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## Recall organizers say they have enough signatures

■ More than 4,000 people signed a petition to recall Downey Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez.

Her criminal convictions for welfare fraud and shoplifting were made public after she was elected.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - The recall effort against Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez pushed forward in its attempt to oust Downey's District 3 representative, turning in its signatures ahead of schedule earlier this week, setting the stage for a recall election.

Campaign volunteers handed 4,016 signatures over to the city clerk on Tuesday, surpassing the 3,454 it needed before its Jan. 5 deadline.

The signatures were tallied by city clerk Alicia Duarte upon submission. They will also need to be verified by the LA County Registrar-Recorder's office within 30 days.

Should the number of signatures be deemed sufficient, then the matter will come back to the City Council, which then has 14 days to call for a special election. Should they fail to do so, the county would have five days to schedule the election.

The election would need to take place between 88 and 125 days after that order is called.

According to the city charter, the initial vote would only be to recall Alvarez or not; there would be no candidates attached to the

ballot.

After the initial recall vote, if Alvarez is removed, then prospective candidates could file to run to serve the over two years remaining of her term.

Morale was high with recallers.

"We are energized; we feel we are doing the community a big service with everybody that thanks us for doing what we were doing," said Dorothy Pemberton. "It's going to be a monumental time in our history, but we're doing it for the best possible reasons: Good decision makers in crucial seats to make good judgements for Downey."

According to former mayor Mario Guerra, this is the first time in Downey's history that a council person faces a recall.

"We've never had such an unethical council person on there with this kind of history," said Guerra. "What happened is the voters, once they found out, these amazing people that are passionate about our community went out there and got the signatures to put this on the ballot."

"That shows you love of community. They're not getting paid; this is a volunteer situation. I've never seen a more dedicated group of passionate people, only for the love of their city."

Since serving Alvarez recall papers last July, the recall committee has maintained that its motivation for seeking Alvarez's removal stems from her not disclosing her criminal history to voters while running for office.

Alvarez has been arrested

numerous times, including convictions for welfare fraud and shoplifting, none of which was publicly revealed before the November 2020 election.

The recall committee released a statement to the Downey Patriot, saying in part:

"Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez didn't disclose her criminal record before running for office and the recall election will give voters the opportunity to vote to remove her, now being fully informed of her past."

"She hid her criminal record from the public because she knew Downey residents would never have voted for her knowing she was convicted, and pled guilty, of welfare fraud; has a lifetime ban from Michael's at Downey Landing for shoplifting; and had two warrants for her arrest. Her evictions and bankruptcies do not factor into the recall although it does show a moral indifference."

"Our mission was simple: inform Downey voters of Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez's criminal record and give them a chance to remove her now that they know the facts and her true character is exposed. An election to do just that will now happen."

In a statement, Alvarez called attempts to recall her an attack.

"This recall effort is an attack on the voters that democratically elected me to represent them in November 2020. That the political machine that I defeated is unwilling to respect the voters' wishes and is now spending thousands of dollars to undo their decision. These dirty tactics are going to cost Downey taxpayers several thousands of dollars."



Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez at the Havana Nights concert last year. (City of Downey photo)

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Sunday 70°

### THINGS TO DO



**Ronald Reagan Museum All Weekend**  
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Last chance to see "Christmas Around the World," an exhibit featuring 26 Christmas trees representing 26 countries. Other exhibits include "FBI - From Al Capone to Al-Qaeda" and "The Secrets of WWII."

### ON THIS DAY JANUARY 6

**1412**

According to tradition, Joan of Arc was born in Domremy, France.

**1759**

George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married.

**1838**

Samuel Morse first publicly demonstrated his telegraph, in Morristown, N.J.

**1919**

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States, died in Oyster Bay, N.Y., at age 60.

**1945**

George H.W. Bush married Barbara Pierce in Rye, N.Y.

**1993**

Jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie died at age 75.

**1994**

Figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the right leg in an assault planned by the ex-husband of her rival, Tonya Harding.



**2005**

Former Ku Klux Klan leader Edgar Ray Killen was arrested 41 years after three civil rights workers were slain in Mississippi. (Killen was later convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 60 years in prison.)

**2021**

Supporters of U.S. President Donald Trump attacked the United States Capitol to disrupt certification of the 2020 presidential election, resulting in five deaths and evacuation of the US Congress.



### Birthdays

Hall of fame college football coach **Lou Holtz** (85), actor and comedian **Rowan Atkinson** (67), retired basketball player **Gilbert Arenas** (40) and comedian **Kate McKinnon** (38).

## Downey mayor announces candidacy for State Assembly



■ Mayor Blanca Pacheco is making a bid for the newly-drawn 64th District.

**DOWNEY** - Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco on Wednesday formally entered the race to represent the newly-drawn 64th State Assembly District.

As mayor, Pacheco already represents the largest city in the new 64th, with Downey encompassing 24% of the district.

She has been endorsed by L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn and La Habra Mayor Jose Medrano.

"California is at a significant crossroads," said Pacheco. "After two years of this pandemic, it's clear that we need leaders in the state legislature who have a deep understanding of the many challenges that people across the newly drawn 64th district grapple with on a daily basis. While our state has navigated this reality better than others, the fact remains that we can and we must do more."

"I'm running for the State Assembly to be a voice, an advocate on behalf of, and a fighter for, the people of the 64th Assembly District. In Sacramento, I'll stand up for

working people, create more good paying middle class jobs, invest more in public schools to ensure our students receive a world class education, expand affordable housing, urgently address the climate crisis and ensure affordable and accessible healthcare for every Californian.

"I am hopeful and optimistic about California's future, and I know that together, we can build a stronger, fairer and more just state for all people across the 64th Assembly District."

The new 64th district replaces the current 58th district, which is represented

by Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia, who is vacating the seat in an effort to replace retiring Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard in Congress.

The newly-drawn district encompasses Downey, Bell Gardens, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada, La Habra and portions of unincorporated Whittier.

"We need Mayor Blanca Pacheco in the State Assembly," said Supervisor Hahn. "When it comes to fighting for the people she represents, Blanca brings heart, courage, and most importantly, unyielding, undeterred determination. I know Blanca will be an effective leader on behalf of the new 64th State Assembly District. I am proud to endorse Blanca Pacheco for State Assembly."

Pacheco also has early support from La Habra mayor Jose Medrano.

"I am thrilled to endorse Blanca because I know she will be a fighter for every community, every neighborhood and all people across this new district," he said. "Blanca is highly-qualified, well-prepared and profoundly equipped to be a champion for the people of AD-64."

Pacheco, an attorney by trade, was elected to the Downey City Council in 2016, becoming the first Latina to serve on the council. In 2019, she became the first Latina to serve as Downey mayor.

She is a graduate of

Downey High School. Pacheco graduated from UCLA in 1996, with a bachelor's in Political Science and a specialization in Chicano/a Studies. She went on to graduate from Loyola Law School and passed the California State Bar Exam in 2003.

Pacheco is active in serving her community. She is a past president of the Kiwanis Club of Downey, and was recognized by Assemblymember Garcia as Woman of the Year in 2016. In 2019, she was inducted into Downey High School's Hall of Fame as an "exemplary civic leader."

As an attorney, she provided pro bono services through various legal organizations, including the Southeast District Bar Association and the Mexican American Bar Association. She was also instrumental in bringing Teen Court, an alternative program for youth offenders, to Downey.

As an elected official, she is immediate past president of the League of California Cities Los Angeles Division, becoming the first elected official from Downey to serve in this capacity. She also serves on the League of California Cities' state board as an at-large director.

The Pacheco for Assembly campaign website is forthcoming. In the meantime, for campaign updates, residents are invited to follow her on Twitter at @BlancaNPacheco.



# Leslie Murray makes history as Downey police chief

■ A Downey native, she becomes the first female police chief in Downey history.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Leslie Murray officially took the reins as Downey’s police chief this week.

Growing up in the cities of Bellflower and Norwalk, Murray eventually found herself within Downey Unified School District in the 8th grade. She would go on to complete her secondary education within Downey, ultimately graduating from Downey High School in 1986.

Murray pursued higher learning at California State University, Long Beach, earning a bachelor’s degree in sociology in 1990.

At the time, a career in law enforcement was the last thing on her mind.

“Right up until the end, I really didn’t know what I wanted to do; I had no idea what I wanted to do,” said Murray. “People kept asking me ‘What are you going to do with a sociology degree,’ and I really didn’t know.”

“Some of the course work that I took was juvenile delinquency, law enforcement related, and that’s what kind of sparked my interest, but I still didn’t really have an idea what jobs were available, what career paths I might take.”

It truly wasn’t until her last semester of college that a fellow classmate – an Orange County Sheriff’s Deputy – pushed her to pursue a career in law enforcement.

“I never really seen too many women in law enforcement, especially where I live and work,” said Murray. “You know, I’m kind of small, I’m a female...He assured me, ‘Oh no, there’s a lot

of women who work at Orange County that work the jails, that are on patrol. They’re all different sizes and shapes. You ought to look into it.”

“From there on that’s where I started researching, and pretty much never looked back.”

Murray graduated in May. By August she was in the LA County Sheriff’s Academy.

Joining Downey PD in 1990 and having never left, Murray describes Downey as the “perfect fit.”

“If you’re going to give back to the community, what better way to do it than to give the one that served you,” said Murray. “I went to schools here, I had amazing teachers at Downey High School, my first part-time job was at the Broadway in Downey...but then I also had a part-time job over at Downey High School working on a work program.”

“I just never really left.”

Murray added that there was also a sense of familiarity.

“The other thing that pulled me to Downey was having grown up here, I knew people who had become police officers that I had gone to high school with or worked with, and so I already kind of had that pull to Downey.”

Her younger brother worked with DPD. Even her husband – which whom she married early in her career – was a sergeant in the department.

“I had the family ties. I had community ties. I had friends who worked here,” said Murray. “It’s continued to be that same family environment working here.”

Murray describes herself as “driven,” so her ascension through the ranks should come as no surprise.

“I had aspirations of doing the best job I could do; I guess that’s the best way to say it,” said Murray. “I never really saw



Photo by Alex Dominguez

anything that would get in my way, I just wanted to come to work and do a good job. I wanted to do well in this profession.”

Murray would work patrol for a few years before eventually being selected to work the detective bureau, where she would conduct sex crime and child abuse investigations.

“That was difficult,” said Murray. “I did it for three years, and three years was about max.”

“It’s some heavy stuff you deal with. You really have so much empathy for people...You feel like it’s a very worthwhile thing that you’re doing, but those kinds of cases stick with you.”

Murray moved on to

community relations and training before promoting to sergeant in 2000, and then on to lieutenant for 10 years.

She was promoted to captain in 2018, overseeing the Detective Bureau.

Murray was the first female sergeant in department history. Then the first female lieutenant. Then the first female captain. She is now the first female chief.

It’s a distinction that Murray admits she has “mixed feelings” about.

“You always want to be recognized for who you are and what you bring to the plate,” said Murray. “You want to be recognized for your strengths, for

your abilities, not necessarily just because you’re a woman.”

However, it was former police chief John Finch – after promoting Murray to sergeant – that taught her that “it’s not just about you.”

“He took me aside and said, ‘Listen, it’s not just about you. It’s about getting your face out there for other women; we want more women to be involved in the department. It brings more balance to the agency, it’s good for the department,’” she said.

Still, Murray hopes that one day women will promote and “not be the first.”

“I want it to be the norm, where it doesn’t matter who you

are, what color, what gender, it’s just that you’re the best person for the job,” said Murray. “I think we’re at a place now where we’re so diverse, especially our department.”

“When I started here, we had three or four women, and now I think we have 19. It’s becoming more the norm.”

There have been plenty of hard discussions over the last several years around police enforcement, especially surrounding funding, transparency, and ethics.

Murray believes however that the core job and role of the police has not wavered.

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**Downey Theatre presents:**

**Upcoming Events...**

January 8th - 7:30 PM  
**The Edwards Twins presents: "Cher, Elton, Dolly, Streisand"**

January 22nd - 8:00 PM  
**Downey Symphony presents: "Third Time's the Charm"**

January 23rd - 2:00 PM  
**The Dance Co. presents: "Stars 2022"**

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- **February 16**  
Consideration of Vote on Revised Trustee Areas (if needed)
- **February 28**  
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# From Downey High to Downey police

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"I think if you look at policing historically, we've seen changes over the decades and it's become obviously more transparent," said Murray. "At Downey at least, we've had cameras on our cars for 20 years now."

"We've had all these different changes over the years, but the core job is the same: we're always going to be first responders, we're always going to be the agency that people look to. When bad things are happening, they want to be able to call the police and we show up. We're always going to do that."

She added that the responsibilities of police have expanded, and that seeking assistance from other partners may provide a better solution to how DPD navigates difficult situations.

"We've seen the expansion of our role into mental health situations, into the homeless, drug addiction has been a problem for years. We have all those different hats that we wear, and I think we're moving towards more specialized policing and bringing

other partners in," said Murray. "Here at the police department in Downey, we brought in mental health clinicians from LA County. We've been doing that for years, and they ride in partnership with a police officer, and we're open to that. I think we provide a better service that way."

"We're open to those kinds of changes. I think we can always provide better services in different ways. We're still going to have some of the same challenges that we have now, but I think moving forward we're always going to try and do our best to adapt to situations."

Murray says that the department's strength lies within its people.

"We have always had very high standards for the folks that we bring on to the department," said Murray. "We look for people who are of good moral character, who are good decision makers, good critical thinkers."

"There are no perfect people, but we're looking for people who have that strong character, and then we build from that."

This ties into her immediate goal to continue the hiring of

more officers and development of its current staff.

"We have three people retiring at the end of this month, and we'll have some retirements next year," said Murray. "For us, it's about bringing on good people to replace those positions."

"We have a really young department too, a lot of our officers have been hired in the last five years, a good number of them. For me, it's continuing to develop those people so that every step of the way we have people in place to take over those next positions. Succession planning is really important, and especially important for our department right now having such a young staff. When you lose people, you lose institutional knowledge, and it's important to develop people."

Murray said she is "humbled" to be the next chief.

"It's a very proud moment for me," said Murray. "For the community, I just promise to give them my best effort to be responsive to their needs, and to provide the best public safety services that I can."



Photo by Alex Dominguez

# At Downey Cemetery, all 350 veterans receive wreaths in time for Christmas

**DOWNEY** - Last month, for the first time ever, Downey Cemetery participated in Wreaths Across America, placing wreaths on the headstones of all 350 veterans buried there.

Downey Cemetery is the final resting place for 350 U.S. military veterans, some dating back to the Civil War era.

Across the country at more than 2,700 participating cemeteries like Downey, there

were millions of Americans gathering safely as one nation to remember, honor and teach.

Comments made by Downey Cemetery Board Chair and former Mayor Mario A. Guerra reflect the sentiments of the day.

"We are all proud to be Americans that live in a free society made up of many people, from many walks of life," Guerra said. "The

freedoms we enjoy today have not come without a price. Lying here before us and in cemeteries throughout this nation are men and women who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom and without fear."

The day started with a prayer by Cemetery Board Trustee and also former Mayor Rick Rodriguez.

"Let us start with a moment of silence to remember the

fallen, prisoners of war, those missing in action and honor those who have served and are serving this great nation's armed services," he said.

Chairman Guerra finished with these comments: "Today, we show a united front of gratitude and respect across the country as we remember the fallen, honor those who serve and their families, and teach the next generation the value of freedom.

"We encourage every volunteer here today, who places a wreath on a veteran's grave, to say that veteran's name aloud and take a moment to thank them for their service to our country. It's a small act that goes a long way toward keeping the memory of our veterans alive.

"Remember, we are not here today to 'decorate graves.' We are here to remember not their deaths,

but their lives. Each wreath is a gift of appreciation from a grateful America. Thank you to all the volunteers joining us today."

Volunteers who helped place wreaths included youth groups, and several veteran groups including the American Legion and the Daughters of the American Revolution who also helped support the purchase of the wreaths.

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# Downey Rotary joins fight against human trafficking

■ The Downey service club has made putting a stop to human trafficking one of its priorities.

**DOWNEY** – Youngsters in California are constantly being charmed and then harmed, into sex trafficking and labor trafficking.

Human trafficking is second only to drug trafficking, and brings millions of dollars to the traffickers, while they enslave and abuse their victims. This January, Rotary is stepping up to help solve the problem.

Cozette Vergari is heading the project. Downey Rotarians know her as the District Governor 2016-17. Cozette is an amazing woman. A member of the State Bar of California, she is trained in mediation, but before her career in law, she made her living in the performing arts, and owned three dance studios.

When she visited Downey in 2017, Cozette told the Rotary Club that her biggest dream and the most daunting project she has ever tackled, is the problem of child sex trafficking, in this District. "It's right in your own backyard," she said. Now Cozette is leading District 5280's Human Trafficking Task Force, in partnership with Homeland Security.

The first step in solving a problem like human trafficking is becoming aware of it. Rotary along with the California Rotary Human Trafficking Prevention Campaign, and non-governmental organizations to assist victims, intends to raise awareness during the entire month of January.

They want to encourage all Californians to help spread the word because Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco are three of the top 10 cities in America with the most reported cases of this criminal activity. Children whose average age is 13 are being used over and over for prostitution, which is now Big Business.

Child exploitation is so much more lucrative than selling drugs ever was, the organized gangs and crime syndicates are finding out. A drug can only be sold once. But an enslaved child can be sold over and over a thousand times a year. Young children are being brutalized, while monsters profit in the millions from this exploitation. But, how can there be slavery in our "free" society?

The choice of January comes because the Emancipation Proclamation, which President Lincoln issued on January 1, 1863, declared freedom for 3.1 million enslaved at the time, officially outlawing slavery and involuntary servitude in the United States. Yet we find that it continues.

The campaign is intended not only to raise awareness, but to plant the seeds of hope for victims and survivors of this horrific injustice and brutality.

The U.S. State Department reports, of known cases, 96% of the victims are female, 82% are trafficked for sex and 50% of those trafficked are minor children with an average age of 12.

Labor trafficking involves luring young people into "jobs," domestic work that turns out to be virtual slavery, or field labor or sweat shops where they cannot escape.

Rotary is working with C.A.S.T., The Coalition Against Slave Trafficking. The survivors are seeking a way out, and into an environment where they can thrive. As a nonprofit dedicated to assisting



Cozette Vergari

victims of this horrific crime, C.A.S.T. provides vocational training for victims of human trafficking, and is open to clients of all nonprofits in the Los Angeles region, assisting these survivors.

What can you do locally? Here in Los Angeles, there will be a non-competitive 5K run/walk on Jan. 16 to raise awareness. You can join with ultra-sport athlete, Rob DeCou, who met the Uberman Challenge last October.

Rob DeCou made the 556-mile swim/cycle/run in a one-week triathlon to raise awareness and funds to assist survivors of human trafficking. He completed a 21-mile swim from Catalina Island to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, then a 400-mile, 48-hour bike ride, to Death Valley, finishing with the 135-mile hike to the Portal of Mr. Whitney, plus another 11 trail miles to its summit. People supported the cause by pledging dollars for every mile Rob completed.

This January's run/walk event is easier, and you can join in and contribute by visiting the Rotarians Fighting Human Trafficking website. Entry fees and pledges will go toward assisting victims.

If you suspect human trafficking, don't confront the traffickers. You can report it to federal law enforcement by calling 1-800-347-2423.

What more can you do, personally? Tuesday Jan. 11 has been designated as the day to wear blue, to show your support. On #WearBlueDay, the public is invited to take photos of themselves, friends, family, and colleagues wearing blue clothing and share them on social media - Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, along with the #WearBlueDay hashtag.

## DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

**Ronald Reagan Library**, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Join other Downey residents in a trip to the Ronald Reagan Library, which is currently exhibiting "FBI: From Al Capone to Al Qaeda." \$30. Ages 18 and up, pre-registration required at the Barbara J. Riley and Community Center.

**Keep Downey Beautiful**, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Western Pacific Pulp, 9400 Hall Rd.

**Kids Zone**, 11 am to 12 pm. Kids are invited to create a snowflake craft to take home at this free event hosted by Stonewood Center. Children will also receive a collector's pin and special lanyard. JCPenney, 251 Stonewood Street

**The Edwards Twins**, 7:30 pm. Anthony and Eddie Edwards use state of the art make-up to look and sound like the superstars of today and yesterday, including Cher, Elton John, Dolly Parton and Barbra Streisand. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

**Book Club**, 12 pm. Bring your lunch and join a lively discussion of "Anxious People" by Fredrik Backman. Free. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

**Downey Symphony Concert**, 8 pm. The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs Mozart's Overture to Don Giovanni, George Walker's Lyric for Strings, and Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances, plus a special performance of Beethoven's Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano in C Major with Carolyn Osborn on violin, Dane Little on Cello, and an artist to be announced on piano. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

**Stars 2022**, 2 pm. The Dance Company presents its winter production, showcasing its new contemporary lyrical, musical theatre, ballet, a sneak peek of its competitive dances, as well as a Nutcracker encore. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

**Downey Coordinating Council**, 11:30 am. Eric Pierce speaks about the Downey Patriot and the importance of community journalism. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**Kiwanis Meeting**, 6 pm. Larry Cunningham (Downey High School class of 2003) speaks about his career as a professional basketball player and being inducted into the UC Riverside Hall of Fame. Cost is \$22. Hosted by Downey Kiwanis at Frantone's Pizza, 9148 Telegraph Rd.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**Father-Con**, 10 am. Hear from guest speakers on topics such as human trafficking, cyber safety, foster care, masculinity, the importance of father figures, the dangers of pornography, dealing with sexual hurt, dating, divorce, and more. Register at father-con.org. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

**Pechanga Casino**, 9 am to 7:30 pm. Join other Downey residents in a trip to Pechanga Casino. On the way home, the bus will stop at Tom's Farm for shopping. \$15. Ages 21 and up, pre-registration required at the Barbara J. Riley and Community Center.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**Book Club**, 12 pm. Bring your lunch and join a lively discussion of "In Five Years" by Rebecca Serle. Free. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**A Cappella Competition**, 7 pm. The western quarterfinals of the Varsity Vocals International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella. Featuring collegiate a cappella groups from California, this event's top two champions will move on to perform at the ICCA West Semifinal in Salem, Oregon against 8 other regional qualifying groups. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**Keep Downey Beautiful**, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Bob's Big Boy, 7400 Firestone Blvd.

**Recruitment Expo**, 10 am to 3:30 pm. Interested in a summer job with Downey's Parks & Recreation Department? Attend this expo to learn more. 7810 Quill Dr.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

**Book Club**, 12 pm. Bring your lunch and join a lively discussion of "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. Free. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

**Back to Football Night**, 7 pm. A celebration of the upcoming Downey Razorbacks football season. Discounts for returning players on this date only. Parley Johnson House, 7749 Florence Ave.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 19

**Arc Walk for Independence**, 8 am. After a one-year hiatus, the Arc Walk returns to raise money for The Arc Los Angeles & Orange Counties. Register at www.theardoc.org or call Yolanda Chavez at (626) 862-3915.

**Keep Downey Beautiful**, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. 9901 Paramount Blvd. (near See's Candy)

**Kiwanis Car Show**, 9 am to 2 pm. Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis' second annual car show, featuring vintage automobiles, food trucks, live music, raffles, and more. \$20 to enter a car, free to the public. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20

**Beauty & the Beast Sing-Along**, 2 pm. This interactive presentation of Disney's favorite classic has been customized with on-screen lyrics for all the songs so that audiences can sing along. Your hosts will introduce each performance and in addition, goody bags are available for purchase and audience members are encouraged to participate. Add to the fun by dressing up as a favorite character from the film. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

**Willy Chirino**, 8 pm. Combining the musical traditions of Cuba with American rock and jazz, Cuba-born and South Florida-based vocalist and bandleader Willy Chirino helped to create the "Miami sound" of salsa music. The composer of more than 100 songs, Chirino's material has been covered by a lengthy list of artists. First of two concerts. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

**City of STEM Kick-Off Festival**. City of STEM returns in-person, starting with this kick-off festival featuring booths, activities, performances, and panels provided by STEM organizations throughout the Los Angeles area, including colleges and universities, museums, learning centers, libraries, science clubs, and many more.

Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

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### FRIDAY, APRIL 8

**Fiesta Casino**, 6-10 pm. Save the date for Downey Kiwanis' annual casino night fundraiser, taking place this year at the Azar Event Center, 12215 Slauson Ave., in Santa Fe Springs.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 9

**Keep Downey Beautiful**, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Grocery Outlet, 8320 Firestone Blvd.

**Downey Symphony Concert**, 8 pm. The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs Bernstein's Overture to Candide, Pinar Toprak's "Open World" from Captain Marvel, Ives' Variations on "America," and Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from West Side Story. Plus a percussion concerto with Wesley Sumpter. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 10

**Grease Sing-Along**, 7 pm. Hand jive in the aisles, enjoy specialty treats and drinks and get ready to fall in love with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John all over again as you sing along to "You're the One That I Want," "Beauty School Dropout," "Summer Nights" and all of the film's big hits. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

**Book Club**, 12 pm. Bring your lunch and join a lively discussion of "Bewilderment" by Richard Powers. Free. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

**Brunch with the Bunny**, 9:30 am to 1 pm. Pancake breakfast, games, vendors, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Golden Park, 8840 Golden Ave.

### SUNDAY, MAY 8

**Mariachi Los Camperos**, 4 pm. Two-Time Grammy award winner Mariachi Los Camperos originated in 1961 and played a fundamental role in the development of Mariachi music in the United States and was the first to take the Mariachi performances out of customary locations such as cantinas and into concert halls. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SATURDAY, MAY 14

**Keep Downey Beautiful**, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

### SATURDAY, MAY 21

**Carpenters Legacy Concert**, 8 pm. A recreation of The Carpenters' 1976 UK tour, starring Sally Olson and Ned Mills. Plus a special tribute to Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

**Keep Downey Beautiful**, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Big Lots, 9020 Firestone Blvd.

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## I fear for our democracy

By Jimmy Carter

One year ago, a violent mob, guided by unscrupulous politicians, stormed the Capitol and almost succeeded in preventing the democratic transfer of power. All four of us former presidents condemned their actions and affirmed the legitimacy of the 2020 election. There followed a brief hope that the insurrection would shock the nation into addressing the toxic polarization that threatens our democracy.

However, one year on, promoters of the lie that the election was stolen have taken over one political party and stoked distrust in our electoral systems. These forces exert power and influence through relentless disinformation, which continues to turn Americans against Americans. According to the Survey Center on American Life, 36 percent of Americans — almost 100 million adults across the political spectrum — agree that “the traditional American way of life is disappearing so fast that we may have to use force to save it.” The Washington Post recently reported that roughly 40 percent of Republicans believe that violent action against the government is sometimes justified.

Politicians in my home state of Georgia, as well as in others, such as Texas and Florida, have leveraged the distrust they have created to enact laws that empower partisan legislatures to intervene in election processes. They seek to win by any means, and many Americans are being persuaded to think and act likewise, threatening to collapse the foundations of our security and democracy with breathtaking speed. I now fear that what we have fought so hard to achieve globally — the right to free, fair elections, unhindered by strongman politicians who seek nothing more than to grow their own power — has become dangerously fragile at home.

I personally encountered this threat in my own backyard in 1962,

when a ballot-stuffing county boss tried to steal my election to the Georgia State Senate. This was in the primary, and I challenged the fraud in court. Ultimately, a judge invalidated the results, and I won the general election. Afterward, the protection and advancement of democracy became a priority for me. As president, a major goal was to institute majority rule in southern Africa and elsewhere.

After I left the White House and founded the Carter Center, we worked to promote free, fair and orderly elections across the globe. I led dozens of election observation missions in Africa, Latin America and Asia, starting with Panama in 1989, where I put a simple question to administrators: “Are you honest officials or thieves?” At each election, my wife, Rosalynn, and I were moved by the courage and commitment of thousands of citizens walking miles and waiting in line from dusk to dawn to cast their first ballots in free elections, renewing hope for themselves and their nations and taking their first steps to self-governance. But I have also seen how new democratic systems — and sometimes even established ones — can fall to military juntas or power-hungry despots. Sudan and Myanmar are two recent examples.

For American democracy to endure, we must demand that our leaders and candidates uphold the ideals of freedom and adhere to high standards of conduct.

First, while citizens can disagree on policies, people of all political stripes must agree on fundamental constitutional principles and norms of fairness, civility and respect for the rule of law. Citizens should be able to participate easily in transparent, safe and secure electoral processes. Claims of election irregularities should be submitted in good faith for adjudication by the courts, with all participants agreeing to accept the findings. And the election process should be conducted peacefully, free of intimidation and violence.

Second, we must push for reforms that ensure the security and accessibility of our elections and ensure public confidence in the accuracy of results. Phony claims of illegal voting and pointless multiple audits only detract from democratic ideals.

Third, we must resist the polarization that is reshaping our identities around politics. We must focus on a few core truths: that we are all human, we are all Americans and we have common hopes for our communities and our country to thrive. We must find ways to re-engage across the divide, respectfully and constructively, by holding civil conversations with family, friends and co-workers and standing up collectively to the forces dividing us.

Fourth, violence has no place in our politics, and we must act urgently to pass or strengthen laws to reverse the trends of character assassination, intimidation and the presence of armed militias at events. We must protect our election officials — who are trusted friends and neighbors of many of us — from threats to their safety. Law enforcement must have the power to address these issues and engage in a national effort to come to terms with the past and present of racial injustice.

Lastly, the spread of disinformation, especially on social media, must be addressed. We must reform these platforms and get in the habit of seeking out accurate information. Corporate America and religious communities should encourage respect for democratic norms, participation in elections and efforts to counter disinformation.

Our great nation now teeters on the brink of a widening abyss. Without immediate action, we are at genuine risk of civil conflict and losing our precious democracy. Americans must set aside differences and work together before it is too late.

*Jimmy Carter was the 39th president of the United States.*

## Russia is not our greatest rival

By Patrick Buchanan

While all facts are true, not all facts are relevant.

And what are the relevant facts in this crisis where 100,000 Russian troops are now stationed along the Ukrainian border?

Fact one: There is not now and never has been a vital U.S. interest in Ukraine to justify risking a war with Russia.

History tells us that. Even as Ukraine was suffering in the Stalin-induced Holodomor, the terror-famine of 1932-33, President Franklin Roosevelt granted diplomatic recognition to the Bolshevik regime.

During four decades of Cold War, the U.S. never regarded Moscow’s control of Ukraine as any threat to the USA.

President Joe Biden was thus right to rule out military action in response to any Russian incursion or invasion of Ukraine.

Moreover, as it is declared U.S. policy not to retaliate militarily to an invasion of Ukraine, Biden should make it clear that Ukrainian membership in NATO is a closed question.

Not going to happen.

Ukraine is not going to be invited to join NATO and be given Article 5 U.S. war guarantees that are the primary benefit of membership.

Hence, with U.S. negotiations with Moscow over Ukraine impending, what is the state of play?

Russia is demanding that the U.S. give formal assurances that Ukraine and Georgia will never be admitted to NATO, and no nation bordering Russia will ever accept offensive NATO weapons that could imperil Russia’s security.

If Moscow cannot get such assurances that Ukraine will never become a member of NATO, Russian President Vladimir Putin warns, Russia may invade and occupy Ukraine to neutralize that threat.

The U.S. position?

While we will not resist Russia militarily, the most severe sanctions in history will be imposed on Russia, possibly including cancellation of the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline from Russia to Germany.

Putin has lately issued a counterthreat.

If such severe sanctions are imposed on Russia, this will result in a “complete rupture of relations” and be a blunder “which our descendants will later appreciate as a huge one.”

Not long ago, a total severing of relations was the prelude to war.

While Putin and Russia initiated this crisis with the deployment of 100,000 troops to Ukraine’s borders, we should try to see this crisis through Putin’s eyes.

The heart of Greater Russia as one ethnic, cultural and historic nation consists not only of Russia but also of Belarus and Ukraine.

Yet, consider the political condition of that core nation today.

Ukraine has broken from Moscow and seeks its future in the West, the EU and NATO.

Belarus, a nation of 10 million, just went through an election where only fraud guaranteed victory for its 67-year-old autocrat, Alexander Lukashenko, who has ruled Belarus for a quarter-century.

Though an ally of Putin, Lukashenko is not the future.

And Putin himself, while popular, has been in power for two decades and is bedeviled by rising democratic resistance in Russia.

Now the Americans — who have, in a quarter-century, moved NATO across Germany into Eastern Europe and the Baltic states — are planning to bring into an alliance established to contain Russia the former Soviet republics of Georgia and Ukraine.

Putin has to see himself as the ruler of a diminishing Russia, not a rising power.

Time is not on Russia’s side or Putin’s side.

His principal ally, China, has 10 times the population of Russia and an economy 10 times Putin’s. Moreover, China harbors ancestral claims to Russian territory in the Far East, which, in 1969, caused a border clash between the two countries.

Putin has decided that the long retreat of Russian power must end, that the eastward march of a NATO alliance created to contain and resist Russia must end, and if this means risking war over Ukraine, so be it.

Putin may see this as a now-or-never moment to halt the decades-long attrition of Russian territorial and national power.

And the U.S.?

In the Cold War, President Dwight Eisenhower did not intervene militarily to save the Hungarian rebels who rose against Moscow in 1956. Nor did President John F. Kennedy act to stop the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961. Nor did President Lyndon B. Johnson intervene to prevent Moscow’s crushing of the “Prague Spring” in 1968. Nor did President Ronald Reagan act when Solidarity was crushed in Poland in 1981.

Historically, those presidents who refused to use force in Central or Eastern Europe, to avoid a war with Russia where U.S. vital interests were not imperiled, were proven right.

Time was on America’s side in the Cold War. And, with Russia, time is still on America’s side.

Our great challenge in the 21st century is not Russia.

Indeed, in the long term, we want Russia on our side in the long struggle between the U.S. and the West, and Communist China.

What the U.S. should do in this Ukrainian crisis is to avoid a war with Russia, avoid an escalation, and leave our adversary with an honorable avenue of retreat. Again, with Russia, time is on our side.

*Patrick Buchanan is the author of “Nixon’s White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever.”*

## Diet culture is unhealthy and immoral

By Dr. Kate Manne

This past fall, my daughter, at 20 months, became fascinated with her bellybutton. At every chance she got, she began lifting her T-shirt to joyfully point it out. The inference that Mama and Daddy had bellybuttons too was not far behind, and neither were further exploration efforts. But when she lifted my shirt, I could feel myself sucking in my stomach. I felt shame — and ashamed of my shame. And that’s when it hit me: I have to sort my head out, regarding my body, for the sake of my daughter.

My relationship with my body is, to put it mildly, fraught. I have not always, but I have usually, been fat. I have always hated that fact, although I have tried not to. I have been a so-called normal weight, by the standards of the draconian body mass index guidelines, only when I have been starving myself or eating a highly restrictive and often downright odd diet. Over the past year, I have lost nearly 50 pounds, prompted by a vague sense of obligation to shrink myself back down to size. As usual, the weight came off only with efforts so extreme that I hesitate to admit to them: Over the course of a month last winter, I didn’t eat for 17 out of 30 days.

And I am someone who knows better. I recognize all the reasons I shouldn’t do this. I recognize that the relationship between fatness and health is far from straightforward — that many fat people are

healthy and many thin people are not, that the correlation between being fat and having certain diseases is complex and generally mediated by other risk factors, including poverty and the social stigma that keeps fat people from getting the health care they deserve.

I have long admired the work of fat activists — Marilyn Wann, Sonya Renee Taylor and Aubrey Gordon among them — and recognize that fat bodies can be not only healthy but also athletic, beautiful, sexy. I believe in the concepts of intuitive eating and health at every size — at least, for other people. I recognize that the vast majority of diets fail to make people any thinner or any healthier in the long term. I recognize that even if you are a fat person who would be healthier if you lost weight, you don’t owe it to anyone to do so; you don’t owe it to anyone to be healthy in general. And I know how much my internalized fatphobia owes to oppressive patriarchal forces — the forces that tell girls and women in particular to be small, meek, slight, slim and quiet.

I recognize all of this in the abstract. In practice, however, I struggle.

I have lately wondered how much my self-directed fatphobia owes to my career as an academic philosopher. More than one author has remarked that there is a dearth of fat, female bodies in academia in general and in philosophy specifically. Philosophy, with its characteristic emphasis on reason, often implicitly conceives of rationality as the jurisdiction of the lean, rich, white men who dominate my discipline.

We praise arguments for being muscular and compact and criticize prose for being flabby, flowery and, implicitly, feminine. When it comes to our metaphysics — our pictures of the world — we pride ourselves on a taste for austerity, or as W.V.O. Quine put it, “desert landscapes.” And what is the fat body in the popular imagination but excess, lavishness, redundancy?

I struggle as a philosopher to reconcile my image of my body with its task in the world of being the emissary of my mind. I think of it, tongue in cheek, as my body-mind problem. Often, I cannot bear the idea of sending out my “soft animal” of a body, in the words of the poet Mary Oliver, to fight for feminist views that are edgy and controversial and to represent a discipline that prides itself on sharpness, clarity and precision. I feel betrayed by my soft borders.

This false binary exists partly in my own head, yes, but also very much in others’: I was recently appraised of a caption on a portrait of David Hume, the 18th-century philosopher, in an introductory philosophy textbook: “The lightness and quickness of his mind was entirely hidden by the lumpishness of his appearance.” Thus have other fat philosophers been warned that our bodies may similarly mask our intellects.

The cognitive psychologist Steven Pinker isn’t a philosopher, but his latest book, “Rationality,” handily demonstrates the worldview that equates thinness with reason. After bemoaning the fact that rationality is no longer considered “phat” (as in “cool”), he chides the irrational doofus who prefers the “small pleasure” of chowing down on lasagna now over the supposedly “large pleasure of a slim body” in perpetuity. They “succumb” to “myopic discounting” of future rewards — an (ableist) term for short-term thinking,

illustrated with a fatphobic example.

Such examples proliferate in philosophy too: The standard example of the much-studied phenomenon of akrasia, weakness of the will, is succumbing to a cookie. The natural human appetite for rich and sugary foods is thereby derided as not only contrary to reason but also something to be tamed, shunned, even shamed. The constant deprivation and, sometimes, sheer hunger of someone who sticks to a rigorous diet is envisaged as an unambiguously good thing and as an achievement, even a virtue.

Is it, though? As someone who recently dieted with some success (“success”), it is obvious to me that I’ve set a bad example for my now 2-year-old daughter — one that will only become more problematic over time, as she becomes more and more aware of what I am or am not eating. I have contributed in a small way to a society that lauds certain bodies and derogates others for more or less arbitrary reasons and ones that lead to a great deal of cruelty and suffering. (The most common basis for childhood bullying is a child’s weight.) I have denied myself pleasure and caused myself the gnawing pain and sapping anxiety of hunger.

These are all things we usually think of as straightforward ethical ills. Almost all versions of the family of moral theories known as consequentialism hold that pleasure is morally good and pain and suffering are morally bad. Even if this is not the whole truth of ethics, it is plausibly part of the truth.

And it has the superficially surprising implication that dieting inflicts real moral costs, real moral harms, ones we largely impose on ourselves (albeit under the influence of potent social forces). If the chances of long-term weight loss (and the supposed benefits and pleasures that conveys) are vanishingly small, then why do we keep doing it? I suspect the answer is not only habit and a false sense of obligation but also the lure of aspiration: a dieter’s perpetual sense of getting somewhere, getting smaller and thus becoming more acceptable, more reasonable, as a body.

But while philosophy in its current form may fetishize thinness, it also has within it the power to challenge these ideas and even to reconfigure our moral relationship to them entirely.

We are at a moment during the year when many people will try, and even regard themselves as duty bound, to go on a diet. But if dieting is a practice that causes a great deal of harm — in the form of pain, suffering, anxiety and sheer hunger — and rarely works to deliver the health or happiness it has long advertised, then it is a morally bad practice. It is plausibly not only permissible but obligatory for individuals to divest from it, to condemn it and not to teach it to our children, either explicitly or by example.

Instead, we might strive within ourselves to meet new and better “liberating duties,” to borrow a notion from Joseph Raz. In this case, the duty — for those of us fortunate enough to have the resources — is simply, or not so simply, to eat when we are hungry.

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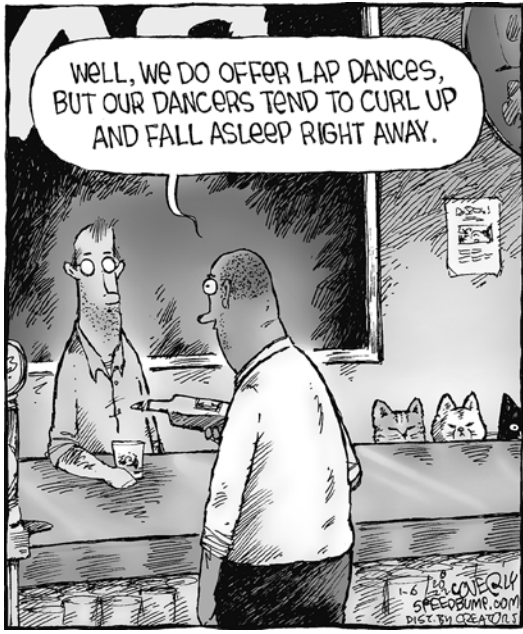
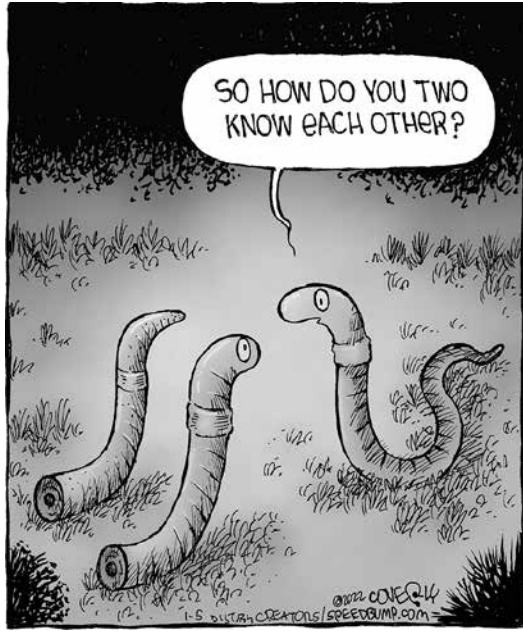
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# Downey Community Calendar

### CITY MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.  
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.  
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.  
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: 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.  
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.  
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.  
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call William Medina 413-3447.  
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.  
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.  
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.  
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.  
 2nd Wed., 7 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.  
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.  
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.  
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
 Wed.& Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.  
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
 12 pm: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.  
 12 pm: 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: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.  
 2nd Thurs., 12 Noon: Creative Purposes, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.  
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
 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

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# Mervin Chantland shares life story to inspire hope

■ After enduring multiple struggles, Mervin Chantland hopes his life story will inspire others to never give up.

By Vincent Medina  
Contributor

**NORWALK** – “Maybe somebody who is about ready to give up on life might read this and say ‘if he can do it, I can, too,’” said Mervin Chantland.

The 87-year-old Norwalk resident endured a life of struggle but managed to persevere and live a full life with a career and family.

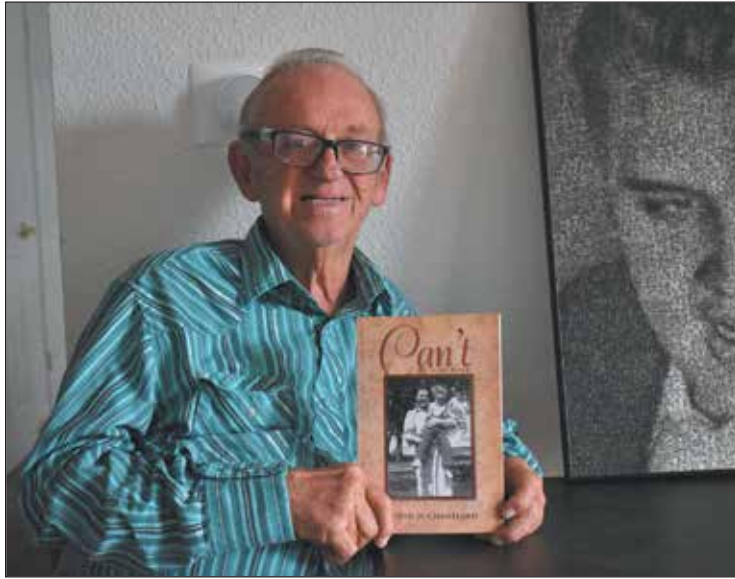
He was diagnosed with tuberculosis as an infant. As walking became a struggle, his father worried that he would need assistance for the rest of his life.

“My dad told my brothers that they would need to take care of me,” said Chantland. “I said ‘No way!’ I just wanted to make him proud.”

As a young boy, he was teased by others for having TB. However, Chantland still made friends.

“I remember at 13 years old, finally walking on crutches to my best friend, Tom’s, ball game,” said the Norwalk resident. “When he hit a home run, I got up and went across the street to tell his mom.”

Unfortunately, the doctors later told a 19-year-old Chantland that his leg needed to be amputated. However, the young Chantland was still determined to make his father



Mervin Chantland wrote his memoir “Can’t, No Such Word” in hopes of inspiring strength in people who are ready to give up. Chantland often gives away his books to people he meets. (Photo by Vincent Medina)

proud.

After coming from a family with a history in the military, Chantland wanted to serve in the armed forces but was unable to enlist because of his handicap.

Instead, he joined the Civil Air Patrol that was stationed in Norwalk.

During his time with the civilian volunteer unit, he took trips to the Mojave Desert to tow Gliders and get them airborne and took trips to conventions. He also assisted in recruiting volunteers for the patrol.

Chantland began taking classes at Cerritos College and earned an Associates’ Degree in General Technology.

It was a challenge to find work that could accommodate his situation, but the officer

in charge of the Civil Air Patrol called employers on his behalf.

Chantland was able to get a job at General Motors Advance Technical Division.

“When my boss hired me, he only asked, ‘What won’t you do?’ That was the only question he asked,” said Chantland. “I told him that if I have to sweep the floor to get the job done, I’d do it. He hired me on the spot.”

Chantland and his wife, Mary Ann, went on to have two kids, six grandkids, and two great-grandkids.

She passed early one morning in May, 2008. Chantland stayed out of the house for the rest of the day. When he returned, he found every light in the house was turned on.



Greg Welch, owner of Risher Mortuary, enjoys the first snow of the new year in Snowbird, Utah with his 5-year-old granddaughter, Alison.

Powerball ticket worth \$1.3 million sold in South Pasadena

While Powerball tickets sold in Wisconsin and Sacramento were winners of the latest jackpot and will split \$632 million, one lucky ticket worth \$1,303,479 was purchased at a gas station in South Pasadena, officials said.

That ticket was among the 14 sold with five numbers, but missing the Powerball number, according to the Multi-State Lottery Association, which conducts the game.

One lucky winner bought the ticket at a Chevron station located at 1400 Mission Street in South Pasadena.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2021270511**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **A.N.K. LIVE SCAN, 10925 SOUTH CENTRAL AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90059, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

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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/JOSE MENDEZ PEREZ, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 14, 2021

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2021278959**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MOMENTUM TALENT MANAGEMENT, 13935 BURBANK BLVD, SUITE 102, VALLEY GLEN CA 91401, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LISA EVAN BLUMENTHAL, 13935 BURBANK BLVD, SUITE 102, VALLEY GLEN CA 91401 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/20/21  
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S/ LISA EVAN BLUMENTHAL, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 28, 2021

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2021265665**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CHARTEER HOUSE ARTMENTS, 7406 ROSEMead BLVD., PICO RIVERA, CA 90660, LA COUNTY, 8141 2ND STREET, SUITE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 198501800029 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RONALD A KOLAR, 8141 E 2ND STREET STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Partnership  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/20/14  
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/RONALD A KOLAR, GENERAL PARTNER, RONALD A KOLAR  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 07, 2021  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2021273218**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **H V TRANSPORTATION 13507 INDURAN DR, BAKERSFIELD CA 93314 COUNTY OF KERN COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HUBERTO WILLEGAS, 13507 INDURAN DR, BAKERSFIELD CA 93314 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
S/HUBERTO WILLEGAS, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 16, 2021

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**1/6/22, 1/13/22, 1/20/22, 1/27/22**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2021260680**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SICAL CHOPPERS GURULE, 18542 FIDALGO ST, ROWLAND HEIGHTS CA 91748, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RAYMOND GURULE, 18542 FIDALGO ST, ROWLAND HEIGHTS CA 91748 (2) ANDREA S GURULE, 18542 FIDALGO ST, ROWLAND HEIGHTS CA 91748 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

Unincorporated Association other than a Partnership

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/ANDREA GURULE, GENERAL PARTNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 1, 2021

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2021276227**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SIMCOMM (2) SIMCOMM SOLUTIONS, 5200 CLARK AVE UNIT 6215, LAKEWOOD CA 90714, LA COUNTY, 9548 MAPLEWOOD STREET, BELLFLOWER CA 90706**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ERIC LEMANN HALL, 5200 CLARK AVE 6215, LAKEWOOD CA 90714 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/20/16  
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S/ERIC LEMANN HALL, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 22, 2021

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2021274373**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **TOPANGA WEST GUEST HOME, 22115 ROSCOE BLVD., CANOGA PARK CA 91304, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 15760 VENTURA BLVD, SUITE 920, ENCINO CA 91436**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TOPANGA ROSCOE CORP., 22115 ROSCOE BLVD., CANOGA PARK CA 91304 State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/20/21  
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/TOPANGA ROSCOE CORP.,

PRESIDENT, CARY BUCHMAN  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 20, 2021

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2021268694**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MOODY CONSTRUCTION, 12427 PUTNAM ST, WHITTIER CA 90602, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 5062 BALSABWOOD IRVINE UNITED ST**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DWIGHT ANDERSON MOODY, 12427 PUTNAM ST, WHITTIER CA 90602 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
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S/DWIGHT ANDERSON MOODY, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 10, 2021

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2022001504**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **HORACAN, 13915 EL MORO AVE., LA MIRADA CA 90638, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PHILLIP ANDREW CHEUNG, 13915 EL MORO AVE., LA MIRADA CA 90638 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
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S/ PHILLIP ANDREW CHEUNG, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 4, 2022

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**The Downey Patriot**  
**1/6/22, 1/13/22, 1/20/22, 1/27/22**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2021258559**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PACIFIC MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES, 7125 GARFIELD AVE SUITE B, BELL GARDENS CA 90201, LA COUNTY, 7125 GARFIELD AVE SUITE B, BELL GARDENS 90201**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ZORAYA GONGAR, 7125 GARFIELD AVE SUITE B, BELL GARDENS CA 90201 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 1/20/20  
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/ZORAYA GONGAR, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 29, 2021

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
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**The Downey Patriot**  
**12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2021279621**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **JH TRANSPORT, 10035 HALEDON AVE UNIT 5, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAIR ALBERTO HERNANDEZ, 10035 HALEDON AVE UNIT 5, DOWNEY CA 90240 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/20/21  
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/ JAIR ALBERTO HERNANDEZ, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 29, 2021

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**The Downey Patriot**  
**12/30/21, 1/6/22, 1/13/22, 1/20/22**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2021257943**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **TAP CBD (2) TAP MOTO, 4470 W SUNSET BLVD #92415, LOS ANGELES CA 90027, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 13525 PARK ST, CERRITOS CA 90703**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TOM BUI, 4470 W SUNSET BLVD #92415, LOS ANGELES CA 90027 (2) PATRICIA SORIANO, 4470 W SUNSET BLVD #92415 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Partnership  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above: 11/20/21

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/TAP DISTRIBUTION, GENERAL PARTNER, PATRICIA SORIANO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 24, 2021

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**The Downey Patriot**  
**12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2021267870**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BIG JOHN'S LIQUOR, 949 DAISY AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90813, COUNTY OF LA**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOHN'S LIQUOR & MARKET, INC., 949 DAISY AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90813 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: 11/19/70  
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/ JOHN'S LIQUOR & MARKET, INC., SECRETARY, DIAB NAIM DIAB  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 9, 2021

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
**1/6/22, 1/13/22, 1/20/22, 1/27/22**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2021267719**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **THE SECURITY PUBLIC STORAGE, 5601 SOUTHERN AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, COUNTY OF DOWNEY, 8141 EAST SECOND STREET STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) L'ABRI ENTERPRISES, INC., 8141 EAST 2ND STREET, STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Partnership  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/20/12  
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/L'ABRI ENTERPRISES, INC, GENERAL PARTNER, RONALD A KOLAR  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 9, 2021

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## CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 19th day of January, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

The City of Downey has prepared an update to the City's Housing Element (6th Cycle), a required element of the City's General Plan, and an Initial Study and Negative Declaration in conjunction with the amendment. The Housing Element Update document includes citywide goals, objectives and policies for housing within the jurisdiction. As required by state law, the document shows how the City can accommodate demand for housing in all income levels, including through future rezoning of properties consistent with a future adopted Land Use Element of the General Plan.

Project Location: Citywide

Application Type: General Plan Amendment (PLN-21-00139)

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City Boards and Commission Meetings webpage of the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines, the City, as Lead Agency, prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) to identify and assess the significance of the physical effects on the environment due to potential future development guided by the goals and policies of the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update. Findings of the IS support the adoption of an ND and through determinations indicate that the environmental impacts of the programs for accommodating housing pursuant to the Housing Element Update, in accordance with the governing land use planning policies and zoning standards, will be less than significant and that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is not required. The Notice of Completion and the environmental document was made available for public review beginning on November 1, 2021 and ending November 30, 2021.

NOTE: STATE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65009 NOTICE: If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Division at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, [ADACoordinator@downeyca.org](mailto:ADACoordinator@downeyca.org), Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

For more information, contact Associate Planner Irving Anaya at 562-904-7154 or at [HEupdate@downeyca.org](mailto:HEupdate@downeyca.org).

**The Downey Patriot**  
**1/6/22**

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2021276700

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EXPO MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 722 E WASHINGTON BLVD #210, LOS ANGELES CA 90021, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N. N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DARRYL E. HOPKINS, 722 E WASHINGTON BLVD 413, LOS ANGELES CA 90021  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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

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

S/DARRYL E. HOPKINS, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 23, 2021

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**The Downey Patriot**  
12/30/21, 1/6/22, 1/13/22, 1/20/22

### NOTICES

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00436

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOHN PAUL CHWEYA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) JOHN PAUL CHWEYA to Proposed name (1) JOHN PAUL CHWEYA NYANDUSI NYACHAE  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: FEBRUARY 4, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 8, 2021

Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**JOHN PAUL CHWEYA**  
16809 BELLFLOWER BLVD  
BELLFLOWER, CA 90706  
(760) 905-1325

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22, 1/13/22

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00437

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JEREMY TODD SMITH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) JEREMY TODD SMITH to Proposed name (1) JEREMY TODD FLEMING  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: FEBRUARY 27, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 09, 2021

Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**JEREMY TODD SMITH**  
9901 ARTESIA BLVD.  
BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

**(562) 228-9954**  
ldawson@telecarecorp.com

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12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00456

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ARMANDO CARRILLO RAMOS JR. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) ARMANDO CARRILLO RAMOS JR. Proposed name (1) ARMANDO CARRILLO  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: MARCH 4, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 29, 2021

Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**ARMANDO CARRILLO RAMOS JR.**  
6336 PALA AVE.  
BELL CA, 90201  
(323) 803-5166  
ARMANDCARRILLO1@GMAIL.COM

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/30/21, 1/6/22, 1/13/22, 1/20/22

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21LBCP00359

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ALORAH SIMONE BARBEE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) ALORAH SIMONE BARBEE to Proposed name (1) ALORAH SIMONE BARBEE-ORIEE  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: FEBRUARY 8, 2022, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: 26, Room: N/A  
The address of the court is 275 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, LONG BEACH CA 90802

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 9, 2021

Judge MICHAEL P VICENCIA  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**JESSICA ORIEE ON BEHALF OF ALORAH SIMONE BARBEE**  
1716 LEMON AVE, APT B  
LONG BEACH, CA 90813  
310-483-1616

**The Downey Patriot**  
1/6/22, 1/13/22, 1/20/22, 1/27/21

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NCP00454

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner VALERIA QUIROZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) MIA ENER GUADALUPE QUIROZ to Proposed name (1) MIA ENER GUADALUPE MONROY QUIROZ  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: FEBRUARY 18, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 27, 2021

Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**VALERIA QUIROZ, ALEXANDER MONROY**  
8349 LUBEC ST. DOWNEY CA 90240  
(786) 510-2407  
VALERYRUBYQ@ICLOUD.COM

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/30/21, 1/6/22, 1/13/22, 1/20/22

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21CHCP00457

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JENNIFER MI CHUNG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) JENNIFER MI CHUNG to Proposed name (1) MIA CHUNG  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: FEBRUARY 14, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 16, 2021

Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**MATEO ENRIQUE VERDUZCO**  
8810 DALEWOOD AVENUE  
PICO RIVERA, CA, 90660  
(562) 373-8810  
VANESSA.BILLER@YAHOO.COM

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: FEBRUARY 23, 2022, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: F47, Room: N/A  
The address of the court is NORTH VALLEY DISTRICT, CHATSWORTH COURTHOUSE, 9425 PENFIELD AVENUE, ROOM 1200, CHATSWORTH, CA 91311

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 22, 2021

DAVID B. GELFOUND  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner  
**JENNIFER MI CHUNG**  
2611 BEECHER LANE  
TEVENSOMERANCH, CA, 91381  
(213) 507-0189  
mccpa@ymail.com

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/30/21, 1/6/22, 1/13/22, 1/20/22

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00435

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LAURA NEVAREZ TRUJILLO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) LAURA NEVAREZ TRUJILLO to Proposed name (1) LAURA NEVAREZ  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: FEBRUARY 4, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., NORWALK CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 07, 2021

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00397

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DONTAY JEROME HOUSTON SR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) a. DONTAY JEROME HOUSTON SR b. DONTAY JEROME HOUSTON JR c. CALIL KING HOUSTON to Proposed name (1) a. DONTAY NEAL BUCHANON SR b. DONTAY NEAL BUCHANON JR c. CALIL KING BUCHANON  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00445

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MATEO ENRIQUE VERDUZCO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) MATEO ENRIQUE VERDUZCO to Proposed name (1) MATEO ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ  
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Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00445

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MATEO ENRIQUE VERDUZCO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

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# Mother & young daughter killed in violent collision

■ Shannon Alvarez and her 13-year-old daughter, Ashley, both died in the violent collision. A Las Vegas woman was arrested and charged with manslaughter but has since been released.

**By Vincent Medina Contributor**

**NORWALK** — Ashley Alvarez, 13, died on impact when Brittany Lopez's vehicle burst into the intersection of Foster and Studebaker Road, colliding with the passenger side of her mother's Camaro.

Her mother, Shannon Alvarez, later died on Sunday after suffering from traumatic internal injuries.

The two were returning from a weekend getaway. Shannon Alvarez's boyfriend, Juan Zuniga, said the two often took trips to local hotels to get some time out of the house.

Enrique Zuniga, the brother of Juan Zuniga, lives near the crash site and heard the impact of the vehicles.

"I heard a car speeding, which is common on Studebaker Road. One second later, I heard an explosion, and I jumped out of bed," said Zuniga. "When I walked out, I could see the accident, and I walked over to see if I could help."

He did not realize who was driving the Camaro until the airbag was lifted and he saw Shannon Alvarez's face.

Zuniga said that Alvarez was screaming but he could not understand what she was saying. He called to her, asking about her daughter.

Two nurses attending Grace Brethren Church ran out to help, too. They tended to Ashley but she was unresponsive.

"Immediately, I feared the worst. I called for my wife to call my brother," said Enrique Zuniga. "The firemen pulled up and they pulled out Shannon. They laid her down, and she was complaining about her back."

Despite the first responder's efforts to revive Ashley, the young teen remained unresponsive.

Juan Zuniga was preparing to go out later Sunday with Shannon and Ashley. As he was getting ready, he received a call from his sister-in-law.

"I got the call from my sister-in-law telling me Shannon was in a car accident, but I didn't know how serious it was," he said. "As I was getting dressed to go, she called back and told me that Ashley was unresponsive and Shannon was really hurt."

When he arrived, the young girl was already taken to St. Francis trauma center, and her mother soon followed.

"I don't really remember much after I got there. Everything was happening so fast. There was so much to process," said Juan Zuniga.

His sister-in-law took him to see Alvarez's mother, Linda Seagroves, to tell her about the accident.

As people worked to help the mother and daughter, the 26-year-old Lopez was focused on the damages to her vehicle.

Margaret Mitchell came out of the church when the accident happened and saw the wreckage. She saw that Lopez was trying to gather her belongings to flee the scene.

"She was standing at the driver's side door when I came out. I told her to move off to the side, and she said, 'I need to get out of here,'" said Mitchell. "She walked around the car to open the passenger door to get her stuff, but the door was stuck."

Mitchell said she saw the young woman rummage through her belongings and make a phone call to someone. Afterward, Lopez started to take her belongings from the car.

"By the time the police got there, she was already walking away," said Mitchell. "But I pointed her out to the police."

When the police caught

her, Lopez allegedly tried to deny her involvement in the fatal crash and said she was not the person driving. However, security camera footage shows the entire crash and that Lopez was the only person in the vehicle.

The Las Vegas resident was arrested for vehicular manslaughter and driving without a license. Authorities believe drugs and alcohol played a role in the collision but are still waiting for a toxicology report.

At St. Francis hospital, the Zunigas and Seagrove were informed that Ashley was already dead. Doctors informed them that the force from Lopez's car was so great that her heart stopped on impact.

"She was my little girl. She was like my daughter," said Juan Zuniga. "We spent some time grieving and crying over her body."

Juan Zuniga said he pleaded with the doctor but there was nothing else they could do for the young girl.

"I was so shaken up. I don't remember much other than when they told me my granddaughter was dead," said Seagrove. "I wanted to see her, and they let me go in and spend time with her."

Zuniga and Seagroves wanted to see Shannon Alvarez, but when they went upstairs, the nurse informed the family that the 50-year-old had died from her internal injuries after surgery.

"They said she was given multiple pints of blood. When we went to see her, there was blood on the bed, on the floor, everywhere," said the mother.

Shannon Alvarez adopted Ashley after a surgery prevented her from having children, said Seagroves. The mother and daughter became inseparable.

Juan Zuniga recalls that Ashley attended Ross Middle School, and was in eighth grade. She was a musician and artistically gifted.

Seagroves and the Zuniga brothers were furious that Lopez was released Tuesday evening before they received the toxicology report.

Enrique Zuniga plans to pursue legal action against Lopez.

The families are also angry at the Norwalk City Council for ignoring calls to make the intersection safer. Community



Brittany Lopez collided with Shannon Alvarez's Camaro (above), killing 13-year-old Ashley Alvarez on impact. Shannon died from her injuries later on Sunday. (Photo provided by Enrique Zuniga)

members previously started petitions to add speed bumps to the accident prone street, but said they received no response from the city government.

Seagroves and the Zunigas plan to address the council on Jan.18, during the public comments portion of the

meeting. They also plan to hold a candlelight vigil for the mother and daughter on Jan. 9, outside Grace Brethren Church.

A GoFundMe page is also set up for Shannon and Ashley Alvarez.

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## Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scout Pack 805 is currently recruiting boys from Kindergarten to 4th Grade. Pack 805 meets every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church, 8219 Florence Avenue, Downey we will have a recruitment meeting Tuesday August 31st 6:30 pm. Cub Scouts enjoy fun activities such as Pinewood Derby, Camping and earning fun Adventures along the way.

**Do Your Best.** Let's start here: Cub Scouts are awesome. A program with an amazing history and tradition, Cub Scouting is a sure-fire way to get more involved with your son that puts the fun first. Have Fun Doing It.

**Cub Scouting** uses six specific methods to achieve Scouting's aims of helping boys and young adults build character, train in the responsibilities of citizenship, and develop personal fitness.

- 1. The ideals:** The Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Cub Scout sign, handshake, motto, and salute all teach good citizenship and contribute to a boy's sense of belonging.
- 2. The den:** As part of a small group of six to eight boys, they are able to learn sportsmanship and good citizenship. They learn how to get along with others. They learn how to do their best, not just for themselves but also for the den.
- 3. Advancement:** The advancement plan provides fun for the boys, gives them a sense of personal achievement as they earn badges, and strengthens family understanding. Cub Scout leaders and adult family members work with boys on advancement projects.
- 4. Family involvement:** Family involvement is an essential part of Cub Scouting.
- 5. Activities:** In Cub Scouting, boys participate in a wide variety of den and pack activities, such as games, projects, skits, stunts, songs, outdoor activities, and trips.
- 6. The uniform:** The Cub Scout uniform helps build pride, loyalty, and self-respect. Wearing the uniform to all den and pack meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, a sense of belonging, and good behavior.



**E-Mail Cubmaster Aaron Storey cubmaster@downeyboyscouts.com for more information.**