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Protesters demand justice, racial equality

After another killing of an unarmed Black man, protests around the country are demanding justice. Downey businesses hope for peace.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY — The killing of an unarmed Black man at the hands of Minneapolis police officers sparked a torrent of protests across the nation this week including in Downey, with demonstrators demanding an end to racist police departments and greater respect for Black lives.

Floyd, a Black man, died after a white Minnesota police officer pressed his knee onto Floyd's neck during an arrest. Video footage shows that the police officer, Derek Chauvin, held his knee on Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, despite pleas by Floyd that he could not breathe.

Chauvin was arrested and charged with third degree murder, although the charge was later upgraded to second degree murder.

Three police officers who witnessed the killing but did not intervene were also arrested Wednesday, charged with aiding and abetting murder.

The incident has sparked raucous and sometimes violent protests nationwide.

In Downey, a demonstration on Brookshire Avenue attracted more than 100 protestors Wednesday, many of whom appeared to be high school and college-aged. They alternated between chants of "No justice, no peace" and "Black lives matter."

The access road to City Hall was closed and police officers clad in riot gear monitored the protest from a distance. Police officers eventually closed Brookshire and escorted the group as they marched on city streets.

Although the demonstration was peaceful, nervous store owners boarded up windows in advance of the protest. Many restaurants and stores in Downtown Downey nailed plywood over their glass windows, as did local banks and the Columbia Memorial Space Center. Plywood barriers were installed over the police memorial at City Hall.

The Downey Landing and Promenade shopping centers closed Wednesday after rumors of an on-site protest circulated on social media.

Not all businesses closed, however. Nick Velez, owner of Bastards Canteen, kept his

restaurant open this week despite the civic unrest.

"As a business startup for more than 8 years now, I can tell you that most cobble together their life savings and dream of success -- even more than money -- often working seven days a week," Velez wrote in a Facebook post. "In 2020, so many of their dreams have been crushed by the government shutdown and now by the mindless violence plaguing the country. It doesn't take much to realize that most every business was once a small business."

"After watching the news of the last week, we thought of the last week, we thought to safeguard our business equipment. It's wise to do so."

Starting Sunday when a national upheaval began gaining momentum, Downey police officers arrested nearly a dozen people within 48 hours for attempting to loot Downey businesses.

On Sunday at about 6 p.m., Stonewood Center security reported looting inside JCPenney. Police officers arrested six men and one woman, who were also suspected of breaking into a jewelry store and sports clothing store.

That same night, Hall Market on the 11500 block of Lakewood Blvd. was looted. Officers observed several suspects running out of the business. Two men were arrested for burglary.

At around 2 a.m. Monday, officers responded to reports of a burglary at Shoe Palace at 8027 Firestone Blvd. Two men, ages 20 and 22, removed plywood from the doors at the rear of the business but were unsuccessful in prying open the fortified doors.

The suspects were attempting to flee in a vehicle as officers arrived. Both suspects, who are from Los Angeles, were arrested.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 73°

Saturday 73°

Sunday 76°

ON THIS DAY JUNE 4

1896:

Henry Ford completed the Ford Quadricycle, his first gasoline-powered automobile, and gave it a successful test run on the streets of Detroit.

1919:

Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote.

1939:

The MS St. Louis, a ship carrying 963 Jewish refugees, is denied permission to land in Florida after already being turned away from Cuba. Forced to return to Europe, more than 200 of its passengers later died in Nazi concentration camps.

1940:

The "Miracle of Dunkirk" was completed with the evacuation of 338,226 allied troops from France via a flotilla of over 800 vessels including Royal Navy destroyers, merchant marine boats, fishing boats, pleasure craft and even lifeboats.

1975:

California Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation giving farm workers collective bargaining rights.

1990:

Dr. Jack Kevorkian assisted an Oregon woman to die by suicide, beginning a national debate over the right to die.

2017:

Ariana Grande headlined a benefit concert for victims of her Manchester concert bombing, also featuring Coldplay, Miley Cyrus, Justin Bieber, and Katy Perry.

Notable Birthdays

Actress **Angelina Jolie** turns 45. Actor and comedian **Russell Brand** turns 45. Model **Bar Refaeli** turns 35. Actress and singer **Mackenzie Ziegler** turns 16.

Notable Deaths

UCLA basketball coach **John Wooden** died at age 99 on June 4, 2010. Baseball player and coach **Don Zimmer** died at age 83 on June 4, 2014.

Holidays

Today is **National Cheese Day**, a multinational celebration of the wonderfulness of cheese. The holiday is often celebrated with grilled cheese sandwiches.

Also celebrated today is **National Moonshine Day**. This beverage has a notorious record of blurring the lines of history and the law, turning ordinary men (and women) into criminals and common criminals into legends.

June 4 is also **National Hug Your Cat Day**. The best way to celebrate? Scoop your regal cat right off the ground and snuggle the heck out of it until it feels the love.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

For decades, John Wooden lived in the same modest, ground-level condominium off White Oak in Encino. People would reach over a railing and leave boxed basketballs on his back porch. He would sign them so they could be retrieved later that day.

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Downey budget proposal down \$19.3M from last year

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — The Downey City Council took its first look at a potential budget for fiscal year 2020-21 on Tuesday, with staff proposing an overall city-wide budget of nearly \$242 million.

While staff's report did say that the city will primarily focus on recovering financially from COVID-19, the city is proposing an overall city-wide budget of \$241,975,786 — including operational expenditures resulting from the use of Measure S revenues and including infrastructure

investments resulting from the expenditure of Measure S bond fund — a decrease of \$19,317,616, or 7.39% decrease from the previous fiscal year.

The 2020-21 appropriations are split between the general fund and other funds.

General fund expenditures are currently projected to be at \$98,238,268, 4.59% higher than last year. However, revenue is projected to be at \$106,858,667, 14% higher than the current fiscal year — much in part to property and sales taxes revenues, as well as a land sale.

The proposed budget also includes the final stretch of Measure S, including the

completion of two city fire stations, the library, and \$21 million in recreational, irrigation and infrastructure improvements at city parks.

In the matter of reserve funds, Downey's general fund reserve balance is projected to be at \$30,296,977, maintaining the same level as last year.

While city budget talks always require tedious work to remain balanced and solvent, this year's discussions include the uncertainty that comes with the COVID-19 crisis, which has shaken the economy as a whole, including an anticipated \$54 billion deficit for the upcoming California budget.



Demolition of Downey Fire Station 1 in 2019.

As such, many of the figures and forecasts presented on Tuesday were developed with consideration of "Safer-at-Home" health order relaxation phasing, federal and state legislation assistance, and comparisons to previous economic downturns such as the Great Recession, Hurricane Katrina, and the ZIKA outbreak.

In Memory of Edward (Ed) William Brooks February 16, 1960 - May 28, 2020



Edward (Ed) William Brooks was born on February 16, 1960, in Los Angeles, CA. He passed away on May 28, 2020, in Norwalk, CA. Ed is survived by his son Tyler, who was by his side until the very end, and brothers, Ray Cumberland, Tommy Brooks, and sister Sandy Brooks Houser.

Ed attended Bell High School, where he was an All-Star Athlete, playing Football, Basketball, and Baseball - Football being his favorite. He graduated in 1978.

For many years, Ed owned his own Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning business, and in recent years brought his son Tyler on board to ultimately take over the business.

For the better part of the past 10 years, Ed spent most of his time volunteering for the Warren High School Football Program. Given the title of "Director of Football Operations", Ed made it his mission to raise as much money as he could to support the Football Program. Some of the fundraising events Ed took charge of were the Snack Shack, the Fireworks Stand, selling ads in the program, securing weekly meal donations from local restaurants for Feed the Bears, just to mention a few. Ed also headed the Annual Football Awards Banquet.

Ed had a generous heart, and became a friend to just about everyone he met. He touched a lot of people's lives and will be greatly missed by many.

A Celebration of Ed's Life will be scheduled for a later date. Updates will be posted on Ed Brooks Facebook page.

In Memory of Gerald F. Higginbotham April 18, 1938 - May 11, 2020



Bellflower — Gerald F. Higginbotham, "Jerry" 82, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 11th, 2020 at his home in Bellflower.

Jerry was predeceased by his wife and best friend Jo Ann in 2016. He is survived by his son Douglas and his wife Kathleen of Charlton, Massachusetts, his two grandsons, Garrett Higginbotham of Seal Beach, California, and Wyatt Higginbotham of Charlton, Massachusetts.

Jerry was born in Los Angeles, CA, on April 18th, 1938 and lived his entire life in California. He married his best friend JoAnn on December 10th, 1961 and never left her side for over 55 years. He was a faithful and longtime active member of Messiah Lutheran Church of Downey, where he spent a great deal of time volunteering to help others.

Due to current world events there are no services planned at this time. Jerry will be laid to rest next to JoAnn at Rose Hills in Whittier, CA.

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I-105 ExpressLanes Project Area
California Department of Transportation
District 7, Los Angeles

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED? The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) are evaluating alternatives to convert the existing high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes to dynamically-priced, high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes, also called ExpressLanes, in the eastbound and westbound directions of Interstate 105 (I-105) in Los Angeles County from the terminus of the existing HOV lanes west of Interstate 405 (I-405) in the City of Los Angeles to Studebaker Road in the City of Norwalk. The I-105 ExpressLanes Project (Project) limits include installation of a new overhead tolling system and signage. Caltrans, as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration, is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

WHY THIS NOTICE? Caltrans has studied the effects that the proposed Project may have on the environment and community. The results of these studies are summarized in an environmental document known as a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA). The supporting Draft EIR/EA and Project Report technical studies, as well as printed copies of the aforementioned reports, are available upon request. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of these draft documents to any interested individuals, to provide the public an opportunity to comment, and to notify the public of an online presentation and Q&A (details below).
Note: questions submitted for the Q&A will not be part of the official comment record. Please submit your comments in writing no later than Monday, July 6, 2020 to:

Ronald Kosinski, Deputy District Director
Caltrans District 7
Division of Environmental Planning
100 S Main St, MS-16A, Los Angeles, CA 90012

WHERE AND WHEN? Based on Governor Newsom's executive order, as well as recommendations from the California Department of Public Health to stay at home, except as needed, in-person public hearings will not be held to maintain social distancing requirements. However, you can join a live presentation with Q&A via the web or phone on **Thursday, June 11, 2020, 6pm**. For more details on the live presentation, visit the project website (metro.net/105ExpressLanes) or virtual open house tool (105virtualforum.com). You may also listen live in English by dialing the following number: **213-458-5634, Pin: 433-164-484#**. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact the Project Team at 213.922.6565 at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled presentation date.

For more information, please contact us at 213.922.6565 or 105ExpressLanes@metro.net. Thank you for your interest in this project!

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\$2,500 Community College Scholarship (44)

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\$100 Junior Cumulative 4.0 GPA Merit Award (120)

Kellin Abrego Reyes, Sophia Aguilar, Angeline Alejandro, Kiara Aleman, Ezra Alemu, Omar Alvarez, Aaron Aragon, Angel Arellano, Luis Arizmendi, Adriana Arvizu Busani, Amy Avila, Nathan Banelos, Zoheret Beltran, Michael Biodeau, Isabella Bince, Emmanuel Roy Bivian, Samantha Bonilla, Ailani Bonilla, Joshua Burtle, Lezly Caballero, Raziel Caro Ramirez, Andrew Chan, Karina Chavez, Luis Cortez, Kyle Costello, Mark Cristino, Natalie Cruz, Aidan Cuen, Juliana Cuevas, Ivan Cuevas, Ma Abigail Dagundon, Claudette De La Garza, Stephanie Diaz, Isabella Diaz, Brianna Diaz, Christine Duarte, Penelope El, Desiree Enriquez, Gabriel Esparza, Valerie Angelica Estrada, Alessandro Ferreira, Elizabeth Frias, Jordan Galindo, Vivecca Gamboa, Alex Garcia, Daniella Gomez, Chloe Gonzales, Montserrat Gonzalez, Daniela Guadarrama, Adrian Guerra, Maya Guzman, Nathan Ha, Rebekah Han, Hailey Harris, Alyssa Hernandez, Fabian Hernandez, Hannah Hong, Joseph Huff, Allyson Hull, Marvina Ibrahim, Mia Jimenez, Hannah Kim, Joshua Lira, Elizabeth Lopez, Tomas Lopez, Kimberly Lorenzo, Victoria Lozano, Alyson Lucena, Antonio Machado, Aaron Joaquin Macias, Ashley Macias, Casandra Martinez, Alexander Martinez, Sofia McCoy, Desiderio Medina, Joan Moci, Elysium Molina, Katlyn Morataya, Kira Munoz, Isabel Munoz, Andrew Nevarez, Lily Jane Nguyen, Ifunanya Okoroma, Rhyu Ollide, Kimberly Olivares, Raymond Ortiz, Josiah Padilla, Alyson Paik, Andrea Park, Valeria Perez, Justin Perez, Sadith Price, Alyssa Punzalan, Nikolai Rabaya, Jacob Ramos, Diego Rendon, Jeffrey Reyes, Angel Rios, Daiana Rodriguez-Gonzalez, Mathew Romero, Denilson Roque, Julian Ruelas, Brittany Salinas, Eli Salomon, Angel Sanabria, Kristofer Sandoval, Sofia Serrano, Warner Serrano, Ruth Shin, Rachel Spinosa, Aries Tamez, Andrew Teagle, Alexis Tenorio, Johnathan Torralba, Natalia Trujillo, Amaya Turcios, Monica Ulloa, Kaila Vega, Jesus Wilkins, Aubrey Wilson

\$100 Scholar-Athlete Merit (GPA 3.5/Lettered in sport) 9th Grade (19)

William Alfonso, Paris Berrospe, Jordan Curiel, Kaitlin De La Cruz, Angel Garcia, Alexsa Gimenez, Terry Kim, Destiny Marquez, Samantha Mora, Brandon Morell, Marco Navarette, Camila Neuman, Anais Ornelas, Andrew Reyes, Melissa Rocha, Cassandra Rodriguez, Evelyn Ruedas, Sophia Saldana, Xzavier Urzua

10th Grade (41)

Siara Avila, Emily Barrera, Abigail Bonillas, Joshua Bustos, Makiya Butler, Wyatt Calderon, Ian De La Mora, Kendrick Del Carpio, Arturo Flores, Fiorella Garcia, Andrea Gonzalez, Noah Gonzalez, Victoria Hernandez, Eric Herrera, Elliott Kim, Isabella Lara, Rebecca Leon, Matthew Lizalde, Natalie Lois, Jonathan Lopez, Jimmey Loya, Monica Luna,

Angelique Marquez-Zepeda, Maya Mercado-Garcia, Raquel Mijangos, Kimberly Molina, Amanda Perez, Alejandra Perez, Alejandro Pineda, Catherine Quinones, Jair Quiroz, Geselle Ramos, Megan Sanchez, Andrea Suresh, Thong Tia, Kamryn Tomas, Stephanie Udeze, Aniston Velasquez, Jonathan Velasquez, Naomi Villescas, Isaac Williams,

11th Grade (67)

Olufunmilola Adefeso, Ashley Aguilar, Kayla Ahl, Ali Ahmed, Ezra Alemu, Danyelle Almanza, Aaron Aragon, Nathan Banelos, Zoheret Beltran, Michael Biodeau, Isabella Bince, Samantha Bonilla, Aminia Burnett-Wagner, Joshua Burtle, Lezly Caballero, Frida Camacho, Alyssa Capps, Kaitlyn Castillo, Andrew Chan, Brian Chavez, Xavier Corona, Luis Cortez, Kyle Costello, Juliana Cuevas, Christine Duarte, Desiree Enriquez, Gabriel Esparza, Alessandro Ferreira, Armando Flores, Elizabeth Frias, Jordan Galindo, Vivecca Gamboa, Daniella Gomez, Chloe Gonzales, Matthew Guerrero, Rebekah Han, Hailey Harris, Alyssa Hernandez, Derrick Herrera, Ugona Ikejiofor, Marley Iuffredo, Tomas Lopez, Sara Luna, Kahikili Martinez, Casandra Martinez, Isabel Munoz, Andrew Nevarez, Alyson Paik, Alyssa Porras, Nikolai Rabaya, Sophia Rangel, Jared Redoblado, Victoria Romo, Denilson Roque, Julian Ruelas, Brittany Salinas, Kristofer Sandoval, Stephanie Serrano, Warner Serrano, Natalia Sotomayor, Rachel Spinosa, Maximiliano Swoboda, Andrew Teagle, Johnathan Torralba, Monica Ulloa, Eliza Vargas, Jesus Wilkins

12th Grade (49)

Nicole Aguilera, Katia Arriaga, Devin Ayala, Olivia Baltazar, Alex Bourgeault, Adrian Caballero, Sebastian Carranza, Gibson Colchado, Justin Covarrubias, Benjamin Delgado, Janelly Durazo, Savanna Espinoza, Abraham Figueroa, Mikala Fletcher, Ariana Garcia, Alfonso Gonzalez, Sara Gonzalez, Ayana Hernandez, Jasmine Hernandez, Brian Jimenez, Kaylie Lara, Rebecca Lopez, Alexis Macias, Andres Mora, David Mora, Justin Mun, Liliana Navarro, Alica Parra, Anna Park, Angel Parra, Isabella Parra, Itzel Pina-Gutierrez, Terrell Placide, Andrea Reynoso, Mason Rhodes, Juliana Rincon, Rachel Robles, Manuel Rodriguez, John Salazar, Kristen Salguero, Justin Sanchez, Xavier Sanchez, Sabrina Sarmiento, Jennifer Fote, Kevin Sung, Hao Tia, David Tonne, Serena Urzua, Carla Vente

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Nikoletta Anagnostou, Maritza Ochoa, Alyssa Chan, Nektaria Anagnostou, Mia Neuman, Alek Lucatero, Jazmine Maravilla, Carlos Vallejo, Marie Olmedo, Jazmin Orozco, Karla Acuna, Brianna Zuniga, Destiny Belonio, Destiny Garcia, Molly Houts, Mathew Mendoza

WARREN HIGH SCHOOL



\$2,500 Community College Scholarships (29)

Sandra Abundio, Roger Andrade, Maryel Awad, Johan Ayala, Blake Brossmer, Madison Criollo, Maya Dzub-Diaz, Kimberly Farias, Joseph Fishman, Hazel Flores, Leeann Gonzelez, Leslie Guerrero, Diego Juarez, Alexander Lopez, Steven Lora, Cristina Magana, Heidy Martell, Josue Mejia, Cassandra Pantoja, Rachel Paredes, Jenny Quezada, Alenna Quintero, Alyssa Quintero, Briana Rodriguez, Katya Rodriguez, Luis Saucedo, Julia Velez, Andrea Villalobos, Johanna Villalobos,

\$100 Junior Cumulative 4.0 GPA Merit Award (117)

Deenal Ahir, Nathaniel Alvarez, Priszila Anguiano, Daisy Aquino, Alyssa Arita, Elio Armas-Rojo, Jolie Atalla, Alexander Avila, Evelyn Avila, Christopher Aviles, Andrea Barajas, Catherine Barroso, Harsh Bhagat, Smit Bhagat, Emily Brent, Jacob Britt, Diego Buenrostro, Jorge Campos Plancarte, Kelly Carrasco, Arlenn Castaneda, Nathalie Castaneda, Jesse Castillo, Alicia Cazares, Christina Ceballos, Ashley Cerda, Karlene Chavarria-Diaz, Nicholas Corona, Adriana Cox-Gonzalez, Angela Dang, Valeria De La Rosa, Rebecca Del Rio, Jennifer Diaz, Aileen Dimas, Andrea Donate, Eric Donate, Anabel Duenas, Hannah Duong, Natalie Edmond, Emma Egizii, Natalie Elizarraras, Sophia Escandon, Ivan Escobar, Dalia Escobedo Villegas, Natalie Esparza, Isabella Esquivel, Jaedelyn Gadia, Jackub Galindo, Arabella Gallegos, Alyssa Gandarilla, Crystal Garibay, Katelyn Garibay, Juan Giraldo Ramirez, Priscella Gomez, Hailey Gonzalez, Leslie Gonzalez, Tiffany Gregorio, Mayalyn Guadarrama, Adrian Guardado, Aracelly Guerra, Skye Gutierrez, Jose

Guzman, Liliana Hernandez, Aimee Hernandez, Tanzir Kazi, Axel Kim, Lydia Kim, Yewon Kim, Milosz Kryzia, Emily Law, Andrea Lepe, Daniela Lopez, Jewel Loya, Ivan Macedonio, Verena Makary, Ruby Marquez, Daisy Mejia, Briana Mercado, Poletth Mercado, Mia Mira, Jasmine Montanez, Emily Montufar, Alan Morales, Dianne Marie Mutia, Ami Natver, Katherine Naveda, Alexander Odintsov, Adam Ordaz, Alex Ortiz, Andrea Paredes, Phylcia Pedrosa, Heenly Pelayo, Damian Pena, Daniel Penarrieta, Holly Perez, Gustavo Pico, Kristianna Marie Posadas, Julissa Prieto, Emily Razo, Juliet Rendon, Valerie Rios, Linda Rodas, Emily Rodriguez, Natalia Rodriguez, Aimee Rodriguez Lopez, Joshua Romero, Brandon Salgado, Sicily Sandez, Joaquin Santana, Stephanie Sison, Allanah Soriano, Jillian Tayag, Katelyn Ulloa, Zachary Yoo, Elliott Yoo, Natalie Zamora, Roxanna Zamora, Erica Zamudio,

\$100 Scholar-Athlete Merit (GPA 3.5/Lettered in sport) 9th Grade (26)

Olivia Ann, Joshlyn Ayala, Sanai Brice, Rocco Caballero, Reagan Cardoza, Nathalie Castaneda, Emanuel Corona, Isaiha Cortez, Hazeu Fragoso, Gabriel Galvan, Paola Garcia, Giselle Gin, Aidan Gonzalez, Isabel Guerra, Irma Guevarra, Aldrin Hernandez, Alexis Hurree, Samuel Maiava, Leslie Montano, Enrique Morales, Tyler Oviedo, Alyssa Serrano, Zayanna Serrano, Halle Sii, Abigail Vega, Isabella Pearson

10th Grade (34)

Priszila Anguiano, Dominic Bours, Adriana Cardenas, Jesse Castillo, Dayanara Cendejas, Karlene Chavarria-Diaz, Angela Dang, Mia Garcia, Priscella Gomez, Xamarion Gordon, Mayalyn Guadarrama, Aracelly Guerra, Drew Gutierrez, Skye Gutierrez, Lydia Kim, Jonathan Kozasky, Raylyn Lee, Lauren Lopes, Jezebel Lopez, Daniela Lopez, Eriana Munoz, Lauren Narvaez, Krystal Nuyen, Orion Osbey, Ethan Padilla, Phylcia Pedrosa, Sylvia Quintero, Carisia Raygoza, Leilani Rios, Miguel Rocha, Allanah Soriano, Briana Soto, Daniel Tapia, Halle Torres,

11th Grade (49)

Sandra Abundio, Andres Aguilar, Faitalia AhFook, Logan Airada, Jazlyn Arevalo, Michael Atalla, Johan Ayala, Anagloria Barreto, Mayte Camacho, Carson Cartagena, Dylan Casasola, Monique Cervantes, Matthew Cervantes, Destiny Diaz, Lorenzo Edwards, Zeus Flores, Owen Franco, Vanessa Garcia, Bryanna Garcia, Fabian Gomez, Luis Gonzalez, Heidi Greilach, Dylan Guerra, Ryan Gutierrez, Erick Hernandez, Daniel Hidalgo, John Jacho, Anid Krinc, Isabella Leach, Ariana Lepe, Alicia Liera, Isaac Lopez, Steven Lora, Siouxsie Luna, Giselle Magana, Oswaldo Moreno, Jasen Nicolas, Gema Olvera, Desorie Olvera, Michelle Palacios, Kenneth Peña, Caleb Petersen, Isabella Quezada, Charisma Raygoza, Kassandra Ruiz, Daniel Salcedo Haro, Andrew Saldana, Andrew Stratton, Yanette Zepeda

12th Grade (39)

Sandra Abundio, Andres Aguilar, Logan Airada, Michael Atalla, Johan Ayala, Mayte Camacho, Carson Cartagena, Dylan Casasola, Ariana Cervantes, Mathew Cervantes, Destiny Diaz, Lorenzo Edwards, Zeus Flores, Luis Gonzalez, Heidi Greilach, Leslie Guerrero, Ryan Gutierrez, Daniel Hidalgo, John Jacho, Anid Krinc, Isabella Leach, Ariana Lepe, Steven Marquez, Oswaldo Moreno, Jasen Nicolas, Gema Olvera, Michelle Palacios, Kenneth Peña, Caleb Petersen, Isabella Quezada, Charisma Raygoza, Briana Rodriguez, Marlene Rosas, Kassandra Ruiz, Daniel Salcedo Haro, Andrew Saldana, Andrew Stratton, Adrian Vasquez, Yanette Zepeda

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DOTY MIDDLE SCHOOL



COLLEGE SAVINGS AWARDS 4.0 GPA core-subjects prior year \$500 Stauffer-Scholar 2019

Benjamin I Correa, 7th Grade Samantha R De Leon, 8th Grade

\$150 Stauffer-Scholar Merit 7th Grade (47)

Brissa Alvarez, Ashley M Arreola, Alexis Avila, Victor Avila, Janki Bhagat, Julysa Camacho, Isabella S Campos, Chance H Carpenter, Ariana Castagnola, Abigail Castor, Natalie Y Castro, Angel N Cazachkoff, Lily N Chau, Blake C

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8th Grade (46)

Thomas M Abundio, Ashley N Alvarez, Sol Alvarez, Elianna S Arredondo, Briana E Benitez, Dilsi J Bhagat, Khushi Bhagat, Alanna Bince, Maya C Calderon, Ashley M Caro, Kaiden A Chacon, Peter J Chavez, Charlotte R De Buhr, Samantha R De Leon, Hannah R Drow, Tyler V El, Harshit Gagneja, Elayna M Garcia, Mia A Garcia, Sophia M Garibaldi, Mark N Ghaly, Onay H Gouda, Yaretzi M Hernandez, Susan Kang, Brenna N Kaufmann, Sean M Kennedy, Andres D Loza, Giuliana Marquez, Ezra A Mendoza, Gabriel E Mota, Mia M Nguyen, Elynn J O'neil, Nadalynn I Park, Louis J Perez, Sofia E Ponce, Steffani C Ponia, Bianca B Pulido, David A Ramos, Micah A Rodriguez, Destenie Y Salame Orozco, Carlos D Salazar, Leilani M Salgado, Grizelle Sandoval, Jesse D Tran, Desteni R Vega, Victoria M Vera

Merit Award only 7th & 8th (11)

Kingston J Estrada, Marina S Nogueiras, Joanne S Yu, Joshua H Zaragoza Roxana A Cue, Heidi R Garcia, Abeer A Khalil, Evan R Olmedo, Mario D Rivera, Alexander S Sepulveda, Vincent J Velasco

GRIFFITHS MIDDLE SCHOOL



COLLEGE SAVINGS AWARDS 4.0 GPA core-subjects prior year \$500 Stauffer-Scholar 2019

Cassandra R Neff, 7th Grade Ethan T Zeisel, 8th Grade \$150 Stauffer-Scholar Merit

7th Grade (44)

Fatmah T Abuhadba, Tiffany Aguilar, Faith C Allen, Cristobal Amezcua, Sofia Arriaga, David Ayala, Katelyn G Cabrera, Melissa L Canchola, Cruz Cassayre, Gene Cassayre, Jesi Jade N Cobian, Athena S Corona, Samantha De La Rosa, Emma G Escobar, Emily Espinoza, Czarina G Felix, Jacqueline M Gachupin, Sarai Gonzalez, Raquel E Hernandez, Cassidy S Klett, Isabella M Lopez Gudiel, Kasandra C Minchaca, Daen A Morales, Alisson Naranjo, Cassandra R Neff, Connor R Neff, Sophia I Nunez, Hazel Orozco, Nicholas O Padilla, Anabelle A Partida, Emily I Partida, Anabelle Pena, Adrian Perez, Marcos Quinonez, Diego Salcedo, Madeline C Saldana, Austin J Sanchez, Matthew I Sanchez, Camila A Sepulveda, Sophia F Sermeno, Kamila Suft, Jaelyn J Tejada, San T Tia, Jade A Villalobos

8th Grade (42)

Alejandro Arriaga, Bawanpreet K Aujla, Roberto C Barillas, Nicholas G Benavides, Krishna J Bhagat, Kaitlyn I Biles, Kevin D Castro, Jesse Cervantes, Carina L Chavez, Gustavo G Chavez, Kristin A Conde, Marissa L Farias, Breeana Flores, Asia M Flowers, Jaqueline J Garcia, Milan S Gupta, Daniel C Hernandez, Ryan M Ibarra, Noah I Im, Noah J Jimenez, Clarissa I Lam, Emily M Martinez, Isis M Martinez, Valerie Medina, Angelica Munoz, Diego F Ochoa, Pari S Patel, Sahir Patel, Julia S Pelayo, Leslie N Ramos, Marielley J Resendiz, Santos J Reyes, Madison P Roberson, Matthew E Robles, Lauren Silva, Alondra P Simbala, Carlos D Simbala, Thanissha Tasaso, Ava G Teran, Nandini M Vannmali, Alyssa R Weyman, Ethan T Zeisel

STAUFFER MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Kaitlyn Alva Elizalde, 7th Grade Jessica R Ghaly, 8th Grade, \$150 Stauffer-Scholar Merit 7th Grade (45)

Diego O Alleyne, Hassan Alsalami, Kaitlyn Alva Elizalde, Jesse Angel, Ennika Joy A Apostol, Andra D Campos, Angel V Carrasco, Erick R Casarez, Edward H Causley, Leilani V Cordova, Isabela De Anda, Alexis T Delgado, Bryanna A Elizondo, Nicole Fajardo, Daniel J Flores Sanchez, Aileen Flores, Ryan M Garcia, Angel Gomez-Estrada, Giannah K Gonzalez, Katelyn L Gosselin, Danelly J Hernandez, Luna I Hernandez, Giselle Herrera, Alyssa R Juarez, Vanessa E Linares, Destiny A Martinez, Vera Matar, Ana S Mc Quiston, Samuel J McGrath, Maximiliano G Miramontes, Emily I Morataya, Andrea Moreno, Noah E Munoz, Steve B Munoz, Citali G Orozco, Ariel M Ortiz, Nathan M Rodriguez, Daniel A Rojas, Miguel A Romo, Izabella A Saucedo, Jett J Shields, Amanda M Topete, Cyran D Tubbs II, Elisa A Vaca, Verania E Wolf

8th Grade (53)

Mia E Abarca, Danniela Y Aguilar, Joel A Alfaro, Angel J Amador, Engel John A Apostol, Andres A Aviles, Nevie R Barbeau, Kaylee N Borje, Madison L Brent, Jessica Brooks, Hannah M Cervera, Jaydee Cortes Cruz, Zoey Foja C De Las Alas, Gael A Delgado, Fatma O Elshehawey, Ian Tristan G Fernandez, Bryce A Fletcher, Margarita Fuentes, Andy Gallardo, Alexa L Gamez, Ethan D Garcia, Jessica R Ghaly, Madonna M Ghaly, Joseph H Gomez, Alfredo Gonzalez, Natalie I Gonzalez, Vonelle C Gonzalez, Abigail Garcia, Jasmine A Hariri, Jada E Hernandez, Jynx M Jimenez-Jones, Sarah I Lopez, Mia N Martinez, Brooke M Mcdonald, Rommel A Medina, Arianna M Mendez, Emma Molineras, Amanda J Morales, Nicolas D Morales, Abby Claire V Newman, Michelle C Ochoa, Aulanie A Olivares, Aiah V Ovalle, Leah Quintero, Hillver F Rosas, Joanna Sandoval, Noah Saucedo, Ashley M Schmidt, Andrea Soto, Sebastian Vela, Maria S Velasquez, Steven Y Vicente, Angel H Villalobos

Merit Award only 7th & 8th (4)

Toni M Martinez, Amairani Mejia Martinez, Bailey M Rundquist, Desiree Velasco

SUSSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL



COLLEGE SAVINGS AWARDS 4.0 GPA core-subjects prior year \$500 Stauffer-Scholar 2019

Valerie C Herrera, 7th Grade Arquimides F Calles, 8th Grade, \$150 Stauffer-Scholar Merit

7th Grade (43)

Grace A Barrios, Isabella Barron, Natalia K Bowen, Luis E Bruno Martinez, Thu N Bui, Alexis V Cazares, Alia N Colon, Adriana D Cornejo, Jacqueline C Dominguez, Nikolas P Espinoza, Ariel M Free, Michelle Gomez Juarez, Benjamin E Gomez, Nailea A Gonzalez-Velez, Valerie C Herrera, Victoria S Hinostrero, Charlene J Huerta, Maiya H Lomeli, Allison Lopez, Mariana I Lopez, Jillian P Macahilig, Alanis Martinez, Alexa R Martinez, Chelsea Mata, Nyla M Nolan, Abigail M Nunez, Sebastian S Ochoa, Yoselyn Ortega, Henry M Palencia, Isabella M Palomo-Mendoza, Paulina E Pena, Emma L Punzalan, Dennise K Robles, Mia A Rodriguez, Anthony I Rosa, Alyssa N Sandoval, Joshua A Sandoval, Elena T Solorzano, Nicholas G Soto, Faith A Stewart, Melody S Trejo, Vincent B Truong, Amaya G Villescas

8th Grade (35)

Vanessa E Alegria, Ivy R Ambriz, Sandra E Ambriz, Mya R Ashby, Amy N Barrios, Mayte Caballero, Arquimides F Calles, Emmanuel C Canizales, Kandice A Carrera, Roxana Castillo, Brianna M Chavez, Damian J Esparza, Allison M Figueroa, Miranda F Gamboa, Briana V Garcia, Juan O Garcia, Mariabelen Hernandez, Madeline B Hidalgo, Jazmin S Jacobo, Brianna V Lopez, Ramses E Luna, Jocelyn M Menjivar, Emily J Munguia, Cesar E Ordaz Galvez, Jose M Perez, Valeria A Ramirez, Jaselle M Renteria, Giselle G Reyes, David Rodriguez, Kaede M Rodriguez, Alia B Schneider, Brooke D Schneider, Benito M Sevilla, Ximena A Solorzano, Ivy J Tobar

Merit Award only 7th & 8th (2)

Wendy S Figueroa, Victoria A Tejada



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Things You Didn't Know About Downey

By Bobbi Bruce
Downey Historical Society

DOWNEY — According to the Downey LiveWire, between January through June of 1930, the following was occurring in Downey:

Construction began on the new Catholic church and an edifice for the Nazarene church.

Lots in Country Club Orange Estates subdivision (the former Judge Rives property) were offered for sale.

Emsco Aviation was building a single-motored monoplane capable of flying from the United States to Japan.

Downey Drive-In Market opened at 3rd and Paramount, and Alpha Beta bought out Our Own Grocery.

Culley's and Coy's barbershops opened for business.

W.R. Harriman marked his 15th anniversary as superintendent of the County Farm.

Downey Hospital and the

Meralta Theatre reopened after remodeling and, according to the unofficial results of the 1930 federal census, Downey had a population of 18,097.

Those who died during this period were: H.A. Scott, Albert Kendrick, Mrs. S. Cheney (daughter of Allen Neighbors), Ada C. Pendleton Smith, Edward J. Standlee, Andrew Jackson Bramlette, Gary Gifford, James Stewart, Edgar Gray, Albert Horton (murdered), and Judge A.S. Gray.

From the Downey Champion dated July 20, 1895: "If a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it. If a merchant makes a mistake, he never tells it. If a lawyer makes a mistake, he crawls out of it. But if an editor makes a mistake, he puts it down on a sheet of paper for the world to look at, and in every community there are cranks who think they are models of wisdom because they occasionally discover one."

Schools

The first school district was organized in 1865 and was called the Silver District. It was named

because when one looked across the river from the west, either the water or the willows looked like sheets of silver.

The first school was a primitive structure built of sticks, tules, mustard stalks and such other materials that were at hand. The roof was of the same material and afforded some protection, but according to Mrs. Sarah Hutchison Grider, it leaked so much when it rained that school had to be dismissed. This delighted the children. She also said that mice would come out of the walls and nibble the toes of children.

A small compensation was given to Miss Branson, who lived with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burke. (She was the first teacher.) In January 1886, a lot adjacent to the original school was donated by John G. Downey and Mrs. E. J. L. McFarland, wife of Downey's business partner, upon which a traditional "little red school house" was constructed.

In later years, this structure was moved to 3rd Street, just east of Downey Avenue. It was destroyed by fire in late 1948.

B.P. Patton was the first county-paid teacher. The clerk of the Board of Trustees, Allen Neighbor, valued the building and equipment at \$159.50. There were no textbooks for the pupils and entire lessons taken from the teacher's book were written upon blackboards and copied on children's slates.

Later, charts with lessons and pictures were used in the "Chart Class," composed of the smaller children. The pupils carried their own water from a neighboring well.

A third structure, a two-story building consisting of three classrooms, cloakrooms, and a janitor's room -- costing \$3,600 -- was built in 1871. It opened on Oct. 21 of that year and served as the village location until being moved to the Gallatin location. The land was donated by Allen

Neighbor.

At the opposite end of town, John C. Ardis, arriving from Arkansas in July 1868, purchased property in the vicinity of Paramount and Alameda and built a private school so that his children would not have to go the distance to the "little red school house." He himself was a schoolmaster.

There was need felt in 1869 for larger and more adequate facilities and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, founded Los Nietos Institute, which taught primary grades. In the same year, Mr. Ardis built a larger one-room school on land directly south of the present Alameda School (near the present Imperial Highway). The school was called the Sandridge School and was built in the California style (with the boards placed vertically).

Later, the school was blown down by a high wind and was rebuilt on the present site of the Alameda School.

Rebuild

The following is a quotation from the Los Angeles News of Oct. 2, 1872: "Downey has no public school, and the pupils are obliged to attend those of the adjacent Gallatin and College Settlements. The reason for this is that the citizens, of late years, have been so heavily taxed that they cannot, at present, raise funds for the erection of the necessary school building."

The first public school in Downey proper was held in rented quarters on the west side of Crawford Street. The earliest record, 1883, shows 54 primary children were enrolled. A bond sale was held Nov. 5, 1883 to raise funds for the construction of a two-story frame building on the present site of the City Hall.

The school followed the standard architectural style of the day. The huge iron bell was cast in a sand mould back in the England foundry in which

it was made. It found its way to the grounds of the Downey Elementary School.

The Southern Pacific College, near 5th and New Street, was founded in 1877 under the auspices of the Christian Church. This school offered primary education for little children.

This item appeared in the Los Angeles News, Nov. 2, 1878: "The Southern Pacific College has 140 matriculates; the Los Nietos College about 90, the Gallatin or Silver School over 150, and the Alameda School 140. A total of about 484, attending in the immediate vicinity of Downey City."

Mrs. Lillian Cochran Tompkins described the schools at the turn of the century in this way: "The children would line up to march into school and there was always a drummer boy who could really play that drum, so we all felt real spirited, like army people marching. We were expected to mind the teachers as the principal was allowed to use a strap on bad children. Besides, parents expected their children to mind and I was told by my parents if I didn't mind at school I could expect a spanking when I got home."

In 1913, the old building was razed and replaced by a tile and stucco structure which was built by 1915. This building was used until the 1933 earthquake forced its condemnation. During the two years required to rebuild, the two teachers, Edith Unsworth, primary, and Maude Price, principal and upper grade teacher, taught in tents erected on the rear playgrounds.

History teaches us that as events cause challenges, we can adjust and thrive.

Southern Pacific Railroad

With the coming of the Southern Pacific Railroad on April 15, 1874 the business houses of College Settlement and Gallatin united in building a larger and better railroad town

to be named in honor of ex-governor John G. Downey.

The present depot was built on 10 acres given to Southern Pacific Railroad by the Downey Land Association. In December 1873, the first house in the present town of Downey was erected by Mr. J.K. Banks. Mr. Banks was the station master when the first train came through Downey in April 1874.

The Los Angeles Star newspaper relates in 1874, "Downey saw the building of 50 new homes, modern in style of architecture, built entirely of wood. (None of the unattractive adobe buildings.)"

One of the first commercial buildings was the Central Hotel on the north side of First Street (Firestone) and north of the depot. The building was used for the Southern Pacific College for a short time. One of the rooms of the hotel, Alonzo Waite, began the first newspaper (The Courier). The paper appeared in 1875.

Blacksmith shops were important then as service stations would be today. Horses had to be given new shoes and the horse-drawn wagons needed new metal rims on the wheels.

The first post office was established in 1867 and was known as "Ten Mile House." It was located on the stage route between Los Angeles and Santa Ana. The Overland Stage route with its four horses made daily deliveries of mail and passengers until outmoded by the coming of the railroad.

The post office was moved to Gallatin Settlement and was operated from Frankel Brothers General Merchandise Store. Frankel Brothers later moved their store to the corner of Firestone Boulevard and Downey Avenue in 1874.

By July 3, 1876, the name of the post office was formally changed to "Downey City Post Office." The post office had boxes for the customers' convenience.

Southern Pacific railway would not deliver mail the four blocks between the depot and the post office -- the post office was moved again in 1886 to Firestone Boulevard near La Reina, only one block from the railway station.

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In defense of Cari White

Dear Editor:

In response to the Op-Ed piece, “Downey Unified was disingenuous in its messages to seniors,” (May 27, 2020) I would like to thank you for providing me with the opportunity to defend one of the most hard-working, genuine, and passionate administrators I have had the pleasure to work for during my 30 year tenure as a teacher in the Downey Unified School District, Dr. Cari White.

The Op-Ed draws some hasty conclusions about our beloved principal regarding her attempt last March to provide a sense of hope and stability to the anxious and frightened students of Warren High School during the most unstable and unfamiliar situation any of us have experienced in our lifetimes. The authors state that they were “unsure whether” Cari White’s actions were “due to incompetence or untruthfulness towards the seniors of 2020.”

Is it possible that there is another conclusion one could draw instead of the highly insulting false dilemma they suggest? Cari White, who is so humble that she never feels the need to broadcast her educational achievements in order to impress others—Ms. White, who has worked tirelessly to make sure that all staff and students remain safe during this pandemic at the expense of her own health—Dr. Cari White, respected principal of Warren High, who shows through her actions that she truly cares for and loves our school, would never intentionally or knowingly mislead anyone, especially in an unprecedented time such as the entire world is experiencing right now.

For the last 21 years, I have witnessed first-hand how much passion Cari White has for her students, her fellow teachers, and for Warren High. I have worked with many wonderful administrators, but Cari White was the principal who managed, through pure grit, to hold our very opinionated staff together and motivate all of us to keep our wits about us during this pandemic. While actually having to create the new educational wheel, many of us most-likely said and did things that were not correct, but I know of no one who made mistakes with malicious intent. What kind of person would intentionally lie to students and to what end would someone do that? Cari White spent a minimum of 14 hours per day, every day, making sure that every student had exactly what he or she needed to be successful while learning from home. There is nothing I can see that is incompetent or disingenuous about her words or actions.

Other than the pending MD/PhD and the farewell graduation speech from six years ago, exactly what credentials do the authors possess to make these assertions? Furthermore, why would they turn their backs on the very institution that provided them with the groundwork to get them where they are right now? Here is the great irony: even after all their vitriolic accusations of Dr. White, she would be the first to say, “It’s okay. Once a Bear, always a Bear.” Some day, they may say something that doesn’t turn out to be the way they originally thought it would be. My hope for them when that happens—and it will if either of them is ever in a position of leadership—is that their critics will be more forgiving than they have been to Cari White.

Monica Schulman
English/Language-Arts Instructor
Warren High School

Dear Editor:

As a teacher at Warren High School, I understand my biases. But the assumptions made by Ernesto Rojas and Chloe Jane Reyes, I believe, are unfair and unwarranted. I think it’s fair that The Downey Patriot allows a response to just a few of their points and quotes.

1. One of the authors mentions that the Warren High School principal said in an Instagram post that “there has not been any discussion of cancelling Prom or Graduation...”

That is true, there weren’t any discussions about cancelling; because at that time, we had no idea how long this pandemic/lock down would last. Sure, there were estimates, but nothing concrete. Ernesto claims that the likelihood of a prom and graduation was at that time “nonexistent.” I think all readers remember the uncertainty that was circulating around mid-March. In fact, at that time, we were told that we would only be out for two weeks. We could only go off of that information.

2. Mr. Rojas says that as an MD/PhD candidate, he is “surrounded by leaders in the field of medicine and science.” Well, Ernesto, we are not surrounded by leaders in medicine and science. Why didn’t you tell them to call us and let us know? Why didn’t the government listen to them? Your UCLA friends could have saved us all a lot of heartache.

3. Mr. Rojas and Ms. Reyes goes on to criticize our competence, stating that Etiwanda High School had a socially distanced regiment of graduates walking on stage, also mentioning Arcadia HS who had a parade for their graduates.

I read Mr. Rojas’ and Ms. Reyes’ critiques on a Thursday. Warren and Downey HS have planned worked tirelessly to recognize and celebrate their seniors, with the finale happening on Thursday night for Downey HS, and Friday night for Warren HS. Their critique is unfair. Speaking for Warren HS, we’ve celebrated many seniors over social media, we’ve organized several social-distanced “drive-throughs” to pass out caps and gowns, we’ve given students the opportunity to see their teachers one last time, and organized photos in front of the office where with our Garden Mascot.

Mr. Rojas and Ms. Reyes, it looks to me like you were trying to have a “gotcha” moment with Warren High School and the District. Ernesto, we know you are a very smart individual, but I hope next time you reach out to the school to ask questions before you make accusations. The Warren administrators and teachers are tirelessly working to give their Seniors the best they can have during this unfortunate time. I hope you can understand the frustration of seeing an ex-Warren graduate criticizing our efforts.

Good luck to you both, as I’m sure you will do tremendous things in your future. But please respect the work that people like my colleagues do...even if we aren’t as smart as you.

Justin Muller
Warren High School

Dear Editor:

I cannot remain silent after you recently published the Op-Eds written by Ernesto Rojas and Chloe Jane Reyes criticizing Downey Unified

School District and specifically Dr. Cari White on May 27, 2020 and then their attempt to clarify on May 29.

I’ve been a teacher for 20 years--14 of those years here in Downey, and never have I experienced anything like this COVID-19 pandemic. I teach seniors and am a parent of a high school senior who also lost all of her senior activities. I have witnessed the sadness and sense of loss from the eyes of both my students and my daughter.

In their first letter, they accused Dr. White of being disingenuous because she was confident students would still be able to have their senior activities based on a March 12, 2020 Instagram post. Couldn’t one argue that rather than “a lack of realism and honesty in communication to seniors at DUSD,” Dr. White was communicating the optimistic hope that the seniors would be able to have all their activities? Back in March, the entire nation was learning new information about this NOVEL (as in brand new with little data available) virus daily. Of course things would change. They failed to mention Dr. White’s 30+ Instagram posts dated after that which all contained information, encouragement, and just plain love for our school and our students.

We as a school, district, city, county, state, and nation have learned quite a bit more since March. Instead of casting blame and accusations of “false narrative,” couldn’t they both have shown grace and compassion to a person in a unique and unprecedented situation during which the information was changing daily? I believe Mr. Rojas is studying to be a physician. Shouldn’t he know better than to cite an outdated Instagram post and use that as the basis for his criticism of Dr. White and DUSD? I’m surprised your publication even felt that a March 12, 2020 Instagram post had enough relevance to be used at the end of May in an opinion piece.

Life isn’t fair. We can’t always control what happens in our lives. Both Mr. Rojas and Ms. Reyes are young and with more life experience, I hope they begin to understand this lesson a little better. Perhaps they will figure out how to make it better rather than blame others or write Op-Eds to be “controversial” when things don’t go the way they are intended. We don’t need controversy right now. We need unity. I stand by Dr. White and DUSD, and I thank them for all they have done for everyone in our school district.

Kimberly Kropf
English Teacher
Warren High School

Dear Editor:

Every Friday morning my copy of The Downey Patriot gets delivered into the gutter, right at the mouth of the driveway. By the time I get to the paper it is usually wet, multiple tire tracks imprinted through the thin plastic bag. This is irritating to say the least, and I’ve been looking for a month to find someone at the paper whom I can hold responsible.

I’ve decided the blame is to be shouldered by every single employee at The Downey Patriot including writers, editors, maintenance workers, and custodians.

After all, they all work for the same publication who published a “Letter to the Editor” written by Mr. Rojas and Ms. Reyes, and it is this publication whose job it is to ensure each Downey resident receives a copy of the paper. So, logically, the blame must be shouldered by all employees at The Patriot when the obituaries bleed through the real estate pages, making it impossible to tell whether someone has died, is selling a house, or, I suppose, could be doing both at the same time.

Sound ridiculous? Well, to a good many of the staff members at Warren High School, this argument makes as much logical sense as the ideas presented in the editorial published in The Patriot where the writers put blame on Cari White, Dr. Garcia, and the entire school district for promises made, even as the entire world grappled with the aftermath of a world-wide pandemic that no person, government, corporation, or entity could honestly see coming. How can Mr. Rojas and Ms. Reyes find fault with Ms. White’s handling of the situation, labeling her “disingenuous,” when all she was trying to do was provide a glimmer of hope during an otherwise grim situation? At the beginning, no one knew what was happening day-to-day much less what would be happening one...two...months in the future?

Mr. Rojas, you especially seem to be an intelligent young man, bolstered with the life experience and maturity that all fresh, eager “20 somethings” possess. After all: you were very careful to highlight that you are in a MD/PHD program, surrounded by “leaders in the field of medicine and science.” And surely a MD/PHD candidate who was the Farewell Speaker at a past Warren High graduation knows far better than the leaders at WHO and the CDC, leaders who have changed opinions and contradicted each other—from the beginning—at every step of this global nightmare. If only you could have contacted the authorities at these two agencies back when all this began...well, I’m sure they would have welcomed your thoughts. However, if it isn’t too late, and you do what I suggest, perhaps when you “Monday morning quarterback” and offer your suggestions and ideas for change to WHO and the CDC maybe you could share them with your readers—because you certainly didn’t offer any in your op-ed.

As a parent who will miss hearing the senior activity stories coming from his eldest son, a graduate of Warren this year... as a parent who missed out on taking pre-prom photos...as a parent who will not witness his firstborn graduate from high school... it is important to note that I am saddened too. But to put any blame on anyone or anything other than the virus itself would be a case of woefully misplaced emotions. My senior certainly doesn’t blame anyone else, and he doesn’t even possess the collective wisdom Mr. Rojas and Ms. Reyes must share.

As is their first amendment right, I hope Mr. Rojas and Ms. Reyes will continue to post their thoughts as often and as passionately as they wish—as I will. Just understand that I am confident that their opinions here do not represent the majority of the staff members of the Downey Unified School District.

Finally: I do find some satisfaction in the knowledge that the same educational institution that Mr. Rojas was eager to criticize is the same educational institution which provided him the solid foundation that put him into that MD/PHD program. You’re welcome, Mr. Rojas.

Now since I’m convinced the editors, custodial staff, etc. will not take care of the ongoing issue I’m having with my Friday delivery, I will have to be satisfied with my paper sitting in the gutter, week after week, crushed and wet.

At this point, I feel it’s a good place for it.

Greg Elasser
Teacher
Warren High School

Dear Editor:

There is no mistake in assuming the words “Downey Unified was disingenuous in its messages to seniors” are malicious and mean-spirited. In using Dr. Cari White’s words as an “example,” it is indeed directly offending her and every staff member, student, and parent who supports her and works tirelessly beside her. There was nothing constructive about the criticisms present in the Op-Ed article or the “clarification” whatsoever.

While I have nothing to say to Mr. Rojas or Ms. Reyes, I am proud to share what I know about Dr. White and DUSD.

Dr. White has been a source of strength and hope for all students, families, and staff members since the day we realized how deeply our community was about to be affected by COVID-19. Information was shared as it was received, and plans were constantly being adjusted accordingly. DUSD has been outstanding at acting quickly while still making informed decisions to keep our community safe.

A false narrative does not exist – only a community of educators who will do anything and everything to spread positivity and support in this time of uncertainty.

I look forward to this evening’s spectacular WHS celebration put on by some of the most genuine, compassionate, and educated people I know.

Dianne Huff
English Teacher
Warren High School

Dear Editor:

The Op-Ed written by Mr. Rojas and Ms. Reyes was apparently meant to stir up controversy. What I am struggling to comprehend is why anyone would need more controversy in their lives during these very troubling and frightening times.

What their words really do instead is shine a light on their own privilege and status. They have chosen to dissect a slice of time that was the most uncertain our school district has ever faced. They are also writing this in the mirror of hindsight, which we know is always 20-20.

Speaking of 2020, why was it so important to create controversy right now? Why was it so important to create controversy on the night on which there was supposed to be a grand commencement ceremony?

I feel as bad for Mr. Rojas’s sister as I do for all of the members of the class of 2020. They did not get what they were expecting when they started the school year in August. They had to complete their school year on tiny screens in their kitchens, dining rooms and bedrooms. They had to attend meetings on Zoom while caring for younger siblings.

They lost their platforms for athletics, the arts and CTE, among other things. They did not get to say goodbye to their friends. Our Salutatorian did not give a speech. And yet, they will all prevail. They have faced adversity and they have been strong for their families. They have provided a valuable lesson to the graduates who have come before and will continue to be a source of inspiration for the graduates who will follow.

Take note, Mr. Rojas and Ms. Reyes, of the spirit of the class of 2020. It is not a spirit of controversy, but rather harmony. It is not a spirit of boastful pride, but rather humility. And please, never underestimate the power of kindness.

Next time you see your community in need, please reach out to it. Offer your help and offer a hand.

Dominique Drechsler
Warren High School

Dear Editor:

I’ve known Cari White for the past 21 years at Warren High as her colleague. In those 21 years, I’ve seen Cari touch the lives of everyone she comes across, starting with the Special Education students. And because she was so good, she was promoted to the Department Chair, under whose leadership the department flourished beautifully.

When Cari later became a Dean of students, the students she served knew she loved them with all of her heart. So they naturally opened up their hearts in return. If you know Cari, it’s not hard to understand why they would open up to her. She’s all heart. Sometimes tears come first before words come out. That’s Cari. That’s our principal. Now, let’s jump to March 2020.

Even before kids were let out of school mid-March, she had the foresight to make a list of students that were going to need computers and internet, and most importantly, food. She did this most discreetly respecting the students’ privacy. And because Principal White was prepared, the Food Services was ready starting March 16th with hundreds of meals, ready to feed our students when many other districts were absolutely confused as to what to do for weeks! Even more, because the teachers were prepared beforehand thanks to her leadership we were already teaching our students the very first week by using Google Classroom and Zoom and didn’t miss a beat! I was assigning work and grading them the week of March 16th because she had us ready!

At the school, everybody knows that if there is a student or a family in need Cari is always the first to know and first to mobilize the school to meet that need. If there’s a family in need, Cari will send an email saying “Anonymous Family needs these items, C’m on Bears!” with her always the first to chip in. And the thing is, she was this way when she was a teacher, a dean, an assistant principal, and now a principal. And you know what? Because we’ve been friends for a long time, I personally know she’s been taking care of a family all by herself of a grandmother and grandchildren for the longest time out of her own pocket because she knows the grandmother is doing everything she can, and Cari wants to keep that family together and not see that family separate. Yes, that’s our principal. She puts her money where her mouth is. And the thing is, she’ll do that for even those who bad mouths her, because she lives by the very principles she preaches—love and forgiveness.

I promise you when Cari White watches the fireworks tonight it will be seen through a heavy heart. I promise you there is not a person whose heart weighs heavier in the City of Downey these days than Cari White when it comes to serving our students. So if you want to blame anyone, blame me. Maybe it’s my fault somehow things went awry. But don’t blame my principal whom I know whose very heart bleeds for every single student like no other that walks through the gates of Warren High School each and every day. We are utterly blessed to have Dr. Cari White as our principal, and I pray to God that we get to keep her for a very long time.

David Cha
Warren High School

Battle against COVID-19

Dear Editor:

We are definitely at war and we lost it to liquid droplets in a bag called COVID-19.

A microscopic droplets with no brain, eyes, legs or hands. An enemy that made our trillions of dollars worth of airplane carriers, bombers, jet fighters, submariners, rockets, and nuclear bombs worthless.

I am hoping that we shop spending our tax money on arms that will not be used anymore. If we really learned from this disaster’s defeats, we should focus on our health systems and prepare for another microscopic enemy, not Russia or China.

We lost the COVID-19 battle because we didn’t have enough masks to protect us, equipment that costs 50 cents to make. Masks are the most valuable defense of this type of virus. Social distancing is okay, but masks are vital to stop these droplets from coming or exiting your respiratory system.

As usual, we found out four months later that we can go out but while wearing a mask. If we had worn masks from the beginning we could have avoided a total shutdown and avoided these financial hardships. Only now are we going to reopen businesses gradually and you will see that masks are the center of our protection against this microscopic enemy.

Moustafa Elsherif
Downey

Protest behavior

Dear Editor:

I can offer a simple solution to our almost unbelievable countrywide turmoil after the horrendous killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

We should all behave in the same manner as our beloved former First Lady Michelle Obama. We could call it the Michelle Obama rule.

Why is she so well behaved? Because she had a proper upbringing by her parents. They taught her how to obey rules, laws and regulations. If everyone followed her exemplary behavior, the police would simply be sitting around, twiddling their thumbs with absolutely nothing to do.

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, this is all about three things: behavior, behavior, and behavior. If people of all colors and creeds behaved like Michelle Obama, the United States would be truly peaceful.

Jack Russell
Downey

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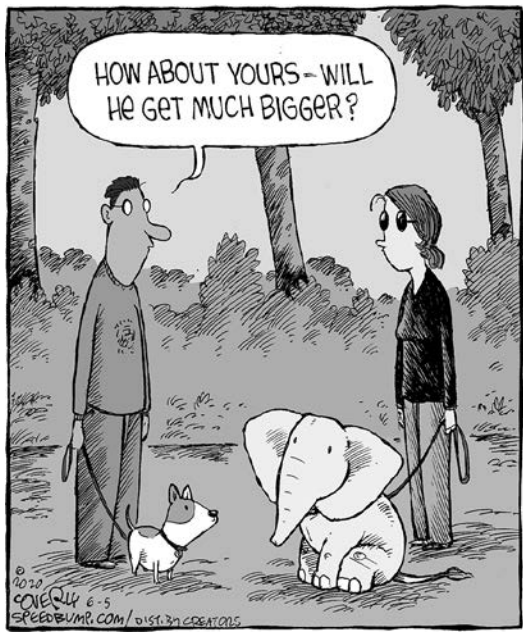
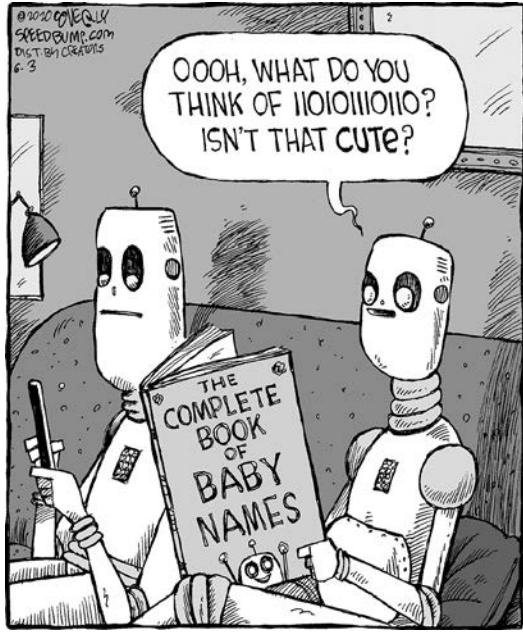
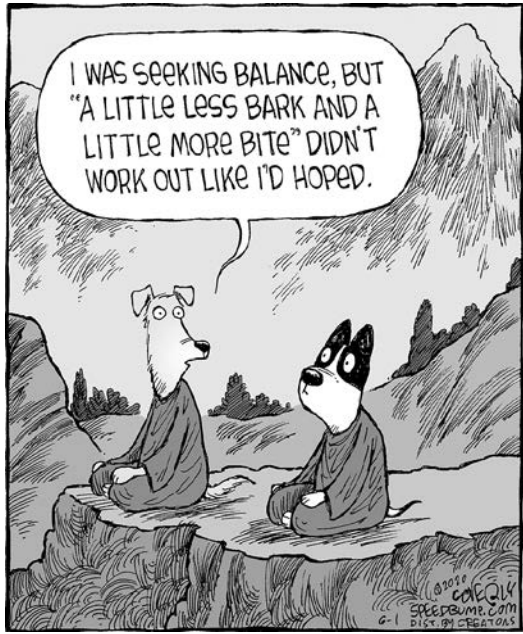
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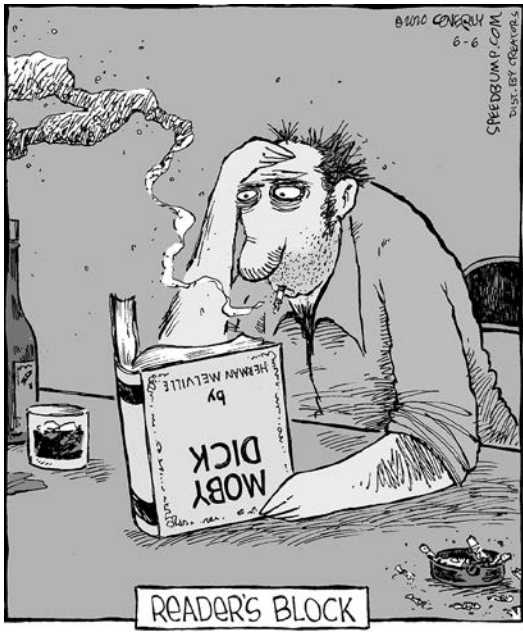
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CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

- 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
- 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
- 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 310-386-8112.
- 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

- 9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
- 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Nate Mahoney 416-1826.
- 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
- 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
- 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
- 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
- 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
- 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.
- 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
- 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

- 7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
- 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
- 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
- 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
- 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

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- 9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.
- 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

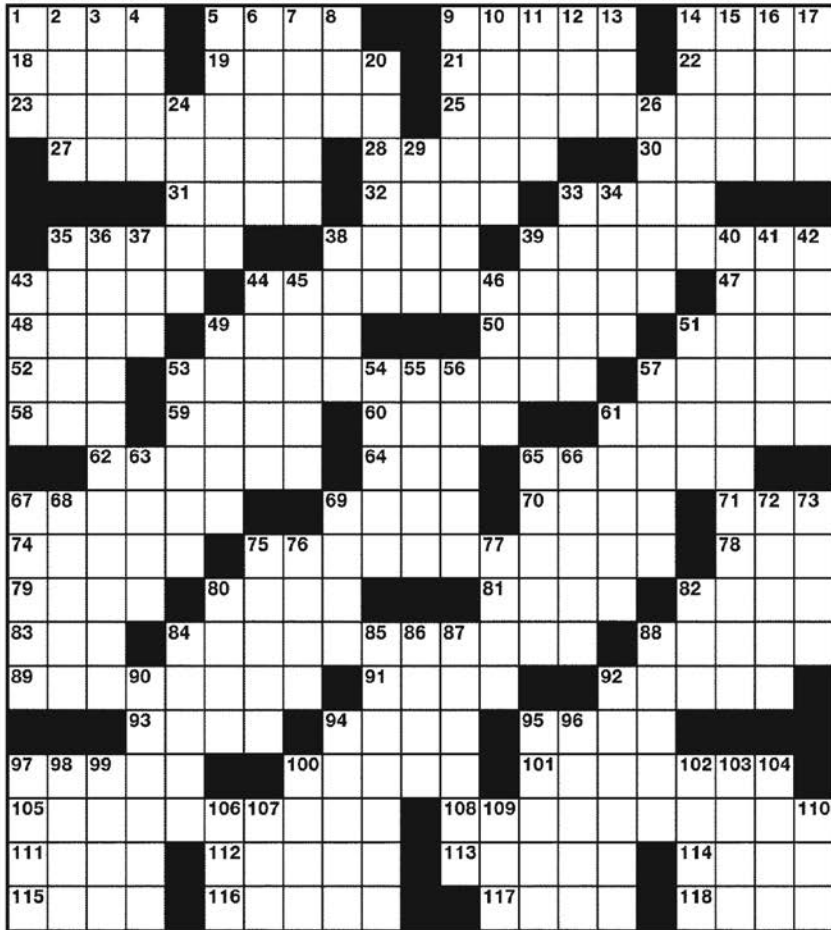
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61 people arrested for looting

Civil unrest peaked over the weekend, with looters ransacking Southern California businesses.

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey announced today that 61 people have been charged with crimes committed during protests in Los Angeles County over the past several days.

"I support the peaceful organized protests that already have brought needed attention to racial inequality throughout our society, including in the criminal justice system," District Attorney Lacey said. "I also have a constitutional and ethical duty to protect the public and prosecute people who loot and vandalize our community."

A majority of the charges filed over the past two days have been for looting. Other charges include assault and/or battery upon a peace officer, robbery, burglary, possession of a destructive device, identity theft and receiving stolen property.

Felony looting carries a possible maximum sentence of three years in county jail.

Additional cases are

expected to be presented this week by various law enforcement agencies for filing consideration. In some instances, people who were arrested over the past several days were cited and released. Those cases have not yet been presented.

In downtown Los Angeles, 11 people were charged with felonies, including looting, robbery and assault upon a peace officer.

Seventeen people were charged at the Airport Branch Court, which covers some of the western portions of Los Angeles County, including Santa Monica and Beverly Hills. The charges include felony looting, burglary and identity theft as well as misdemeanor looting and burglary.

Fifteen people were charged with felony looting, fleeing a pursuing peace officer's vehicle or attempted looting in Compton, while three people were charged with felony looting in Long Beach.

In Van Nuys, five people were

charged with felony looting. Six people were charged with felony looting or attempted looting in Norwalk and three people were charged with attempted looting in Torrance.

A 15-year-old youth has been charged in juvenile court with assault upon a peace officer.

In total, 11 cases were declined due to insufficient evidence, 19 referred back to law enforcement agencies for further investigation and 31 were referred to the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office for misdemeanor filing consideration.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some cases qualified for zero bail under the guidelines set forth by the Judicial Council of California. However, some looting cases might require bail since a state of emergency was declared in Los Angeles County.

The District Attorney's Office prosecutes all felonies in Los Angeles County and misdemeanors that occur in the unincorporated areas of the

county and in most cities.

These 10 cities prosecute misdemeanors that occur in their jurisdiction: Los Angeles, Long Beach, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Torrance, Burbank, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach.

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File Number 2020076131
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **D AND L SUPPLY, 14512 S. GARFIELD AVE., PARAMOUNT CA 90723, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **D & L PACKING SUPPLIES, INC., 14512 S. GARFIELD AVENUE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723**
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2000
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/D & L PACKING SUPPLIES, INC., VICE PRESIDENT, DANIEL DOHERTY
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business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2020
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S/DIANNA AYALA, PARTNER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2020083082
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **WINNETKA GROCERY OUTLET, 19718 SHERMAN WAY, WINNETKA CA 91306, LA COUNTY, 15719 DOWNEY AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 4310237
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **CMW-GO INC, 15719 DOWNEY AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723**
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/CMW-GO INC, CFO, MARTHA CAMPOS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 15, 2020
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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 19-37-02 FIRE STATION 2 MODERNIZATION & EXPANSION PROJECT and CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 19-37-04 FIRE STATION 4 MODERNIZATION & EXPANSION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of Downey until 11:00 am on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for Capital Improvement Projects 2 - 19-37-02 & 19-37-04 - Fire Station 2 Modernization and Expansion Project.

The Scope of Work to be performed under this Contract for Fire Station 2 includes an enlarged and improved Apparatus Bay; replacement of one (1) existing dorm room and four sleeping alcoves in a group dormitory space, a common shared bathroom and shower area, and shared locker room with seven (7) single occupancy dorm rooms sharing individual bathrooms at a typical ratio of 1 bathroom for every 2 dorm rooms; new modernized support spaces including exercise room, dayroom, kitchen, and separate dining area; refreshed exterior palette of metal panels, aluminum frame windows, and stucco, plus updated building graphics; and other miscellaneous related work in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 19-37- 02 - Fire Station 2 Modernization and Expansion Project, dated 1/11/19.

The Scope of Work to be performed under this Contract for Fire Station 4 includes an enlarged and improved Apparatus Bay; replacement of one (1) existing dorm room, a modest group dormitory space, two shared bathrooms and shower areas, and shared locker room with seven (7) single occupancy dorm rooms sharing individual bathrooms at a typical ratio of 1 bathroom for every 2 dorm rooms; new modernized support spaces including exercise room, dayroom, kitchen, and separate dining area; refreshed exterior palette of metal panels, aluminum frame windows, and stucco, plus updated building graphics; and other miscellaneous related work in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 19-37- 04 - Fire Station 4 Modernization and Expansion Project, dated 1/11/19.

Mandatory Bid Walk shall be required for all contractors bidding on this Project, failure to attend and formally sign the Attendance Sheet at the locations shall render the bidder non-responsive and its bid(s) shall be returned unopened.

Day / Date / Time of Mandatory Bid Walk:
Wednesday / June 10, 2020 / 10:00 am
1st Location: Fire Station #2 - 9556 Imperial Hwy., Downey, CA 90242
In front of Apparatus Bay Doors
2nd Location: Fire Station #4 - 9349 Florence Ave., Downey, CA 90240
In front of Apparatus Bay Doors

Plans and Specifications can be sent to you via email from the City of Downey's Project Coordination and Communication on-line internet portal, PROCORE. To obtain access to the Plans and Specifications via PROCORE, email Melanie Cazin mcazin@edencoinc.com with the Subject Line: "FIRE STATIONS 2 & 4".

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM(S) INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT NOS. 19-37-02 & 19-37-04. Each bid(s) shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid(s), promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid(s). The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.31. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid(s) and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid:

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In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

All Pre-Bid Requests for Information (RFI) shall be submitted ONLY from listed Mandatory Bid Walk attendees-general contractors and shall be in written form only and emailed to: mcazin@edencoinc.com (Melanie Cazin - Project Controls Manager).

Pre-Bid RFI's shall NOT be accepted nor responded to if received later than 12:00 pm on June 18, 2020. Pre-Bid RFI's shall not be responded to if submitted from general contractors not included on the Mandatory Bid Walk Attendee List. Phone inquiries shall not be accepted. The City may issue a clarification Addendum responding to the appropriately submitted Pre-Bid RFI's.

The estimated construction costs are \$3,100,000.00 for Fire Station #2 and \$3,400,000.00 for Fire Station #4.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA
Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC
City Clerk

The Downey Patriot
5/28/20, 6/4/20

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lynwood Unified School District, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as "District", will receive prior to **10:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of July, 2020** sealed bids for the award of a Contract for the following:

BID NO. CM-132020: LYNWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM DEMOLITION PROJECT

Scope of Work Overview

The Scope of Work shall include the completion of the Auditorium Building and associated sitework. Demolish, furnish and install all items shown in the plans and specifications for the subject project. The project scope includes abatement of hazardous materials and haul-off of all debris from site and capping of utilities currently serving this building. The Contract Time is 144 consecutive calendar days.

All bids shall be made and presented only on the forms presented by the District. Bids shall be received in written form at the Purchasing Dept. on the second floor of the District Office, 11321 Bullis Road, Lynwood, CA 90222 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place. Any bids received after the time specified above or after any extensions due to material changes shall be returned unopened.

This Project is being let in accordance with the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act ("UPCCAA") (specifically, the formal bidding procedures in Section 22032(c)).

Prequalification of Bidders

As a condition of bidding for this Project, and in accordance with California Public Contract Code section 20111.5, prospective bidders are required to submit to the District a completed set of prequalification documents on forms provided by the District. These documents will be the basis for determining which bidders are qualified to bid on this Project.

Bids will not be accepted if a Contractor has not been prequalified. Prequalification documents are available from Del Terra Construction Group, 13181 Crossroads Pkwy. N., Suite 540, City of Industry, CA 91746, upon request. Prequalification documents must be submitted by June 24, 2020 at noon [not less than five days prior to bid opening date]. Contractors will be notified by telephone, fax or by mail of their prequalification rating within a reasonable period of time after submission of their prequalification documents, but not less than one day prior to the bid opening date.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Job Walk on Friday, June 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.** in front of the Auditorium Building at Lynwood Middle School located at 12124 Bullis Road, Lynwood, CA 90262. Any Contractor bidding on the Project who fails to attend the entire mandatory job walk and conference will be deemed a non-responsive bidder and will have its bid returned unopened.

A link to download bid documents will be emailed at the end of the mandatory bid walk by Del Terra.

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code, and be licensed to perform the work called for in the Contract Documents. The successful bidder must possess a valid and active Class "C21" Building Moving, Demolition Contractor's License at the time of bid and throughout the duration of this Contract. The Contractor's

California State License number shall be clearly stated on the bidder's proposal.

Subcontractors shall be licensed pursuant to California law for the trades necessary to perform the Work called for in the Contract Documents.

In accordance with California Public Contract Code section 22300, the District will permit the substitution of securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract.

Each bidder's bid must be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: (1) cash; (2) a cashier's check made payable to the District; (3) a certified check made payable to the District; or (4) a bidder's bond executed by a California admitted surety as defined in Code of Civil Procedure section 995.120, made payable to the District in the form set forth in the Contract Documents. Such bidder's security must be in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of bid as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the proposed Contract, if the same is awarded to such bidder, and will provide the required Performance and Payment Bonds, insurance certificates and any other required documents. In the event of failure to enter into said Contract or provide the necessary documents, said security will be forfeited.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with the requirements set forth in Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 of the Labor Code which are available from the Director of the State of CA Department of Industrial Relations.

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in the Labor Code, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall furnish certified payroll records as required pursuant Labor Code section 1776. Monitoring and enforcement of the prevailing wage laws and related requirements will be performed by the Labor Commissioner/ Department of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE).

No bidder may withdraw any bid for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the date set for the opening of bids.

Separate payment and performance bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the total Contract amount, are required, and shall be provided to the District prior to execution of the Contract and shall be in the form set forth in the Contract Documents.

All bonds (Bid, Performance, and Payment) must be issued by a California admitted surety as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure section 995.120.

Where applicable, bidders must meet the requirements set forth in Public Contract Code section 10115 et seq., Military and Veterans Code section 999 et seq. and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 1896.60 et seq. regarding Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise ("DVB/E") Programs.

Any request for substitutions pursuant to Public Contract Code section 3400 must be made at the time of Bid on the Substitution Request Form set forth in the Contract Documents and included with the bid.

Inquiries shall be sent in writing to: Manuel Jaramillo, Program Manager, Del Terra Group, 13181 Crossroads Parkway North, Suite 540, City of Industry, CA 91746 Fax: 626-839-9307 or Email: mjaramillo@delterra.com.

No telephone or facsimile machine will be available to bidders on the District premises at any time.

It is each bidder's sole responsibility to ensure its bid is timely delivered and received at the location designated as specified above. Any bid received at the designated location after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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POETRY MATTERS

Riot (excerpts)

A riot is the language of the unheard.
—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fire.
That is their way of lighting candles in the darkness.
A White Philosopher said
'It is better to light one candle than curse the darkness.'
These candles cur—
inverting the deeps of the darkness.'

GUARD HERE, GUNS LOADED.

The young men run.
The children in ritual chatter
scatter upon
their Own and old geography.

The Law comes sirening across the town.
Lies are told and legends made.
Phoenix rises unafraid.

The Black Philosopher will remember:
"There they came to life and exulted,
the hurt mute.
Then it was over.

The dust, as they say, settled."


Gwendolyn Brooks, Broadside Press, 1969

Brooks wrote this poem in 1968 where riots broke out in Chicago after Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. The Watts Rebellion had occurred after the long hot summer of 1965. In 1992 riots followed the acquittal of four police officers of using excessive police force after Rodney King's beating. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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Zillow predicts small home price drop through rest of 2020



The continued economic fallout from the spread of COVID-19 has introduced immense uncertainty into the housing market as consumers step back from large purchases and social distancing puts a chill on necessary market services. As a result, Zillow expects home prices will most likely fall 2%-to-3% through the end of the year from pre-coronavirus levels, and home sales to fall as much as 60%, before both begin to slowly recover to baseline levels by the end of 2021.

The latest forecasts, based on published and proprietary macroeconomic and housing data, also include more pessimistic or optimistic projections based on the duration of the pandemic and the depth of its impact on the broader economy.

The forecasts center around a baseline prediction of a 4.9% decrease in United States GDP in 2020 and a subsequent 5.7% increase in 2021. Under the baseline scenario, we expect:

A 2%-3% drop in prices through the end of 2020, followed by a slow recovery throughout 2021. Prices will return to Q4 2019 levels by Q3 2021.

A 50% decline in home sales from their pre-coronavirus levels, as measured at the end of 2019. Home sales will bottom out in Q2 before beginning to improve near the end of Q2 2020.

Sales volume will recover to about 97% of Q4 2019 levels by the end of 2021.

The pace of recovery is what distinguishes our three scenarios from one another.

Each of our scenarios implies very different paths for home prices and sales volumes. Our optimistic scenario features a small dip in house prices in Q2-Q3 followed by a robust recovery. The baseline medium scenario features a U-shaped trough in Q4 followed by a slower recovery and our pessimistic scenario features continued weakness

through all of 2021 (more of a "long U" shape). Under our more-optimistic assumptions, the market could experience a fast, V-shaped "snapback" similar to what happened in the Hong Kong real estate market after the 2003 SARS outbreak. The medium scenario features a "check-mark" shaped recovery and our pessimistic scenario features more of a "wide-U" recovery, with a longer bottom and more gradual pace of improvement.

At time of publication, we believe the medium scenario to be the most likely outcome, followed by the pessimistic scenario and then the optimistic scenario. These scenarios and our assessment of their likelihoods are open to revision and will be revisited periodically as more information regarding the timing, scale and success of relaxed social-distancing measures, among other factors, is released.

How Did We Get Here?

The housing market was beginning to heat up at the end of 2019 and into early 2020. Home price appreciation had begun to reaccelerate after a fairly tepid 2019. Sentiment across most market participants (buyers, sellers, lenders, homebuilders) were all at or near their survey highs. Sales volume and construction levels were both rising at an increased rate. Mortgage delinquency rates were near all-time lows, and record-low for-sale inventory was fueling competition for the few homes on the market.

In addition to a generally

strong housing market, the broader U.S. economy was also showing signs of strength, despite some looming concerns. The labor market was riding high: The overall unemployment rate was 3.5%, tied for its lowest level in 50 years; an average of 224,000 jobs were created in the three months ending February 2020; and labor force participation was near a seven-year high. The manufacturing sector, which struggled through much of 2019, was beginning to recover as global tensions (trade war, Brexit etc.) eased and simplified. And consumer spending levels remained steady through February.

Of course, not everything was perfect. Corporate debt levels have risen markedly in recent years, and the quality of debt was beginning to be questioned even before the pandemic. Non-financial corporate debt securities and loans increased to almost 47% of GDP in the last quarter of 2019, up from a post-recession low of 40% in Q4 2010. As of January, only two U.S. companies (Microsoft and Johnson & Johnson) had AAA debt ratings — indicating the highest level of credit-worthiness. Businesses were also scaling back on investments in capital, suggesting they viewed their longer-term prospects as tenuous. Manufacturers' spending on nondefense capital goods was lower in February 2020 (\$68.8B) than it was in February 2012 (\$69.7B), despite eight years of economic expansion. And ten years into a record-long economic expansion, the key Federal funds rate as set by the Federal Reserve was very low, leaving the Fed with less wiggle room than usual to stimulate the economy in the case of a downturn.

Even before the onset of the crisis, these factors combined to somewhat dampen our forward-looking outlook. But in general, macroeconomic conditions were sturdy heading into the spring. And this relatively strong economy, coupled with strong demand from home buyers and relatively friendly buying conditions thanks to low

mortgage interest rates, meant the housing market was well-positioned for a strong spring selling season.

But over the course of just a few weeks, that all got turned on its head. More than 30 million (and counting) unemployment insurance claims have been filed since the middle of March, representing about one-sixth of all previously employed people counted in the March jobs report. Retail sales levels plummeted in March, falling 8.7% from February, the biggest one-month decline since the Commerce Department began tracking the data in 1992.

Industrial production fell 5.4% over the same period, the largest one-month decline since the 1940s.

These and other disruptions have been shocking in both their speed and scale. But even so, we believe many of them to be transitory and will be addressed as the economy opens up again.

In creating this forecast, we relied heavily on macroeconomic forecasts created by Goldman Sachs and the International Monetary Fund, both of which call for a 5%-to-6% decline in GDP in 2020, followed by a 4.5%-to-5.5% increase in

GDP in 2021. A number of high-frequency data points published by Goldman Sachs offering insight into many industries and sectors, including housing, also allowed our team to make frequent updates to our outlook based on hard, industry-specific data.



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3 bedroom single level home, 3 bathrooms, 1,745 sq. ft. living space, large formal living room and dining room



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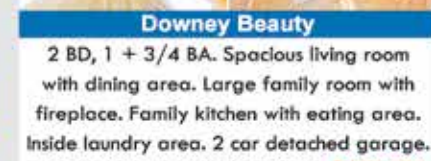
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• 2 car attached garage
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• 2,515 sq. ft. 16,714 sq. ft. lot
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