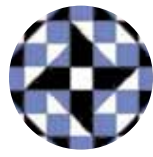




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CRIME REPORT

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

At 9:30 a.m., officers located five subjects camping on a private vacant lot in the 12800 block of Woodruff. Each was issued a citation for trespassing before vacating the area.

At 1:30 p.m., officers arrested a man at his home in the 8400 block of Rives after he fired a gun at his roommate during an argument. The suspect fled the scene after the shooting, but was arrested a short time later by detectives. He was booked for assault with a deadly weapon. Nobody was injured.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

At 4:00 a.m., a man withdrawing money from an ATM machine in the 13500 block of Lakewood was robbed by two men who approached him from behind. One of the robbers pointed a gun at the victim while the other robber reached into the victim's pocket and stole his cell phone. Both suspects then entered a car and drove away. Both suspects were later taken into custody by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

At 8:00 a.m., officers assisted Railroad Police with removing trespassers from railroad property on the Rio San Gabriel Riverbed south of Firestone. Downey officers contacted five subjects, two of whom were arrested for warrants. The other subjects were issued warnings and left the area.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

At 2:00 a.m., officers arrested a 26-year-old Downey man after he punched his ex-girlfriend in the face during an argument at his home in the 9000 block of Parrot. The victim sustained minor injuries from the assault and the suspect was booked for domestic violence, a felony.

At 6:00 a.m., a 23-year-old Downey man was arrested for being drunk in public after officers found him passed out, disoriented, and unable to care for himself in front of an apartment building in the 12000 block of Paramount.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

At 11:30 a.m., an officer observed a "hand-to-hand" drug transaction in the parking lot of Apollo Park. The officer subsequently contacted three subjects and found them to be in possession of various amounts of marijuana. Two of the subjects were issued citations and released, but the third subject was in possession of nearly 2 pounds of marijuana and had a warrant for his arrest. He was booked for possession of the marijuana and outstanding warrant.

At 11:45 p.m., officers arrested a man for investigation of drunk driving after he crashed the car he was driving into a parked car in the 9300 block of Paramount. During their investigation, officers observed signs of intoxication and arrested him.



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN BROWN

Israel and Diana Gamez have lost more than 260 pounds since changing to a healthy lifestyle three years ago.

Downey couple breaks old habits, sheds 260 pounds



By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Diana Gamez knew it was time for a change when she woke up three years ago and realized she couldn't tie her shoelaces.

"It really bothered me," she said. "A normal person should be able to tie their own shoes."

Similar to other Americans approaching middle age, the once petite 33-year-old's weight had ballooned out of control.

"And I had to do something about it," Gamez said.

Instead of tackling the challenge alone, this stay-at-home mom asked her husband, Israel, who weighed 406 pounds himself, to work out with her. Together, the Downey couple lost more than 260 pounds – and counting.

"Don't write yourself off," said Israel Gamez. "At age 36, we're in better shape today than when we were 18-years-old."

While athletic as a teenager, Israel, who now works as a foreman in Placentia, said a lazy couch lifestyle consumed his 20s.

"You go to family get-togethers and you've got to eat your aunt's beans. You've got to eat everything," he said. "And in the Hispanic culture,

there's a richness to how much food you have and everybody eats it all."

Israel and Diana, who first met in 1999 and married four years ago, said it was that consistent loading of food and lack of exercise that led to the extra pounds over the years.

"I never looked at myself in the mirror and as a woman it's important to look good and feel good about yourself," Diana said. "I didn't like pictures. I wore a lot of black and things that covered myself."

However, without any money for a gym membership or personal trainer, the parents of three managed to reschedule their weekly lives in order to ditch the weight.

"I started running more than anything because it's free," said Diana. "I came to a point when I said, 'I can do eight miles – let's work on 10.'"

Diana said she steadily built up her stamina, challenging herself to train in any crevasse of free time, including during her kids' sports

practices.

"Everything takes a lot of planning and effort, but I take meals to the park and while they're practicing, I run around the park," she said.

"She got a head start on me," Israel said. "She'd be eating vegetables and I'm like, 'where's my bacon at?'" Nonetheless, Israel's diet began to change too and the once overweight husband and father began walking, jogging and, eventually, running.

"I remember the first mile I ran when I was in the weight loss. It was awesome," he said.

Since beginning his regimen, Israel has lost 180 pounds and now maintains his weight through cycling.

"I climb mountains on a bicycle, and you've got to get to the top," he said. "You're kind of beating yourself up, but everything else seems a lot easier after you're done with that."

Diana has lost 88 pounds since her transformation, but her greatest accomplishment was running in the Los Angeles Marathon in March.

"I trained for a whole year, I committed myself, and the experience was great," she said.

With her family waiting at the finish line in "Team Diana" T-shirts, she finished the marathon in five hours and four minutes.

"I did pretty good, but I know I can do it faster. You better believe I'm going to do it again."

The couple acknowledged how tough it was to break their old habits, but maintained the experience brought them closer together.

"We found out that the only roadblocks in life are the ones we put in front of ourselves," Israel said. "We're going to continue to support one another so we can ride off into the sunset in shape."

To see more before-and-after pictures and hear the Gamez's dramatic weight loss story in their own words, visit <https://youtu.be/zvPwmOcv0sc>.

Downey passes \$164M budget

DOWNEY – The City Council on Tuesday unanimously passed a \$164.3 million operating budget for fiscal year 2015-16.

"Things are better -- not dramatically better," said City Manager Gilbert Livas. "We have some nice things on the horizon."

The spending plan sets aside approximately \$2.4 million for various capital improvement projects, including a new air conditioning system and bathroom renovations at the Downey Civic Theatre.

The lion's share of the budget -- 65 percent -- is allocated to the police and fire departments.

"While poised in a stable financial

position, the City of Downey has significant unfunded needs for the infrastructure and services the Downey residents are used to," finance director Anil Gandhi wrote in a staff report. "Another challenge that the City is facing is increasing costs due to changes that CalPERS has made to its a.) discount rate b) actuarial methodology c) mortality rates.

"It is expected that the rates will increase by 13% for Safety and 8% for Miscellaneous over the next four years resulting in significant burden on the City's General Fund."

City officials project property tax revenues to increase 6.3% next year, while income from sales tax are

projected to rise 7.6%.

"The U.S. economy is on its way to recovery from the Great Recession," Gandhi wrote in his report. "As such, overall, the economy is stabilizing which is evident in our revenue projections for the Fiscal Year 2015-16."

The police department plans to maintain its current level of 111 sworn police officers next year. But Police Chief Carl Charles has cautioned that more officers will be needed in the coming years, particularly when the Promenade shopping center opens.

– Eric Pierce, editor

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 78°

Saturday 79°

Sunday 80°

THINGS TO DO



Make Music Downey

Saturday - downtown Downey
Music festival featuring live music at various locations throughout downtown. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Authors Luncheon

Saturday - Rio Hondo Event Center, 11:30 a.m.
Crime novelists Christopher J. Lynch and Jill Amadio discuss their latest books. \$25



Golf Course Open House

Sunday - Rio Hondo Golf Club, 3-7 p.m.
Tour the Rio Hondo Golf Course and listen a live concert by piano rock group Kings of 88

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

DUSD reports 93% graduation rate

Patricia Dudgeon: Yeah! My son is graduating today (GO VIKES!) but congratulations to all DUSD students who have "promoted" and are graduating!

Erica Hernandez: Congratulations to all the students and to their parents. You should all be very proud!

Lilly Gomez: Great job parents, teachers and students!

Richard Villalobos: So glad my daughter is now attending DUSD. In just few short months she turned around failing grades from previous district to B's and C's.

Jack-Leen Combate Berberabe: My son's graduating with distinguished honor from Warren High. We live in Long Beach but no regret putting him to DUSD...great school.

RonnieRossee LovelyVentura: Glad I brought my son to DUSD. Best decision I made.

Janet Hare Molinaro: This is an impressive statistic. But how many are college or career ready?

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TWEET OF THE WEEK

@LAClippers: The students at Stauffer Middle School in Downey have something they want to tell you. #GearUpLA

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Country band Southern Caliber will kick-off Downey's concerts in the park series this Wednesday, July 1, with a 7 p.m. performance at Furman Park.

Southern Caliber plays the most popular country hits currently playing on the radio, as well as classic country tunes. The band performs regularly throughout California.

Concert transportation is available for Downey residents ages 50 and older. Downey Dial-A-Ride will provide curbside transportation for eligible residents and up to two companions. Riders must sign up and complete an application at the Transit Department, and must provide proof of age and residency.

Downey Dial-A-Ride picks up riders between 5:30-6:30 p.m., and returns passengers starting at 8 p.m.

Cerritos Center releases 2015-16 season schedule

CERRITOS – Entertainment legend Donny Osmond opens the 2015-2016 Season at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) with an 8 p.m. concert on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Since Osmond's teen years, during which he charmed America with the hits Go Away Little Girl and Puppy Love, the crooner has delighted generations of fans as a Broadway star, actor, on-air personality, television host, record producer, and author.

Osmond will perform his all-time favorites and new hits from his 60th album, "The Soundtrack of My Life."

The upcoming 2015-2016 Season lineup highlights world-class performers in music, children's entertainment, and Broadway. Enjoy performances by acclaimed singers Neil Sedaka, Jon Secada, The Temptations, and Joe Nichols. Fun family-friendly shows include Amazing Animals, Mummenschanz, Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical, and Tap Factory.

CCPA favorites and returning acts include Merry-Achi Christmas, Colors of Christmas, and saxophonist Dave Koz.

The 2015-2016 Broadway series includes Flashdance, The Producers, and

Ragtime. The Memory Lane series showcases The Bronx Wanderers; Reunion of the Champagne Music Makers Featuring Ralna English, Guy Hovis, Arthur Duncan, Bobby and Elaine, Mary Lou Metzger, Gail Farrell, and the Champagne Music Makers Orchestra; In the Mood; and Cab Calloway Orchestra with special guest Alice Tan Ridley.

Rob Kapilow's What Makes It Great? series features DVOŘÁK – Symphony No. 8 With the Cal State Fullerton University Symphony Orchestra; BEETHOVEN – Kreutzer Sonata With Blake Pouliot, violin and Hsin-I Huang, piano; and From Brigadoon to My Fair Lady: The Songs of Lerner and Loew With Amanda Squitieri, soprano.

Place ticket orders by mail, at cerritoscenter.com, or by calling (562) 467-8818. Web sales begin at noon on Friday, July 17. Phone and live in-person sales start at noon on Saturday, July 18.

The full 2015-16 season schedule is below:

Donny Osmond
SAT, SEP 19, 2015, 8:00 PM

Neil Sedaka
SUN, SEP 20, 2015, 3:00 PM
The Isley Brothers
SAT, SEP 26, 2015, 8:00 PM

Benise
Strings of Passion
SUN, SEP 27, 2015, 7:00 PM

Mavis Staples & Joan Osborne
Solid Soul
SAT, OCT 3, 2015, 8:00 PM

Bollywood Masala Orchestra and Dancers of India
SUN, OCT 4, 2015, 3:00 PM

The Tenors
FRI, OCT 16, 2015, 8:00 PM

Amazing Animals starring Olate Dogs, San Diego Zoo animal presentation featuring Dr. Zoolittle and a zoo educator, Kevin Johnson, and Dan Birch
SAT, OCT 17, 2015, 3:00 PM

The Folk Reunion with The Brothers Four and The Kingston Trio
SUN, OCT 18, 2015, 3:00 PM

Tommy Roe and Jay & The Americans
FRI, OCT 23, 2015, 8:00 PM

Te Vaka
SAT, OCT 24, 2015, 8:00 PM
Libera
SUN, OCT 25, 2015, 3:00 PM

Steve Lippia: Centennial Sinatra
FRI, OCT 30, 2015, 8:00 PM

Liverpool Mania - The History of the Beatles starring American English
FRI, NOV 20, 2015, 8:00 PM

Jon Secada
SAT, NOV 21, 2015, 8:00 PM

Mummenschanz
SUN, NOV 22, 2015, 3:00 PM

Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical
FRI, NOV 27, 2015, 7:00 PM
SAT, NOV 28, 2015, 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM

The Temptations
FRI, DEC 4, 2015, 8:00 PM

Merry-Achi Christmas: Sol de México de José Hernández, Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles, and Grandeza Mexicana Ballet Folklorico
SAT, DEC 5, 2015, 7:00 PM

The TEN Tenors
Home for the Holidays
SUN, DEC 6, 2015, 7:00 PM
Joe Nichols
FRI, DEC 11, 2015, 8:00 PM

Colors of Christmas with Peabo Bryson, Oleta Adams, Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis, Jr., and Bebe Winans
SAT, DEC 12, 2015, 8:00 PM

Johnny Mathis Christmas Show
FRI, DEC 18, 2015, 8:00 PM

Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2015
SAT, DEC 19, 2015, 8:00 PM
SUN, DEC 20, 2015, 3:00 PM
The Best of Doo-Wop Vol. II
SAT, JAN 16, 2016, 8:00 PM
Under the Streetlamp
FRI, JAN 22, 2016, 8:00 PM

Fiesta Mexico-Americana: A Celebration of Mexican American Heritage featuring Los Lobos with Special Guests Ballet Folklorico Mexicano
SAT, JAN 23, 2016, 8:00 PM

Direct From Ireland: Celtic Nights – Spirit of Freedom
FRI, JAN 29, 2016, 8:00 PM
Moscow Festival Ballet Presents Cinderella
SAT, JAN 30, 2016, 8:00 PM

Tap Factory
FRI, FEB 5, 2016, 7:00 PM

British Isles of Wonder featuring the Band of the Scots Guards and The Pipes, Drums, and Highland Dancers of The Black Watch 3rd Battalion and The Royal Regiment of Scotland
SAT, FEB 20, 2016, 8:00 PM

Stray Cats' Lee Rocker and Little River Band
SAT, FEB 27, 2016, 8:00 PM

Tribute to the Follies starring Tony Sandler, Olate Dogs, Raspyini Brothers, Pete Barbutti, The Lindy Sisters, Dorothy Kloss, Ken Prescott, Follies Dancers, and the Follies Orchestra
SAT, MAR 12, 2016, 6:30 PM

60th Anniversary of It's Magic!
SUN, MAR 13, 2016, 3:00 PM

Barrage 8
FRI, MAR 18, 2016, 8:00 PM

ROB KAPILOW'S WHAT MAKES IT GREAT?

Rob Kapilow's What Makes It Great? DVOŘÁK – Symphony No. 8 with the Cal State Fullerton University Symphony Orchestra
WED, OCT 21, 2015, 7:30 PM

Rob Kapilow's What Makes It Great? BEETHOVEN – Kreutzer Sonata with Blake Pouliot, violin and Hsin-I Huang, piano
WED, FEB 3, 2016, 7:30 PM

Rob Kapilow's What Makes It Great? From Brigadoon to My Fair Lady: The Songs of Lerner and Loewe with Amanda Squitieri, soprano

WED, MAR 9, 2016, 7:30 PM
MEMORY LANE SERIES
The Bronx Wanderers
SUN, NOV 1, 2015, 3:00 PM

Reunion of the Champagne Music Makers featuring Ralna English, Guy Hovis, Arthur Duncan, Bobby and Elaine, Mary Lou Metzger, Gail Farrell, and the Champagne Music Makers Orchestra
SUN, JAN 17, 2016, 3:00 PM

In the Mood
SUN, MAR 6, 2016, 3:00 PM

Cab Calloway Orchestra with Special Guest Alice Tan Ridley
SUN, MAR 20, 2016, 3:00 PM

BROADWAY SERIES

Flashdance
FRI, NOV 6, 2015, 8:00 PM
SAT, NOV 7, 2015, 2:00 PM & 8 PM

The Producers
FRI, FEB 12, 2016, 8:00 PM
SAT, FEB 13, 2016, 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM

Ragtime
FRI, APR 1, 2016, 8:00 PM
SAT, APR 2, 2016, 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM

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SAT, OCT 10, 2015, 8:00 PM

Los Angeles Symphony Christmas Concert
SUN, DEC 13, 2015, 7:00 PM



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Rick Rodriguez, left, was sworn-in as 2015-16 president of Gangs Out of Downey earlier this month. Former mayor Mario Guerra administered the oath of office.

Rodriguez's board includes Mark McDaniel (first vice president), Alex Saab (second vice president), Ray Mesler (treasurer), Julie Garcia (secretary) and Eric Pierce (immediate past president).




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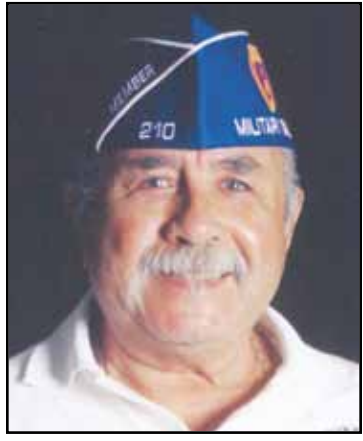
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Dodgers honor Purple Heart recipient from Downey



DOWNEY – Downey resident **Joseph A. Del Rio**, a Korean War veteran and Purple Heart recipient, was honored by the Los Angeles Dodgers during their “Korean Night” promotion on June 17.

Del Rio, who has lived in Downey for the past 58 years, is current commander of the Military

Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 210 of Long Beach.

At Dodger Stadium, he was ceremoniously honored and awarded a certificate of recognition and appreciation by **Hyun-myung Kim**, consul general in Los Angeles, for Del Rio’s “bravery, sacrifices and outstanding service” during the Korean War.

Del Rio served in the U.S. Army, 7th Division, 32nd Infantry Regiment. He says he enlisted “to fulfill my patriotic duty as an American citizen during the Korean War.”

The Purple Heart is awarded to military personnel who have died or been injured in battle.

Upon being honorably discharged, Del Rio returned to civilian life, married, raised a family, and became involved with numerous veteran organizations, providing for veterans’ needs.

As commander of the Long Beach chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Del Rio provides medical referral guidance to veterans in need and was instrumental in the establishment of two “Purple Heart Cities” -- Long Beach and Pomona -- both honoring Purple Heart recipients and their service to their country.

“One should bear in mind that the Purple Heart is only awarded to military personnel who have fallen or been injured in battle, and said medal was once known as the Badge of Military Merit, initiated by Gen. George Washington, and first awarded during the War for Independence,” said Del Rio. “Therefore, I commend all veteran and Purple Heart recipients for their unselfish services throughout every war.”

Vietnam War vet Joe Carillo rides for those who can't

By **Alex Dominguez**
Contributor

DOWNEY – Downey resident **Joe Carillo** took part in this year’s annual Run for the Wall (RFTW)

event, which took him across an over 2,600-mile ride across the country.

RFTW was established in 1989 by Vietnam veterans James Gregory and Bill Evans as a way to raise awareness for the thousands of men and women who are still unaccounted for from all wars. The event sees military veterans and family members ride their motorcycles from west coast to east coast, starting in Ontario, Calif., and ending at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC. The entire trip takes around 10 days.

Carillo served in the Marine Corp in various air wing stations during the Vietnam Era from 1969 to 1972. He originally planned to ride in last year’s RFTW, however was unable to do so due to last minute, unforeseen circumstances. He was one of thousands of veterans to make this year’s ride.

“It was amazing. It’s an amazing ride,” said Carillo. “...We ride for the ones who can’t.”

The ride started on May 13, ended on the 22nd, and culminated on Memorial Day. All the riders are escorted by police and highway patrol, and are greeted with open arms by the community members of each town that they pass through. Carillo described it as a “nationwide affair.”

“It’s pretty heavy; very emotional,” said Carillo. “It’s amazing how people stand over the over passes... People just come out and wait for us. It’s a very cool thing to see...the smaller the town, the bigger

the patriotism is!”

The ride includes veterans from wars spanning from WWII to currently active military according to the RFTW website. However Carillo said that most of the participants were from the older generation.

“I would say 99% of these guys are all Vietnam era. There’s very few young guys you would see, like Iraqi or Afghanistan. You’ll see some, but not very many. Most of them, everybody’s grey haired. A bunch old dudes,” he said.

Ride participants are often times provided with food, gasoline, entertainment, and ceremony by many of the schools, organizations, and citizens within the towns that they pass through, however, other expenses and lodging are each rider’s personal responsibility.

According to Carillo, this year’s ride somewhat struggled with the weather.

“We caught into a lot of rain. You know all that rain in Texas? We were right in the middle of that,” Carillo said. “We got into the middle of the rain, hail, thunder, and they don’t stop. They stop to pull over and put on your rain suit. You just keep going...we run between 200 to 350, sometimes 400 miles a day.”

Reflecting on his experience, Carillo emphasized that there is a need to not forget those who sacrificed for the country.

“A lot of soldiers during the 60’s and 70’s were patronized because of the Vietnam War, and because of that people have forgotten. We’re trying not to let them forget about this war and why a lot of people died and why a lot of people were lost. That’s why we ride for the ones who can’t... Hopefully people will recognize us older veterans that are from the Vietnam Era. They should appreciate and shake a veteran’s hand when you see one. Tell them thank you.”

Carillo plans on participating in his second RFTW in 2017.

Kovach installed as chamber president

DOWNEY – **Cindy Kovach** of U.S. Bank was installed as president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce during a luncheon Wednesday at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The event also honored outgoing president **Elizabeth Trombley** of Kaiser Permanente.

“I’m proud of the work we have done together over the last year and look forward to what is to come in the next year and beyond,” Trombley said. “Cindy has been an incredible advocate for the Downey community through her business, through her volunteerism, and as a member of

the board for the Chamber. I know she will bring all of that energy and leadership to her term as president.”

In addition to Kovach and Trombley, chamber officers include president-elect **Laurie Tyler** of Financial Partners Credit Union; vice president **Joanna Peterson** of Gallatin Dental; and treasurer **David Gafin**, CPA.

Returning board members are **Robert Arthur** of Cerritos College; **Delores Bacus** of Saywell Florist; **Dr. Joel Bird** of Downey Integrative Wellness Center; **Ozzie Carranza** of Farmers Insurance; **John Casillas** of

Farmers & Merchants Bank; **Karina Madariaga** of Downey Adult School; **Joanna Peterson** of Gallatin Dental; **Jeannie Wood** of Albertsons.

New board members for 2015-16 include **Sheila Tetangco-Bartolone** of Downey Federal Credit Union and **Ronald Rux** of PIH Health.

“I am looking forward to a great year as president,” Kovach said. “We have a lot of exciting programs planned for this year. Please watch for our calendar of events. We have many opportunities to get involved. Thank you for your support.”

Summer camps at Downey space center

DOWNEY – The Columbia Memorial Space Center will host four summer camps this July, each with a specific theme.

Available camps include robotics (two weeks), aerospace, and planetary science.

Camps include interactive,

engaging lessons with hands-on activities, the Challenger Learning Center missions to virtual outer space, and field trips.

Camps are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fee is for each weekly camp is \$150, or \$135 for space center

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Helen Hoag, realtor and philanthropist, passes away

DOWNEY – Helen Elizabeth Wiley Hoag, a prominent realtor and philanthropist in Downey, died June 11 of heart failure, her family announced.

She was interned at Rose Hills Mortuary with her husband, Larry Hoag. At her request, no services will be held.



Born April 14, 1920, Helen and her husband owned and operated The Hoag Company Inc., which they founded in 1951. Helen was a member of the Downey Board of Realtors, the California Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors.

She served as a trustee of the Downey Community Hospital's Memorial Trust Foundation, and was an active member of the hospital's auxiliary, serving as president in 1970-71. She volunteered in many capacities with the Assistance League of Downey, and was its president in 1986-87.

As a supporter of several art and music programs, Helen underwrote the Downey Symphony's annual concert at Furman Park, and was a major donor of the symphony's Music in the Schools program since its inception in 1995.

"As a patron of music, Helen Hoag exemplified the spirit of philanthropy, the desire to give back to the community to enrich the quality of life," said Lorine Parks, a board member with the Downey Symphonic Society. "Through the Larry and Helen Hoag Foundation, Helen touched lives in other areas as well, but what we knew best was how she made it possible for us to share our outstanding orchestra with so many."



Downey Adult School students Jennifer Fraser, Sachi Shaw, Stephanie Feese, Whitney Cardenas, Monica Huante, Cynthia Pilson and Angelica De Pompa have qualified to take the California Shorthand Reporters Examination on July 3 at the Westin Hotel in Los Angeles.

The exam is given three times a year and is the equivalent to a bar exam. It is a two-day test, with academic subjects tested on one day, and machine dictation on a different day.

Full schedule for Make Music Downey

DOWNEY – This Saturday, June 27, music lovers will enjoy the third annual Make Music Downey – a free, all-day music festival hosted at five different venues in the downtown area.

The festival celebrates all genres of music, including, but not limited to, bluegrass, jazz, folk, indie rock, classic rock, alternative rock, and post punk.

Many of the musicians are returning performers, including the local band, New American. This alternative rock group has grown in popularity since their first appearance with the festival in 2013. Last January they debuted their first album at Stay Gallery.

The four band members, Jonny Strang, Karim Bedran, Alex Mendez, and Chris Pleasant, are all graduates of Downey High.

Geoff and Scarlet Gross, who shared the stage at Porto's last year, are Downey residents who will be appearing this year with their band, Merlot Embargo. The performers say their style of music is their own unique blend.

"If you have to pin it down," says Gross, "I'd call it guitar-driven acoustic pop-folk-rock-jazz." The group has an album coming out, and most of their songs will be original music from the album, "with an occasional cover thrown in for fun."

Other returning performers include the jazz fusion group Per Se, the rock 60's cover group Mosaic, and the blues/soul performer Shy But Fly.

All of the venues are within walking distance of each other. The overall hours of the festival are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., but performance time at the individual venues will vary. A full schedule is listed below.

- Epic Lounge**
 12-1 p.m. Mosaic (rock, cover favorites)
 1:30-2:30 p.m. Rivertrain Company (rock, soul)
 3-4 p.m. Benny's Forgotten Garden (post punk)
 4:30-5:30 p.m. Lonliest Casanova (indie soul)
 6-7 p.m. Hurt and the Heartbeat (rock)
 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tiny Stills (indie pop)
 9-10 p.m. New American (alternative rock)

- Bastards**
 1-3 p.m. Black Jack Cadillacs (classic rock, top 40)
 3-4 p.m. Mike San Juan (folk rock, singer/songwriter)
 6-8 p.m. Street Slim (swampy blues)

- Stay Gallery**
 11 a.m. Cross Your Fingers (bluegrass, classic country)
 12-12:30 p.m. Dan McNay (folk, solo vocalist)
 12:30-1 p.m. Mike San Juan (folk rock, singer/songwriter)
 1 p.m. Jen Spazmaster & Steve Delamater (singer/songwriter)
 2 p.m. Esmoladera (alternative)
 3 p.m. Shy by Fly (blues, rock, soul)
 4 p.m. Joshua's Woodcutters (free jazz, blues, experimental)
 5 p.m. Per Se (fusion, jazz)

- Downey Music Center**
 12 p.m. Richard Schmiegl (indie/pop-rock)
 1 p.m. Masks We Made (indie pop)
 2 p.m. Merlot Embargo (pop-folk-rock-jazz)
 3 p.m. Steve Delamater (indie pop)
 4 p.m. The Lovely Outlaws (country, folk)
 5 p.m. Betty & Jetty (family pop)

- Mambo Grill**
 2-4 p.m. Jay Nixon (rock)
 4 p.m. Gary Myers (pop, rock, oldies)
 5 p.m. Shy But Fly (blues, rock, soul)
 7-9 p.m. Cross Roads (classic rock)
 9-10 p.m. Jay Nixon (rock)

Will Allbright worked at North American Aviation

DOWNEY – Willard Allbright, USN Retired was born in Dayton, Ohio, on Jan. 12, 1918. He had been residing at Aegis of Aptos, an assisted living center in Aptos, Calif., when he died June 9.

Will attended the University of Cincinnati where he studied mechanical engineering. Later he studied naval architecture and marine engineering at MIT. He continued to study mechanical engineering at the US Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

Will met and married Adele Sedgwick while in Monterey. The Navy would send them to their favorite port of call in Caracas, Venezuela in 1958. After retiring from the Navy with the rank of Commander, Will worked for North American Aviation and for the US Army in Fort Ord.

Will and Adele settled in Aptos and bought a donut shop on Water Street in Santa Cruz which became Allbright's Donuts.

Will is survived by his step-daughters Stephanie Chandler and Denise Ferrel, his daughters-in-law Kathy Sedgwick and Mary Jane Collier, his grandchildren Carla Allbright, Kelly Allbright, Erin Sedgwick and Danny Sedgwick along with numerous great grandchildren.

Will was preceded in death by Adele, his wife of 56 years and by his son, Carl Allbright.

As requested by Will there will be no funeral.

Food bank needs volunteers

DOWNEY – Downey's local food bank is in need of volunteers to assist at Saturday morning distributions.

From 8:30 a.m. to noon, volunteers give out food and words of encouragement. There are additional administrative tasks needed during the week as well.

FoodHelp operates out of Downey First Christian Church, 10909 New St. It will celebrate its 10-year anniversary this December.

To volunteer, or for more information, call FoodHelp at (562) 862-2438 or Jim Wilkinson at (562) 335-2728.

Fernando Azar raised family in Whittier

WHITTIER – Fernando Azar was born on Oct. 5, 1931 in Chihuahua, Mexico. He was the third of four children to Jorge and Emilia Azar.

Surrounded by his siblings Lilia, Elias, Sylvia and many cousins, Fernando was raised in Chihuahua within a tight network of Lebanese immigrant families. Fernando worked for his father's auto shop and towing company until he relocated to El Paso, Texas to work for his brother-in-law at the Eagle Café.

This is where Fernando met Ofelia Yaffar, who was vacationing from Mexico City. Fernando pursued Ofelia and started a long distance relationship by writing her love letters. During one of his many trips to visit Ofelia in Mexico City, Fernando asked for Ofelia's hand in marriage.

With the blessing from Said Yaffar, Ofelia's father, Fernando and Ofelia married in Mexico City on June 22, 1961. After honeymooning in Acapulco, the newlyweds relocated to El Paso, Texas.

Three months after their first child, Laila, was born in March 1962, Fernando relocated the family to Los Angeles to start a new life. They bought their first home in Whittier and their second child, Richard, was born. For 37 years Fernando worked two jobs to provide for his family.

Fernando and Ofelia raised their family in Whittier and were involved with their children in their school, sports, and organizations. Fernando retired in January 1998.

In May 1999, Fernando and Ofelia left Whittier to relocate to Chula Vista to start their golden years. On June 9, Fernando died peacefully while surrounded by family.

John Francis Allard dies at 101

SOUTH GATE – John Francis Allard passed away on May 18 at the age of 101 in his home of over 40 years in South Gate.

His life began over a century ago on Nov. 21, 1913 in Soldier, KS.

He is survived by his son, Mark Allard, his daughter, Judy Astamendi, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

His first love, Irene Conner Allard, preceded him in death, as did his eldest son, Larry Allard, and his later wife, Cecile Murray Allard.

A memorial celebration was held Saturday, June 6, at Swiss Park in Whittier. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be given to the American Red Cross.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Death of Helen Hoag

Dear Editor:

The news of Helen Hoag's passing at age 95 signals the loss of a special person in Downey, whose generous contributions to the community, especially in the arts, need to be noted.

Although most people did not know this, Helen underwrote the annual Symphony Concert in Furman Park, where thousands of families enjoy a program of Pops symphonic music every summer. She had already paid for this one in advance, so on July 29, at this year's concert, we will be enjoying her generosity for one last time.

Helen never wanted us to spotlight her, but she also sponsored the annual Concert for Third Graders in the Downey Theatre, which is part of the Symphonic Society's Music in the Schools outreach program. Although Helen never had children of her own, thanks to her, generations of school children had their first experience of hearing fine musicians playing complex music beautifully, in a formal setting. They all loved it.

As a patron of music, Helen Hoag exemplified the spirit of philanthropy, the desire to give back to the Community to enrich the quality of life. Through the Larry and Helen Hoag Foundation, Helen touched lives in other areas as well, but what we knew best was how she made it possible for us to share our outstanding orchestra with so many.

We on the Board of the Symphonic Society salute Helen as a wonderful human being, funny, smart, with a sense of commitment that should endear her memory to the people of the Downey community.

Lorine Parks
Downey Symphonic Society

BHO manufacturing

Dear Editor:

A couple of weeks ago a bill authored by Sen. Mendoza passed the State Senate 40 to 0. The bill named SB212, is supposed to deter the manufacture of butane hash oil in residential neighborhoods and businesses.

Essentially with BHO, what the oil does is that it is heated marijuana, the oil is extracted, then cools to a waxy substance, and smoked to obtain a purer high. This "tweak" on the legalization of marijuana in the state under Prop 215 and SB 420, is an unintended consequence of its original intent.

Now I guess you have to start somewhere. I wouldn't want to live nearby and some property explodes placing people's lives and property in danger. But the true question is, how can you really regulate it? This new way of manufacturing marijuana due to its purity will make it more damaging, and as the money comes with it so will the risk. Also, people could just purchase their marijuana legally and then buy the instruments independently and do it in their homes without anyone knowing what's going on.

In the end, I don't really know how to de-incentivize the manufacture of BHO. We really wouldn't know what was going on inside a private residence until the house explodes and by then it might be too late. I guess there could be a tip to the police, but that would be rare due to all the money that is being made with no one wanting to mess up their profits. Maybe in the end, I wouldn't be surprised if someone thought of just legalizing the production of hash oil for recreational use also.

Just like I said earlier, these are the laws of unintended consequences that we have to deal with in a free society.

Johnathan Quevedo
Downey

Support for Carmen Avalos

Dear Editor:

I support Carmen Avalos and her leadership at Cerritos College in expanding class offerings for day & night students, balanced budgets with strong reserves, and completing new buildings on time and under budget.

John Paul Drayer
Cerritos College Board of Trustees

Corleone restaurant closes

Dear Editor:

It was an honor and privilege to have served you in our Downey restaurant for two years. The friendship and encouragement we received was incredibly sweet.

However, we would like to name a few individuals that were extremely supportive and will be forever in our hearts: Mr. Lee, Betty, Margie, John, Theresa and parents, Frank, Anina, Barbara, Pix L., Araceli, Stella, Julio, Dee and Mía, Josefina M., Larry Y., and especially Arlene and Mike.

Please visit us at our new restaurant in the city of Paramount.

Alicia Costa
Corleone Italian Cuisine and Cocktails

Drunk driving

Dear Editor:

People enjoy celebrating America's independence. America's freedom does not allow people to drive drunk. Ironically, it is one of our country's deadliest problems.

A drunken driver hit me head-on in April of 1992 when I was 16. My education and active life in sports against other San Joaquin County schools ended.

This collision put me in a coma for four months, had paralysis and I had multiple broken and dislocated bones. I spent seven months at two hospitals, and then had 17 months of therapy.

Although my crash happened over twenty years ago, my injuries challenge me daily. My hearing capability is damaged and I am trying to perfect my talking and walking.

My tough years made me strong. I am determined keep drunken drivers off the roads in our golden state of California.

Be a true American and follow the laws everyday: Do not drive drunk!

Lori Martin
Tracy

California lawmakers: rewarding bad behavior, fixing things that aren't broken

By Sandra Carnet-Gutierrez

As our lawmakers in Sacramento jostle to save the world through a never ending stream of proposed regulations and legislation, I am often perplexed by this question: Is our state that bad off that every year we required the introduction of 3,000 proposed new laws?

Aside from the proposals that get the most amount of news such as laws to increase the minimum wage or create a new regulatory commission for the legalization of marijuana, most bills are hidden and cater to special interests.

One in particular has peaked my interest, Assembly Bill 525 (Holden), which would loosen the relationship between a franchise and its franchisees. In doing so, the measure would water down brand standards we have grown accustomed to in some of our favorite stores and restaurants.

As a former insurance broker, I learned that providing coverage to a business can be a complicated endeavor. This is especially true when the relationship involves more than one business. When this is the case, the business relationship must be spelled out clearly. There can be no ambiguity or uncertainty.

Currently, a franchising company provides a set structure to any person looking to start-up a franchise business. They provide training, products, financial support and a marketing and solid business plan as a blueprint for success.

This model has helped countless Latinos in California start their own businesses and achieve the American Dream.

If the new franchisee decides to cut corners or compromise the quality products and services, the franchisor can cite the franchisee for these violations, ask them to make corrections and get operations back on track. Should the issue persist, the franchisor must have the power to terminate the relationship in order to protect the overall brand.

There currently exists a tremendous amount of laws and procedures dealing with franchise disagreements and the potential dissolving their relationship; these are very rare cases but they do occur. In most instances, the issues are resolved because at the end of the day, each party has a vested interest in

Ripping out your lawn may not be entirely your decision

California is enduring the most serious drought it has ever faced in its history. But is the choice to rip up your lawn, or keep it and be considered a water hog? The answer may not be clear cut.

We know Californians love their yards. According to a study we conducted recently with Harris Poll, 82% of those in the Western U.S. think spending time outside in their yards is important. Researchers also found that 83 percent of Americans think having a yard is important and 90 percent of those with a yard think it is important that it is also well-maintained.

So if you love being in your yard, want it to look good and are facing drought conditions—what do you do?

First, you need a plan. It has never been more important for home and business owners to get informed landscape advice, than right now. With a variety of rules and restrictions at the state and local levels, you need to make sure you are making changes that are in line with the regulations.

A Landscape Industry Certified professional implements best practices, applies up-to-date information, and has a thorough understanding of land stewardship. Landscape professionals are knowledgeable about drought-friendly landscaping. Many landscape companies have water management specialists, as well as professionals educated in sustainable landscape practices.

You should also evaluate the landscape you have now. Some elements may already be drought-friendly, but you may need to change others. Calculate how much water you are using and how frequently you are watering, so you can make your decisions based on real numbers.

Think about how you intend to use your lawn or landscape moving forward. Do you enjoy backyard barbecues with friends and family? Is your yard a restful oasis from stress? Or need a place for pets and children to romp and run? For

Justice Department needs to start protecting Americans

By John Kiriakou

I've gotten a lot of unwelcome mail from the feds these last few years, like a copy of my indictment for blowing the whistle on the CIA's torture program. But this latest delivery was something altogether new.

My jaw dropped as I scanned the form letter from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) informing me of a "cybersecurity incident." Hackers, reportedly from China, had worked their way into the U.S. government's computers and stolen personal information related to every single federal employee who ever filled out an application.

I left government in 2011 after serving two years with OPM, 14 years with the CIA, and two years with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I'm one of millions of government workers, past and present, whose personal data — including Social Security numbers — was compromised.

OPM said it would generously pay for 18 months of identity theft insurance. Thanks a lot, Uncle Sam.

I don't much care if the Chinese know that I'm a former CIA officer. It's no secret. I published a bestselling book about my years at the CIA. I give interviews in the press and on TV speaking out against torture. I lecture at colleges and universities about ethics in intelligence operations.

But the information the Chinese stole included my original application to the CIA — my Standard Form 86. That form included information on my family members, friends, neighbors, and references. That means their information was probably compromised too.

Multiply these breaches millions of times, and that's a major snafu.

So where were our federal law enforcement agencies? Why weren't they protecting us? I think I can tell you.

While the hackers were worming their way into government workers' personal data, the Justice Department was busy targeting scientist Nancy Black of Monterey, California.

Black was a marine biologist accused of "interfering with the feeding of

wanting the franchise to succeed.

Enter AB 525, a veritable bull in the china shop. The measure essentially rewards bad behavior by adding unreasonable protections for franchisees who break from the established franchise model and contractual relationship.

AB 525 would create an environment and major loophole in which a franchisee would be allowed to hold an entire franchise hostage through litigation. As it stalls, the offending franchisee would be free to operate in a way that compromises the brand. This hurts businesses because one bad experience at one franchise will be associated with franchisees run by their colleagues.

The franchise system is set up so that customers can expect a certain quality of product and level of service. When you visit a Jiffy Lube, there is peace of mind knowing that each employee has been certified, trained and knows where to find the oil drain plug. There is a standard we expect to find — and trust. I know that the burger I purchase at Carl's Jr. in San Diego is the same quality as the one purchased in Fresno or Redding. I shouldn't have to worry about whether one restaurant will be serving smaller portions to increase profit or making me endure long wait times because that franchisee wants to cut back on necessary number of employees.

Last year, Governor Jerry Brown vetoed similar legislation. He expressed concern that by lowering the threshold of the relationship between the franchisor and franchisee, the legislation created "unnecessary and unclear" new regulations for franchising across the state that would lead to costly litigation.

The brand of the company, the training, the quality of the products and the hard work from franchisees and their employees to stick to their contracts make for a successful business. That success is more important than profits for franchisees and franchisors. Unless the legislature addresses major problems with AB 525, consumers will be the ones who get hurt.

Sandra Carnet-Gutierrez is a former insurance broker and is the marketing manager for Bella Bardot. Sandra currently lives in Downey.

employers, a landscape may be a gathering place for employees at break time or a welcoming vista for customers.

Do not assume that grass is all bad. Lawns and landscapes offer benefits that mitigate drought impacts and there are many drought-friendly grasses available. Grass cools the air around a home or building, reduces pollution, limits heat islands, suppresses dust, controls soil erosion and sequesters carbon.

Grass assists in decomposing pollutants, dissipates heat, lowers allergy-related problems, reduces home cooling costs and acts as a fire barrier and a buffer when ticks are present. Importantly, grass serves as a natural filter to water supplies, reduces storm water runoff and captures and filters precipitation.

Learn proper watering techniques. Most people over water their lawns and assume that if grass is not green, it may be dying. Grass goes into a dormant state during a drought. It may look brown, but it's not dead. If the crowns and root system are intact and have moisture, grass can sustain itself.

Install drought-friendly landscaping and change your watering practices. There are many drought-friendly landscaping options available, such as drought tolerant low-water plants. For instance, planting with hydrozones and installing drip irrigation can minimize water usage.

When making decisions about drastic changes to your lawn or landscape, make them based on facts and information. There are many ways to make a landscape drought-friendly, enjoyable and useful.

Sabeena Hickman, CAE, CMP, is the chief executive officer of the National Association of Landscape Professionals, the national trade association representing more than 100,000 landscape and lawn care industry professionals.

a wild animal" — a felony. She'd allegedly whistled at a whale during a whale watching tour she offered to tourists on her boat. After spending thousands on legal fees, she finally pled guilty to a misdemeanor count of violating the Marine Mammal Act.

She avoided a possible 27-year prison sentence, but still ended up paying a fine of \$12,500.

The Justice Department was also vigorously prosecuting John Yates, who captained a fishing boat in the Gulf of Mexico. A U.S. fisheries official had told Yates to keep any undersized fish he caught separate from larger fish. Instead, Yates threw the smaller fish back into the water, hoping to avoid a fine.

His reward? He was charged with a felony count of violating the Sarbanes-Oxley Act — a federal law written in 2002 to prevent accounting firms from destroying or falsifying documents. Government lawyers twisted that statute to prosecute Yates for throwing fish in the wrong place.

Yates fought his case all the way to the Supreme Court. He won, but not before spending hundreds of thousands of dollars of his own money to defend himself. The Justice Department likely spent millions pursuing and then defending the case.

Meanwhile, the Chinese were hacking our systems.

Picking low-hanging fruit like workers who make mistakes or non-violent drug offenders is a favored tactic of the department. It bankrupts the defendants and forces them to take plea deals, even on lousy charges.

It's time for the Justice Department to get its act together: Stop targeting hardworking Americans and start protecting the American people.

OtherWords columnist John Kiriakou is an associate fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies. He's a former CIA counterterrorism officer and former senior investigator for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Sanchez proposes Immigrant Heritage Month

Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (D-CA), chairwoman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, introduced legislation to recognize June as Immigrant Heritage Month along with 59 original cosponsors.

"For more than 200 years, our rich diversity has been a tremendous advantage for our country," said Sánchez. "Immigrants helped establish this great nation and they continue to help it grow and prosper. Recognizing June as Immigrant Heritage Month honors their influence and the role they continue to play in shaping our history and culture."

"I thank all my colleagues for joining me to introduce this resolution which celebrates the contributions of past, present and future immigrants," continued Rep. Linda Sánchez. "This year in particular we've seen rhetoric which disparages our country's immigrants. As we recognize our immigrant heritage, we must rededicate ourselves to fixing our broken immigration system to ensure we keep the promise of America as the land of opportunity for all."

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



For thousands of years, magnets have been used for healing, and today magnet therapy is a big business. Annual worldwide sales of magnets for treatment are estimated at over \$5 billion.

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magnetic field might affect electrical current in tissue and consequently have an effect. The best-established clinical use of a pulsating magnetic field is in healing bone fractures.

*Static magnetic fields (SMF) do not generate electrical current. This type of field is created by, for example, a common refrigerator magnet. Any biological or medical evidence dealing with pulsating magnetic fields is not applicable to static fields. Also note that the strength of the magnets typically used is very low and does not penetrate deeply into the body, so it is not likely to have a biological effect.

To date, there have been no scientific studies demonstrating a mechanism for how a SMF would provide a therapeutic benefit. One theory is that SMF attracts the iron in blood. However, the iron in blood is not ferromagnetic (attracted to magnets). Another claim is that SMF affects the flow of ions in the blood, thus altering blood flow. Not only are the strengths of the particular magnets used too weak for this, but also the purpose would be unclear. Finally, it has been stated that SMF provides more oxygen to the tissue and decreases inflammation. This could be of great value, but there has been no scientific evidence to support it.

There have been many magnet studies conducted on both laboratory animals and humans. Some studies were well designed, double blind, and carefully analyzed. Others were not. These studies have given us a greater understanding of therapeutic magnetism. At this time, however, the success stories are anecdotal rather than scientific. Scientific studies have not yet justified using magnets in mainstream medical care. Magnetic devices are generally considered safe, but they may result in a delay in other treatments or diagnoses. My advice is to save your money and time until there is further scientific evidence supporting the therapeutic benefits of magnets.

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.

Researchers begin studying Ebola survivors

The Liberia-U.S. clinical research partnership known as PREVAIL has launched a study of people in Liberia who have survived Ebola virus disease (EVD) within the past two years.

The study investigators hope to better understand the long-term health consequences of EVD, determine if survivors develop immunity that will protect them from future Ebola infection, and assess whether previously EVD-infected individuals can transmit infection to close contacts and sexual partners.

The study, sponsored by the Ministry of Health of Liberia and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health, will take place at various sites in Liberia and is expected to enroll approximately 7,500 people, including 1,500 people of any age who survived EVD and 6,000 of their close contacts.

"The clinical course of Ebola virus disease is reasonably well-understood, but we still have much to learn about the long-

term health effects of the illness in those who recover," said NIAID Director Anthony S. Fauci, M.D. "To unravel the many unknowns, we have expanded the focus of our partnership with Liberia's Ministry of Health to include research on the long-term health effects of Ebola virus disease, in addition to our ongoing efforts to find an effective preventive vaccine and treatments for Ebola virus disease."

Mosaka Fallah, Ph.D., M.P.H., former Ebola emergency-response program manager for Action Against Hunger-Liberia; Michael C. Sneller, M.D., from NIAID's Laboratory of Immunoregulation; and Desmond Williams, M.D., Ph.D., from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will serve as principal investigators for the study. Investigators from NIH's National Eye Institute, the Johns Hopkins University Wilmer Eye Institute, Baltimore; the Ministry of Health of Liberia and the John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Sinkor, Monrovia, will also collaborate on the research. Enrollment began today at the John F. Kennedy Medical Center, and the

study will open at the following sites later in June: C.H. Rennie Hospital in Kakata, Duport Road Clinic in Paynesville, and Redemption Hospital in Monrovia. Additional sites in Liberia are expected to join the study in the future.

Participants who test positive for HIV infection during the course of the study will be counseled and referred to treatment in accordance with standard medical practice in Liberia.

Study participants will undergo a medical history and physical and vision examination and have blood samples collected so researchers can identify and track any health issues, monitor organ and ocular function and record Ebola antibody levels.

Some participants may also be asked to provide samples of bodily fluids, such as sweat, tears, and for adults, semen or cervical secretions. Participants will be asked if they would like to identify up to five close contacts (household members at the time of Ebola diagnosis and sexual partners after recovery from Ebola virus disease).

Close contacts who agree to

participate in the study will undergo a physical examination, have blood samples taken, and asked to complete a questionnaire detailing their contact with the Ebola survivor, such as touching, sleeping in the same bed and sexual intercourse.

Staff from the NIH's National Eye Institute have helped establish a new eye clinic at John F. Kennedy Medical Hospital, where ophthalmologists from NEI and Johns Hopkins will be evaluating study participants and their identified close contacts for visual problems. Treatment will be provided by Liberian ophthalmologists partnering in the study.

"There have been reports of inflammatory eye disease and vision loss among Ebola survivors," said NEI Clinical Director Frederick Ferris, M.D. "Our goal is to determine the incidence and extent of Ebola-related eye disease among survivors, risk factors contributing to its development, and optimal treatment strategies."

Researchers create 'placenta-on-a-chip'

National Institutes of Health (NIH) researchers and their colleagues have developed a "placenta-on-a-chip" to study the inner workings of the human placenta and its role in pregnancy. The device was designed to imitate, on a micro-level, the structure and function of the placenta and model the transfer of nutrients from mother to fetus. This prototype is one of the latest in a series of organ-on-a-chip technologies developed to accelerate biomedical advances.

The study, published online in the Journal of Maternal-Fetal & Neonatal Medicine, was conducted by an interdisciplinary team of researchers from the NIH's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the University of Pennsylvania, Wayne State University/Detroit Medical Center, Seoul National University and Asan Medical Center in South Korea.

"We believe that this technology may be used to address questions that are difficult to answer with current placenta model systems and help enable research on pregnancy and its complications," said Roberto Romero, M.D., chief of the NICHD's Perinatology Research Branch and one of the study authors.

The placenta is a temporary organ that develops in pregnancy and is the major interface between mother and fetus. Among its many functions is to serve as a "crossing guard" for substances traveling between mother and fetus. The placenta helps

nutrients and oxygen move to the fetus and helps waste products move away. At the same time, the placenta tries to stop harmful environmental exposures, like bacteria, viruses and certain medications, from reaching the fetus. When the placenta doesn't function correctly, the health of both mom and baby suffers.

Researchers are trying to learn how the placenta manages all this traffic, transporting some substances and blocking others. This knowledge may one day help clinicians better assess placental health and ultimately improve pregnancy outcomes.

However, studying the placenta in humans is challenging: it is time-consuming, subject to a great deal of variability and potentially risky for the fetus. For those reasons, previous studies on placental transport have relied largely on animal models and on laboratory-grown human cells. These methods have yielded helpful information, but are limited as to how well they can mimic physiological processes in humans.

The researchers created the placenta-on-a-chip technology to address these challenges, using human cells in a structure that more closely resembles the placenta's maternal-fetal barrier. The device consists of a semi-permeable membrane between two tiny chambers, one filled with maternal cells derived from

a delivered placenta and the other filled with fetal cells derived from an umbilical cord.

After designing the structure of the model, the researchers tested its function by evaluating the transfer of glucose (a substance made by the body when converting carbohydrates to energy) from the maternal compartment to the fetal compartment. The successful transfer

of glucose in the device mirrored what occurs in the body.

"The chip may allow us to do experiments more efficiently and at a lower cost than animal studies," said Dr. Romero. "With further improvements, we hope this technology may lead to better understanding of normal placental processes and placental disorders."

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MILLENNIALS WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE UP THE MAJORITY OF FIRST-TIME BUYERS.
Millennials make up 65% of first-time buyers, and many of them are older Millennials aged 25-34.²

86% of Millennials are buying due to a change in family size?³ Millennials are predicted to drive two-thirds of household formations in the next five years.³

THERE ARE FEWER FORECLOSURES ON THE MARKET IN MOST AREAS.
We're reaching the end of the foreclosure crisis. There are fewer foreclosures and short sales on the market than before, in most markets.²

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Carli Ciatti graduated Cum Laude from UC Davis with a BA Degree. Carli was waiting to marry Luke Folsom until she graduated, whom she had met while in college. Carli and Luke will tie the knot in Sacramento July 11.



Eduardo and Paula Mejia, Downey residents for over 20 years, recently took a trip of a lifetime to Europe.

They visited Rome, Florence, Venice, the French Riviera, Madrid, Barcelona, Paris and London over three weeks. It was the first time either of them had visited Europe. Their son, Edward, is currently finishing up his year abroad in Florence as a Chico State history major. The three traveled to 'the Eternal City' and Florence together.

They made sure to take time to pose with The Patriot newspaper during their breaks from strolling along the cafe-lined sidewalks.

The two would like to return to Europe within the next few years and visit Greece and Germany.



Approximately 200 parents of children with special needs, representing school districts across California, visited Sacramento the end of April in an effort to speak with legislators about special education policy and increased advocacy for special needs students.

The delegation visited the state capitol on April 29th for Legislative Information Sharing Day, sponsored by the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Administrators, a state network of SELPA directors.

The team was represented by Mr. Ray Guillaume, Director of the Downey-Montebello/Mid-Cities SELPA, which collectively represents the unified school districts of Downey, Montebello, Lynwood, Paramount, and Bellflower. Also attending this day were Ms. Vicky Sciacca, Senior Program Specialist for the Downey-Montebello SELPA, and parents Ms. Adaiiah LaVonda, Mrs. Patty Salgado, and Mrs. Jesenia Sanchez.

Our voices were heard as we were able to meet with Assemblywoman Christina Garcia, Senator Richard Lara, Senator Tony Mendoza, and Assemblyman Anthony Rendon. Our team of mothers shared their personal stories of supporting their children with special needs throughout the education process. Priority topics addressed this day were: Utilizing People-First Language; Ensuring Early Education Programs are Inclusive; Developing an Alternate, Integrated Standards Based Curriculum and Assessments aligned to the Common Core State Standards; Expand funding for Alternative Dispute Resolution so all SELPAs will receive grant funding for this; Using federal dollars to help serve the mental health needs of school age children and adolescents; Protect Special Education Funding.



Sara Mislung, 14, of Downey was selected as a finalist in the Crème de la Kids qualifying round for KaraokeFest 2015 last Saturday, June 20 at the Orange County

Market Place, the weekend swap meet at the OC Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa.

She will now head to the finals at KaraokeFest 2015 slated for September 19 at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. KaraokeFest, presented by Karaoke Scene Magazine, is the largest competition of its kind for karaoke style singing.

Mislung, who will be among 20 finalists selected to compete at the Fair, sang Jackson Five's "Who's Loving You?"

There is one more qualifying round at the Orange County Market Place, which will be Saturday, June 27. There is a \$5 registration fee. There is also a contest for Crème de la Tributes for music impersonations of popular vocal stars.

Sign ups for the Kids are from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and singing begins at 11 a.m. Tributes can sign up from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with singing starting at 1 p.m.

There is a separate competition for Elvis Tribute Artists, which has qualifying rounds in August, and the finals are held in conjunction with the annual Elvis Festival at the Market Place, which will be Sunday, August 30.

Others interested in participating should visit www.karaokescene.com or call 714-826-2212. Information is also available at www.ocmarketplace.com.

City of Downey earns third budget award

DOWNEY – The City of Downey has recently been the recipient of both the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers Excellence in Budgeting Award and the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, and now it accepts a third award: the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting.

The award, given by Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA), is for the city's comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

"The CAFR Award is the third financial achievement award the city has received in less than six months," announced Mayor Luis Marquez. "It demonstrates Downey's strong commitment to fiscal responsibility and transparency."

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the highest standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story.

"Downey has always prided itself on safeguarding taxpayer dollars, and this award is yet another testament to the city's accountability and to the hard work of the City Council and management team," said Mayor Pro Tem Alex Saab.

SEAACA cuts price of adoptions with renovation looming

DOWNEY – SEAACA has discounted its adoption rates for pets to \$5 as it prepares to start an extensive renovation.

Although the walls and structure of the center will remain the same, the shelter's flooring will be replaced. All kennels will be removed, refurbished, repaired and replaced.

Wall and doorways also will be repaired.

The renovation is expected to last nine weeks and begins Saturday. SEAACA's last renovation was in 2001.

Select animals can be adopted for \$5. SEAACA is also placing animals in rescue groups until the renovation is complete.

"It is such an honor to be able to provide the best stay for the animals that need our help when finding their way home or even to a new home," said Sally Hazzard, SEAACA's executive director. "We ask that our visitors are patient and understanding during the renovation as we only want to be able to provide the best services to SEAACA's pets and residents. It will be a short period of time for the renovation for years of a very healthy environment ahead."

SEAACA houses approximately 300 animals at any given time.

Poets, musicians gathering Saturday

DOWNEY – The Green Salon, a monthly gathering of poets, artists, musicians and other creative people, will meet this Saturday at a private home at 7 p.m.

Participants include poets Sarah Thursday, Raquel Reyes-Lopez and Kelsey Bryan-Zwick; artists Esmerelda Villalobos and Adam Castillo; and musicians Galactic Wrecking Troupe, Karen Hernandez and Alyssandra Nighswonger.

There will also be an open mic, vegan food and wine.

For more information, including the location, email roy@downeyarts.org.

Breast cancer fundraiser Aug. 1 at Masonic Lodge

DOWNEY – The eighth annual Sue Phillips Memorial Fundraiser will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Downey Masonic Lodge.

The event is put on by the Edquist, Warner and Phillips families and is a fundraiser for the Avon Breast Cancer Foundation.

The fundraiser features a dinner, quarter auction and silent auction. Suggested donation is \$35, and additional quarter "tickets" can be purchased at the event.

RSVP by calling (562) 861-4165 or go online to suephillips.info. The event will take place at the Masonic Lodge, which is located at 8244 3rd St., on the second floor.

Checks should be made payable to Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

Organizers are also looking for photos of breast cancer survivors, or of those who have passed of breast cancer. Pictures can be emailed to suesmemorial@hotmail.com.

Christian club meets July 8

DOWNEY – The Downey Christian Women's Club will meet July 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Los Amigos Country Club. Men and women are invited.

Guest speaker is Daisy Catchings-Shader, an author and motivational speaker. The meeting's theme is "Cheers to the Red, White and Blue."

Admission is \$15 and reservations are requested by calling Anita at (562) 861-3414.

Tickets on sale to Rose Float events

DOWNEY – The Downey Rose Float Association is selling tickets to a comedy night fundraiser July 19 at Steven's Steakhouse and a harbor cruise on Aug. 21.

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The week of June 15 was a very busy one for all Downey Unified School District high school students, teachers and administrators.

With commencement ceremonies quickly approaching; students made the final touches on what would be there last week of high school.

Opening the frenzied week of graduations was the Columbus High School (CHS) Commencement Ceremony on Tuesday, June 16. Celebrating this occasion on their home campus, 210 students floated across the stage as they accepted their diplomas.

On Wednesday evening, June 17, over 1,000 Downey High School (DHS) seniors prepared to take the stage to accept their diploma. Filling the stadium with enthusiasm and

boisterous applause, these students could barely contain themselves as they prepared to cross the stage. Amongst the students, approximately 12,000 in attendance added to this thunderous excitement.

With college applications already being administered and approved, DHS seniors have been accepted to an assortment of distinguished colleges and universities such as Stanford, Boston, UC Berkeley and UCLA.

Cerritos College was just as booming Friday evening, June 19, with the 2015 Warren High School graduating class engulfing the stadium.

Attending such schools as MIT, John Hopkins University, UC Irvine, USC and Georgetown University next fall, these over 880 seniors showed nothing

put passion and enthusiasm as they accepted their diplomas. Cheering on each graduate was approximately 10,500 supporters.

With a combined graduation total of approximately 2,100 students, Downey Unified would like to congratulate the 2015 Columbus, Downey and Warren high school graduates for this accomplishment.

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SPORTS BRIEFS: Summer camps now getting underway

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNY – The California Interscholastic Federation (C.I.F.) has released its annual All-CIF Southern Section teams for baseball, softball and boys' volleyball.

Three Warren High School student-athletes were selected to the ALL-CIF team, one from each of the three sports previously mentioned.

In baseball, Jose Ruiz was selected ALL-CIF for Division 2. Gahr High School's Michael Perez was the only other San Gabriel Valley League selection.

In softball, Whitney Pemberton was selected ALL-CIF for Division 3. There were no other ALL-CIF selections from the San Gabriel Valley League.

In boys' volleyball, Gary Trejo was selected ALL-CIF for Division 3. Gahr High School's Corey Chavers was the only other San Gabriel Valley League selection.

Coach Pearson (baseball), Coach Starksen (softball) and Coach Lane (boys' volleyball) are extremely proud of these outstanding accomplishments and wish each student-athlete the best of luck in their bright futures.

The Warren High School football program started its summer camp Tuesday and will continue through July 17.

Camp will be Monday-Friday from 2-5:30 p.m. on the football field at Warren. Campers need to bring practice wear, water, cleats and a good attitude to practice.

The C.I.F. mandated "dead period" will be observed from July 18-Aug. 10 where no organized practices are scheduled to take place.

Questions can be directed to head

coach Raul Lara at raul3lara@aol.com or by phone at (562) 714-2606. Coach Lara and his staff hope to see you on the football field and in the weight room this summer.

The Warren High School boys' water polo program will be having their summer camp June 22 through July 26.

Practices will be held Monday-Thursday from 1:30-4 p.m. for boys ages 14-18 and the cost is \$150. Freshman camp will be from 12-2 p.m. and will cost \$75.

Camp registration includes instruction, training and conditioning, games, sun screen and a team t-shirt.

Games will be Monday-Thursday at various locations in mornings and evenings. Schedules will be provided. All participants must turn in a registration form and "consent to treat a minor" form.

Student athletes will learn skills necessary to play water polo and participate in water polo games.

Contact head coach Rick Nichols at rnichols@dusd.net or by phone at (562) 869-7306 Ext. 5746 for further questions. Coach Nichols and his staff hope to see you in the pool this summer.

The Warren High School wrestling program will be having their summer camp June 23 through July 30.

Practices will be held Monday-Thursday from 8-10:30 a.m. in the upstairs wrestling room at Justice Stadium. Camp is open for student-athletes ages 12-18 and the cost is \$20.

Practice includes conditioning, weight lifting and wrestling techniques. Wrestlers need to bring wrestling shoes, shorts and running shoes to workouts.

Further questions can be directed to head coach Tim Brogden at tbrogden@dusd.net or by phone at (562) 869-7306 ext. 5767. Coach Brogden and his staff hope to see you on the mat and in the weight room this summer.

The Downey High School girls' soccer summer camp began training June 19.

The D.H.S. Day Tournament was held last Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Training took place earlier this week on June 22nd, 24th and 25th while summer league games were scheduled Tuesday and for later today.

Training will continue July 13th, 15th and 16th from 7-10 a.m. while summer league games will be July 14th and 17th.

Camp double days will be August 10-13 and will be from 7-9 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Tryouts will be August 17-20 and will be from 2-4 p.m.

Questions should be directed to Rachel Godfrey at rgodfrey@dusd.net or to Crystal Fresquez at crystalfresquez@gmail.com. Coaches Godfrey and Fresquez hope to see you on the pitch this summer.

The Downey High School girls' summer water polo program began Tuesday and will hold workouts through July 30.

Practices will be from 6:30-9 a.m. in the Downey pool. Practices for the first week will be Tuesday through Friday and the remaining five weeks will be Monday through Thursday.

The Downey High School boys' summer water polo program began Tuesday and will also hold workouts through July 30. Practices will be from 6:30-9 a.m. in the Downey pool.

Practices for the first week will be Tuesday through Friday and the remaining five weeks will be Monday

through Thursday as well. Coach Judy and his staff hope to see you in the pool this summer.

The Downey High School football team will begin their summer program Monday, July 13, and will run through Aug. 12. Practices will be from 3-6 p.m.

Incoming ninth graders will also begin their summer camp on Monday, July 13, and will run through Aug. 14. Practices for incoming freshmen will be 2-5 p.m.

Questions can be directed to head coach Jack Williams at jwilliams@dusd.net. Coach Williams and his staff hope to see you on the football field and in the weight room this summer.

The Downey High School boys' cross country team will be starting their summer camp Monday, July 6 and will run through the first day of school. Practices will be Monday-Saturday and begin at 7 a.m.

The Downey High School girls' cross country team will be starting their summer camp Monday, July 6, also and will run through the first day of school. Practices will be Monday-Saturday and begin at 7 a.m. Coach Gleason and his staff hope to see you running this summer.

The Downey High School softball team will begin their summer camp on Monday, June 29, and run through July 31.

Practices on Mondays and Fridays will be from 8-10 a.m. and practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be from 10 a.m. to noon. Sessions are \$10 per day and \$75 for the unlimited summer session.

Coach Karzen and his staff hope to see you on the field this summer.

Costco opening gas station in Norwalk

NORWALK – The Costco Wholesale Norwalk store will soon be adding motor fuel to its already massive list of products to offer its customers.

The members-only retail warehouse, which resides at 12324 Hoxie Avenue, is currently in the process of getting approval for building plans to add a gas station near the already established store.

The new gas station will be located on the northeast corner of Imperial Highway and Hoxie Avenue.

Five fuel dispenser islands will be included, with each island containing four fuel pumps for a grand total of 20, as well as one trash dispenser each. The five islands will be covered by an approximately 4,864 square foot canopy with lighting.

Five underground storage tanks for fuel and diesel are also planned, as well as an above ground "Healy tank" that will be placed within a sealed block wall enclosure. An approximately 162 square foot enclosure for equipment will also be placed.

There will be a 40-footwide driveway approach for the new location. The current plan also calls for the removal of 25 parking spaces and the modification of the existing planter areas, so an additional 171 parking spaces may be added for a net increase of 146 parking spaces for Costco customers.

The new gas station is anticipated to operate daily from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Like Costco itself, the new gas station will be available to Costco Warehouse members exclusively and will require a Costco membership to access the fuel pumps. Only Credit Cards will be accepted.

Basic details were published in the May edition of Norwalk's monthly community newsletter, The Norwalk Now. The new gas station was also briefly mentioned during February's State of the City Address. More information can be found on the Norwalk city website.

Costco acquired the property where the fuel station will be placed by purchasing it from the Successor Agency to the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency. The Successor Agency sold the property after the dissolution of redevelopment agencies, which became effective as of February 1, 2012.

The Norwalk City Planning Commission viewed and approved Costco's request to build the new gas station on October 8, 2014. The City Council also viewed and approved the plans on November 4 of the same year. On April 8, 2015, the City Council met again to approve modifications to the conditional use permit attached to the new gas station.

Construction of the Gas station is scheduled to begin in late August and the station is anticipated to be complete and operational sometime in November.

–Alex Dominguez, contributor



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LEGAL NOTICES

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(Sections 6104-6105 U.C.C.)
Escrow No. 72523-JK
Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller are: JAE EUN KIM, 13019 ROSECRANS AVE #103, NORWALK, CA 90650
The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller is: SAME
As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: NONE
The name(s) and business address of the buyer are: JAE EUN KIM, 13019 ROSECRANS AVE #103, NORWALK, CA 90650
The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASEHOLD, IMPROVEMENT AND INTEREST, AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE and is located at: 13019 ROSECRANS AVE #103, NORWALK, CA 90650
The business name used by the seller(s) at that location is: TACO JOE'S
The anticipated date of the bulk sale is JULY 14, 2015 at the office of: UNITED ESCROW CO, 6281 BEACH BLVD #100, BUENA PARK, CA 90621
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: UNITED ESCROW CO, 6281 BEACH BLVD #100, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the last day for filing claims shall be JULY 13, 2015, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
DATED: JUNE 19, 2015
JAE EUN KIM
LA1555571 DOWNY PATRIOT 6/25/15

The Downey Patriot
6/25/15

FICT. BUSINESS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015143882
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VORTECHS AIR, 10248 PANGBORN AVE., DOWNY CA 90241, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOHN DAVID REYES, OWNER
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Adria M. Jimenez, CMC
Downey City Clerk
The Downey Patriot
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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS027099

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ESTER MARINA TAPIA MARIN, JOSEPH MARIN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ESTER MARINA TAPIA MARIN (2) NOAH ELIJAH TAPIA MARIN to Proposed name (1) ESTER MARINA MARIN (2) NOAH ELIJAH MARIN
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: July 29, 2015, Time: 1:30 pm, Department SE-C, Room
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 NEWSPAPER**, April 10, 2015
Margaret Miller Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Ester Marina Tapia Marin, Joseph Marin
7543 Milton Avenue Apt A
Whittier, CA 90602
(562) 360-8185

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS027299

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ADRIANA MORALES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ADRIANA MORALES to Proposed name (1) ADRIANA MORALES SOTO
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: July 29, 2015, Time: 1:30 pm, Department C, Room
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 NEWSPAPER**, May 27, 2015
Margaret Miller Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Adriana Morales
6704 Sherman Way
Bell, CA 90201
(323) 422-6223

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6/4/15, 6/11/15, 6/18/15, 6/25/15

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR ORDER DECLARING STATUS OF NEWSPAPER AS ONE OF GENERAL CIRCULATION [GOV. CODE SECTION 6021]

SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT, CASE NUMBER BS159452

In the Matter of Petitioner The Norwalk Patriot To Have the Standing of THE NORWALK PATRIOT as a Newspaper of General Circulation Ascertained and Established:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 12, 2015, at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Department 45 of the above-captioned court, located at 111 N Hill St, Los Angeles, California, 90012, the Honorable Judge Mel Red Recana, presiding. Petitioner intends to apply for an order declaring the newspaper known as The Norwalk Patriot to be a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Norwalk.

The Petition sets forth the following:

1. The Norwalk Patriot is a newspaper of general circulation published for the dissemination of local or telegraphic news

and intelligence of a general character throughout the City of Norwalk, State of California. The Norwalk Patriot has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers and has been established and published at regular intervals of not less than weekly in the City of Norwalk for at least three years preceding the date of adjudication. The business address of The Norwalk Patriot is 12040 Foster Road, Norwalk, CA 90650.

2. For more than three years preceding the filing of the petition, the petitioning newspaper has been established under the name The Norwalk Patriot and has been so established, printed and published, that is, issued and sold or distributed regularly in the City of Norwalk. The Newspaper has not made any substantial change in its character as a newspaper of general circulation.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for judgment ascertaining and establishing The Norwalk Patriot as a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in Government Code § 6008, for the City of Norwalk.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 12th day of June, 2015, in Norwalk, California.

/s/ Jennifer Dekay

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS027047

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANA L REYES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JONATHAN J. REYES VITAL to Proposed name (1) JONATHAN J. REYES
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: June 3, 2015, Time: 1:30 pm, 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 NEWSPAPER**, March 30, 2015
Margaret Miller Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Ana L Reyes
13462 Placid Dr
Whittier, CA 90605
(562) 886-4789

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS027394

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner KATHRYN BONNIE MELENDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) KATHRYN BONNIE MELENDEZ to Proposed name (1) ALEXANDER ANGEL MELENDEZ
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: August 19, 2015, Time: 1:30 pm, 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 NEWSPAPER**, June 15, 2015
Margaret Miller Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Kathryn Bonnie Melendrez
7858 Phlox Street
Downey, CA 90241
(562) 201-8848
Alexmelendrez656@yahoo.com

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6/18/15, 6/25/15, 7/2/15, 7/9/15

TRUSTEE SALES

TS# 1502-722 (14532 Gardenhill Dr) NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/24/2007 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE.

IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On July 08 2015, at 11:00 AM the undersigned, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to: **Deed of Trust recorded 4/24/2007 as Instrument No. 2007 1048082 in the Official Records of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, and executed by Agnes Bobadilla, William Bobadilla, wife and husband as joint tenants WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash or cashier's check drawn on a financial institution authorized in Civil Code Section 2924(b), at: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA** all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State as more fully described in said Deed of Trust. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **14532 Gardenhill Drive, La Mirada, CA 90638. APN 8042-021-030.** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the unpaid balance of the note(s), secured by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: **\$113,066.13** including as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trust created by said Deed of Trust. Notice of this sale and election to sell the described real property under the deed of trust was recorded in the county where the real property is located. **FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (951)694-3903. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.** Dated: 06/18/15, 6/25/15, 7/2/15, 7/9/15 National Default Servicing Corporation d/b/a MASTERS FUNDING Co. By: Steve Wheeler, President (951) 694-3903 41911 5th St., Ste 202, Temecula, CA 92590 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2467, Temecula, CA 92593-2467 (IFS# 1017 06/18/15, 06/25/15, 07/02/15)

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 15-20049-SP-CA Title No. 150009313-CA-VOI ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/19/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation, a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Salatiel Polanco And Diomira Acosta, Husband And Wife As Joint Tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: NATIONAL DEFAULT SERVICING CORPORATION Recorded 01/04/2007 as Instrument No. 20070015991 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 07/08/2015 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$303,411.32 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 13938 Roseton Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650 A.P.N.: 8054-030-016 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The undersigned mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent for a mortgagee or beneficiary pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) declares that the mortgagee, beneficiary or the mortgagee's or beneficiary's authorized agent has either contacted the borrower or tried with due diligence to contact the borrower as required by California Civil Code 2923.5/2923.55. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee

auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 15-0271-11. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 06/09/2015 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A. its agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com/sales Zahara Joyner, Trustee Sales Representative A-4528651 06/18/2015, 06/25/2015, 07/02/2015

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 15-0271-11 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED 注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要 참고사항: 본 첨부 문서는 정보 요약서가 있습니다. NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION DE ESTE DOCUMENTO PARA SU INFORMACION Y EL RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION NEE ONLY BE MAILED TO THE MORTGAGOR OR TRUSTOR. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/30/2008. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JUAN CAMARENA, EVELIA CAMARENA Duly Appointed Trustee: The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation Recorded 7/10/2008 as Instrument No. 20081229210 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Street Address or other common designation of real property: 7957 5TH ST DOWNEY, CA A.P.N.: 6251-023-010 Date of Sale: 7/13/2015 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$201,652.54, estimated The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916) 939-0772 or visit this Internet Web site www.nationwideposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA1500266938 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 06/25/2015, 07/02/2015

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**SHARED STORIES:
THE TIES THAT BIND**

Causes of Homelessness

Maria Garcia grew up in Manila and has traveled to many places in the world. The growing plight of the homeless in this country has moved her to reflect on her own experiences and what she can do to help. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Maria L. Garcia

I thought I understood homelessness because in my country of origin, the Philippines, where I grew up in the city of Metro Manila, the poor have always been a part of the city scene.

Little did I know that the highest homeless population in the world, according to the United Nations Commission for Human Rights, is the Philippines, due to poverty and natural disasters.

Coming to America where my mindset was the land of milk and honey, I was shocked to see raggedly-clothed people pushing carts with heaps of plastic bags, perhaps filled with belongings or garments of sorts. They have been compared, along with those seen on the sidewalk of a freeway ramp or in the Mission District in downtown Los Angeles, to a mini tent city.

When I was still in my thirties, I had taken on a penchant for backpacking trips in Europe with my husband (who is my best friend). I had the privilege of a mother-in-law who took care of our three children at home. Without making any prior reservations, we, of course, risked being in some sort of homelessness, if you will.

On one such summer trip in 1997, my husband and I got to Krakow, Poland, by train. While he kept watch of our carryalls, I walked from one hotel to the other within the periphery of the train station seeking a room.

By then it was already close to midnight. Not finding a room for us in any of the inns, we decided that two vacant benches by the railroad platform were the best bet for us getting some much needed sleep. There was a third bench, but there was something on it. Exhausted as we were, we each took a bench and used our backpacks as our pillows.

By about 2 a.m., when it was getting really cold, this lump of blankets on the third bench beside us stood up, and we saw he was a homeless man. At that moment, with no shelter, we felt we were no different from him.

But we started to walk a few meters and sighted the silhouette of a backpacker walking towards some

stairs. We followed him and lo and behold, in the underground, other backpackers were slumped snugly on the floor in their sleeping bags. We joined them.

By the light of the morning and the sound of voices awakening us, a shaggy old man dressed in some simple clothes, approached us and asked if we needed a room to stay. He had a room available for \$15 a day at his pension house.

We were so terribly deprived of any sleep that we hardly had any energy to even doubt the man's word. We grabbed the opportunity and followed him.

His so-called pension house was run down and had no occupants except us, and we were shown into a room with five beds. Still, fatigue got the better of us and in the cold, we both snuggled on one bed, only to be awakened hours later by the scampering of mice on our covers. In retrospect this was an experience of quasi-homelessness that one could not easily forget.

Other than that experience in Krakow, I really did not have to think about what it meant to be homeless until I was recently teased about being homeless myself. In February of this year, my husband and I came home from a vacation and found our house to be malodorous, making me almost gag.

Yes, we were informed via email by our daughter that our house had been flooded due to a busted pipe. But seeing our house in person was a real shocker. We immediately called the insurance company and checked in at a hotel that very night.

I recalled the movie "Hotel Rwanda." It is a historical drama

about the left-behind victims of genocide seeking not only temporary shelter, but a permanent place to live. I felt empathy for those people, and I realized that hotel living, as in our case, was no way to be categorized as being homeless. We also had family and friends who offered to have us stay with them until our house was repaired.

I have become more aware of the homeless population, and I felt a strong reaction when I heard a friend say that most homeless people are homeless by choice. I so defied that statement that I just had to do my homework.

I found out that the reasons for homelessness are illness, mental disorder, depression, addiction, unemployment and the list goes on. An unfortunate series or circumstances and events can lead to homelessness.

How it pained me to hear on the news that a homeless person was shot on Venice Beach. My heart goes out with the thought of there being a victim, of being maltreated like an unimportant member of society. So the placard said "Life for the Homeless Matters."

California is listed as having one of the highest homeless populations in the 11 named states. I cannot stay blind, much less insensitive, to those who have the courage to go on with life despite the challenge of homelessness. I feel that I can do my part whether it means volunteering in a center or joining groups to build houses in Tijuana. I have only just begun.



Pictured above are featured poets, past and present, at the monthly series, Poetry Matters, at Stay Gallery in Downey.

Left to right: Lorine Parks, curator, Patti Scruggs, Margarita Ezcurra, and Trista Dominqu.

Poetry Matters is held the third Thursday of every month and invites all poets to read at the open mike.

POETRY MATTERS

Fate's Amusement

North bound my mind is driving a truck loaded with grand ideas, seeking that swap meet where ideas are traded for ham and eggs. Headed west in a souped up 32 Ford roadster, my heart floorboards it trying to catch a rainbow. At a lonely crossroads they collide, spin wildly, come to rest, dazzled, staring up at the sky. Fate waits nearby in her squad car. She smiles, sounds her alarm, her red light flashes.

By Richard Thormodsen

Downey poet Thormodsen conjures up a scene of vehicular violence, which takes place "at a lonely crossroads" where heart in a restored jalopy and mind in a pick-up truck collide. The poet is strict in his rhythmic pattern and confines his imagery to increase the tension. In a style and manner reminiscent of Stephen Crane's poetry, he brings the poem up short, to its wry conclusion. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

Frontier High principal named Administrator of the Year

WHITTIER - Frontier High School Principal Margie Moriarty has been named Administrator of the Year by the California Continuation Education Association (CCEA), a state organization that recognizes quality alternative education programs and excellent administrators who cultivate a supportive environment where all students can flourish.

The recognition of Moriarty's leadership in continuing education follows the recognition of Frontier as a Model Continuation High School by the state Department of Education in March. Frontier teacher Denise Gimenez was also awarded Whittier Union High School District's 2014-15 Teacher of the Year.

"I'm blessed to have such a wonderful staff, without whom we couldn't have achieved all of the accomplishments we've earned together over the last year," Moriarty said. "Our collaborative efforts to provide an environment in which students get the attention they need have been crucial to narrowing the achievement gap and ensuring their

success."

Moriarty realized the need to reach out to kids early while a youth counselor for the Orange County Probation Department. She began her career at Whittier Union in 1993, when she was hired as Santa Fe High School's Dean of Students by then-principal and now-superintendent Sandra Thorstenson.

Proving to be an asset to the District, Moriarty sat in every assistant principal's chair in the District before becoming principal of Frontier in 2011.

There, she inherited a faculty and staff greatly experienced in providing exemplary comprehensive services to students behind in high school credits or in need of a flexible school schedule due to employment outside of school, family needs or other circumstances.

Ensuring students pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) has been a priority at Frontier, as well as procuring job-related certificates that will allow graduates to find good jobs if they choose to work their way through

post-secondary education.

To accomplish these goals and to keep students engaged with their coursework, Moriarty is building a path toward high-tech sustainability in her classrooms. Frontier now has the highest computer to student ratio in the District. By December 2015, every classroom will have laptop carts.

Biology teacher William Martin nominated Moriarty as Administrator of the Year representing District 7, which encompasses all non-Los Angeles Unified school districts in Los Angeles County.

"She has her finger on the pulse on what's going on at the school," Martin said. "She has amazing managerial skills. She trusts her teachers to do what they do best. She's tremendously supportive. If a teacher has a new piece of technology that they like, she finds a way to fund it. She truly cares about

her students."

Forward-thinking and determined, yet attuned to the nuances of the one-to-one counseling and outreach necessary for leading a continuation school, Moriarty is both experienced and a visionary, with the extraordinary specialized skill set needed to guide her students down the path to post-secondary success, Thorstenson said.

"What makes Dr. Margie Moriarty stand out is her foresight, care and attention to the needs of students, teachers and staff alike," Thorstenson said. "She is determined to do whatever it takes to ensure her students have access to a high quality education despite the barriers that may exist for them. I want to congratulate my friend and colleague for this tremendous accomplishment."

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