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Mambo Grill shooting leaves 4 hurt

■ The suspect allegedly shot up the restaurant after he was ejected by security.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY — A 37-year-old man suspected in a shooting that critically injured at least four people at a restaurant in Downey was arrested Monday.

Responding officers arrived at Mambo Grill in the 11000 block of Downey Avenue between Second and Third streets around 1:10 a.m. Saturday regarding a shooting, according to Downey Police Department spokeswoman Lt. Maria Villegas.

All the victims were taken to a hospital in critical condition.

Witnesses told investigators that Temo Gaxiola and his female companion had been escorted out of the bar earlier in the evening due to "unruly behavior," police told ABC7.

Sources told the Downey Patriot that Gaxiola was thrown out after security witnessed him doing drugs inside the restaurant.

"After leaving the location, the suspect returned a few minutes later driving southbound on Downey Avenue in a dark colored SUV," Downey police said in a statement to ABC7. "The suspect then discharged an unknown firearm in the direction of the bar, from inside the vehicle, before speeding away southbound and out of sight."

Gaxiola, of Simi Valley, was arrested Monday without incident and identified as a suspect, Villegas said.

The woman who was at the restaurant with Gaxiola who had been listed as a person of interest is not believed to be a suspect, Villegas said.

Anyone with additional information regarding this shooting was urged to contact Detective Bryan Chaidez at 562-904-2391 or bchaidez@downeyca.org.

Following the shooting, Mayor Claudia M. Frometa said she will consider curfews, security cameras and other measures to make Downtown Downey safer.

"I am angry," Frometa wrote on Facebook. "I am angry the cowards who opened fire on patrons at Mambo Grill overnight got away. I am angry these random acts of violence are spilling into our Downey."

"While we cannot control criminal behavior, we can control the following in our city, and as your mayor, will be taking steps to enforce."

Frometa said Downey "will be looking at downtown curfews and discussing current closing times for bars," as well as occupancy limits at downtown establishments.

She also promised to enforce live entertainment permits and sound levels, and consider installing security cameras on Downey Avenue between Firestone Boulevard and 3rd Street.



From left: Downey Chamber of Commerce executive director Michael Calvert, candidates Ernesto Valle, Horacio Ortiz, Ramon Casas, Dorothy Pemberton and Gil Legaspi, Downey Patriot publisher Jennifer DeKay and moderator Dave Lopez. (PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ)

Downey candidates clash at city council forum

■ City council candidates shared their positions on a variety of issues at a forum hosted by the Downey Chamber of Commerce and Downey Patriot.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Five of the six city council hopefuls running in November's special election participated in a candidate's forum last Thursday night.

Moderated by retired Emmy Award-winning journalist Dave Lopez, Horacio Ortiz Jr. and Ramon Casas Jr. (District 1), and Dorothy Pemberton, Gil Legaspi, and Ernesto Valle sat in front of a full room of community members, business owners, and civic leaders to pitch their ideas and answer questions, giving a clearer glimpse into who voters will choose from on Nov. 7.

District 1 candidate Elvira Meraz was originally scheduled to participate as well, however had to pull out last-minute due to illness.

The event was put on in partnership by the Downey Patriot and the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

DISTRICT 1

District 1 covers Southeast Downey, and was previously represented by now Assemblywoman Blanca Pacheco, who resigned after being elected to her current position. Councilman Timothy Horn is currently sitting in the seat, but is not seeking reelection. There is one more year left in the term.

Ramon Casas Jr.

Casas kept on an aggressive footing for a good portion of the night, throwing jabs at his political opponents for their lack of presence at City Council meetings. He emphasized his conservative values, voicing a need for "safety first" and more all-inclusive events.

Have you been arrested / have a felony / criminal record?: No
What is the most pressing issue facing Downey?: Crime
Are you for or against converting hotels / motels into long-term housing for homeless?: No

Do you support opening Marijuana dispensaries in Downey?: No
Do you support the installation of lights at Furman Park?: Yes

Do you support a gay pride parade / festival in Downey?: No, we need more all-inclusive events, such as a "Downey Community Fest"

Why is Downey struggling to attract quality businesses? What would you use the undeveloped land at the Downey Promenade for?: Downey needs to redevelop Downtown Downey and incorporate new infrastructure, bringing in private equity when needed.

Do you support rent control?: No

How long have you lived in your district, and where is your campaign funding coming from?: Born and raised in Downey, campaign funding was self-raised in large part.

Horacio Ortiz Jr.

Ortiz promoted his platform of public safety, quality of life, reducing homelessness and support of small business. Currently serving as chair of the Planning Commission as District 5's representative under Mayor Pro Tem Mario Trujillo, Ortiz attempted to establish himself as his own person and distance himself from the councilmember, specifically over Trujillo's close relationship with controversial District

Attorney George Gascon.

Have you been arrested / have a felony / criminal record?: No
What is the most pressing issue facing Downey?: Homelessness and crime

Are you for or against converting hotels / motels into long-term housing for homeless?: No

Do you support opening marijuana dispensaries in Downey?: No
Do you support the installation of lights at Furman Park?: Yes

Do you support a gay pride parade / festival in Downey?: No parade, but supports any festivities that have been done so far

Why is Downey struggling to attract quality businesses? What would you use the undeveloped land at the Downey Promenade for?: Downey needs to address current City Hall protocols and policies that "repel" new business

Do you support rent control?: No

How long have you lived in your district, and where is your campaign funding coming from?: Born and raised in Downey, has lived in District 1 for two years. Campaign is largely funded by small mom-and-pop businesses.

DISTRICT 3

District 3 covers Northwest Downey. The seat has remained empty since February when previous representative, Catherine Alvarez, was recalled. There is one year left on the term.

Dorothy Pemberton

An established volunteer already and one of the faces of the recall of former councilwoman Catherine Alvarez, Pemberton said it was "the right time" for her to run for council. Her priorities are safety, quality of life, fiscal responsibility and community development, and she would like to bring a dog park and community garden into her district. She has the support of several of Downey's former and current elected leaders.

Have you been arrested / have a felony / criminal record?: No

What is the most pressing issue facing Downey?: Crime

Are you for or against converting hotels / motels into long-term housing for homeless?: Would need to know more details

Do you support opening Marijuana dispensaries in Downey?: No

Do you support the installation of lights at Furman Park?: Not opposed to it, but the neighborhood should be surveyed and a solution needs to "meet in the middle"

Do you support a gay pride parade / festival in Downey?: Not a parade, but other events that groups wish to hold, yes. City needs to be mindful of costs and street closures.

Why is Downey struggling to attract quality businesses? What would you use the undeveloped land at the Downey Promenade for?: We need more family-friendly businesses, anchor stores, and businesses that create good-paying jobs

Do you support rent control?: No

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Weekend at a Glance

Friday 75°

Saturday 71°

Sunday 70°

SOMETHING TO DO



WHAT: Havana Nights returns with live music, food trucks, vendors, cigar area, beer & wine garden, and more. Free admission.

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 29, 6-10 pm

WHERE: Downtown Downey

ON THIS DAY

1542:

Explorer Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, known as the "discoverer" of California, landed near what is now San Diego and became the first European to set foot on the west coast of what would become the United States.

1781:

The Siege of Yorktown began, eventually leading to the British surrender by General Lord Cornwallis and the end of the American Revolution.

1821:

Juan José Espinosa de los Monteros drafted the Declaration of Independence of the Mexican Empire, declaring Mexico's independence from Spain.

1920:

In what became known as the Black Sox Scandal, eight members of the Chicago White Sox baseball team were indicted by a grand jury on charges that they had thrown the 1919 World Series to the Cincinnati Reds in return for a bribe.

1941:

Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox finished the baseball season with a .406 batting average.

2008:

SpaceX successfully launched Falcon 1, becoming the first privately owned company to send a liquid-fueled rocket into orbit.

BIRTHDAYS

Oscar-winning actress **MIRA SORVINO** (56), actress **NAOMI WATTS** (55), model **DITA VON TEESE** (51), MMA fighter **FEDOR EMELIANENKO** (47), actress and singer **HILARY DUFF** (36), and boxing champion **TERENCE CRAWFORD** (36).

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Catastrophic fires have been in the news, and my heart goes out to those who have suffered loss.



Smoke alarms can be a nuisance. Smoke alarms located near our kitchens may detect food cooking, even if it's not actually burning. My own children would loudly proclaim, whenever our ancient toaster (frequently) triggered the smoke detector, that "The bagels are ready!"

But consider that, according to a 2021 report by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an up-to-date, well-functioning smoke alarm reduces the risk of death in a fire by a whopping 55%.

Photoelectric detectors work by detecting light reflected off particles inside a chamber. When particles are present and the amount of light registered by the light detector reaches a certain level, the alarm sounds.

Ionization detectors use a very small amount of safely shielded radioactive material that electrically charges (ionizes) air molecules between two metal plates. A small electric current flows from one plate to the other. Particles enter a chamber, attract the ions, and carry them away, reducing the current. When the current falls below a certain level, the device registers those particles as smoke, and the alarm sounds.

Both types of detectors can detect either slow-burning "smoldering" fires or fast-burning "flaming" fires, but each technology has its own strengths and weaknesses. Most smoke alarms purchased are photoelectric. In theory, having both types of detectors (dual-sensor) in the home is best.

New tests and standards are being developed to make smoke alarms better at detecting the kinds of smoke we want them to detect, and not the kinds we don't. The goal is to avoid any temptation to disable the alarms and to put ourselves in danger. The next generation of smoke detectors is expected to cut down on the number of nuisance alarms, and signal real fires more quickly. Time is everything when it comes to saving lives and property.

I urge you to check that you have working smoke alarms in your home, that there are enough of them, and that they are in the proper locations. Investigate what type they are, and consider buying newer dual-sensor technology. Consider hybrid smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Always remember Benjamin Franklin's words: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

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Kaiser workers threaten strike

Thousands of workers are prepared to walk off the job when their contract expires next week.

By Bernard J. Wolfson
KFF Health News

DOWNEY — Kaiser Permanente and union representatives pledged to continue negotiating a new contract up until the last minute as the threat of the nation's latest large-scale strike looms next month.

Unless a deal is struck, more than 75,000 health workers will walk out for three days from Oct. 4-7, disrupting care for KP patients in California, Colorado, Oregon, Virginia, Washington, and Washington, D.C. The unions represent a wide range of KP health workers, including lab technicians, phlebotomists, pharmacists, optometrists, social workers, orderlies, and support staff.

A strike, if it occurs, would affect most of Kaiser Permanente's 39 hospitals and 622 medical offices across the U.S., and would disrupt care for many of its nearly 13 million patients. If workers walk off their jobs, "it will start to impact patient care right away," said John August, director of health care and partner programs at Cornell University's Scheinman Institute on Conflict Resolution, who is a former head of the union coalition currently negotiating with KP.

"You are immediately subject to problems with not being able to get patients in and out of the hospital. You risk problems with infection control. You're not going to get meals," August said.

Arlene Peasnell, Kaiser Permanente's senior vice president for human resources, said the Oakland, California-based health care giant's goal is "to reach a mutually beneficial agreement before any work

stoppage occurs." But she also said the nonprofit has plans in place to blunt the impact of a walkout.

"We will be bargaining with Kaiser up until the day we go on strike," said Caroline Lucas, executive director of the Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions, which represents about 40% of KP's workforce. "Our front-line health care workers are fed up, and we really need Kaiser executives to seize the initiative and move forward on resolving the contract."

The current contract expires Sept. 30 and, after months of talks, the two sides still disagree over pay and staffing. The coalition wants a \$25-an-hour minimum wage across the company. KP executives agree there should be an organization-wide floor, but they've proposed \$21.

KP prefers varying wage increases across regions, since the cost of living can vary sharply. The coalition, which is pushing for uniform wage increases across all regions, contends that management's proposal is part of a "divide-and-conquer strategy." Peasnell said the union's stance "would prevent us from addressing fair market wages where we need to pay more to attract and retain the best people."

The unions say their lowest-paid workers can barely make ends meet in the face of soaring prices for food, gasoline, and other essentials. And, they say, KP hospitals and clinics are severely understaffed, forcing workers to put in long hours and fill multiple roles. They argue that management is not moving quickly enough to fill positions and that the quality of care has suffered as patients, some with serious illnesses, often wait months for appointments, face extremely long waits in the emergency room, and experience delays in hospital admissions.

An industrywide labor shortage hangs heavily over the



Health care workers march near Kaiser Permanente's Los Angeles Medical Center on Sept. 4. (GETTY IMAGES)

contract talks. The pandemic was particularly brutal for health care workers who often worked long hours in grueling conditions, as colleagues fell ill, died, or quit. Workers say many of the positions that became vacant during the pandemic still have not been filled.

Miriam De La Paz, a secretary in the labor and delivery department of KP's Downey Medical Center in Southern California and a union steward, said when she is alone on a shift, she is responsible for two labor and delivery stations as well as triage, where patients are prioritized based on the acuity of their cases.

"Imagine if I'm putting this baby in the system and your wife shows up in pain, crying, but I'm not there to register her," De La Paz said. "I can't break myself in two."

Unions want KP to invest more in education, training, and recruitment to fill current openings and create a pipeline of future workers. KP says it is doing so.

Peasnell said KP has already filled more than 9,700 out of 10,000 new coalition-represented jobs the two sides had agreed to create this year. And she said KP's

turnover rate is one-third the industry rate, in part because of "excellent pay and benefits."

Earlier this month, California lawmakers passed legislation to gradually raise the minimum wage for health care workers in the state to \$25 an hour. If Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom signs the bill into law, KP will have to comply. And nearly 80% of workers represented by the coalition in the current contract talks are in California.

On Sept. 22, as bargaining continued in San Francisco, the unions announced that more than 75,000 of the 85,000 workers they represent would stage the three-day walkout if there's no deal. Federal law requires 10 days' notice of strikes at health care facilities. The coalition said it is "prepared to engage in another longer, stronger strike in November," if no agreement is reached by then.

A coalition spokesperson, Betsy Twitchell, said workers would welcome the Biden administration's involvement in the talks "because of the importance of these negotiations to millions of patients and 75,000 frontline healthcare workers."

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NO QUESTIONS ASKED

<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #003366; text-decoration: underline;">\$50</p> <p>Non-working firearms or parts</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #003366; text-decoration: underline;">\$100</p> <p>Working pistols, rifles, shotguns</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #003366; text-decoration: underline;">\$200</p> <p>Ghost guns (guns with no serial numbers)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #003366; text-decoration: underline;">\$300</p> <p>Assault rifles (AR15, AK47, etc.)</p>

3D and homemade guns will be evaluated for value on the day of the event.

Firearms must be transported unloaded in the trunk of a vehicle.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SUPERVISOR • FOURTH DISTRICT

JANICE HAHN

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

Read chapter 5 in *The Washington Mafia*

Congressman Kevin McCarthy, Texas governor Gregg Abbott, and Texas Attorney general Ken Paxton are Trump's main drug smugglers.

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

The following are some of the drug traffickers residing in the United States:

Judge Lydia Liberio at Long Beach (CA) Courthouse. Attorney **Adrian Woodward**, Attorney **Tom Armstrong**, Attorney **Dan Cislo**, LA, Attorney Jose Rodriguez, Attorney Steve Lopez, Florence Ave Downey CA, Attorney Janet Contero, the secretaries at **333 W. Broadway suite 200**, Long Beach CA, the secretaries at **Dixon & Daley**, Sante Fe Springs CA. Bradley from **Mike Levin's** campaign for congressman.

Signal Hill City Council (90755); Mayor Keir Jones, vice mayor Tina Hanson, councilmembers, Robert Copeland, Lori Wilson, Edward Wilson. **The Signal Hill Police Department**. Officer Nadal is the name I have all evidence on, but the whole department are trafficking in Trump's border wall drugs. **The Washington DC Capital Police Department**. The officers in the police station on the morning of August 7, 2023. The officers in front of the Capitol on the afternoon of May 14, 2022.

Rachel Hill, and others, from the AD Leaf website social media company. There are other social media sites that are tied to Donald Trump's international drug cartel.

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

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

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

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

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

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Valle says Legaspi, Trujillo didn't want him to run

Ernesto Valle said Gil Legaspi and Mario Trujillo visited his home 4 days before the filing deadline to persuade him not to run for city council.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Downey City Council District 3 candidate Ernesto Valle was visited at home by opponent Gil Contreras Legaspi and Mayor Pro Tem Mario Trujillo in what he says was an attempt to persuade him not to run.

According to Valle, Legaspi contacted him just days before the candidate's filing deadline and asked if he could come over to his home and speak to him, to which Valle agreed.

Valle was surprised, however, when Trujillo joined Legaspi.

"I didn't really know it was Mario Trujillo, because I had never met him in person, never talked to him, never spoke to him," said Valle. "[Legaspi says] 'Hey Ernie, I want to introduce you to Mario Trujillo.' I'm like, okay, wow. I had no knowledge that he was coming, I wasn't told beforehand, nothing that Mario Trujillo was coming with Gil. I didn't even know what Gil wanted to talk about."

Trujillo has not officially endorsed Legaspi.

Valle says he first addressed Trujillo, speaking of his dislike of District Attorney George Gascon, whom Trujillo previously served as a special advisor to.



Ernesto Valle



Gil Legaspi

He continued that Trujillo said that he had "heard a lot of great things" about Valle, adding that he should work with Legaspi and that he'd "be great as a commissioner, if not in District 3, in [Trujillo's] District next year."

"Nothing promised, just that I had a future in the city of Downey," said Valle.

Still, Valle feels that there may have been an indirect offer for a future position.

"Indirectly, I believe it was offered. I don't know that it was offered for not running," said Valle. "To me, indirectly, it was offered. I felt flattered that, hey, this guy knows of me and thinks highly of me. Definitely, I felt that it was offered."

"Now, were the words said, 'I will offer it to you if you don't run'? No. But, definitely do I feel that something was offered and put on the table for me to be part of 'Gil's team' or support or be part of that connection, yes."

Valle first made the claims on the Talking Downey Podcast.

Legaspi denied offering anything to Valle, claiming that

he introduced him to Trujillo only because Valle had previously been unable to make contact with Mayor Claudia Frometa.

Still, he called Valle a "great guy" and described themselves as "nice and friendly competitors."

"He wanted to run, and that's why he's running," said Legaspi. "I wanted to run, and that's why I'm running."

Trujillo confirmed that Legaspi had asked him to meet with Valle, describing the interaction as an "introduction." He called any claim or insinuation that he had offered Valle a position of any kind "slanderous and false."

According to all parties, the conversation only lasted around 10 minutes before Trujillo had to leave to attend a City Council meeting.

The home meeting was only one of several attempts by Legaspi to get Valle off the campaign trail, according to Valle.

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Candidates make their cases at forum

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How long have you lived in your district, and where is your campaign funding coming from?: Lived in Downey for entire life. Funding is mostly from within Downey, primarily from residents. Does have some donations from some former mayors and some current council members

Gil Legaspi

Legaspi said he was running for City Council because it was missing professionalism, integrity, transparency, and unity. A sworn part-time police officer, Legaspi said he would be "the biggest champion" for Downey Police Department, calling for more funding and boots-on-the-ground.

Have you been arrested / have a felony / criminal record?: No

What is the most pressing issue facing Downey?: Crime

Are you for or against converting hotels / motels into long-term housing for homeless?: No

Do you support opening Marijuana dispensaries in Downey?: No

Do you support the installation of lights at Furman Park?: Yes, but in a limited capacity as to not disturb the neighboring residents

Do you support a gay pride parade / festival in Downey?: No parade, but supports any festivities that have been done so far

Why is Downey struggling to attract quality businesses? What would you use the undeveloped land at the Downey Promenade for?: City needs to approach desired companies and propose

available space

Do you support rent control?: No

How long have you lived in your district, and where is your campaign funding coming from?: Has lived in District 3 since 2008. Campaign funds have come from law enforcement, former clients, friends and family, as well as self-funding.

Ernesto Valle

Valle said that "he is Downey," touting the four pillars of his "Downey first" youth-centric campaign, those being: impact on youth, impact on residents, impact on the bottom line, and impact on the city's brand. He claimed that he has "the most skin in the game," and that he was the only candidate with children currently in the Downey Unified School District. He supports the construction of a parking garage at Furman Park, with tennis courts installed up top.

Have you been arrested / have a felony / criminal record?: No

What is the most pressing issue facing Downey?: Crime and homelessness

Are you for or against converting hotels / motels into long-term housing for homeless?: No

Do you support opening

Marijuana dispensaries in Downey?: No

Do you support the installation of lights at Furman Park?: Yes

Do you support a gay pride parade / festival in Downey?: "To each their own," but the city needs to be mindful of its resources that it allocates to different events and groups, and make sure other organizations have the same share and opportunity

Why is Downey struggling to attract quality businesses? What would you use the undeveloped land at the Downey Promenade for?: Businesses won't want to come to Downey due to rising crime. A police substation should be put in the Promenade to promote safety. Also, city should offer tax breaks

Do you support rent control?: No

How long have you lived in your district, and where is your campaign funding coming from?: Lived in District 3 since 2007. Provided \$3,000 of own funds to campaign.

The Candidates Forum can be watched on the Downey Patriot Facebook page.



**Downey
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2013-2023

*Celebrating 10 Years
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PIH Health Downey Hospital

Over the last decade since joining the PIH Health system, PIH Health Downey Hospital has undergone numerous enhancements to advance healthcare and improve the patient experience.

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Rupert Murdoch divided the country and profited handsomely for it

Murdoch’s media empires caused purposeful division, hurting our country.

By David Zurawik

David Zurawik is a professor of practice in media studies at Goucher College.

Few media figures in the last 27 years have had a larger and more profound effect on American political and media life than Rupert Murdoch. Most of it for the worse.

Stepping down Thursday from day-to-day control of the Fox and News Corporation boards, to become chairman emeritus of the two companies, the 92-year-old founder leaves behind a legacy of reckless, partisan journalism and commentary that has contributed to a citizenry so angry and polarized that our very democracy seems threatened according to some analysts. And with Murdoch handing off day-to-day control of the empire to his son, Lachlan, Fox’s dangerous way of doing business does not seem likely to change for the better.

While there are other factors contributing to the polarization — like politicians and global economics — Murdoch’s Fox News has played a role even in those by showcasing the loudest and most transgressive members of Congress and scapegoating various groups from immigrants to Democrats for the nation’s economic challenges.

While Murdoch had been building his media empire in newspapers since the 1950s in Australia and the ‘70s in the US, it was his founding of the Fox News channel in 1996 that led to his becoming a giant force in America political life. While the channel was branded as news with the catchphrase “fair and balanced,” (which it dropped a few years ago), it was anything but.

There was room on cable TV in the 1990s for a channel that featured conservative voices, no doubt about it. But from its very inception with Murdoch naming Roger Ailes as its chief executive, Fox News was primarily a political, not journalistic, operation. Ailes, who helped Richard Nixon get elected president in 1968, specialized in the political use of media.

After World War II, mainstream media gatekeepers in the US were very careful about propaganda and disinformation. They saw the effects of it in Europe in the 1930s and ‘40s. Propaganda was a key component in the rise of Adolf Hitler in Germany and Benito Mussolini in Italy.

But not Murdoch. He gave Ailes free rein to do whatever it took to put Fox News on the map, another major part of Murdoch’s legacy that we should not overlook: He opened the cable news floodgates to propaganda, misinformation and disinformation. And he laid down the template for what has become a powerful right-wing messaging machine.

And look where we are now as we struggle to find media platforms we can trust in an effort to make sense of beyond-the-pale-political actions like the attack on the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, or the refusal of a defeated president to promote a peaceful transfer of power. Again, Murdoch is not the only reason for the lack of trust in the media and the flood of disinformation and misinformation. But his Fox News is the biggest and loudest voice that has pushed such false narratives like the one saying the 2020 election was rigged.

I have been writing about Murdoch and Fox since the 1980s, and have observed that Murdoch was more concerned about money than ideology. But his greatest sin is that he ignored the sense of social responsibility that most mainstream American broadcasters accepted as the price of doing business.

Here and in other countries, his operations flouted rules and transgressed traditional codes of media behavior. And in so doing, he has served as an unlikely role model for a new generation of tech media titans like Mark Zuckerberg, who initially refused to accept responsibility for disinformation published on Facebook during the 2016 election. You can see a lot of Murdoch in Elon Musk’s style of running X as well.

There was some reckoning for Murdoch in 2011 in the UK when Murdoch and his son, James, were called before Parliament’s Culture, Media and Sport Committee to testify in a scandal that involved one of his properties, News of the World. Murdoch apologized in full-page ads in seven newspapers for his paper’s role in hacking a murdered teenager’s phone.

In January of this year, Murdoch was deposed in Dominion Voting Systems’ \$1.6 billion lawsuit against Fox News over its false claims of election fraud. He acknowledged that some Fox News hosts endorsed false claims that the 2020 election was stolen.

In April, Fox News settled the case for \$787.5 million and still faces other litigation over the false claims of election fraud that fuel so much rancor and discord in American life today.

In a commercial sense, Murdoch is an incredibly successful media figure. If you worship money-making moguls and risk-taking captains of industry, he’s your guy.

But as he now retires behind his wall of money, we are left to try to clean up the political wreckage he leaves behind.

Archuleta, Pacheco cast questionable votes

Dear Editor:

From the votes that they recently took, it appears that our local representatives, Senator Bob Archuleta and Assemblymember Blanca Pacheco, are anti-parent and anti-middle class.

Why do I say this? Because our representatives in Sacramento have voted in favor of several bills that take away the rights of parents and give those rights and responsibilities to the minor children of parents, as well as the State of California. And when I say minor children, I’m referring to children aged 12 and under.

In addition, our two representatives voted for two constitutional amendments that would make it easier to raise taxes, specifically our property taxes. The first constitutional amendment, ACA-1, would gut Proposition 13 – which limits the amount that the government can raise our property taxes per year.

The second constitutional amendment, ACA-13, would make it harder to pass any future propositions to protect taxpayers from increased taxes.

My family and I have owned our home in Downey for a little over eight years. In that short amount of time, our property taxes have gone up almost \$150 per month – and that’s with Prop. 13 protections. With Prop. 13 no longer in place, the sky is the limit on how much the government can/will raise our property taxes.

These two constitutional amendments were passed by the State Assembly and Senate and will be placed on the ballot next year. Please vote no on these two amendments or get ready to pay more taxes.

As for some of the anti-parent bills that our two representatives voted for, they include:

Assembly Bill (AB) 665: This bill is known as the “State-Sanctioned Kidnapping” bill because it allows a counselor or trainee to place a child 12 or younger in a state residential shelter without parental notification or consent.

AB 957: This bill will require California courts involved in custody disputes to side with a trans-affirming parent, regardless if the other parent objects, if a child is “transitioning” or even thinking of transitioning, irrespective of the child’s age. Most children don’t know what they want to do hour-by-hour, so how can they really decide if they want to transition to the opposite sex?

AB 1078: This bill gives more control to Sacramento over school curriculum and strips away the ability of local school boards and parents to decide which books and curriculum are best suited for their students/children.

I met Mr. Archuleta a few years ago and he stated to me that he stands for “God, country and family.” Ms. Pacheco claims that she supports the middle/working class. When looking at their voting records, I’d say the two of them stand with special interest groups and not with working class families.

Ron Boren
Downey

The decline of real world skills among youth

Dear Editor:

About 10 years ago, when my step granddaughter was young and celebrating a birthday, I had written, or as they say today, did cursive when extending a few words of happiness to her. When looking at the card, she burst out “mom I don’t know cursive.” I was dismayed to hear that writing is no longer taught in schools.

While writing checks – still preferring to pay bills this way – a young girl visiting asked “how do you write a check?” We never learned this in school. I realize that practically everything is done online but surely there would be times when online payment wouldn’t be appropriate.

The big shocker was when my step granddaughter, 10 years later and having recently graduated from high school and enrolled in a university, failed to send me an acknowledgment of my monetary gift. Weeks later at a family gathering, I asked my step granddaughter if she received the check I sent her. She looked at her mother and said, “Mom, you sent the thank you card to the wrong grandmother.”

I was appalled to hear, at 18 years of age and entering college, she had never addressed an envelope. A few days later, I did receive a nicely printed note thanking me for the money. Her mother had addressed the envelope.

She said that there would be no way her daughter could write an essay, but not to be concerned because AI could do it for her.

Martha Morrissy
Downey

Questionable visit

Dear Editor:

Thank you, Mario Guerra, for his recent “Talking Downey” podcast with Ernesto Valle. It exposes how far a candidate will go to win an election.

Ernesto, who is running for District 3 city council, was paid a visit by candidate Gil Legaspi and Mayor Pro Tem Mario Trujillo, and according to Ernesto, the purpose of their visit was to ask him to take himself out of the race so that the Hispanic vote would not be divided. And when Gil wins he would appoint him to a city position in Parks and Recreation or the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Trujillo, who is a former advisor to controversial Los Angeles County DA George Gascon, has not officially endorsed candidate Legaspi so it leaves me to question why they came together for this quid pro quo offer. Is there an agenda in their future?

Gail Raabe
Downey

Arming Ukraine our only option

By Jeff Robbins

Jeff Robbins is a former assistant United States attorney and United States delegate to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva.

In late 1940, Nazi Germany had successfully subjugated virtually all of Europe in barely a year’s time, and turned its eyes to rolling over England, first by bombing it to smithereens and cutting off its shipping and then by invading it if required. Still recovering from the Great Depression and unpersuaded that Hitler’s aggression was any of our business, Americans were tepid at best about lifting a finger to help the United Kingdom, out of cash and staring defeat in the face, defend itself against the Third Reich. Begging for help from its last and only hope, Prime Minister Winston Churchill implored the United States famously: “Give us the tools and we’ll finish the job.”

Tens of millions of Americans were unmoved and did not see that what seemed to be Europe’s war threatened the entire world order, and that playing ostrich was no

substitute for paying attention to history. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had secured a third term by promising that American sons would not fight overseas again, devised a scheme to help our ally — and a “scheme” is what it was. The Lend-Lease program served first as a “loan” of 50 destroyers to the British, followed by 50 billion dollars — the equivalent of about 700 billion of today’s dollars — worth of aircraft, ships and weapons to our allies to hold off the Germans and ultimately deplete them.

The Lend-Lease legislation passed Congress on a nearly party-line vote, with Republicans bitterly opposed to it. “You can dress this measure up all you please, you can sprinkle it with perfume and pour powder on it, masquerade it in any form you please,” proclaimed Republican Rep. Dewey Short of Missouri, “but it is still foul and it stinks to high heaven. It does not need a doctor, it needs an undertaker.”

Republicans had the better of Roosevelt when it came to flowery, angry rhetoric. It did not take long, however, before Roosevelt was proven decisively correct, and his opponents disastrously wrong. The aid that Roosevelt’s adversaries fought so hard to block was instrumental in the defeat of Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito, and enabled the world to avoid another global conflict over the four generations since the end of World War II. “We are,” argued Secretary of War Henry Stimson in urging support for Great Britain, “buying our own security,” and he was right. Those who opposed the aid were wrong — very wrong.

On his trip to North America to shore up weakening support for his brave people last week, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused Russia of attempting genocide in Ukraine. Call it what you will: It is the mass slaughter of the Ukrainian people for the purpose of strangling them into submission in order to forcibly bring them under the heel of a murderous despot. “I believe you’re supporting either Ukraine or Russia,” said Zelenskyy. “By weakening the support of Ukraine, you’re reinforcing Russia.”

It doesn’t take a moment’s reflection to appreciate that delivering over 100 billion of American taxpayers’ dollars to a country many of us couldn’t locate on a map two years ago is not politically advantageous to President Joe Biden. This is particularly true at a time when American voters disapprove of his handling of the economy, despite excellent reasons to approve of his performance. All the more proof that what Biden has done and is doing to keep Putin from flattening Ukraine is historic for its courage and leadership. Historians will recognize it as such, even if by the time that history is written many of us won’t be around to read it.

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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
 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 Mel Sanchez 562-665-4125.
 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.
 10:30 am: Ballroom dance class, at Downey Community Center, call 776 7270.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Royal Rangers Outpost 132, at Desert Reign Church, call 562-861-6011.
 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: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 2nd Thurs., 12 pm: Creative Purposes, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

SATURDAYS

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

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Havana Nights, 6-9:30 pm. Downey's premiere Cuban celebration returns to Downtown Downey with live music, food vendors, shopping, family activities, and more. Located on Downey Avenue between 2nd and 4th streets

Swingin' with the Mouse, 8 pm. Join the SWTM Band as they celebrate the magic of your favorite film/TV Disney music, featuring original jazz renditions of classic and beloved songs. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Beyond the Book Festival, time tba. A celebration of all things you're able to do at the library outside of books. The all-ages event will showcase art, music, and feature panel discussions, food vendors, artist and maker workshops, live music, and more. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Hello Gorgeous! A Live Tribute to Barbra Streisand, 3 pm. Actress and singer Rebecca Clark becomes Barbra Streisand in this live one-woman musical delivering the greatest hits of this legendary singer. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Ricky Galvez Memorial Golf Tournament, 11 am. Presented by Gangs Out of Downey, the Ricky Galvez Memorial Golf Tournament raises money to fund college scholarships for Downey students. Sign up online at downeygood.org. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Ribbon Cutting, 6 pm. A ribbon cutting ceremony for new chamber member Dream Life Realty, 8077 Florence Ave., Suite 202A

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, 7 am. Wrestling hall of famer Tully Blanchard is the keynote speaker at the 35th annual prayer breakfast. For tickets, call Mark Maciel at (562) 531-0117. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Fair Housing Workshop, 2 pm. Learn how you are protected under fair housing laws, what your rights and responsibilities are as tenants and landlords, and how to deal with tenant and landlord disputes. Plus discussions on state and federal fair housing laws, state and federally protected classes, notices, security deposits, rent increases, Covid-19 protections, and more. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Whitney Houston Tribute, 8 pm. Singer and actress Trina Johnson Finn captures the essence of the late Whitney Houston in this fast-moving, high-energy show.

Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

State of the Schools, 7 am. Enjoy breakfast while listening to keynote speakers share the Downey Unified School District's achievements and strategic direction. Last day to RSVP is Sept. 29. L.A. County Office of Education West Conference Center, 12830 Columbia Way

Holiday Boutique, 8 am to 2 pm. Halloween, fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas decor, rare Sandra Collins dolls, "Wizard of Oz" memorabilia, Fitz and Floyd collectibles, jewelry, and more. Proceeds to benefit Assistance League of Downey. Casa de Parley Johnson, 7749 Florence Ave.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Excursion to Apples & Art Orchards, 7:30 am to 5 pm. Take an excursion to the Apples & Art Orchards in Julian, where you will learn about apples as you pick your own 5 lb. bag. You'll also have the opportunity to make your own cider. Cost is \$16 for Downey residents and includes transportation and admission. Sign up at the Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center

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

Crosstown Kickoff Festival, 3-9 pm. A family-friendly festival with laser tag, corn maze, pedal car racing, shopping, athletic competitions, and more. Brookshire Avenue between Firestone and 5th Street

Paso de Oro Company Presents: Fiesta de Los Muertos, 6 pm. Paso de Oro Dance Company presents an enchanting evening dedicated to honoring cherished traditions - the harmonious fusion of Día de Muertos and Halloween. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Coffee with the Superintendent, 6 pm. Join Downey Unified School District superintendent Dr. John Garcia for coffee and conversation. Gallatin Elementary, 9513 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

Document Shredding, 8-11 am. Downey residents are invited to bring their sensitive documents for free, on-site shredding. Up to three banker-sized boxes per resident. City Hall parking lot, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Intro to Computers, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the basics of

using a computer and become familiar with peripherals, programs, files, browsing, emails, and more. Free but registration is required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

150th Anniversary, 5-8 pm. Join the city of Downey as it celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding. Festivities include food trucks, arts and crafts, classic car show, live music, performers, historical photos and videos, and more. Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Tides of Love," the concert features performances of "Dances in the Canebrakes" by Florence Price and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5, with a special appearance by baritone Anthony Moreno. An art show by the Downey Arts Coalition precedes the concert. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Rancho Golf Classic, 9 am. Now in its 33rd year, the Rancho Golf Classic raises funds for Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Sign up online at RanchoFoundation.org. Friendly Hills Country Club, 8500 Villaverde Dr.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Managing Your Medication Class, 11 am to 12 pm. Learn the importance of sticking to your medication regimen and get tips on what to ask your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new prescription. Led by the LA County Department of Mental Health. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

State of the City, 12 pm. Mayor Claudia M. Frometa will deliver Downey's State of the City address at this public event sponsored by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Book Club, 12-1 pm. Join other book lovers in a discussion of "When In Rome" by Liam Callanan. New members welcome. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

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

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Chamber Anniversary Gala, 5-9 pm. A gala event celebrating the Downey Chamber of Commerce's 120th anniversary. Themed "Taste of Downey," sample cuisine from Downey's finest restaurants. Plus music, a wine garden, dessert table, and more. For details, call (562) 923-2191 or email sarah@downeychamber.com. Casa de Parley Johnson, 7749 Florence Ave.

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Downey Dia de los Muertos, 11 am to 8 pm. Now in its 10th year, Downey Dia de los Muertos

features live music, ballet folklorico, Aztec dancers, car altar displays, papel picado, calaveras, face painting, food trucks, and more. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

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Queen of the Night! Remembering Whitney, starring Trina Johnson Finn is a 90 minute live entertainment show that brings the top selling hits of the late Whitney Houston to the stage. Queen of the Night! transports the essence and persona of Whitney for a night showcasing fan-favorite songs from Whitney Houston's past albums along with snappy dialogue providing personal insight behind each song.

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, 6:30 pm. Get in the Christmas spirit early this year with the beloved TV classic "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical" as it soars off the screen and onto the Downey Theatre stage. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Book Club, 12-1 pm. Join other book lovers in a discussion of

"Our Missing Hearts" by Celeste Ng. New members welcome. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Intro to Computers, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Learn the basics of using a computer and become familiar with peripherals, programs, files, browsing, emails, and more. Free but registration

is required by calling (562) 904-7366. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

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

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Coffee with the Superintendent, 6 pm. Join Downey Unified School District superintendent Dr. John Garcia for coffee and conversation. Sussman Middle School, 12500 Birchdale Ave.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Springtime," the concert features performances of Beethoven's Coriolan Overture, Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 4 "Italian," and Mozart's Piano Concert No. 20 in D minor with Cameron Akioka on piano. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

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

SATURDAY, MAY 18

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

Candidates disagree on meeting details

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Valle says Legaspi made several attempts to convince him to ditch his campaign, beginning with a phone call around mid-May when Valle was preparing to officially announce his intent to run.

"We had closing ceremonies [at Northwest Downey Little League], and the morning of I get a call from Gil, and he starts talking to me, and he says, 'Hey, I want to meet you, I really like your stuff, yadda yadda, I want to talk to you about running,'" said Valle. "I said, 'Well, you know what, you picked a bad day because I'm about to announce my retirement from Little League and I'm going to make my announcement.'"

Not long after, Valle says they met for lunch, where again, Legaspi made a plea to Valle not run, arguing that he had a better chance of winning and that they "shouldn't divide the vote."

"At that point, I told him I was going to run, and he said, 'Great, you know what, I respect that,'" said Valle. "He did mention something about talking to Dorothy [Pemberton], and meeting with Dorothy... apparently there was a misunderstanding about who was going to run or what not between them two, and he said, 'I respect you because you're telling me upfront that you're going to run...'"

Legaspi and Pemberton both verified that they had met for lunch and discussed the upcoming race, but their stories too have inconsistencies between them.

According to Legaspi, Pemberton asked him to hold off on running until 2024 during the regular election, allowing her to serve the remaining one year of the current District 3 term before challenging Trujillo for District 5.

Pemberton, however, says that they "didn't know who was going to run" when they met.

"We were deciding who has the most experience to run, because we wanted to make sure a Downey person would get in. We talked about, yes, it's only going to be for one year," said Pemberton.

According to Pemberton, the two agreed that she had the most experience between the pair and should be the one to run. She also says that Legaspi asked her to appoint him as one of her representatives if elected.

"He was saying, 'You have a lot more [experience] than I do,' you should run. I said, 'Okay, I'm going to run because I think I have more people that know me than you, and then you can get more experience after this one-year term.' We were just going to talk, that's about it," said Pemberton. "He says...you run, and you appoint me to Planning Commission."

"I didn't know that was such a coveted position. And I go, 'Let's just get going with the election.' A couple of months later, I get the call [from Legaspi, saying] 'I changed my mind, I'm going to run.'"



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

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

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Tribute show honors late Whitney Houston

DOWNEY – Singer, actress and songwriter Trina Johnson Finn stars in “Queen of the Night,” a Whitney Houston tribute show playing at the Downey Theatre on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Finn has worked with Barbra Streisand, MC Hammer, Smokey Robinson, and other music legends.

“Queen of the Night” captures the essence and personal of Whitney Houston with snappy dialogue and stories about the late, great artist in a fast-moving, high-energy show.

Tickets are \$59 and can be purchased at downeytheatre.org.

Thrift shop to hold parking lot sale

DOWNEY – The Second Tyme Around Thrift Shoppe, owned by the Assitance League of Downey, will hold a parking lot sale Friday, Oct. 6, from 10 am to 2 pm at Casa de Parley Johnson, located at 7749 Florence Ave.

Featured items for sale will be rare vintage handmade dolls, specially selected jewelry, Fitz & Floyd holiday treasures, handmade holiday craft items, and more.

The public is welcome.

Stay Gallery celebrates 11th anniversary with 68-artist group exhibition, fundraiser

DOWNEY – In celebration of their 11th anniversary, Stay Gallery will host the opening reception of The Local Group Show 5, an annual group art exhibition highlighting the creative diversity of Los Angeles County. The Local Group Show (TLGS) was first created by Stay Gallery in 2019 to provide more accessible opportunities for local artists to share and display their work, with over 140 local artists participating since then.

For their 5th year of TLGS, the gallery will feature the work and stories of 68 local artists from varying ages, backgrounds, career stages and mediums, including paintings, ceramics, photography and more. With 68 participating artists, this will be their largest installation to date. The open call for the exhibition received over 170 submissions from artists across the region.

The opening event will be held on Friday, October 6, from 5-10 pm, in conjunction with Stay Gallery’s annual fundraiser. Highlights include a local artisan vendor market, live painting by Nia Simone and Angel Acordagoitia, a free card-making print workshop by GUERRA, and a live DJ set by NICEGUYXVINNY. Tacos and street food will be provided by Downey’s very own FUEGO TACOS, as well as drinks and craft beer by Liquid Death and Pico Rivera-based brewery, Brewjeria. Limited edition Stay Gallery hats, shirts and crewnecks will be available for purchase.

The event will also feature a raffle with prizes including a one-night staycation by Embassy Suites, a limited edition “Downey Doodle-icious” print courtesy of local artist Don Lamkin, street-art kits and merch by RD Artist Supplies, gift cards from Gaucho Grill, Poached, Porto’s and Golf ‘N Stuff, and much more. Raffle tickets will

be available in-person the night of the event.

All proceeds will benefit Stay’s fundraising goal of \$30,000 to support critical operating and programming costs for the upcoming year. Every dollar raised helps keep the gallery’s open hours free for the public and supports the continuation of free and low-cost artistic, cultural and creative experiences for local artists, youth and families in the City of Downey and Southeast Los Angeles - Gateway Cities region.

The event welcomes all ages and will be open to the public with free RSVP, though donation-based RSVP’s are encouraged to benefit the fundraiser. To learn more about the event and RSVP online, please visit: staygallery.org/tlgs5

After the opening, the exhibition will be on view at Stay Gallery (11140 Downey Avenue, Downey CA, 90241) from Oct. 6, 2023 – Jan. 5, 2024 during open gallery hours: Thursday & Friday from 2 – 7 pm and Saturdays from 10 am – 2 pm. A

mission to Stay Gallery is free during open hours. For questions, please email hello@stayarts.org or call/text (562) 774-2056.

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Gloria Jacqueline Drees

November 13, 1930 - August 22, 2023

“Jackie” McCoy was born on November 13, 1930 in Hamlin Texas. Jackie spent her first seven years on a cotton farm in West Texas with her parents and four older brothers. As the result of her parent’s break-up and eventual divorce, she and her mother relocated to Los Angeles, in 1937. She attended Los Angeles City Schools, graduating from John C. Fremont High School in 1948 as a member of the California Scholarship Federation.

She met the “love of her life, Bob Drees” in 1947 while on a blind date with Bob’s best friend, Kurt. At the time, Bob was dating Jackie’s best friend, Anne. After Bob and Anne broke up, Jackie and Bob became a couple.

On April 3, 1950, the two were married on the radio show “Bride & Groom”. Kurt was the best man and Anne was the matron of honor. They honeymooned on Catalina Island. Jackie and Bob welcomed daughter, Debbie Lynn, on August 27, 1953. Barry McCoy entered the picture on October 22, 1956.

As a child and later as an adult, she learned to play musical instruments including piano, accordion, organ, viola, cello, bass violin, guitar, ukelele and harmonica.

In 1948, Jackie’s first gig involved playing the electronic accordion with a Country/Western Girls Trio that took her to Anchorage, Alaska, for 3 months. Back in California, the trio secured a permanent job in Long Beach playing at “Hollywood on the Pike” six nights a week for 4 years. In 1952, she traveled to Fairbanks, Alaska with the same trio for 3 months. In the middle of these years, she and Bob were married in 1950. She retired from the trio, they bought a home and became parents.

While their kids were growing up, Jackie taught music in two Private Schools and later at home. She worked a gig for a year in 1964 playing the organ at “Ozzie’s Keg & Kettle” in City of Commerce.

From 1967 to 1972, she was employed as a secretary, illustrator, proof-reader and assistant to the president of Richardson Engineering Service in Downey.

Jackie served as president of the Price School Parents Club where she also was leader of the school chorus of 65 kids—a before-school volunteer event. She was president of Downey Toastmistress, president of Southeast District Lawyers Wives and three-time president of Wives of Los Angeles Police Officers (WOLAPO).

She dabbled in oil painting and completed four reproductions on canvas. An animal lover, she owned four dogs and five cats. But her passion was listening to music, especially songs that conjure up memories of days gone by. Her favorite movie was “Sound of Music”.

Her travels took her to all seven continents and, along with husband Bob, she traveled extensively throughout the world, keeping a detailed journal of their travels to faraway places.

Among those adventures, she kissed the Blarney Stone in Ireland, viewed New York City from a helicopter, climbed a pyramid outside of Mexico City, saw Paris from the Eiffel Tower, attended a bull fight in Spain, traversed the Panama Canal, dined at the Casbah in Morocco, crossed the dreaded Drake Passage on a small cruise ship, set foot on the continent of Antarctica, walked on a glacier in Canada, saw the Great Barrier Reef from an underwater submarine, viewed Hong Kong Harbor from Victoria Peak, flew over the island of Kauai in a helicopter, viewed the LA harbor from the Goodyear blimp, and panned gold in Alaska while living there. On her 70th birthday, Jackie made a tandem skydive from an altitude of 12,500 feet, accompanied by her son Barry, and a granddaughter, Mindy.

She and Bob, a retired police detective sergeant and court judge, bought their first home in Downey where they resided for 43 years. Their home for the past 28 years has been beside a lake in Yorba Linda, California.

Jackie is survived by Bob, her husband of 73 years, daughter Debbie Gordon and son Barry (Dub) Drees, grandchildren Mindy (Paul Desby), Doree (Shawn Quinn), Tyler (Shaina) Drees and Kyle Drees. And great grandchildren Raegan & Brielle Desby, Shea & Taya Quinn and Dani Drees. Also, sister-in-law, Phyllis McCoy.

Final resting place will be Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, California.



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Sold out audience enjoys Phantom show

■ A Phantom of the Opera-themed dinner and show raised needed funds for the Downey Symphony.

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

Open up your mind, let your fantasies unwind

In this darkness which you know you cannot fight

The darkness of the music of the night

The lights flickered, the music turned ominous, but the chandeliers at the Downey Woman's Club did not fall. The red-carpeted grand staircase of the Paris Opera House filled the stage as patrons of the Downey Symphony waited for the macabre Phantom to stalk the beautiful young Christine.

The Downey Symphonic Society held its annual garden party, a tradition that began when the Symphonic Society was founded over 65 years ago, to benefit the Downey Symphony and its outreach program for Downey youth, Music in the Schools. The party was never more glamorous or sinister than this.

Three-thirty was the time on the invitation but by three, tables were filling with patrons who wanted to soak up the atmosphere and check out the auction tables. Seventeen tables of ten each filled the sold-out ball room and a lively buzz of conversation rose.

"Every year Don and I love attending the annual fundraiser," said Marsha Rodriguez Milner, "to support my hometown orchestra, the fabulous Downey Symphony. But this year our dear friend Pat Gil really pulled out all the stops and brought the chandelier down with a Phantom of the Opera theme!"

Marsha wore a gold sequined and mocha silk dress with a lacy gold mask that was half real, and half painted down her cheek. She had curled her long blond hair into deep ringlets, completing the period look.

Some opted to dress formally or in costume, and silver and red or feathered masks topped long gowns for women, capes and tuxes for men. Many, like long-time concertgoer Jim Reed were unrecognizable in the sculpted Phantom half-mask.

Anthony Crespo, president of the DSS, attended with fiancée Gloria and his parents. Anthony, in a pale cream silk jacket, welcomed guests and introduced two City Council persons in attendance, Mario Trujillo resplendent in a peacock blue tuxedo jacket with black velvet collar, and Hector Sosa, in proper black tie, starched shirt, studs and all. Hector's wife Daisy in a black gown carried a black sequined shawl and wore a

lacy black mask to complete the formal look.

Former Mayor Rick Rodriguez chose semi-formal, with a black jacket, red tie and figured red silk pocket square. Marge Lewis opted for silver on black.

Anthony called on Music Director Sharon Lavery, who described the coming subscription concert season in the Downey Theatre. "For the first concert, Tides of Love, on Saturday October 14," Sharon said, "we have our favorite baritone Anthony Moreno singing Mahler Lieder that I have always wanted to perform with him.

We open with Dances in the Canebrake," said Sharon, "a fabulous piece I heard, with rag and cakewalks like Silk Hat and Walking Cane. It echoes the work party dances the African-American plantation workers would do as they cleared the cane thickets to make way for cotton plantations, and it's by Florence Price, the first female African-American composer to have a composition played by a major orchestra."

"For the second part of the evening," said Sharon, "the deeply moving Fifth Symphony by Tchaikovsky. If you don't know it now, I guarantee you will walk out with the songs in your heart." The popular ballad Moon Love is taken from a theme in the second movement. Frank Sinatra made it his own. Tickets for the concert are on sale now at the Box Office at the Downey Theatre.

Sharon chose to wear a black and white blouse that suggested pages of a symphonic score, while former DSS president Don Marshall wore a pink linen jacket. Carol and Frank Kearns arrived, she in muted blues and grays. Mark Keller of the DSS and the Downey Theatre wore all black, as a Theatre Manager might. Other Board members attended: Marge and Larry Lewis, and Cindy Kovacs - the U S Bank was a Bronze Sponsor for the evening- as well as Mary Stevens and Ruth Hillecke, also in black and white.

I sat with Adele Alexander and Hop Morrison. Adele wore a figured silk kimono with beaded evening bag to match. Katie and Bill Hare arrived, Bill in an aloha shirt. Tom Hutchinson combined a formal black jacket with a white shirt open at the neck. Linda Saldana chose a soft blue silk dress, and Bobbie Bruce wore blue too. Annie Tseklenis was there with neighbors Annie and Ruben Rojas.

Party organizer Past Gil went full Paris in 1890, with a long red ball gown with a hoop skirt and red mask and garnet jewelry to go with her theatrical black hair. "I wanted this to be elegant and timeless," Pat said. Pat keeps surpassing herself and this year will be hard to top.

Dorothy Pemberton wore a long black dress with scooped

neck and back, and she bid on many items and nodded her head in time when the Phantom music began. When Dorothy comes she brings the party because she sees every occasion as a chance to enjoy the moment. That's a gift.

To entertain the guests while they enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and examined the tables of silent auction items before dinner, Lars Clutterham played a medley with his own variations from the Phantom score, performing from the stage on his portable keyboard. Tables with auction items were clustered beside the stage, and baskets for Dia de los Muertos featured Caterina figures and margarita or whiskey. A ruby Betsy Johnson heart pendant and a Bourbon City Country Whiskey basket stood side by side.

Bidding was intense, and a table of young women beside me kept raising the price when they really wanted something.

At a banquet you expect good food and gourmet surprises, but what really makes an evening run smoothly is impeccable service. And the well-trained servers of King Events moved deftly, providing what was needed and clearing almost invisibly.

Guests could sit in the private garden and sip champagne or lemonade at the cocktail hour from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, and enjoy a buffet of every kind of seasonal fruit, cheese and gourmet crackers. Tables for ten were set with gold chargers on baroque printed black and white table cloths, a bottle of red wine and an ice bucket chilling a bottle of white at each table. A vase of red roses and white hydrangeas centered each table flanked by lighted candles.

Dinner was skinned and boneless chicken breasts with special sauces, and dessert was chocolate mousse cake with dark chocolate mousse and white chocolate mousse fillings between the layers.

Finally the lights flickered again, and after a moment of blackness, the red velvet curtains parted to reveal the two lead singers as they reenacted Andrew Lloyd Webber's mesmerizing, sensual and ghostly story.

Night time sharpens, heightens each sensation

Darkness stirs and wakes imagination

Silently the senses abandon their defenses...

Larry Dusich was the unsung hero of the night, managing the show behind the scenes, the dramatic opening with all darkness and then the flashing lights.

Tom Horvath, known as The Young Man of Broadway, a phenomenal entertainer and premier theatre singer, sang the roles of the Phantom and also of the innocent young man who also loves Christine. Horvath was

a baritenor, that allows him the extreme range of the Phantom, from soft high murmurs of caresses to deeper notes.

The heroine's part was sung in a rich soprano by Kristen Towers -Rowles. Her trained voice had miles of high extension, because Christine's role demands sustained high E-flats and F's. This is grand opera.

Downey Arts Coalition president Alistair Hunter knew Kristen from theatre days. "She comes from a family of three generations of theatre artists" said Alistair, "and her father, a fine actor, made the trip out here to see her. She performed an Agatha Christie play earlier that day at Theatre 40 in Beverly Hills, and raced over to Downey. A professional."

For the second act, the actors left the stage and performed walking through the audience, intimate and emotional. Dorothy Pemberton led the audience in a standing ovation that was long and appreciative.

Excitement rose again with the bidding for the one-off-a-kind live auction items. The Phantom's Basket held wine, a CD of the show and score, a music box that plays Music of the Night, posters, that grotesque mask, and an exquisite Swarovski crystal masquerade pin. The Olive Restobar contributed coupons for dinner for two couples, and that was combined with tickets for 4 to a Downey Theatre show.

Then came the priceless prize, dinner with conductor Sharon for two and seats on stage inside the orchestra for the dress rehearsal of the next concert. "I'll take you to dinner," said Sharon, "and then you can sit wherever you like-you want to sit with the French horns, you'll be there. I've had people who wanted to sit with the drums. The sound is all around you and the experience is indescribable."

Debra Price, violinist with the Orchestra who also attended with her husband, said, "We love having the community join with us like this."

As Marsha Milner said, "We absolutely loved spending the evening with our wonderful Downey friends and supporting the upcoming season of the Downey Symphony." "It was sold out," said Alistair. "Great community event. And a great celebration for the Downey Symphony."

POET'S CORNER

The Last Swim of Summer

Our pool is still blue but a few leaves have fallen, floating on the surface

of summer. The other swimmers went home last week, tossed

their faded bathing suits aside, so my daughter and I are alone

in the water which has grown colder like a man's hand at the end of

a romance. The lifeguard is under her umbrella but her bags are packed

for college. We are swimming against change, remembering the endless

shores of June: the light like lemonade, fireflies inside our cupped hands,

watermelon night. We are swimming towards the darkness of what

is next, walking away from the sounds of laughter and splashing, towels

wrapped around the dampness of our loss.

Faith Shearin, *Moving the Piano*, Stephen F. Austin State University Press, 2011

With the extreme weather, we need the calendar to remind us when the seasons change. Nostalgia and resistance to change make these memories Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



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DOWNEY FOUNDATION FOR INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM

Dear Downey Patriot Valued Reader,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer DeKay
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