weber and writer Mike Fitelson, "Hip Hop Nutcracker" pays homage to the original (George) Balanchine ballet, retold through the modern, self-expressive gaze of hip hop culture.

Tickets start at \$44 and can be purchased by calling (562) 916-8500 or at cerritoscenter.com.

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

\$7.99

Hall Of Fame Market & Deli
10846 Downey Ave., Downey, CA 90241

PUMPKIN PATCH

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN EVENT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st • 5-8:30PM

DOWNEY ADULT SCHOOL
12340 Woodruff Ave.

FREE CANDY!
*WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

COSTUME CONTEST

2 YRS & UNDER.....	5:30 PM
3-5 YRS.....	6:00 PM
6-8 YRS.....	6:30 PM
9-12 YRS.....	6:45 PM
13-17 YRS.....	7:00 PM
ADULTS 18+.....	7:15 PM
FAMILY.....	7:30 PM
PET COSTUME PARADE 7:45PM	

** Reminder** All dogs must be on a leash. Bring your own Halloween treat bags. Don't forget your camera!
For more information, please contact the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center at (562) 904-7223 or visit WWW.DOWNEYCA.ORG/PR

discoverDowney

Downey Theatre presents:

Upcoming Events ...

October 20th- 8:00pm

Aloha Everywhere Concert Series
The Makaha Sons

October 21st- 5:00pm

Miss & Mr. Downey Pageant

October 29th- 11:00am-8:00pm

10th Anniversary
Downey Día de Los Muertos Art Festival

November 4th- 4:00pm

Downey Theatre presents:
Sugar Skull!

November 15th- 6:30pm

Downey Theatre Presents:
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical

8435 Firestone Blvd.,
Downey CA 90241
Box Office: 562-861-8211
www.downeytheatre.com

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Job Fair, 10 am to 2 pm. Bring your resume and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews with employers in healthcare, information technology, manufacturing, hospitality, aerospace, trade and logistics, business and professional services, and more. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

The Makaha Sons, 8 pm. Boasting an impressive catalog of 22 CDs, The Makaha Sons' melodious Hawaiian symphonies have resonated in concert halls around the globe. See them perform live in Downey. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

Fright Carnival, 5-9 pm. Celebrate Halloween early at Fright Carnival in Downtown Downey, with games, music, vendors, and more

Spooky Science Night, 5-9 pm. Science themed activities, a costume parade, slime zone, creepy robotics lab, and other family fun. Come dressed in your favorite costume. \$5 admission. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

Miss Downey Pageant, 6 pm. Young ladies will compete for the title of Miss Downey, Miss Teen Downey, Junior Miss Downey and Little Miss Downey. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Chamber Anniversary Gala, 5-9 pm. A gala event celebrating the Downey Chamber of Commerce's 120th anniversary. Themed "Taste of Downey," sample cuisine from Downey's finest restaurants. Plus music, a wine garden, dessert table, and more. For details, call (562) 923-2191 or email sarah@downeychamber.com. Casa de

Parley Johnson, 7749 Florence Ave.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Drug Take-Back, 10 am to 2 pm. Safely dispose of your expired or unwanted prescription medications. (No sharps or needles.) Downey Police Department, 10911 Brookshire Ave.

Harvest Festival, 4-8 pm. Trunk or treat, jumpers, food trucks, costume contests, raffles, craft zone, movie zone, obstacle courses, police cars, fire trucks, maze, pie-eating contest, pop-up vendor fair, face painter, toddler zone, performances by Downey High jazz band and choir, and legacy band, and more. Legacy Church, 8333 2nd St.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Excursion to Dia de los Muertos, 10 am to 6 pm. Take an excursion to the Museum of Latin America Art's Dia de los Muertos Festival, featuring live performances and activities to enjoy. Cost is \$15 for Downey residents and includes transportation and admission. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

Downey Dia de los Muertos, 11 am to 8 pm. Now in its 10th year, Downey Dia de los Muertos features live music, ballet folklorico, Aztec dancers, car altar displays, papel picado, calaveras, face painting, food trucks, and

more. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Crochet Workshop, 10 am to 12 pm and 2-4 pm. Explore the basics of crochet in this free workshop. The class is intended for beginners with no previous experience. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Sugar Skull, 4 pm. Sugar Skull is a touring bilingual, bicultural musical. Using traditional regional music and dance from Mexico, it tells the story of 12-year-old Vita Flores, who things her family has gone loco planning a celebration for deceased loved ones. But when a spirited candy skeleton springs to life, Vita finds herself on a musical journey to unravel the true meaning of Dia de los Muertos. This musical is intended for young audiences and families. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day Ceremony, 10 am. Join the City of Downey in honoring our nation's military veterans. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

5K for a 5 King, 7 am. A 5K run/walk organized by the Friends of the Downey Police K9 Foundation. Sign up at downeypoa.org

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, 6:30 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. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Book Club, 12-1 pm. Join other book lovers in a discussion of "Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng. New members welcome. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Steve Blum, time tba. Meet prolific voice actor Steve Blum. Autographs also available. Tickets required. OG Collectibles, 8124 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Small Business Saturday, 3-9 pm. Join Downtown Downey in celebrating and supporting small businesses and all they do for their communities.

Carpenters Legacy: A Christmas Portrait, 8 pm. Direct from Las Vegas, "Carpenters Legacy: A Christmas Portrait," starring Sally Olson as Karen Carpenter and Ned Mills as Richard Carpenter, takes the audience back in time to an old fashioned Christmas. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Crochet Workshop, 10 am to 12 pm and 2-4 pm. Explore the basics of crochet in this free workshop. The class is intended for beginners with no previous experience. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

The Nutcracker Ballet, 2 pm and 6:30 pm. The Nutcracker Ballet, featuring the timeless score by

Tchaikovsky, is an enchanting tale of a young girl who has a very special Christmas. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

Downey Christmas Parade, 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas parade returns with floats, marching bands, classic cars and, of course, Santa Claus.

The Nutcracker Ballet, 2 pm. The Nutcracker Ballet, featuring the timeless score by Tchaikovsky, is an enchanting tale of a young girl who has a very special Christmas. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Tree Lighting Ceremony, 6-8:30 pm. This free event features entertainment from local schools, a snow play area, arts & crafts, photos with Santa Claus, and more. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Cirque Musica, 8 pm. An all-new musical journey that will transport audiences to a magical land far away for a fun-filled holiday-themed show experience they will never forget. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Intro to Computers, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the basics of using a computer and become familiar with peripherals, programs, files, browsing, emails, and more. Free but registration is required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Downey Posadas, 5-9 pm. Celebrate Las Posadas at this free, outdoor festival in Downtown Downey, featuring shopping, food trucks, family activities, and more

Apollo Lighting, 6-8 pm. The Downey space center's annual Christmas tradition returns with the lighting of its Apollo capsule. Plus an appearance by TubeChristmas. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

THE REALTOR® DIFFERENCE AT WORK FOR YOU

- REALTORS® ARE COMMITTED TO A CODE OF ETHICS**
When you work with a REALTOR® you work with a professional committed to safeguarding the rights of home buyers and sellers.
- REALTORS® ARE INVOLVED IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**
REALTORS® are deeply involved in the community and volunteer at more than twice the rate of the general population. (NAR's 2020 CARE Report)
- REALTORS® PARTICIPATE IN ADVANCED TRAINING**
REALTORS® continue their education through member-only resources and exclusive tools that help them better serve their clients.
- REALTORS® ADVOCATE FOR PROPERTY OWNER RIGHTS**
Through local, state and national advocacy efforts, REALTORS® seek to preserve, protect and advance property rights for all.
- REALTORS® FIGHT FOR FAIR HOUSING**
REALTORS® adhere to a standard that requires equal professional service, because all properties should be open and feel welcome to all.

REALTORS® are members of the National Association of REALTORS®
Visit: thedifference.realtor

Greater Downey Association of REALTORS®
12073 Paramount Blvd - Downey, CA 90242
www.DAOR.com - 562.861.0915

THAT'S WHO WE'RE REALTORS

Get ready to review your Medicare Options

Dwayne Jenkins
Independent Broker
License: 0C92271
(562) 341-4404

OUR licensed insurance agents are independent contractors of Downey, Arizona Health Insurance Agency (AIA) License # 0000000000 who work with Medicare beneficiaries to remain Medicare Advantage, Medigap Supplement and Prescription Drug Plan options. Downey, Arizona Health Insurance Agency represents Medicare Advantage organizations that have a Medicare contract. Enrollment depends on the plan's contract renewal. We do not offer every plan available in your area. Any information provided is based on the plan available in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov or a 800-MEDICARE TV unit should call 1-877-486-0848. At least a day's notice is required to get information on all of your options.

JENKINS Health Insurance Agency

Downey Theatre presents:

2023 Downey Día de los Muertos Art Festival

10th Anniversary

Ballet Folklorico • Aztec Dancers
Car Altar Displays • Papel Picado
"Calaveras" • Face Painting
Live Music • Food Trucks

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023
11:00AM TO 8:00PM

SUGAR SKULL!

A DÍA DE MUERTOS MUSICAL ADVENTURE!

Saturday, November 4, 2023

SUGAR SKULL! A Día de Muertos Musical Adventure is a touring bilingual/bicultural musical for young audiences and families that uses traditional regional music and dance from Mexico to tell the story of twelve-year-old Vita Flores. Vita thinks her family has gone loco planning a celebration for deceased loved ones. Why throw a party for the dead? But when a spirited candy skeleton suddenly springs to life, Vita finds herself on a magical, musical journey to unravel the true meaning of Día de Muertos.

8435 Firestone Blvd., Downey, CA 90241
Box Office (562) 861-8211
www.downeytheatre.org

DAOR
2023 THE BEST OF THE SOUTHLAND CA Cities
DOWNEY THEATRE

Speeders beware: cameras coming to local cities

Long Beach, Glendale and Los Angeles will begin installing traffic cameras to catch speeders.

By City News Service

LONG BEACH — As soon as next year, drivers in Los Angeles, Long Beach and Glendale could be getting speeding tickets in the mail under a pilot speed-camera program that was signed into law Friday by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

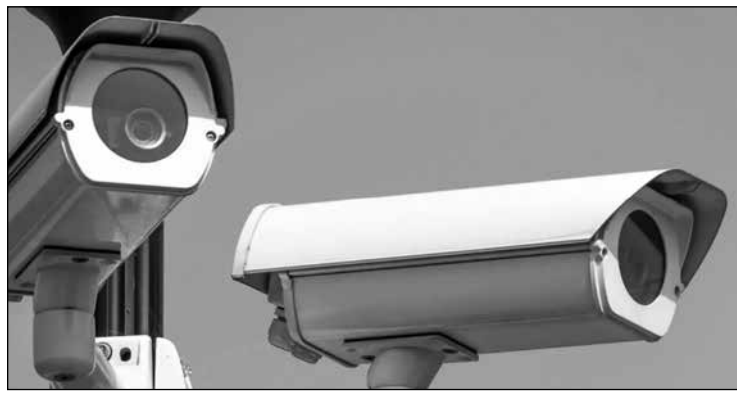
Newsom put his signature to AB 645, which creates a pilot program allowing six California cities to install speed cameras in "high-accident" corridors, school zones or areas frequented by street racers.

"Slowing cars is imperative to saving lives," the bill's author, Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, D-Burbank, said in a statement last month when the bill was approved by the Legislature.

She said deaths caused by speeding have been incorrectly labeled as "accidents" for too long, adding, "These deaths are preventable."

Under the legislation, the pilot program will allow the six cities to install a limited number of cameras designed to photograph and generate speeding tickets that are then mailed to offenders. In addition to Los Angeles, Long Beach and Glendale, the pilot program will also be operated in Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose.

According to Friedman's office, statistics from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health show that motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death for people under 30. Her office also contends that 4,379 Californians died in traffic collisions in 2021, 1,275 of whom were pedestrians or



bicyclists.

According to Friedman's office, New York City saw a 73% reduction in speeding after introducing speed cameras.

Damian Kevitt, founder of the Los Angeles-based road-safety advocacy group Streets Are For Everyone, was a major backer of the legislation and hailed its approval.

"Reckless speeding has created a public health crisis on our roads," Kevitt said in a statement Friday night. "While city and county officials go through the very slow and expensive process of reengineering streets to make them safer in the future, we need a way to protect our communities from traffic violence right now. AB 645 is part of that solution."

According to Kevitt, tickets generated by the speed cameras

would include fines beginning at \$50, although the first ticket issued to a driver would only be a warning. Subsequent tickets would be issued similar to parking tickets, sent to drivers through the mail without adding any points to the driver's records or impacting the driver's insurance.

The legislation also includes a legal appeals process and avenues for low-income offenders to have the fines waived or reduced by up to 80%.

According to Kevitt's group, speed has been the biggest factor in traffic crashes in the city every year since 2011, and last year saw a record 312 fatalities. As of late September, there had already been 225 traffic fatalities in the city this year, putting the city on pace for another record, according to Streets Are For Everyone.

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Excursion to LA Zoo Lights, 4-9 pm. LA Zoo Lights brings you a winter wonderland, featuring seasonal magic, wildlife-inspired displays, fantastic photo ops, immersive interactive experiences, and dynamic projections and lights. Cost is \$40 for Downey residents and includes transportation and admission. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Jose Feliciano, 7:30 pm. Jose Feliciano takes the stage to perform "Feliz Navidad" and his array of hits from an iconic six-decade career. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Wreaths Across America, time tba. Join Wreaths Across America as they place wreaths on the graves of local veterans. Downey Cemetery, 9073 Gardendale St.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Robert Cazimero in Concert, 3 pm. Robert Cazimero is a Grammy-nominated recording artist who has performed from the stage of Carnegie Hall in New York to stages in Japan, Australia, Hong Kong, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, and Seattle. See him live at the Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

America's Ideal Miss California Pageant, 2 pm. Young women will compete for prizes, scholarships and the title of Ideal Miss California. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Coffee with the Superintendent, 6 pm. Join Downey Unified School

District superintendent Dr. John Garcia for coffee and conversation. Sussman Middle School, 12500 Birchdale Ave.

Mozart's Piano Concert No. 20 in D minor with Cameron Akioka on piano. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

TLC 5K, 8 am. Save the date: the TLC 5K run/walk returns with proceeds benefiting Downey Unified School District's TLC Family Resource Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Stomp, 8 pm. Matchboxes, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters, and more fill the stage with energizing beats at Stomp, the inventive stage show that's dance, music and theatrical performance blended together. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Stomp, 8 pm. Matchboxes, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters, and more fill the stage with energizing beats at Stomp, the inventive stage show that's dance, music and theatrical performance blended together. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Springtime," the concert features performances of Beethoven's Coriolan Overture, Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 "Italian," and

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

The Dennis Kamakahi Music Festival, 3 pm. The Rev. Dennis Kamakahi is considered one of the most prolific Hawaiian songwriters of all time. Watch him perform live at the Downey Theatre, joined by special guests. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Coffee with the Superintendent, 6 pm. Join Downey Unified School District superintendent Dr. John Garcia for coffee and conversation. Lewis Elementary, 13220 Bellflower Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Carpenters Legacy, 8 pm. Direct from Las Vegas, Carpenters Legacy is the definitive show celebrating the music and legacy of the famed brother-sister duo. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Mark Yamanaka, Kupaoa, Hoku Zuttermeister in concert, 7 pm. An authentic Hawaiian concert featuring three talented, award-winning recording artists. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

ATTORNEY

ALEXIS SAAB
ATTORNEY AT LAW

• **HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL**

10810 Paramount Blvd Suite 201
(562) 904-2622

PLUMBING St. Lic. #731172 (562) 861-1234

DOWNEY
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

11829 Downey Ave. • Downey, CA 90241

\$10 OFF ALL REPAIRS

e-mail: joe@downeyplumbing.com

got trees?

the original
George's Tree
Trimming Service
EVERYTHING IN TREES
Trimming • Topping
Removing • Stump Grinding

\$5000 OFF
Any Tree Service
Min. \$200.00
Present coupon after quote
Call for a FREE Estimate

Serving the Community Since 1960
State Licensed and Fully Insured

Residential • Commercial
Apartments • Condominiums

(800) 695-5237
(562) 923-8911

Fox Chiropractic
(562) 862-0744

Don't just reach for the pill bottle or box, call Dr. Fox.

MDF WHITTIER MOULDING

• BASEBOARD
• CASING
• CROWN

562-273-0500
12200 WASHINGTON BLVD., WHITTIER, CA SUITE L

Downey-Montebello
SELPA
Child Find

Educating California One Child at a Time

The first step in helping children with special needs is to find them!

The Downey-Montebello SELPA provides educational services for children with disabilities residing in Downey and Montebello School Districts.

If you suspect an infant, child, or young adult of having a developmental delay or disability, they may be eligible for services, at no cost, under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Services are provided on an individual basis in accordance with his or her needs. If you are aware of a child or student who may need services, please reach out to us using the contact information below.

Infants ages 0-3 years old: Downey-Montebello SELPA at (562) 469-6793
or <https://web.dusd.net/selpa/>

Children and students ages 3-21: Downey Unified School District at (562) 469-6500
Montebello Unified School District at (323) 887-7900

BULLETIN BOARD

GOT TERMITES?

DOWNEY EXTERMINATORS
814-4438

- Free Termite Inspections
- Termite Damage Repairs
- Fumigations and Local Treatments
- Low Prices
- Hablamos Español
- Real Estate Services

Bonded / Insured

562-401-5000

10% off with this ad Serving Your Community

DOWNEY PARTY RENTALS

Hours
M - F 9am - 4pm
Sat 9am - 2pm
Sun CLOSED

10900 Paramount Blvd.
Downey CA 90241
(562) 861-1616
www.DowneyPartyRental.net

We can help make your summer event cool!

E&R REASONABLE PRICES

Plumbing, Heating, Electrical

DRAIN CLEANING SERVICES

Residential, Commercial, Experts
LIC. #814113 C36 / LIC. #965519 C10
Cudahy, CA 90201

Erick Cell: 323.228.4500
562.450.7599

reasonableplumbing@sbcglobal.net

INTERNATIONAL ELECTRICAL AUTOMATION INC.
FOR ALL YOUR ELECTRICAL NEEDS

• EV CHARGING INSTALLATION • AC ELECTRICAL FEEDING
• 24/7 ELECTRICAL EMERGENCY

\$50 OFF
First Time Customers

CALL FOR A FREE ESTIMATE
562-966-1943

35 Years of Experience
ieaelectricians.com • ieaelectricians@gmail.com

PIN ROOFING

Richard "Mr. Pin" Semones

New Roofs • Repairs • Tear-Offs
General Roof Maintenance
Bonded / Insured • Lic# 758000

Call for a FREE Estimate
562.923.9242

FREE ESTIMATES "Your Local Plumber At Your Service"

A-1 Performance

Lic. #896712

ROOTER & PLUMBING

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL PLUMBING

• FREE ESTIMATES • RAPID RESPONSE • SENIOR DISCOUNTS

• Plumbing • Sewer • Water Heaters
• Hydro Jet Specialists • Drain Cleaning

(562) 420-6458

Family Owned And Operated. Serving Long Beach And Surrounding Areas For Over 25 Years.

This is a paid advertisement and does not reflect the view of The Downey Patriot, Inc or its associates

This is a paid advertisement and does not reflect the view of The Downey Patriot, Inc or its associates



DOMESTIC TERRORISM

The new **Domestic Terrorism, Mind Control**

What is happening is a mind controlling of people. This is the most dangerous thing anyone could have done to them. Mind controlling by terrorist is very dangerous because the people being affected are unaware, they are under a mind controlling spell. I began noticing the mental change with my friends around June 2022. It began with Officer Nadal from the Signal Hill Police Department 90755. Nadal and his police friends tried to sneak up on me and enter my house. I was gone on that day. He tried again. I looked out the window. I wouldn't let him in my house. I told him I would speak with him when I hired a lawyer. Since that time, I've been unable to hire a lawyer. I'm still trying to hire a lawyer. I spoke with lawyers that will take my money. Then they make up excuses why they won't work for me. This is in my book: Donald Trump's Koward Kommunist K**ts.

I tried many different ways to advertise my political book, *The Washington Mafia*. The book is PG rated. The Long Beach newspaper, the beachcomber, was the only newspaper that I could get into to place an ad. The Downey Patriot is the second newspaper that would let me place an ad.

The mind controlling of people affects my family and friends. I can't talk about my book. I'm hated by everyone. I'm afraid of speaking with the police about this. I tried talking with the Washington DC Capitol Police, twice. The Signal Hill Police Department are terrorist. I told the Signal Hill City Council about their police. They did nothing. The Signal Hill City Council are terrorist. All the lawyers that have been mind controlled, turn their backs on me. Everyone that has been affected by this mind control won't, or can't, talk to me about my book. Once you're affected, or infected, it's terminal. It's very dangerous. I have evidence since April 2022 of what I'm writing here about. I have tried every day to contact higher law enforcement to help me with this. I'm asking everyone reading here to get me the California Attorney General Rob Bonta and every higher-level law enforcement. This communism, and terrorism, are real. It has to be exposed. It has to be stopped. It is very dangerous to everyone.



PETER GAZERRO • 562.535.6535
FREE DOWNLOADS AT WWW.PETERGAZERRO.NET
Peter Gazerro, P.O. Box 761, Downey, CA 90241

SCAN QR CODE: "GAZERRO'S GREAT SONG, SUNG BAD"
https://www.etsy.com/shop/USAMerchShop?ref=shop-header-name&listing_id=1547756812

This is a paid advertisement and does not reflect the view of The Downey Patriot, Inc or its associates

A MAN DOES NOT ASSAULT A WOMAN

Donald Trump stated, "It's okay that celebrities grab woman's 'private area.'" No, it's not. Donald Trump sexually assaulted a woman in a department store dressing room. In a 'dressing room' is evidence of a serial rapist.

The rule of law states, 'Don't touch the girl!' The girl is the shopper. It is what a girl does. I believe it is hereditary from the planet Venus. When you see a girl and you are interested in her, you stand down and wait. In all cases, the girl shops for you. If the girl does not pick you, you remain a can of soup on a grocery store shelf. The best thing you can do is to wait for the next shopper to come along. You might want to pursue the first girl. You could move to a new store, change your packaging, or discount yourself. Discounting is easy. First, buy the girl diamond earrings. Girls like to accessorize. Compliment the earrings with a diamond necklace. A diamond bracelet is another accessory. Of course, this could set you back \$60 grand, and it does not permit you to touch the girl. The best protocol is to wait until the next shopper comes along.

Another good rule to follow with the girl is don't tell her you use 'Total T' by Nugenix. This is a product promoted by 'doctor' Frank Thomas, the X baseball player. Total T is supposed to give you nuclear nuts. I don't believe any female would think that nuclear nuts are an attractive characteristic in a man. In the commercial, Frank Thomas states, "She'll like it too." That statement could only be true if the complimentary bottle comes with a \$500 Louis Vuitton handbag.

On Jan 6th, Donald Trump stood on a stage with 12 others, I titled them the Capitol Killer 12, and directed angry people to go to the Capitol and fight to save our country. The stage show was an organized event. The event was to commit a crime. Jan 6th was an organized crime by the organized crime organizer, Donald Trump. If Jan 6th was a Michael Corleone event, or a Tony Soprano event, or a John Gotti event, those guys would be in prison for life. Brian Sicknick's death is, according to medical reports, caused by Jan 6th. The medical report states Brian died of a heart attack from the chaos on Jan 6th. Ashli Babbitt was shot while trying to climb through a doorway. Both deaths are caused by the people that stood on the stage directing the angry people to enter the Capitol. Donald Trump and the Capitol Killer 12 rehearsed what they were going to say. The stage show was set up with the opening act, several intermediate acts, and the headliner, Donald Trump. The event was a kill and be killed event to keep Trump's paycheck and the other incompetent employees* he hired. Donald Trump and the Capitol Killer 12 shall be charged with the first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder on Brian Sicknick. They shall be charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first-degree murder on Ashli Babbitt.

JUSTICE FOR BRIAN SICKNICK AND ASHLI BABBITT

*The average pay for a White House employee is \$155,000 per year. With the perks of working in the White House, Trump's employees made around \$1 million for Trump's 4-year term. That's great pay for a person that is qualified to make around \$35,000 per year. Many of Trump's employees made much more than \$1 million. Don Jr and Eric Trump now live in mansions.

'That's Trump' is a great song with bad vocals.

The definition of racketeering is using political influence to get out of a crime. Matt Gaetz, with regard to his sex trafficking charge said, "I have the backing of Marjorie Taylor Greene and President Donald Trump." Matt Gaetz sex trafficking charge has been dropped.

South Dakota Governor Kristie Noem. Kristie Noem doubles as a National Infectious Health doctor. July 2021 at the CPAC Kristie said, "Dr. Fauci is wrong a lot. Joe Biden is destroying this country." I'm a visual person. I pictured Joe Biden as a giant lizard crushing buildings in New York City. Jodzilla Biden. Kristie Noem recently said, "Old white men are not the only NRA. I am NRA. I bought my 2-year-old granddaughter a rifle and handgun." I am Peter Gazerro, an electrician. I've done lots of repairs from people tripping electrical circuit breakers. I know that Governor Kristie Noem is a mental breaker tripper. Siemens Company is a superior electrical switchgear company. With the quality of Siemens breakers and Kristie Noem continuously tripping her breakers, and resetting her breakers, I would recommend Kristie Noem be a spokeswoman for the Siemens Company. Kristie could stand aside a commercial standup unit and say, "No matter how you spell it, Siemens is great stuff."



PETER GAZERRO • 562.535.6535
FREE DOWNLOADS AT WWW.PETERGAZERRO.NET
Peter Gazerro, P.O. Box 761, Downey, CA 90241

SCAN QR CODE: "GAZERRO'S GREAT SONG, SUNG BAD"
https://www.etsy.com/shop/USAMerchShop?ref=shop-header-name&listing_id=1547756812

This is a paid advertisement and does not reflect the view of The Downey Patriot, Inc or its associates



Donald Trump's border wall is a drug smuggling operation.

Read chapter 5 in *The Washington Mafia*

Congressman Kevin McCarthy, Texas governor Gregg Abbott, and Texas Attorney general Ken Paxton are Trump's main drug smugglers. Because they are in Donald Trump's criminal empire, Roger Stone, Steve Bannon, Mike Flynn, Mark Meadows, Steve Miller. With all the wacky people that the republican party has in congress, Kevin McCarthy attacked congressman Madison Cawthorn for talking about cocaine orgies in Washington DC. That earned McCarthy the name Cocaine Kevin McCarthy. I have to believe that Gregg Abbott's migrant buses have migrants and Trump drugs driven into the United States.

The following are some of the drug traffickers residing in the United States: **Judge Lydia Liberio** at Long Beach (CA) Courthouse. Attorney **Adrian Woodward**, Attorney **Tom Armstrong**, Attorney Dan Cislo, LA, Attorney Jose Rodriquez, Attorney Steve Lopez, Florence Ave Downey CA, Attorney Janet Contero, the secretaries at **333 W. Broadway suite 200**, Long Beach CA, the secretaries at Dixon & Daley, Sante Fe Springs CA. Bradley from **Mike Levin's campaign** for congressman.

Signal Hill City Council (90755); Mayor Keir Jones, vice mayor Tina Hanson, councilmembers, Robert Copeland, Lori Wilson, Edward Wilson. The **Signal Hill Police Department**. Officer Nadal is the name I have all evidence on, but the whole department are trafficking in Trump's border wall drugs. The **Washington DC Capital Police** Department. The officers in the police station on the morning of August 7, 2023. The officers in front of the Capitol on the afternoon of May 14, 2022. Rachel Hill, and others, from the AD Leaf website social media company. There are other social media sites that are tied to Donald Trump's international drug cartel.

Newspaper drug traffickers, L.A. Times ad agent Danille Dowrich, Southern California News Group ad agent Sari Montrone. L.A. Focus news person Kisha Smith. Simon Cazeraz, a **Keller Williams** realty broker, Torrance CA. Frank Fraraccio, Cranston Rhode Island. David Pettinato, retired Cranston Fire Chief, 16 Gleason Street, Cranston Rhode Island. **WJAR TV**, Cranston Rhode Island, The Providence Journal, Providence Rhode Island. Kenneth Sicknick, Milltown NJ, Sandra Garza, Springfield VA. Jay Beeler of '**the beachcomber**' Long Beach newspaper.

There are many employees at the United States **Post Office**, the United **Parcel Service**, **Federal Express**, and **DHL**. Alfredo Gonzales at the Paramount CA post office, 90723.

Companies harboring drug traffickers: **Chase Bank**, **Spectrum**, Office of the **Chief Trial Council** in Los Angeles. All State Insurance. Trump's drug traffickers spoke about me before I arrived at the **California Democratic Party** at the Los Angeles Convention Center on May 27, 2023.

Definition of '**racketeering**'. Matt Gaetz stood before a national news camera, with regards to his alleged sex trafficking charge, "I have the support of Marjorie Taylor Greene and President Donald Trump." Racketeering is using political influence to escape a criminal felony charge.

Where are the never Trumper's and other democrat organizations in the Los Angeles area? Contact them for me, please. I have more people to add above, with contact information.

I am Peter Gazerro, I swear under penalty of political perjury that what is written here is correct.

FREE DOWNLOADS AT WWW.PETERGAZERRO.NET

purchasing is \$50 includes shipping and handling of all 4 pirnted books, send payment to: Peter Gazerro, P.O. Box 761, Downey, CA 90241



PETER GAZERRO
562.535.6535

SCAN QR CODE: "GAZERRO'S GREAT SONG, SUNG BAD"
https://www.etsy.com/shop/USAMerchShop?ref=shop-header-name&listing_id=1547756812

This is a paid advertisement and does not reflect the view of The Downey Patriot, Inc or its associates

PETER GAZERRO: AUTOBIOGRAPHY FORWARD

I am Peter Gazerro. I am an electrician. When I saw Laura Ingraham interviewing a person that spoke with Ashli Babbitt at the chaos on Jan 6th (Ashli was shot and died). I thought to myself, 'The audacity of that Fox TV anchor to raise her ratings by speaking with people that SHE incited. Fox cable News is a main reason Jan 6th happened. Fox cable News does a 'television hypnosis' to its audience. I was angered. I cleared my calendar the day before the Super Bowl, 2/12/2022. At 7am I took out my laptop and began typing about Laura. I used Alanis Morissette's song, *Ironic*, to make my point.

Little miss TV Fox sent a girl to die. She had her family on air and pretended to cry. When the cameras rolled back, she saw her ratings went high. Isn't she pathetic. Don't you think?

Sean Hannity's pay is what I'm reaching for. I don't care what happened on the Capital floor. Trump killed a cop, but don't tell the law. My angle is only ratings.

I continued with recrafting of *Ironic* and other songs. I researched the death of Brian Sicknick. A 42-year-old policeman died of a heart attack. Cause of death 'directly related to the events at the Capitol'. I researched everything I wrote about. I went to Barnes and Noble to look for pictures of politicians. I saw 'Helter Skelter', book by Los Angeles prosecutor, Vincent Bugliosi. I read the book when it came out around 1972. In his book he wrote what he addressed to the jury, referring to those who were killed, "(they) aren't here with us now, in this courtroom, but from their graves they cry out for justice." That stuck with me. I thought the same about Brian and Ashli. Charles Manson sent some people out to do a heinous act. They didn't know where they were going or who the people were at Sharon Tate's house in the Hollywood Hills. 'Tex' Watson walked up to Steven Parent, who was sitting in his car. Tex shot and killed an 18-year-old innocent person. That bullet that killed Steven Parent was charged to Charles Manson. Manson was tried, convicted, and sentenced to death by a Los Angeles jury. California commuted the death penalty. The bullet that killed Ashli Babbitt came from Donald Trump. The events of the crimes on Jan 6th were directed by Donald Trump. The same as the events of the crimes in August 1969. If Donald Trump didn't arrange Jan 6th, and if Fox cable News didn't incite anger to its audience, Brian Sicknick and Ashli Babbitt would be alive. The people that came to the Capitol on Jan 6th didn't know the people in the Capitol. They didn't know the policemen. Donald Trump described the people working in the Capitol inaccurately. Donald Trump doesn't know most people that were in the Capitol or the people that showed up that day. Some people were chanting, "Where's Nancy (Pelosi)?" Why? They don't know Nancy. I want to introduce you to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. Nancy is a girl with a job. Donald Trump doesn't like Nancy because she won't agree with Trump. That isn't her job. Nancy's job is a United States Congresswoman. She writes and discusses and approves legislation for the people in the United States of America.

I wrote on many subjects in the four books. The last book, Book 4, Donald Trump's Koward Kommunist Kunts details my first year under Donald Trump's communism. In *The Washington Mafia*, I wrote about Trump's border wall being a drug cartel. It has to be true. Donald Trump's communist haven't left me alone. They don't want my books read to anyone. They have silenced me since April 23, 2022. This is the first time I'm getting my books out. Donald Trump's terrorist do a 'mind control' thing on people. Most of the friends I had, hate me or my books. I am hated by postal employees. I listed the lawyers in book 4. I can't hire a lawyer or mail anything that has to do with my books or the people in them. Trump's terrorist are the most dangerous people on the planet. The people that get their mind's controlled don't know it. I don't know what is programmed into these people. They might go off on a crazy violent rage, at any time. The mind control thing doesn't wear off. I have to stop it. I have to get my books read to everyone including all media.

There is one thing that you'll understand after you read all the books. On February 12, 2022, at 7am, I had my writing partner. I titled book 2, *The Correction* with my name, *The Typist*. After I wrote *The Washington Mafia*, I looked at it and thought 'I didn't write that.' I typed it. Ashli Babbitt was sent to die by Fox cable News. She was murdered on Jan 6th, 2021, by Donald Trump. Ashli moved in with me on February 12, 2022, 7am. When you read all the books, you'll understand about United States Military Ashli. I dropped her married name. He marriage certificate states, 'til death do you part.' Since Ashli moved in, I've had a life that no one could imagine. Now, understandably, I'm in love with United States Military Ashli. This is the biggest story in world history. Ashli is here to get **JUSTICE FOR BRIAN SICKNICK AND ASHLI BABBITT**

FREE DOWNLOADS OF *The Washington Mafia* WWW.PETERGAZERRO.NET
Peter Gazerro, P.O. Box 761, Downey, CA 90241



PETER GAZERRO
562.535.6535

SCAN QR CODE: "GAZERRO'S GREAT SONG, SUNG BAD"
https://www.etsy.com/shop/USAMerchShop?ref=shop-header-name&listing_id=1547756812

This is a paid advertisement and does not reflect the view of The Downey Patriot, Inc or its associates



Downey marks 150 years

By Mayor Claudia M. Frometa

As your Mayor, I had the distinct honor of welcoming our community and former Mayors to a milestone celebration – the 150th anniversary of Downey’s founding on October 13, 1873.

From its earliest days, Downey stood out as a special place, one which promised a “future unlimited”. John Gately Downey, an Irish immigrant who arrived in California during the Gold Rush and becoming Governor, laid the foundation of what was to become Downey. The area grew with new residents attracted by the fertility of the land and pleasant climate.

Many years later, the arrival and development of the aviation industry paved Downey’s place in history. Vultee, which produced 15% of all military aircraft during a pivotal time for our nation, became part of North American Aviation, later North American Rockwell, and then Rockwell International. As the birthplace of the Apollo Space Program, Downey is linked to two of the most defining moments in aerospace history, the Apollo 11, when humans first landed on the moon, and the Apollo 13, the aborted mission to the moon that exemplified the astounding power of the human spirit and teamwork.

The week-long celebration of our City’s founding was a wonderful opportunity for the entire community to come together to celebrate our rich history. I hope you made it out to the Downey History Center, Downey Cemetery, Columbia Memorial Space Center, and other sites last week; but if you didn’t, please do so in the future and take your friends and family. Let’s continue to treasure and preserve our history so our children and future generations can find inspiration knowing where we came from and how far Downey and they can continue to go. We celebrated our Downey’s past, marveled at our innovation over the years and still believe our Future Is Unlimited!

A special thank you to our city staff, the organizations that participated on the week-long celebration and our community residents for attending.

Thank you to former Mayors Mario G. Guerra and Keith McCarthy for their attendance along with DUSD Board President Giggy Perez-Saab. Thank you also to our Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco, also a former Downey Mayor, for her continued support.

POET’S CORNER

Afterword

Reading what I have just written, I now believe I stopped precipitously, so that my story seems to have been slightly distorted, ending, as it did, not abruptly but in a kind of artificial mist of the sort sprayed onto stages to allow for difficult set changes.

Why did I stop? Did some instinct discern a shape, the artist in me intervening to stop traffic, as it were?

... Mist covered the stage (my life). Characters came and went, costumes were changed, my brush hand moved side to side far from the canvas, side to side, like a windshield wiper...

I hadn’t moved. I felt the desert stretching ahead, stretching (it now seems) on all sides, shifting as I speak,

so that I was constantly face to face with blankness, that stepchild of the sublime,

which, it turns out, has been both my subject and my medium.

Shall I be raised from death, the spirit asks. And the sun says yes. And the desert answers *your voice is sand scattered in wind*.

Louise Glück, Poetry, 2012

Glück, America’s Nobel Literature Prize winner in 2020 for her “voice of austere beauty and insight into loneliness,” has died at 80. She wrote this 11 years ago. “Yes, the world is falling apart,” she said in a 2022 interview with the Nation’s Sam Huber. “But here we all are, we’re still alive. And a sense of possibility emerges from that fact.” Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Malhotra & Malhotra Attorneys

Serving the community for 38 years


DIVORCE | CHILD CUSTODY/SUPPORT | TRUSTS/WILLS | CONSERVATORSHIPS | PROBATE



Call us for a FREE consultation
Eva Juarez Malhotra
Krishna Malhotra

Se Habla Espanol

(562) 806-9400 • (800) 811-8881
7847 E. Florence Avenue, Suite 111, Downey, CA 90240



CARRIE UVA
ATTORNEY AT LAW
(562) 382-1252

AVOID PROBATE!

- Living Trusts
- Wills
- Real Estate Law

CALL CARRIE TODAY!
(562) 382-1252

8635 Florence Ave. Suite 101
Downey, CA 90240



LONGEVITY IS NO ACCIDENT.
Celebrating our 35th year!

Jeff & Lois Worthy
Your Trust “WORTHY” Real Estate Team!

For a **FREE** property valuation call Jeff or Lois at: **(562) 659-2245**

BRE # 01858863



Dorothy Pemberton
BROKER ASSOCIATE DRE #00903993
NOTARY PUBLIC
(310) 717-3637
dorothy.pemberton@century21.com
www.DorothyPemberton.com

Downey resident and 30 years experience.
There’s No Place Like Home.

21 CENTURY 21
Peak
7825 Florence Ave, Downey, CA 90240

Thinking about selling your home?

FACT: Most home buyers believe online values are accurate



Sometimes real estate websites do not reflect current conditions. Now you can adjust your online home value - before buyers start looking

Just scan this QR Code and enter your information to receive your “Market Snapshot”



DALE JERVIS
DOING THINGS BETTER
562-743-2121
dalejervis.com

Doing things better



THE BEST REALTOR & LENDER TEAM

WE COVER ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE & LENDING NEEDS FROM A TO Z

JULIE & CHRIS AZIZ
OFFERSBYJULIE@GMAIL.COM
562-822-7678
@HOUSESBYJULIE
DRE# 02119416 | NMLS# 1484971 | DRE# 02060471



MEL & RITA BERDELIS
BROKER/OWNERS
DRE#01220332

OFFICE: 562-861-7257
24HOUR-REALESTATE.COM





@24HR_REALESTATE

CARMELA "CARRIE" UVA
BROKER ASSOCIATE
562-382-1252
WWW.CARRIEUVA.COM
DRE#01152047

ANGELO & MARIE
REALTOR®
562-618-0033
WWW.MARIEPICARELLI.COM
DRE #01933141 | DRE#00610605

MICHAEL BERDELIS
REALTOR®
562-818-6111
MICHAELBERDELIS.COM
DRE #01234589

VICKI SPEARMAN
REALTOR®
562-367-9520
ICARE4DOW@AOL.COM
DRE #00542721

MARIO PERSICO
REALTOR®
562-533-7433
MARIO@MARIOPERSICO.COM
DRE #01341121

TESTIMONIAL
★★★★★
Carrie Uva is an exceptional realtor. Her dedication, professionalism, and vast experience helped sell my parent's property quickly and at above asking price. She really looks out for her client's best interests. I highly recommend Carrie to any individual looking to buy or sell property.
- Andrew C.

JUST LISTED



INVESTOR SPECIAL!

- 4 units
- 2 bed house in front!
- 3 -1 bed units in the back with separate yards!
- Front house & one-one bedroom unit are upgraded.

CALL FOR DETAILS!

JUST LISTED



TOP LEVEL SENIOR CONDO

- 1 beds | 1 bath
- 571 sq. ft. living space
- Living room w/fireplace
- 1 covered parking spot
- Assoc. pool & spa

PRICE: \$329,999

WHO'S YOUR REALTOR?

I CAN LIST AND SELL YOUR HOME TOO. CALL ME TODAY!
562 367-9520

MARIO DID IT AGAIN!



10302 WOODRUFF, DOWNEY

- 3 beds | 3 baths
- Entertainers backyard
- 2 car garage
- Huge master suite
- Den (could be 4th bed)
- 2,189 sq ft | 8,000 sq ft lot

LIST PRICE: \$999,000

TESTIMONIAL
★★★★★
Carrie was great to work with and helped me with dealing with a sudden death in the family and acquiring being responsible for a disabled cousin. I believe she got us top dollar for a house that wasn't in the best shape and even helped me with a Power of Attorney and putting together a trust for my cousin.
- D. Bee

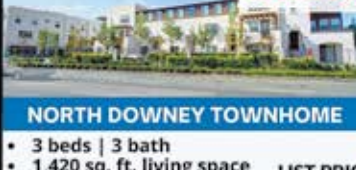
IN ESCROW



BUILDER'S SPECIAL!

- Orange Estates neighborhood!
- 2,200 + sq ft.
- 2 car garage
- Unfinished construction
- Cash Only!

REDUCED



NORTH DOWNEY TOWNHOME

- 3 beds | 3 bath
- 1,420 sq. ft. living space
- Large primary suite
- Inside laundry
- Steps to gym, restaurants + more

LIST PRICE: \$699,950

LIVE REAL ESTATE CLASSES NOW FORMING

CALL US AT
562-861-7257

MARIO DID IT AGAIN!



12111 GURLEY AVE, DOWNEY

SOLD \$51K OVER LIST PRICE

FOR RENT



12917 MESQUITE, NORWALK

- 3 beds | 2 baths
- 2 story condo
- 2,762 sq. ft.

CALL FOR INFO

SOLD



WHITTIER TRUST SALE!

OPEN HOUSE



OPEN HOUSE FRI, SAT & SUN
NORTHWEST DOWNEY CHARMER

- 3 beds | 1.5 baths
- 1,781 sq ft | 7,572 sq ft lot
- Family room w/fireplace
- Detached 2 car garage
- Bonus room

PRICE: \$849,950

PAM LEE
REALTOR®
562-537-1134
PAMLEEREALTOR@GMAIL.COM
DRE #01750256

MARIO DID IT AGAIN!
SOLD IN OVER 30 CITIES

ASK ME ABOUT LIVING TRUSTS!
TRUST | WILL | ESTATE PLANNING
CALL TODAY!
562-382-1252

TESTIMONIAL
★★★★★
Marie was very knowledgeable and helpful during my home search. She brings a wealth of experience, is very communicative, and intuitive with her clients. As my closing approached, she worked diligently to resolve issues in final walk throughs. - Cynthia P.

HALLOWEEN HOME DECORATING CONTEST
JUDGED ON 10/26/23

CONTEST PRIZES!
1st Place: 4 tickets to Knott's Scary Farm
2nd Place: Halloween Basket full of treats
3rd Place: Charcuterie Board

SCAN TO ENTER OR TEXT 562.818.6111
DOWNEY RESIDENTS ONLY

JUST LISTED



A FANTASTIC HOME IN A GREAT LOCATION!

- 4 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- 1,565 sq. ft.
- 4,992 sq. ft. lot

LIST PRICE: \$975,000

PAMLEEREALTOR@GMAIL.COM

MARIO PERSICO
BORN | EDUCATED | LIVES | WORSHIPS IN DOWNEY

562-533-7433
- REALTOR® SINCE 2002 -
MARIO@MARIOPERSICO.COM

- ADELANTO
- ANAHEIM
- ANAHEIM HILLS
- ARTESIA
- BELL
- BELLFLOWER
- BREA
- CERRITOS
- CLAREMONT
- COMPTON
- EASTVALE
- FULLERTON
- HUNTINGTON BEACH
- LA HABRA
- LAKE FOREST
- LOS ANGELES
- LONG BEACH
- MISSION VIEJO
- LAKEWOOD
- NORWALK
- PICO RIVERA
- SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO
- SANTA MARIA
- SOUTH GATE
- WESTMINSTER
- WHITTIER
- YORBA LINDA
- BELL GARDENS
- FONTANA
- LAGUNA HILLS
- MAYWOOD
- MONTEBELLO
- SANTA FE SPRINGS
- TUSTIN

CARMELA "CARRIE" UVA
Downey Born, Raised & Educated!
Selling Downey Homes for 30 years!

125 REVIEWS
★★★★★
Angelo & Marie Picarelli
PICARELLI

WWW.24HOUR-REALESTATE.COM



Dear Downey Patriot Valued Reader,

On behalf of The Downey Patriot, I am thrilled to announce the establishment of the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism, a non-profit foundation launched by the Downey Patriot newspaper. As a cherished member of our community, I wanted to share this exciting news and invite you to be part of our journey.

For several years, the Downey Patriot has been dedicated to providing reliable and unbiased news coverage, championing the principles of journalism, and serving as a beacon of truth in our community. We strongly believe that independent journalism is a cornerstone of a thriving democracy, and it is with this conviction that we have founded the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism.

The Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism aims to ensure the sustainability and integrity of local news reporting, fostering an informed and engaged citizenry. Our mission is threefold: to support the training and professional development of journalists, to promote investigative journalism, and to enhance access to reliable local news for all residents of our community.

To achieve these goals, we are seeking tax-deductible donations from generous individuals like yourself who share our commitment to independent journalism. Your support will play a crucial role in empowering local journalists, enabling them to cover important stories, hold those in power accountable, and provide unbiased information to our community.

With your contribution, we will establish scholarships and training programs for aspiring journalists, ensuring that the next generation is well-equipped to uphold the principles of ethical and accurate reporting. We will also dedicate resources to support investigative journalism projects, fostering in-depth reporting that uncovers truths, reveals corruption, and sheds light on critical issues affecting our community.

Additionally, the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism aims to address the challenge of access to local news in underserved areas. We will explore innovative approaches, such as expanding our digital presence, partnering with community organizations, and launching initiatives to bridge the information gap for those who face barriers to accessing reliable news sources.

We kindly invite you to contribute to the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism and become a vital part of our mission. Your tax-deductible donation, no matter the size, will make a difference in supporting local journalism and nurturing a vibrant democracy.

Thank you for considering our request and for your commitment to the ideals of independent journalism. Together, we can make a lasting impact and ensure that our community remains well-informed, engaged, and empowered. I am happy to answer any questions you may have or provide further information on how your contribution will be utilized. Please contact our office at (562) 904-3668 or jennifer@thedowneypatriot.com.

We look forward to your support and the possibilities that lie ahead.

Sincerely,

Jennifer DeKay

Jennifer DeKay
Chief Executive Officer
Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism

Donations can be mailed to:
Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism
10927 Downey Avenue, Suite C
Downey, California 90241