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YMCA hosting 'Battle of the Businesses' competition

DOWNEY – The Downey YMCA will host its first annual “Battle of the Businesses” fundraiser later this month, a 4-day tournament in which local businesses and organizations are invited to compete in a variety of events.

The friendly competition will see businesses and their employees compete in events such as bowling, miniature golf, dodgeball, a mini-triathlon, a boat relay, Pictionary, and more.

Service clubs are also invited to compete.

The tournament is Aug. 19-22, with most of the events taking place at the YMCA. Bowling will take place at Del Rio Lanes, and Golf 'N Stuff will host the miniature golf competition.

Entry fee is \$400 per team. Small businesses can pair up with each other to round out the roster and share the entry fee.

An awards ceremony will be held Aug. 22 at the YMCA, with the competition's overall winner receiving a perpetual trophy to keep at their office.

All proceeds benefit the YMCA and their youth programs. Sponsorships are also available, starting at \$150.

To sign up as a participant, or for more information, call Beth Crawford at (562) 862-4201.

Police step up traffic enforcement for bicyclists, pedestrians

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department will step up bicycle and pedestrian traffic enforcement at various times during the month of August, focusing on collision-causing factors involving drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The department has mapped out locations over the past three years where pedestrian and bike collisions have occurred, along with the violations that led to those crashes.

Extra officers will be on duty patrolling areas where bike and pedestrian traffic and crashes occur in an effort to lower deaths and injuries.

Officers will be looking for violations made by drivers, bike riders and pedestrians alike that can lead to life-changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks or any other dangerous violation.

Additionally, officers will be looking for pedestrians crossing the street illegally or failing to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be issued citations when they fail to follow the same traffic laws that apply to motorists.

“All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet – those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law,” police said. “Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.”

Bicycle and pedestrian fatalities are rising in California as more people use non-motorized means of transportation. Locally, the Downey Police Department has investigated 276 fatal and injury collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists during the past three years.

In 2012, California witnessed 612 pedestrians and 124 bicyclists killed while nationally 4,743 pedestrians and 726 bicyclists were killed.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



PHOTO BY CODY GLENN

James Meenan shows off the three medals he earned at the Special Olympics World Games. Meenan, a track and field athlete, earned two gold medals and one bronze.

Team Ireland earns 82 medals at World Games

DOWNEY – The Special Olympic World Games concluded on Aug. 2 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and Team Ireland returned home to Dublin Airport as heroes on Tuesday morning to a “rapturous welcome.”

Downey was the host city for Team Ireland as they prepared for the start of the games and Downey High School was the venue where Irish athletes prepared for their individual and team competitions. Irish athletes were on campus Wednesday, July 22 and Thursday, July 23 fine tuning their skill sets.

Team Ireland's 128 members, made up of 88 athletes and 40 coaches and managers, arrived in Los Angeles on a dedicated Aer Lingus flight from Dublin Airport Tuesday, July 21. Irish athletes competed in 12 different events ranging from aquatic sports to equestrian events to sailing to volleyball.

At the conclusion of the World Games, Irish athletes won medals in all 12 sports they competed in, including basketball, swimming and athletics. Team Ireland's women's basketball team defeated Mexico in the gold medal game on the last day of competition, 19-17, in a nailbiter.

Team Ireland brought home some “extra baggage” from the United States. That “extra baggage” included 82 medals. The Irish athletes amassed 26 gold medals, 28 silver and 28 bronze. The team also received 41 placement ribbons and recorded 31 personal bests.

The closing ceremonies at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum featured singer/songwriter Carly Rae Jepsen and Victoria Arlen, a Paralympic gold medalist.

–Mark Fetter, contributor

PIH Downey hires new group to manage ER

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – For the first time in 30 years, a new medical group will manage the emergency room at the former Downey Regional Medical Center, now PIH Health Hospital - Downey.

PIH Health officials announced last week that Downey Acute Care Medical Group, which currently manages the hospital's emergency department, will be replaced by Dallas-based EmCare, a leading national provider of clinical services.

“After extensive review of several potential medical groups to provide emergency care services to its patients, including the current group, PIH Health Hospital - Downey has selected a new medical group and is currently in contract discussions,” said Monique Rodriguez, manager of public and community relations for PIH Health.

While PIH expects many of the physicians from the Downey Acute Medical Group to remain on staff when EmCare takes over, not all of the employees are excited about the changes.

“We're happy PIH purchased the hospital from Downey Regional Medical Center and got us out of bankruptcy, but this is a sad day for the community,” said Dr. Jack Kennis, associate director of the emergency department at PIH Downey.

Kennis has treated patients at the Downey hospital since 1983. He believes the decision by PIH to remove Downey Acute Care Medical Group is a signal that the administration desires a more hands-on role in the emergency room.

“And that's a mistake,” he said. “The independence of the emergency room is important, but PIH doesn't want an independent contractor, it wants employees that it can fire at will.”

While Kennis acknowledged that PIH Health is offering jobs to many of the current nurses and physicians, he also maintains the shift has alienated longtime employees who plan on leaving the hospital as a result.

Embassy Suites finishes \$5M renovation

DOWNEY – The 219-suite Embassy Suites has completed a four-month, \$5 million renovation of all its public areas that include the lobby, atrium, restaurant and lounge, meeting rooms, business and fitness centers, and pool area.

The renovation transformed the lobby and atrium areas into a “Great-room” concept, providing guests with “comfortable, technology-friendly” places to work or relax outside of their guest rooms, officials said.

The new design also pays homage to Downey's aerospace history.

The hotel is owned by RLJ Development, LLC based in Bethesda, Md. and managed by Embassy Suites Management, LLC, based in McLean, Va.

“The Great-room concept has proven to be a success with our hotel guests who want a place to hang out, conduct interviews, meet friends or simply enjoy a casual dinner,” said Maurice Casaus, general manager of Embassy Suites Downey. “Our open space with special design elements paying homage to Downey's prominent aerospace legacy has been a tremendous success with both our hotel guests and local patrons.”

The new design features new contemporary styled lighting, more private seating areas and artwork reminiscent of early aerospace



PHOTO BY STEVE MANSELL, DOWNEYDAILYPHOTOS.COM

PIH has chosen Dallas-based EmCare to manage the Downey hospital's emergency room. Not everyone is happy about the change.

Several former employees and current patients joined Kennis at the Downey City Council meeting last Tuesday to protest PIH's decision.

Downey resident Sandra Orzoco receives regular care at PIH Health Hospital, located at 11500 Brookshire Ave., due to her multiple sclerosis. She praised the Downey emergency room for its assistance through the years, but expressed concern that a large, national group may “lower the standard of patient care.”

Downey city councilmembers could not publicly respond to the comments last week at the meeting, but city officials are keeping an eye on the emergency room developments.

According to one Downey official, the conditions at the emergency room have always

provided a challenge for residents with unacceptable wait times.

“We're hopeful this change improves the quality of care our residents receive,” they said.

Changes to the emergency room are already underway at the hospital. In 2014, PIH Health announced that it will invest nearly \$5.5 million into expanding the current emergency department, adding approximately 5,000-sq.-ft. with 12 additional beds.

PIH Health could not confirm when it expects EmCare to assume control of the emergency room, but when it does, the new group will control its own billing, receiving payments from patients for medical services just like Downey Acute Care Medical Group did in past years.

Two arrested after CHP-involved shooting

DOWNEY – Two people in a stolen vehicle were arrested Thursday morning after they led police on a short pursuit and then tried to run over CHP officers, prompting the officers to open fire, authorities said.

Officials said CHP officers tried to pull over the vehicle near Firestone Boulevard and Pangborn Avenue. The driver allegedly put the vehicle in reverse and drove toward the officer, prompting an officer-involved shooting. No suspects were hit by gunfire.

Two suspects were arrested after a search of the neighborhood. The CHP is handling the investigation.



projects. The aerospace theme can be observed in various components of the lobby and atrium, including the hotel's accent chandeliers, constellation-inspired wall décor behind the front desk and a new fountain in the atrium.

The hotel also features Brickstones Grill, a concept created by Hilton Worldwide for the Embassy Suites by Hilton brand. Brickstones Grill offers classic American fare -- served in single or family portions -- for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

A portion of the existing restaurant space has been converted to flexible multi-use space to accommodate group meals and social functions with access to an outdoor patio.

The hotel features more than 6,000 sq. ft. of meeting space including seven meeting rooms, equipped with movable air walls to accommodate any type of event and lend privacy to meetings happening simultaneously.

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FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Team Ireland's stay in Downey

Kathy Crowe Perez: Members of the delegation thoroughly enjoyed their time in Downey. They told me to please let everyone in the city know how grateful they were to the people of Downey for their warm hospitality. Thank you, again, to all of the city officials, employees, sponsors, community organizations, and volunteers for organizing the host town activities and events. I am doubly proud as an Irish-American and a Downeyite!

John Wade: Well done Downey, you guys rock! We often only see terror and war and death in our newspapers and on TV. What you have organized for our Irish Athletes so far has been amazing and would restore anyone's faith in man kind. The Special Olympics brings out the best in people. Thank you from Ireland.

Melissa Winans: This was such a humbling experience, glad I attended! Go Team Ireland

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TWEET OF THE WEEK

@lazuli: Did this paper [L.A. Times] really refer to Downey as the Mexican Beverly Hills? I'm moving out.

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No, Downey is not the 'Mexican Beverly Hills'

OPINION: For those of us who live outside of North Downey on the margins of the city, characterizing Downey as "Mexican Beverly Hills" is unfathomable.

By Tina Vasquez
Contributor

Earlier this week, the *Los Angeles Times* ran a story on Downey that circulated widely on social media. The headline, later changed, was "Latinos Rising Fortunes Are Epitomized in Downey, the 'Mexican Beverly Hills.'" Downey residents were interviewed to discuss the ways in which the city represents "upward mobility" for Latinos, people like Rick Rodriguez Sr., owner of California's largest Latino-owned private security firm, Nick Velez, owner of Bastards, Valentin

Flores, founder of Downey Art Vibe, and former mayor Mario Guerra. (Apparently, there are no Latinas prospering in Downey and words like "Latino" and "Mexican" are interchangeable.)

As a Latina of Mexican descent who was born and raised in Downey, I felt the familiar sting I always do as a person who has become accustomed to mainstream media cherry picking the stories they want to tell about Latinos and then more often than not, telling those stories poorly.

The *Los Angeles Times* piece was intended to be an affirmative article about the city, and there was

a part of me grateful to see positive representations of Latinos in Downey who were shaping Downey's future.

What overshadowed that pride was the sinking feeling that this is the way it will always be: We will always be divided up into those who are considered acceptable Latinos and those who are not; those who are worth being embraced by this country, and those who are not. Usually, both are dictated by a person's willingness to assimilate and trumpet the virtues of the U.S., while slowly leaving both their culture and their willingness to discuss racism behind.

The *Times* article could have just been a case of a journalist, unfamiliar with the community they're covering, getting the story wrong. In journalist Cindy Carcamo's version of Downey, it's a suburban utopia for Latinos who've obtained the American Dream and have been embraced by their community. End of story. I work in media and see journalists mess up all the time, failing to dig deeper and develop nuance, but I couldn't dismiss the article. It grated on me.

For those of us who live outside of North Downey on the margins of the city, characterizing Downey as "Mexican Beverly Hills" is unfathomable. I live in a neighborhood where a few years ago, a two-year-old girl was shot. In my pocket of the city, it's not unusual to see kids spend their weekends standing on street corners holding up signs featuring the faces of deceased friends or family members, asking passersby for money so they can cover their loved ones' funeral expenses. I live where helicopters hover over head most weekends. Most of the people who populate my neighborhood are the kind of hardworking folks who would commute into Beverly Hills as domestic workers, but they will never live in Beverly Hills or anywhere like it. I will always assert my portion of the city is just as beautiful as North Downey and that my Latino neighbors, who may never own homes or start their own businesses, are just as vital to our community as

those who go on to do those things.

The more I thought about the *Times* article and the implications of it, the more upset I became. I turned to Facebook, asking former and current Downey residents to weigh in and share their thoughts. It was after exchanging messages with educator and writer, Mari Urrutia Gedney, that I was able to better articulate why I believe the article did more harm than help.

Gedney is a current Downey resident who serves on the board of the Downey Arts Coalition, and she knows the city well. Her family moved to Downey from Huntington Park when she was in second grade and to make the cost of that possible, they had a multi-generational home. She was upset by how strongly the *Times* implied that moving to a city like Downey, deemed in the article to be better than neighboring cities like Bell and South Gate, equals necessary assimilation and a sort of point of pride in being able to pass as something other than Latino. Gedney says in some cases, those things are done as a way for a person to keep themselves safe – and that's valid, but without addressing the racism in Downey or the internalized racism of those looking to shed their Latino identity, how honest are we being about our city?

Like Gedney, I no longer read the editorial page of the *Patriot*. The overt racism of white residents writing letters to the editor, almost always targeting Latinos and spewing vitriol around topics like immigration, became too aggravating and hurtful. Let's not pretend this racism only exists in the pages of a newspaper.

If you'll recall, it was Downey residents that were upset by a new supermarket considering a Spanish name. So much pressure was placed on the owner that he opted out of using Spanish. This is the same city where white residents angrily addressed then-Mayor Guerra for his honest opinion as to why Trader Joe's continuously refused to open a location in Downey, despite years of courting. "We're not white enough or rich enough for them," he said. All hell broke loose because here, it seems, we like to pretend that race isn't an issue.

But it is. Downey is the same city where my dad has been called a "wetback" standing in his own front yard.

People of color friends of mine have been pulled over by Downey police officers at gunpoint for routine traffic stops. As a contributor to the *Patriot*, yes, I've written about the revitalization of Downtown Downey, which is primarily being spearheaded by young people of color, but I've also covered the killing of Michael Nida, the unarmed Latino father of four who was shot multiple times in the back with a submachine gun by Downey Officer Steve Gilley for a robbery Nida did not commit.

It was after a series of stories about Nida that I received a private letter from an elderly Latino man who had spent a bulk of his life in Downey. The letter detailed the multiple instances of racism he'd experienced living in our city. When I called him, asking how I could help, he simply said, "I just wanted you to know this isn't a new thing here." These things don't happen in Beverly Hills, and they certainly don't happen to white people.

It's important to remember that numbers don't always mean power and honestly, power doesn't always mean power. There are many Downey residents who surely feel that because Barack Obama is president, racism is over. The Black Lives Matter movement tells us otherwise. Because Latinos make up the bulk of the population in Downey and because three of our five council members are Latino, doesn't mean that "upward mobility" or the American Dream are a possibility – or an aspiration – for all Latinos in the city. And please, let's stop pretending there is one Latino Experience. Some of us are much more privileged than others, depending on our countries of origin, our family's number of years in this country, our citizenship status, our skin color, etc.

Gedney, who has appeared on the cover of the *Times* for her writing and educational work, told me that the most offensive part of the article was how the use of the phrase "Mexican Beverly Hills" makes the rest of Downey's population invisible, not important enough to address or talk about. I can't help but think that's how Downey would prefer it. If we talk about the Latinos who haven't "made it," we'll have to talk about some of the reasons why. Downey clearly isn't ready to have that conversation.

Garcia supports Huntington Park appointments

DOWNEY – Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia said she supports Huntington Park's decision to appoint two undocumented residents to city commissions.

Below is her full statement: "I praise the City of Huntington Park for their bold action in naming two, qualified, undocumented immigrants as volunteer commissioners. With hardliners in Congress stalling comprehensive immigration reform, California has been at forefront in moving to engage on the issue & bring immigrants out of the shadows & into participating in the communities where they live & work."

"There is a lot of talk about combating apathy & increasing civic engagement in order to build on our democracy. Last night's appointment is taking words & putting them into action. The reality is that there is enough space in our society for everyone to play a part in their community. Let's use this as an inspiration to motivate all of our residents to participate in higher numbers, to make government work for everyone & provide fresh ideas to help our communities prosper."

Health expo at Vitamin Shoppe

DOWNEY – The Vitamin Shoppe store at Downey Landing will host a "Share the Health" expo from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Shoppers will be able to receive wellness tips and seasonal product recommendations. There will also be vendors and promotional materials from professionals in the wellness space, including gyms, spas, personal trainers, yoga instructors, and more.

The first 50 shoppers also receive a free tote bag and t-shirt.

Free seminar on healthy eating, diabetes prevention

DOWNEY – PIH Health is hosting a free community presentation titled "Eating Healthy Never Tasted So Good" this Tuesday, Aug. 11, from 6-7 p.m.

"Small changes in what you eat can help prevent diabetes," the hospital said. "Join us for an interactive discussion and food demonstration, as we explore ways to increase healthier eating, at home and on the go."

The seminar is free but reservations are required by calling (562) 698-0811, ext. 81085.

The seminar will take place at the PIH Downey hospital.

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James Crook owned auto body shop

DOWNEY – James Rudolph Crook, 76 of Downey, passed away July 25. He was born in Greenville, South Carolina on Oct. 17, 1938 to Eugene Jeddo and Lottie Mae Crook, where he grew up and attended Parker High School. He married Len Clayton with whom he had two children, James Rudy Crook and Judy Ann Parker. In 1964, he moved to California. Together with two brothers, Ernie and Jack, they owned Crook Brothers Auto Body Shop in Paramount. In 1977 Jimmy married Judy Viola Clark; Jimmy was also Dad to her three girls; Brenda Sherod, Laura Glenn, and Sheila Hammar. He was preceded in death by his wife Judy, his sister Annie, brothers Ernie, Robert, Richard and Jack; and grandson Joseph Rudy Crook. He is survived by his children and their spouses, Rudy and Lena Crook, Judy and Randall Parker, Brenda and Steve Sherod, Laura and Dave Glenn, Sheila and Tom Hammar.



He is also survived by his grandchildren and their spouses: James Crook, Jennifer and Brandan Schoener, Joshua Crook, Jessica Crook, Zachary Parker, Belle Parker, Jennifer Jacobs, Erica Sherod, Rachel Sherod, Kalynn Sherod, Holly and Jeff Leach, Emily Glenn, Crystal Hammar, and Heather Hammar. His great grandchildren: Brayden Schoener, Morgan Jacobs, Zack Jacobs, Jessie Rose Leach, Charlotte Leach and Ian Kai Eagle. In lieu of flowers, the family requested an act of kindness to another person.

Agustin Acosta was airline mechanic

STOCKTON – Agustin (Gus) Mata Acosta, age 80, passed away at home in the early hours of July 26, with his sons Anthony and Lawrence at his side. He was born April 22, 1935 in Poblacion, Camiling, Tarlac, the Philippines, to Antonio and Marta Acosta. He attended Collegio De La Immaculata Concepcion from 1950 to 1951, and Ilocos Sur High School from 1951 to 1954, than arrived in Stockton in 1955. He stayed with his relatives, Vidal and Flora Mata, and also worked the asparagus fields in San Joaquin County. He graduated from Stockton College in 1957, then met his future wife, Loretta Magno Acosta, and they married in 1958. Agustin served a short stint in the U.S. Air Force before he was hired by United Airlines (San Francisco Maintenance Center) in 1959 and worked there 40 years as a mechanic until his retirement in 1999. Agustin was also a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers and received several safety and service awards. He was also one of the original long-distance commuters to work in the Bay Area, either driving or taking a commuter van to San Francisco International Airport in a variety of shifts. Agustin was a member of the St. Luke's parish from 1975. He is survived by his sons, Anthony G. (Tony) Acosta and Lawrence W. Acosta and was loved by many cousins, nieces and nephews in the U.S. and the Philippines. He was preceded in death by his parents, Antonio Acosta and Marta Acosta, and his wife, Loretta Magno Acosta, who passed in 2007.

Jean Barnes was volunteer nurse

EL SEGUNDO – Jean Louise Barnes, a longtime resident of Air Force Village West, passed away in the early evening of July 4 after a lengthy struggle with congestive heart disease. Jean was born and raised in Akron, Ohio. After graduating from high school she attended Ohio State University majoring in nursing, only to have her studies interrupted by WWII. Jean had an adventurous streak which led her to travel to Abilene, Texas, where her brother was in flight school, and to take a job at the Army Air Base there. While at the officer's club she met a P-47 pilot (Bill) who was recently back from duty in England. They were married some months later in La Junta, Colorado, then, after his discharge, she moved with him to Santa Maria, Calif., where he attended a branch of USC and Jean gave birth to her first child (James). She later returned to Ohio when her husband began work at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton. A few years, and two daughters later (Janet and Karen), Jean and her family moved to Lafayette, Indiana. Then it was back to Dayton, and Kettering, Ohio where Bill resumed his career as an aerospace engineer at Wright Patt. When they grew older Jean was able to return to nursing by working as a volunteer at a local hospital. Her husband's career took another turn when he was transferred to El Segundo. Upon Bill's retirement the two moved to OceanSide. Jean and her husband then moved to Air Force Village West in the early 90s after Bill was diagnosed with cancer. Jean spent the next 23 years of her life there, nursing her husband through his losing battle with the disease, and staying on after his death in 2002. Jean's love of books and reading led her to work as a volunteer at the AFVW library. When a fall and resulting surgery led her to move to an assisted living facility in Burbank across from NBC and Walt Disney studios, Jean insisted it was to pursue a career in show business. Jean is survived by her brother (Jim), her three children James (Marisa), Janet (John), and Karen (Paige), four grandsons and three great grandchildren. A graveside celebration of her life was held July 17 at Riverside National Cemetery. Donations to the American Heart Association are requested in lieu of flowers.

John Bekedam was dairy farmer, deacon

BELLFLOWER – John Bekedam passed away on July 7 at the age of 94. He was born in Ripon, Calif., on April 22, 1921 to parents Martin and Pietertje Bekedam. He attended grade school in Ripon as well as Ripon High School. At the age of 21 he was drafted into the Army during WWII. He spent 4 1/2 years as a sergeant medical assistant on the battlefield under command of General Patton. He was active in North Africa, Italy, Germany and on his way to fight the Japanese when they surrendered. John's parents passed away while he was in the service so when he was discharged in November of 1945 he came home and stayed with his cousins, the Van Elderen's. He also started dating Evelyn Marsman, who kept in touch with him while he was away at war and waited to hear from him every day. After two months of dating, they got engaged and married six months later on June 20, 1946. They celebrated 69 years of marriage in 2015. John went into dairy farming for 10 years in Ripon then moved to Southern California in 1956. He also farmed in Bellflower and Westminster. Then George Verhoeven asked him to work for his grain company, a large feed mill for dairy cows. He worked there for 21 years and decided to retire and moved back to Ripon in 2001. He was very active in church activities, serving in various churches as an elder and deacon in Ripon, Bellflower and Anaheim. John leaves behind his wife of 69 years, Evelyn Marsman Bekedam. John was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Pietertje Bekedam; sisters, Anna Gilbert and Gertrude Thomson; brothers, Peter, Mike and Ray Bekedam; and his son Kenneth Bekedam. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Marsman Bekedam; children, Don (Beverly) Bekedam, Gordon (Linda) Bekedam, Patricia (Darrell) Bruxvoort; he was blessed with 11 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Arrangements have been entrusted to Deegan Funeral Chapels. Visitation was held July 16 at Deegan Ripon Memorial Chapel. A graveside service was scheduled for July 17 at Ripon Cemetery followed by a celebration of life service at Calvary Reformed Church in Ripon. Remembrances in John's name may be made to Ripon Christian School or First Christian Reformed Church Building Fund or a charity of choice.

In Memory of
Valerie "June" Hollister

Valerie "June" Hollister, born in Los Angeles and long time resident of Downey, passed away peacefully on June 23, 2015 at the age of 88. She met her husband, Don, on a blind date, and they moved from Hollywood to Downey in 1956 with their 2 children. June loved family activities, traveling, square dancing with the Downey Hoedowners, bowling & golf. She especially enjoyed the "Concert in the Park" every Wednesday night held at Furman Park where she & Don would gather with their many friends. In 2007, they moved to Phoenix, Arizona, to be closer to their daughter. June was preceded in death by Don, her husband of 66 years. She is survived by son Bruce, and his wife Cathie; daughter Donna, and her husband Randy; brother Byron; 5 grandchildren & 3 great-grandchildren. Private services held.

Anne Tito was PTA president

NORWALK – Norwalk resident Anne Marie Tito passed away peacefully at 5:15 am on July 26. She was 92. Anne was born March 24, 1923. As a young woman, she worked as a secretary in her father's spaghetti factory in Chicago, and later was the manager of See's Candy stores in Norwalk and Downey. She also served as president and secretary of the Thomas B. Moffitt Elementary School PTA, and was Brownie and Girl Scout Troop Leader for both daughters. She was a wife to Nicholas A. Tito (deceased) and the mother of Pearl A. Eszlinger and Diane M. Courtney and her husband, Michael. Anne and Nick also had a son, Nicholas A. Tito Jr. who passed away at one month old. Anne's mother, Providence, passed away when Anne was 13. Anne was a grandmother to Ryan and Ronnie Nicks, and Marshall Jennings and his wife, Asa. Her siblings are Josephine Ciancio, Phillip Coffaro and Michela Coffaro. Her brother, Charles, and stepmother, Josephine, are deceased. She had several great nieces/nephews and in-laws. A funeral service was held July 30 at Rose Hills.



Rosemary Broska mourned

DOWNEY – Rosemary Broska, 92, passed away July 27. Born in Oakland, she spent the majority of her life in California. She moved to Spring Hill, TN to be with her family. She is survived by her son, Carl Hubert; daughter-in-law, Gwen Hubert; grandson, Sean Hubert; and great grandchildren, Jacqueline Hubert and Tristan Sharp.

Minerva Marsden passes away

DOWNEY – Minerva Marsden, born April 3, 1927, died on May 10.

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Anita Irwin Celebrates Her 102 Birthday

Anita Irwin was born in Fano, Italy on August 7, 1913 to Almurrico Ceresani and Maria Morelli and passed through Ellis Island in New York city harbor in November of 1921 at age eight with her older brother Pasquale Ceresani. Moving to New Haven, an established Italian cultural heritage city, Anita was one of the Italian diaspora disembarking from Genoa, Italy, arriving in New York city and, like many Italians, traveling a short distance and settling in New Haven, Connecticut. There she and her brother attended Thompson Grammar and West Haven High School and retained her Italian heritage and daily language until the 1950's when many of the first generation of Italian immigrants passed on thus completing her assimilation into America. Her career in entertainment in the 1930's was cut short by her mothers early demise and she returned to manage the household of her father and brother. She gained full citizenship in 1941 when, during the war, Italian aliens were under threat of deportation. Her marriage to Russell Thomas Irwin in 1945 yielded a single son with whom she currently lives with. Moving to Southern California in 1985 with her son Robert, and his wife Helena, where he completed graduate work at the University of California in physics. And later moved to Downey in 1988 taking an engineering position at the Northrop Grumman Corporation until his retirement in 2010, where currently he is retained as a consultant. Anita has lived on Dolan Avenue in Downey with her son since 1991 and is looking forward to her 103rd year in good health and with all her faculties.

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Downey's Toastmasters Club, the Dynamic Foremasters Club 587, achieved, for the eighth time, the coveted designation of President's Distinguished Club.

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The Downey Toastmasters Club provides a supportive environment that allows members to learn by doing and achieve their goals at their own pace.

If you want to advance your communication and leadership skills in a casual setting, come and visit the Club, as many times as you want, with no obligation to join. Dynamic Foremasters Club 587 is open to everyone over 18 years of age.

The club has its meetings on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. The club website is easy-speak.org.

The club's new roster of elected officers is: President, Salvador Cervantes, CC; VP Education, Marco Barcena, CC, CL; Secretary, Adelaida Cervantes, CC; VP Membership, Claudia Herrera; VP Public Relations, Carlos Angel, ATMB; Treasurer, Ralph Diaz, ACB, ALB; Sergeant-At-Arms, Ubaldo Sierra.



Norwalk athlete wins gold medal at Special Olympics World Games

NORWALK – The Special Olympics World Games started on a high note for John Glenn High incoming junior Destiny Sanchez, who was given the honor of lighting the Olympic torch during opening ceremonies July 25.

Over the following three days, Sanchez carried on the positive and competitive spirit, winning the Gold medal for the 200 meter, the Silver in the 100 meter and the Bronze on the 400 meter relay race.

Every two years, Special Olympics athletes come together to compete at the Special Olympics World Games – this time in Los Angeles. More than 7,000 athletes from 177 countries descended upon the region, to compete in 25 different sports at venues throughout Los Angeles during the last week in July.

Norwalk-La Mirada School Board President Jesse Urquidi said Sanchez is an inspiration to the entire community.

"The Special Olympics is a transformative experience that brings out pride, courage and joy in athletes, while inviting families and entire communities to join in celebrating their success. Norwalk-La Mirada Unified applauds her for her tremendous accomplishments."

Sanchez attends Linda Parra's special education class where she is learning life skills needed for independence and will earn a certificate of completion. Parra, a special education teacher and the athletic director at Glenn High in Norwalk, encourages students to try out for the Special Olympics because it allows them to explore the broader world, meet new people and build their confidence.

Sanchez's mother, Lourdes, said Special Olympics has made the seemingly impossible feel attainable. "Destiny loves her coaches and likes the fact that competing makes her special," Lourdes said.

"Special Olympics has given her a lot of confidence and she feels like there's nothing she can't do. She thoroughly enjoys participating."

Sanchez won a gold medal in the 50-meter dash and a bronze in the 100-meter dash during a local Special Olympics competition last year on behalf of Team Norwalk, and was chosen by the Special Olympics World Games Committee to join Team USA for the World Games this summer.

"Destiny set her mind to winning the Gold medal and this accomplishment speaks to her work ethic, determination and tenacity," said Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian. "She truly is a role model for all of our students, and even adults throughout our community to reach for their dreams."

Parra, too, is thrilled about Sanchez's gold-medal winning performance and to have seen her featured in the World Games opening ceremony. "She just sprinted up the stairs with confidence and ease to light the torch with millions of people watching. I am so proud of her," she said.



Sally Hazzard, executive director of SEAACA, visited the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis club this week to give a presentation on SEAACA's work in the community.

Hazzard, who was joined by community development manager Denise Woodside, is pictured with Kiwanis president Bernice Madariaga.

For more information on SEAACA, including volunteer opportunities and \$5 adoptions, visit seaca.org.

Christopher Avila finishes basic training

DOWNEY – Air Force Airman 1st Class Christopher J. Avila graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Avila is the son of Julie A. and Baldo Avila of Downey, and brother of Amanda N. Avila.

He is a 2010 graduate of Downey High School.

Church hosting kids program

BELFLOWER – First Christian Church in Bellflower is hosting a "Bible Blast to the Past" camp for kids Aug. 17-21.

Kids will be introduced to Bible stories and a daily theme. There will also be a "Timeless Truth Tent" where kids can explore Bible stories in interactive ways; "Backtrack Bazaar" to move around and have snacks; "Discovery Ruins" to discover ancient arts and facts through science and crafts; and "Mission Quest Cave" where kids are encouraged to serve others.

The program is from 6-8:30 p.m. For more information, call the church office at (562) 866-9749.

Rio Hondo launches center for veterans services

WHITTIER – Rio Hondo College's Veterans Service Office launched a one-stop service center this summer that will allow veterans of the U.S. armed forces to conveniently obtain a host of critical services that range from counseling and tutoring to financial aid and loan assistance.

Veterans make up a small, but growing percentage of Rio Hondo's student population.

"Our veterans are returning to college after making significant sacrifices on our behalf," said Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss. "As such, they have special needs that go beyond those of the typical student – and we want to be sure we meet all of them to ensure their success at Rio Hondo College and beyond."

Yvonne Gutierrez-Sandoval, Director of Financial Aid, Scholarships and Veterans Services, said the center was inspired by a desire to provide veterans with a place where they would feel most comfortable getting the services needed for their education.

"Our veterans share unique experiences – many of them traumatic – and it creates a level of comfort for them to be around other veterans who understand that," Gutierrez-Sandoval said.

Services for veterans include:

- Counseling services
- A Veterans Administration education benefits certifying official
- A financial aid adviser
- Emergency student loans
- Tutoring services
- Computer lab
- Information on community programs and services for veterans
- Graduation cap and gown loan program

"The transition to civilian life can be a difficult one," added Arely Castaneda, Rio Hondo College's newly appointed Veterans Service Center coordinator/counselor. "Providing a convenient location that meets all of a veteran's needs helps eliminate unneeded stress. It also promotes their efforts to complete their courses and make the transition to a four-year college or new career."

Board of Trustees President Madeline Shapiro said the new center is part of a larger campaign launched by the College to ensure all students receive services sculpted to meet their unique needs.

"Veterans are a growing and significant element of our student population," Shapiro said. "It is a privilege to play a role in helping them transition to their next role in our society, and any service we can offer to make the process work more smoothly benefits us all."

PIH names new COO

DOWNEY – Maria Gonzalez has joined PIH Health as Chief Operating Officer, Management Services Organization/Independent Physicians Association (COO, MSO/IPA) effective July 20.

As COO, MSO/IPA, Gonzalez will direct and oversee the operations of the IPA as well as all functions related to group contracting, utilization management, quality management, and claims.

Additionally, she will lead efforts to strengthen growth, financial performance, and provider relations.

Gonzalez's healthcare career spans 23 years. She joins PIH Health from Davita/HealthCare Partners, where she served as Senior Director, IPA Operations since 2010.

She also served as Director, IPA Administration at Physicians DataTrust, Inc.; held that same title at Medical Pathways Medical Corporation; and served as Director, IPA Operations, Greater Los Angeles Region at MedPartners, Inc. Earlier in her career, Ms. Gonzalez worked for Cedars-Sinai Health System, Latino Healthcare Management Corp., and Health Source Management Group.

Gonzalez holds a Master of Public Health degree from UCLA.

Living trust seminar Aug. 22

DOWNEY – Local attorney Alex Saab will give a free presentation on living trusts Saturday, Aug. 22, at the offices of Century 21 Jervis and Associates.

An English presentation begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Spanish version at 11.

Century 21 Jervis is located at 10841 Paramount Blvd. in suite 200.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Teachers endorse school board

Dear Editor:
 President of the Downey Education Association (DEA), Jim Mogan, publicly announced DEA's endorsement of the four incumbent Downey Unified Board of Education members who will be up for re-election this November. This declaration in support of Tod M. Corrin, William A. Gutierrez, Donald E. LaPlante and D. Mark Morris, was made on Wednesday, July 15.

Tod M. Corrin, currently serving as President of the Board of Education, has represented Trustee Area Two for 12 years. Serving since 2003, Corrin has been re-elected three times. Presently a member of the Board of Education and previous 2014 Board President representing Trustee Area Three, William A. Gutierrez has been an active member since 2001. The longest elected member, Donald E. LaPlante, has served on the Board since 1979 and represents Trustee Area Four. Throughout his 36 years, LaPlante has served as Board president six times and in 2012, was elected as Director for Region 24 for the California School Boards Association. The final incumbent for the November election is D. Mark Morris, who represents Trustee Area Six. Following close behind LaPlante, he has served on the Downey Unified Board of Education since 1982. Elected as president five times during his 33 years on the Board, Morris was previously a member of the Delegate Assembly for the California School Boards Association.

The Downey Education Association has endorsed these four incumbents because of the countless accomplishments throughout their years of service, especially during the worst economic crisis in decades from 2008-2013.

"Downey Unified has soared above and beyond because of the decisions that have come out of the board room," stated Mogan. In the 2014-2015 school year alone, Downey Unified has unveiled two state of the art buildings at the high school level that has expanded the educational offerings for many students. Downey Unified was also selected for the College Board's AP Honor Roll, has had a feature story broadcast on public radio highlighting the exemplary implementation of curricula in comparison to other school districts, has been selected by the State Superintendent for a \$6 million Career Pathway Trust grant and have had 26 high school students compete at the national SkillsUSA Competition, four of which received gold medals becoming National Champions.

This past year, Downey Unified has also reached a record high graduation rate of over 93 percent.

For these reasons and countless others the Downey Education Association is proud to endorse these four incumbents for re-election to the Downey Unified Board of Education.

**Ashley Pryor
 Downey**

Praise for Assemblywoman

Dear Editor:
 As a resident of the city of Downey, I have to give a round of applause to Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia. She was elected in 2012, reelected in 2014, to represent the 58th Assembly district. During this short time she has become the Assistant Majority Floor Leader, the Vice Chair of the Legislatives Woman's Caucus, served on numerous commissions, and before that was a successful statistics teacher for 13 years.

This wasn't even what grabbed my attention. What did was everything that she has done locally. But before I get into that, let's examine what she has done legislatively.

House Resolution 5 passed in the Assembly 76 to 0 in a strong show of bipartisanship. It calls for Mexico to address its human rights violations, particularly in the event of the disappearance of 43 college students. In the past decade, there has been an estimated 25,000 disappearances in Mexico and the least we could do is stand in solidarity against these actions by showing our support to our fellow neighbors to the south. We have her to thank for that.

She also authored Assembly bill 146, which helps to teach elementary school students about the Mexican Repatriation of the 1930's that illegally deported around 1 million Mexican-Americans and legal Mexican immigrants. It is in the State Senate now and we have her to thank for that as well, especially since a large number of the citizens in the district are of Mexican descent. But this still wasn't what caught my attention.

My attention was grabbed by her Summer Reading Program, the Young Legislator's Program, and Pride 58. All three of these initiatives help make communities better on the local level. The Summer Reading Program helps to keep children's minds stimulated during vacation and it is encouraged with prizes for the winners. Reading is essential to youth development because once you learn how to read, your access to information is unlimited.

With the Young Legislator's Program, students have an opportunity to learn about the political process locally and it strengthens their civil engagement. So in the future when someone could possibly tell them something about government, policies, or political parties, instead of just absorbing whatever is being said to then they will be able to rationalize and discern information to see where the truth is. They will be less likely to be persuaded due to a lack of knowledge and in turn can educate their peers.

With Pride 58, it's a campaign she started to highlight positive contributions in the community. It could be a person, a business, an organization, and what it does is help to reinforce the betterment of the community and applications are accepted year round.

From legislation to local issues, it is clear that her background in teaching has influenced her civic approach towards community in a positive way. So far she is doing a great job and we need more representatives like her that focus on citizenship and service. I'm glad she is our Assemblywoman and I hope she doesn't mess up.

**Johnathon Quevedo
 Downey**

Birthday party

Dear Editor:
 I want to thank you for printing the article on July 23 about our 95th birthday party. It was ever so much better than having our obituaries printed. People I had had in my teaching career have read it and others as well have been able to share our joy at living so long.

Thank you for giving the Downey citizens a chance to read local news.

**Margery Barnings
 Downey**

Trader Joe's and Sprouts

Dear Editor:
 I have been watching the gradual building of the new shopping center/hotel/movie theatre, and am glad to see that the City of Downey is trying to grow and develop and attract more businesses to Downey.

However, I was very disappointed to find out that no effort has been made to bring a store such as Trader Joe's or Sprouts to Downey. Most Downey residents would love to have such a store in our neighborhood, instead of having to drive to Cerritos, Lakewood or Long Beach and spend our money in those cities (instead of adding to the tax revenue of our own city).

If the mayor and the City Council really care about this city, instead of bringing yet another Walmart, which we do not need or want in this city, they could make a little more effort in bringing a higher scale of stores that the citizens of this town actually want, care about and would love to have.

I am asking the Downey Patriot to share this letter with the City Council and the Mayor and ask them to make an effort to bring more upscale businesses to this area. Cerritos is a much newer city, yet its better planned and built, and has made a successful effort in attracting the right kind of shops and businesses that make it a more attractive city to live in. I would like Downey to come up to Cerritos' standards. Its definitely doable if a little effort is made.

Downey is a great town and has the potential to be even greater if our government actually listens to the desires of its citizens. Bring Trader Joe's and Sprouts to Downey now!

**Michelle Fox
 Downey**

Illegal immigration

Dear Editor:
 The issue of illegal immigrants is just that, an issue that politicians from Hillary Clinton to Jeb Bush need to have something to talk about instead of tackling real problems.

Illegal immigration is easy to stop, but to do it, the reasons for illegal immigration must be understood. Illegal immigrants don't come escaping political persecution or religious intolerance. They come because they listen to the only voice that never lies, the voice of the stomach. In other words, they come because they can find work here because it is financially profitable for big corporations like Wal-Mart (the *Wall Street Journal* reported they had hired illegal aliens) and for individuals who hire an illegal gardener.

The solution suggests itself: Don't employ illegal aliens and since there is no work, they won't come and those who are already here will return to their home land. In order to do this, something brave is required from the government like imposing a one year jail sentence for every illegal individual a company has hired. Seeing the CEO of Wal-Mart in jail will be a strong incentive for other companies not to hire illegal immigrants; the same pressure will apply to individuals.

Will the government do this? I seriously doubt it because after all we need Wal-Mart and its low price items and the political contributions of C.E.O.'s to finance political campaigns.

Until we are ready to do the right thing all debate about illegal immigrants is laughable.

**Jorge Montero
 Downey**

State privacy act

Dear Editor:
 The California Electronic Communications Privacy Act (S.B. 178) is racing down the tracks at the state legislature. But it would be a train wreck for California's five Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task forces, true human rights heroes who combat child sexual exploitation.

In its blind zeal to slow down online law enforcement at any cost, the bill would require that police notify child pornography traffickers they are coming, prove a child was in danger of "serious physical injury" or face destruction of evidence, and stop accessing "device information" suspects freely offer online. It would force the ICACs out of national and international law enforcement programs and nearly out of business entirely.

The authors should fix this trainwreck of a bill now.

**Grier Weeks
 Executive Director
 National Association to Protect Children**

Lost and found pets

Dear Editor:
 After our dog Daisy went missing on Thursday, the 23rd of July, we did what any responsible owner would do and put up lost dog signs. Little did I know this was against Downey's Code Enforcement, and was quickly notified by Carmen that it was in fact punishable by a hefty, and I mean hefty, fine.

The real issue began when I asked for Carmen to provide me with an alternative, essentially "What could I do to get the message out that my dog was missing?" without being able to put up any signs. The responses I was given was "Well, you could try SEAAACA." How can one severely underfunded organization help me spread the word of a missing dog when they're busy rescuing nearly 25,000 animals a year? I am not speaking badly about SEAAACA because everything they have helped me with thus far has been amazing and they have blessed me with my dog Mika. I am speaking badly about the lack of consideration this city has with helping its own citizens.

By not allowing my family or any family to post signs on what was referred to as "community property," I feel the voice we have in this community has been squelched. Yes, we do have other outlets to express ourselves, but what can and has this city done to help reunite owners with their lost companions? Directing us to other outlets is the equivalent of handing off a class project to the rest of the group simply because you do not want to deal with the headache.

Now, I am not asking for a city-wide search party with bloodhounds and people searching in shifts throughout the night, though it would be nice. I am simply asking for this city council to actually perform for its community. As a community I would expect some empathy towards one another and at the very least offer a city run bulletin board which citizens can post Lost or Found inquiries to.

The distance I now feel from living in this "prideful, historical, and very involved community" is disheartening. So my question to you, city council, is: "What defines this community?"

Michael Nelson

Cecil the lion

Dear Editor:
 I am sure by now you must have heard about the fate of Cecil the Lion that was murdered by Walter James Palmer, a United States citizen from Minnesota. He paid \$50,000 to go lion hunting in Africa, and ended up torturing and murdering the country's most famous lion.

Cecil was lured out of the Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park at night time, with a dead animal on top of a vehicle. Palmer then shot Cecil with a crossbow, in which he suffered in agony for 40 hours until Palmer and his helpers tracked him down and shot him with a gun, skinned him, and beheaded him, and then they proceeded to destroy the GPS collar that Cecil was wearing as part of research backed by Oxford University.

Humans are not the only species that inhabit this planet, we share this planet with magnificent creatures that have as much right to be here as humans do. That is why I am asking my political leaders to take a stand on this issue. It should be illegal to hunt any animal, whether it be in the United States or across the globe.

We need to introduce legislation to ban the import of game trophies of any animal, whether it be endangered or not, and Walter James Palmer and his co-conspirators should be imprisoned for the rest of their lives, for the unacceptable act of the illegal hunt of Cecil the lion.

My heart aches for Cecil. Our Creator created such a magnificent creature. I can only imagine the intense grief God must have felt upon seeing what this man did to this beautiful animal that didn't want to die.

**Patty Jackson
 Downey**

Dirty street

Dear Editor:
 As of today nothing been done about the large tree opposite 9702 Tweedy Lane. I wrote about the dangers this large tree presents two weeks ago.

Today my wife and I again walked under this tree and noticed a couple of other eyesores. The sidewalk next to the school is a disgrace. Some weeds are about a foot tall, other trash never seems to be picked up. For many days there is standing water in the gutter about 100 feet long that never reaches the drain near the crosswalk at Lubec Street, an obvious street problem. This standing water is the perfect breeding spot for mosquitoes.

It is apparent to us that this area at Griffiths must be the worst maintained school in California if not the whole country. The pavement on Tweedy Lane has some smaller but still unsafe potholes. The principle, Mr. Stapp, the teachers, the council person for this area, and the mayor of Downey do not seem to care about this disgraceful part of Downey or lack the initiative to clean up Tweedy Lane between Suva and Lubec Street.

May I suggest the removal of the slogans that are painted in large letters on the school buildings visible from the sidewalk. They might be spelled correctly but give the wrong impression. What do you teach this young generation?

Fortunately my wife and I are in a position to leave our home on Tweedy Lane at any time. I am 82 years old, afflicted with Parkinson's, unable to drive but would like to make myself popular at a council meeting to state my concern in person.

**Dieter Oltersdorf
 Downey**

Donald Trump

Dear Editor:
 In regards to Donald Trump, let's hope his political career ends before it starts.

He received a lot of backlash for his remarks concerning Mexicans and about John McCain and veterans. In this day and age, political correctness is necessary (especially for politicians). Imagine him being President and not being politically correct when meeting foreign leaders and representatives; not only will he receive backlash, but he will continue to give the US a bad image, if not worse.

Trump could have better phrased his remarks, but chose not to, nor did he apologize. If he would have done either of the two, maybe he would be in better standing with the public, but he didn't, and now he has to deal with his mistakes. Although he may be ahead in the polls for the Republican party, other Republican candidates have distanced themselves from Trump and criticized him for his remarks; to me, that says a lot, his own party does not like him.

I look forward to seeing Trump put his foot in his mouth in future speeches.

**Guillermo Vazquez
 Downey**

Dear Editor:
 On debate Thursday, my guess will be about two candidates out of the top 10 attacking the front runner, Donald Trump. Every one of them wants to be the big man who can claim to knocking him out of the race.

Any way you look at it, it will be a lesson in futility when politicians as usual attack the outside, the plain talker, the gutsy Trump. Trump will best all of them with his plain from the heart and guts speech -- no nicey nicey, touchy, feely good, kissy poo poo stuff. They are all gonna take a lickin' while he still keeps on a tickin'.

Trump has what those guys wish they had: guts and plain speak like the average man on the street. Most politicians have that fancy, namby pamby, touchy, feely good political ho-hum dribble-from-the-mouth speak. Some are better at putting people to sleep than Nyquil. Same old ho hum and more PhD politico crap. PhD means Piled Higher and Deeper in referring to windy politicians, and liberal educators with BS degrees meaning not Brilliant Stuff but plain old Bull Stuff.

Jeb Bush doesn't deserve the number 2 spot, and I hope that Cruz, Walker or Huckabee beat him for that spot. It is time for a newer name than Bush or Clinton to run our country.

Hillary is a 1% now too with her million dollar speeches, her old man, and her get from questionable donors, here and foreign. Jeb doesn't deserve to inherit the presidency from the Republican Party. I liked Bush 1 and 2 over what we have now in this administration. President Obama, if you need me, I'll call you. Don't hold your breath waiting for my call.

Present administration trusts our enemies better than we the people. By dealing with Iran the way we are doing, giving them \$150 billion, it is like buying the rope to hang the U.S. with. That's you and yours whose lives are at stake.

Trump is the right man for the job at this time of American history because it has to do with survival of the free world as we know it.

**Joe Cvetko
 Bellflower**

More Donald, less Mario

Dear Editor:
 Congratulations to the Patriot for printing the letter submitted by Elsa Van Leuven, whose comments were right on target. (Letters to the Editor, 7/23/15)

For once a breath of fresh air concerning illegal immigration and an opinion shared by a great number of tax-paying, law-abiding citizens. Too bad we don't have more Trumps in government and fewer Mario Guerras, who jokingly claims to be a Republican.

Kudos for the letter.
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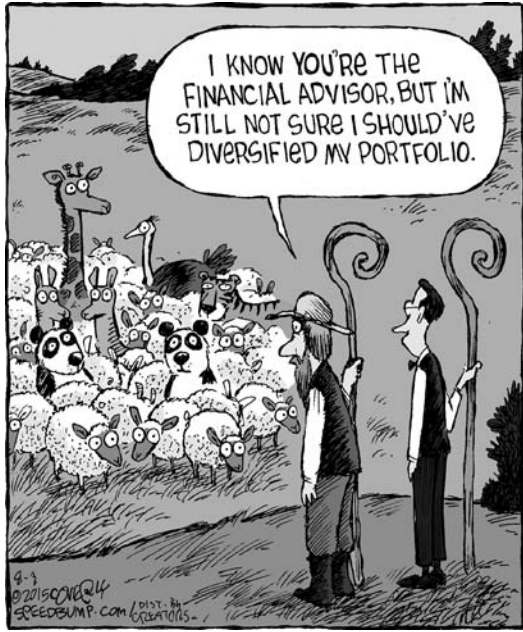
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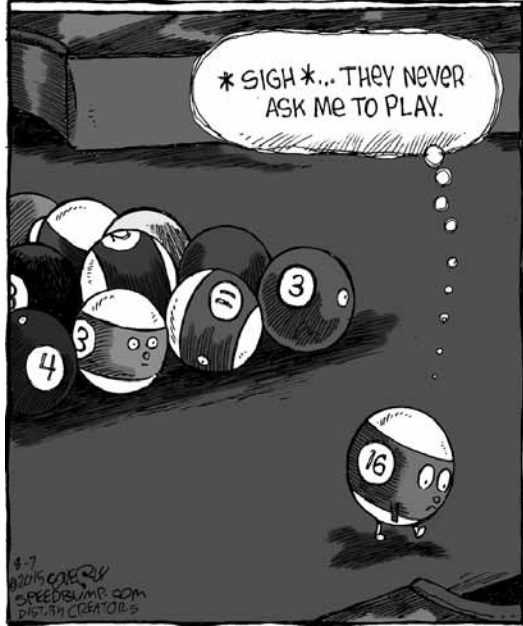
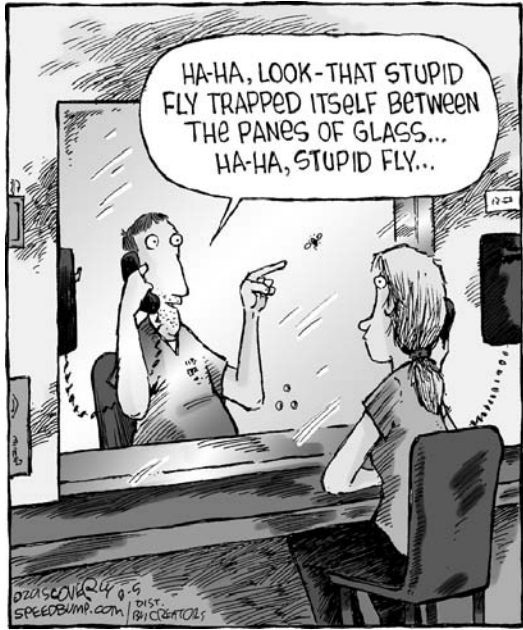
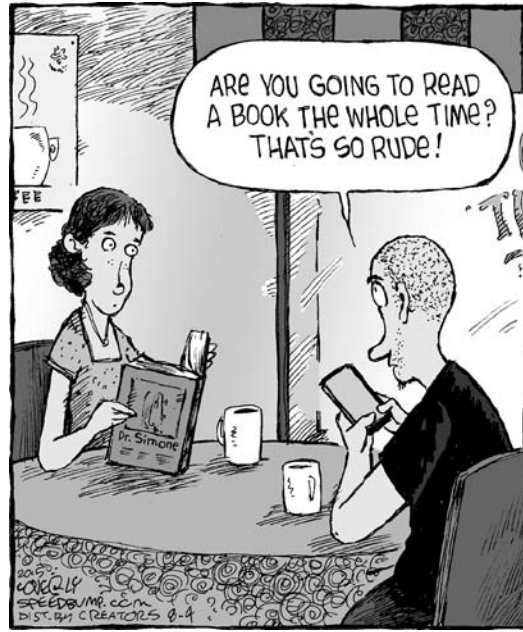
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Downey Community Calendar

EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Friday, Aug. 7: Violent by Design, Stay Gallery, 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, Aug. 11: "Eating Healthy Never Tasted So Good" seminar, PIH Downey hospital, 6 p.m.
 Wednesday, Aug. 12: Rooftop Concert, Rooftop Public Parking Structure (2nd St. & New St.), 7 p.m.

CITY MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 1st Tue., 6:00pm: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Paul Sheets at 714-618-1142.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call William Medina 413-3477.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, call Karika Austin 260-3856.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 905-7103.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Cafe 'N Stuff, call 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Cindy 803-4048.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed., Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

On This Day...

Aug. 6, 1890: The electric chair was used for the first time, to execute a convicted murderer at Auburn State Prison in New York.
1945: The United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, that instantly killed an estimated 66,000 people.
2009: Sonia Sotomayor was confirmed as the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice by a Senate vote of 68-31.
BIRTHDAYS: basketball hall of famer David Robinson (50), pop singer Geri Halliwell (43), sports commentator Max Kellerman (42), and actress Soleil Moon Frye (39).

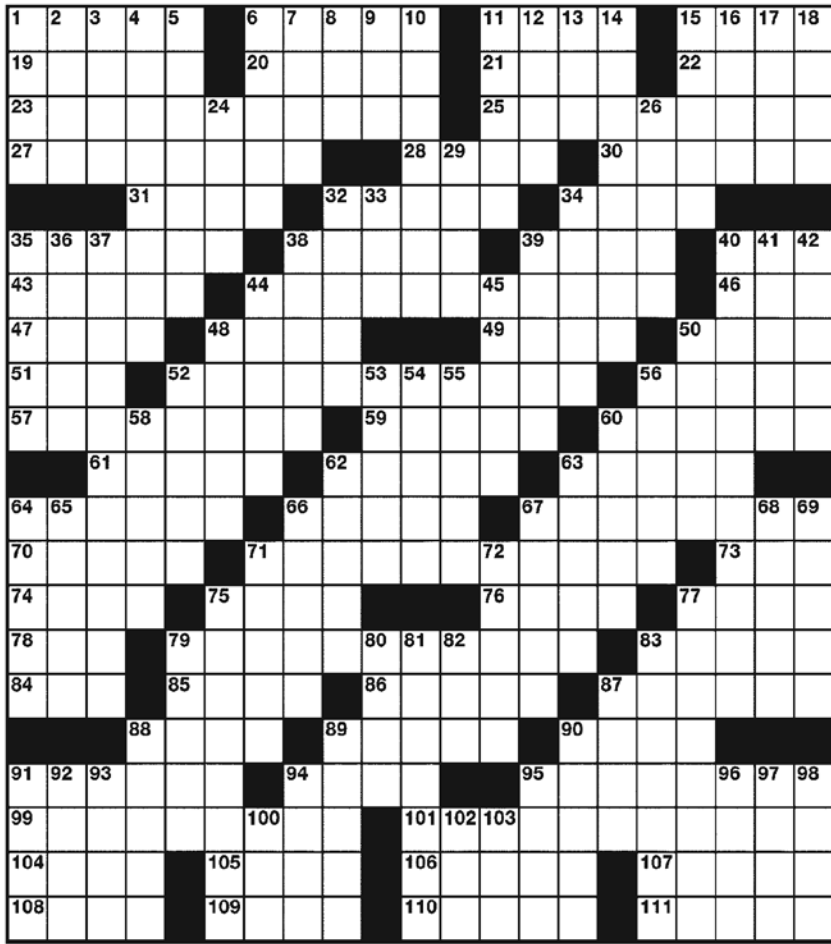
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Teacher gets probation for placing bag over student's head

LOS ANGELES – A former fourth grade teacher at Rosewood Elementary School in Los Angeles pleaded no contest Wednesday to one count of child abuse for placing a plastic bag over a student's head in class, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Thelmo Garcia, 37, was ordered to attend weekly psychiatric counseling for an undetermined amount of time and to complete 100 days of CalTrans work. In addition, he must complete 52 weeks of child abuse counseling and he is barred from teaching minors under 18 while on probation for five years.

Deputy District Attorney Samuel Hulefeld with the Family Violence Division, who prosecuted the case, said if Garcia successfully completes all of the required terms and conditions, his felony conviction will be reduced to a misdemeanor when he returns for sentencing in two years.

Garcia admitted placing a plastic bag over a 10-year-old girl's head during class on Feb. 5. After several seconds, he removed the bag. The child was uninjured.

If Garcia fails to comply with the conditions, he faces up to six years in state prison.

Doctor pleads no contest to prescription fraud

SANTA MONICA – A former Santa Monica physician pleaded no contest Wednesday to obtaining a controlled substance by fraud.

Dr. Daniel Shin, 50, returns to court on Nov. 4 for sentencing before Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Charlaime Olmedo. Under the terms of a negotiated plea, he will be sentenced to three years in county jail.

Deputy District Attorneys Emily Street and Keith Koyano of the Major Narcotics Division are prosecuting the case.

Shin, who has since lost his license to practice medicine, operated a pain management clinic in Santa Monica. Prosecutors said Shin along with his office manager, Thomas Mark Oseransky, 50, and a colleague, Dymo Travato West, 39, orchestrated a complex scheme to write and fill prescriptions for oxycodone.

West earlier pleaded no contest to conspiracy and multiple counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud and was sentenced to 32 months in state prison.

Oseransky returns to court on Sept. 17 for a pretrial hearing.

Man gets 18 years for crime spree

EL SEGUNDO – A Los Angeles man was sentenced Tuesday to 18 years in state prison for carrying out a one-day crime spree involving several victims in West Los Angeles and El Segundo.

Deputy District Attorney Sarah Ballog said Jason Faison, 23, entered a no contest plea today to two felony counts of second-degree robbery.

Faison also admitted a prior strike allegation, a first-degree burglary, person present conviction in 2012.

On Dec. 22, 2013, the defendant stole a pick-up truck and robbed a man at a gas station, the prosecutor said. Faison then robbed a woman at a restaurant and then fled in the stolen truck and hit a man with his car, the prosecutor added.

He later followed another woman home where he stabbed and robbed her, Ballog said. The woman sustained minor injuries.

District Attorney honors citizens for acts of bravery

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey on Wednesday recognized three Los Angeles County residents who acted bravely and at considerable personal risk to help crime victims in the Long Beach/South Los Angeles area.

The award recipients include a man who helped deputies capture an armed robber using a GPS locator, a woman who aided an elderly disabled man beaten by his girlfriend and a man who rescued two women from a violent sex trafficker.

"Today we commend the acts of heroism demonstrated by these everyday people," Lacey said. "They stood up for victims of crime and played pivotal roles in the prosecution of each case. I am proud to be in the presence of these very special people whose steadfast conviction helped attain justice."

The District Attorney's Office presents Courageous Citizen Awards several times a year to people who have performed extraordinary acts of valor and selflessness in assisting in criminal prosecutions, aiding victims, preventing crimes, or capturing suspects.

The honorees are:

Joshua White, 28, of Los Angeles

Mr. White rescued two women and helped put a violent sex trafficker behind bars.

On May 15, 2013, Mr. White was leaving a Century City mall when he was approached by two women. They told him they had been forced into prostitution. When they tried to escape, the women said the physically abusive pimp locked them in a car while he went into the mall. He told them that he was going to take them across states lines.

In the mall parking lot, the women left the vehicle and ran to Mr. White for help. As Mr. White listened to their story, he knew these were serious and violent crimes. He drove them to a police station so they could report the crimes. The next day, Long Beach police arrested the suspect. Mr. White testified against the pimp without hesitation, strengthening the prosecution's case.

A jury convicted the human trafficker of two counts of pimping, two counts of pandering by procuring and one count each of human trafficking to commit another crime, sodomy by use of force, forcible rape, aggravated mayhem and kidnapping. On Sept. 18, 2014, he was sentenced to 47 years and four months to life in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

Rosa Almanza, 21, of Gardena

While riding in a car in Long Beach, Ms. Almanza witnessed an older disabled man being attacked and stopped to help.

On July 13, 2014, Ms. Almanza was a passenger in a vehicle, when she noticed a woman with a metal cane approaching an older man. Ms. Almanza attempted to warn the man that he was in danger, but it was too late. The blind 63-year-old man was hit over the head several times.

Alarmed, Ms. Almanza asked the car's driver to make a U-turn and stop. She saw the victim bleeding profusely from the head. Ms. Almanza called 911 and waited with the victim until police arrived. She provided a statement to police and offered the only eyewitness testimony at the trial. Without her help, the attacker likely would have been acquitted because the victim recanted his story - the attacker was his girlfriend.

A jury found the female defendant guilty of one felony count of injuring a boyfriend. On March 16, 2015, she was sentenced to 19 years in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

Luis Moreno, 27, of Los Angeles

With quick thinking and swift action, Mr. Moreno foiled a robbery and helped sheriff's deputies catch the suspect.

On June 15, 2014, an armed man entered a wireless phone store in Carson. He announced he was robbing the business and pushed employees and customers to the back of the store. The armed man handed a trash bag to Mr. Moreno, a store employee, and demanded he fill the bag with phones. Mr. Moreno intentionally placed an iPhone dummy, which had an active GPS locator, into the bag. The robber left the store.

When deputies arrived, Mr. Moreno told them the dummy phone was in the robber's bag and should help them locate the suspect. The robber's location was identified and he was arrested with the stolen property.

On June 10, 2015, the defendant pleaded no contest to kidnapping and second-degree robbery and was sentenced to 30 years in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Court clerk arrested for stealing payments

POMONA – A former Los Angeles County Superior Court clerk is awaiting arraignment on multiple counts of misappropriating filing fees meant for the courts.

Linda Mascorro is scheduled to be arraigned on Aug. 20 at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. She is charged with 15 felony counts of misappropriation of public funds and is being held on \$100,000 bail.

Deputy District Attorney Michele Gilmer with the Public Integrity Division said Mascorro is charged with stealing more than \$6,000 between 2010 and 2014 while she worked as a clerk at the Pomona court. The Covina resident allegedly stole money while processing and collecting fees from individuals filing civil name change petitions.

The case was filed for warrant on July 24 and Mascorro was arrested on July 30 by investigators with the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation.

The case was investigated by auditors with the Superior Court of California.

If convicted, Mascorro faces up to 18 years in state prison.

Human trafficker gets 42 years in prison

LONG BEACH – A 32-year-old man was sentenced Monday to 42 years and eight months to life in state prison for trafficking several teenage girls for sex in the Long Beach area between 2006 and 2013.

On Nov. 25, 2014, a jury found Robert Jerome Walker of Compton guilty of six felony counts: four counts of human trafficking of a minor for a sex act and one count each of dissuading a witness from prosecuting a crime and lewd act upon a child.

Deputy District Attorney Rachel Hardiman, who prosecuted the case, said Walker was a member of a group of pimps that referred to themselves as the Compton Division.

The pimps forced teenage girls to prostitute themselves in the Compton and Long Beach areas, the prosecutor said.

According to the prosecutor, Walker made each of his four victims engage in acts of prostitution by using force and threats of violence.

The youngest victim was 11-years-old, the prosecutor added.

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Blue Line Station Upgrades Completed
Upgrades to all of the Blue Line stations have been completed. The features include new canopies, camera and video enhancements, improved lighting, fresh paint and tile work. Thank you for your cooperation during this effort. Stay tuned for future improvements by visiting metro.net/bluelineupgrades.

See something? Say something.
Almost one million people are victims of human trafficking each year. Many of them are right here in LA County. If you have reason to believe someone might be a victim of human trafficking, don't be silent – report it. Call 888.950.SAFE. To learn more, visit metro.net/dontbesilent.

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SPORTS BRIEFS: Area Code Games have local flavor

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The 2015 installment of the Area Code Games returned to Long Beach this week and many of the top prep baseball players in the country are participating.

The Area Code Games feature over 240 of the top underclass high school players in the country. The games are being played at Blair Field.

The Area Code Games are a weeklong event that feature eight teams made up of players who live in different area codes from across the country. Each team will play five games against some of the nation's best players.

The Chicago White Sox feature players from the Indiana/Illinois area, the Washington Nationals feature players from the Florida/Georgia area, the Kansas City Royals feature players from the Washington/Oregon area and the Cincinnati Reds feature players from the Utah/Colorado area.

The Milwaukee Brewers feature players from southern California, the Texas Rangers feature players from Texas, the New York Yankees feature players from northern California and the Oakland Athletics feature players from the New York/New Jersey area.

The Milwaukee Brewers do not have a player from Downey, Warren or any other San Gabriel Valley League team on their roster. However, Downey standout pitcher Randy Labaut did pitch last year in the Area Code Games and will be pitching at the University of Arizona this year.

Local talent on the Brewers' roster includes outfielder Dominic Fletcher of Cypress, pitcher Kyle Mora of Los Alamitos and third baseman Spencer Steer of Long Beach Millikan.

Tuesday's games featured the Royals vs. White Sox at 12:30 p.m., the Reds vs. Rangers at 3:30 p.m. and the Athletics vs. Brewers at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday's games featured

the Yankees vs. Nationals at 12:30 p.m. and the Rangers vs. Athletics at 3:30 p.m.

The Downey High School girls' lacrosse program was recently featured on MundoFox Channel 22 (KWHY).

Reporter Gustavo Vargas was on campus at Downey High and interviewed head coach Marvin Mires as well as several players, including team captain Ashley Guerrero.

The video shows Lady Viking lacrosse players going through basic warm-up, passing and catching drills followed by short interviews. Vargas even took time to dance with the Lady Viking goalkeeper who was preparing for her quinceañera.

The video clip highlights the program's six years in existence and how it has improved each season. This summer, the girls' lacrosse program had between 30-35 players attending workouts. Mires stated that "these are the hardest working athletes I have seen. They train hard and learn fast."

The Lady Vikings have high expectations for the upcoming season. Mires maintains that this will be an exciting year with so many quality players returning. Senior midfielder Ashley Guerrero is the reigning Ocean League Most Valuable Player, senior defense Ashlye West is the returning defensive MVP, senior midfielder Melissa Ramires returns as does senior defense Ariel Hernandez.

The Lady Vikings are currently taking August off as their "dead period" and will get back to work once the school year begins. Coach Mires believes that this team has an outstanding chance to not only win the South Los Angeles Section title, but to defeat the Orange County Section winner too.

You can watch the Downey girls' lacrosse video clip at youtu.be/eMc16yoicFA.

The 2015-16 middle school



The United States Tennis Association summer youth program concluded July 30 at Independence Park. The kids, ages 8-17, pictured here completed the "LA. 84" USTA program.

From left, bottom to top: Samantha Marquez, Naomi Lopez, Isaiah Lopez, Amirah Rigard, Harvey Nguyen, Cheyanne Beverley.

Row two: Kaelyn Hawa, Diana DeLaTorre, Javier Graciede, Xavier Corona, Charlyze Beverley.

Row three: Mynor Doque, Cassnadra Martinez, Hamilton Nguyen, David DeLaTorre, Ella Gomez, Sarah Marquez. Instructor Randy Ignacio is in the last row.

sports schedule will be significantly different from last year. More sports teams have been added and as a result, more athletes will be included in each school's respective sport's teams.

Football and girls' volleyball is the first rotation and has undergone the most change. This year there will be three football teams. There will be an eighth, seventh and sixth grade football team. Last year, there was one team comprised of eighth, seventh and sixth grade athletes. Girls' volleyball will also have three teams. There will be an eighth, seventh, and sixth grade team. Last year there was an eighth grade team (varsity) and a seventh/sixth grade (junior varsity) team.

Boys' volleyball and girls' soccer is the second rotation. There will be three boys' volleyball teams which will include an eighth, seventh and sixth grade team. Girls' soccer will have two teams. There will be an eighth grade (varsity) team and a seventh/sixth grade (junior varsity) team.

Basketball and boys' soccer is the third rotation. There will be three boys' and three girls' basketball teams. There will be an eighth, seventh and sixth grade boys' basketball team. There will also be an eighth, seventh and sixth grade girls' basketball team. Boys' soccer will have an eighth grade (varsity) team and a seventh/sixth grade (junior varsity) team.

Baseball and softball is the fourth rotation. There will be two boys' teams. There will be an eighth grade (varsity) team and a seventh/sixth grade (junior varsity) team. There will also be two girls' softball teams. There will be an eighth grade (varsity) team and a seventh/sixth grade (junior varsity) team.

Track and field is the fifth and final rotation. There will be three boys' teams and three girls' teams. There will be a boys' eighth grade team, a seventh grade team and a sixth grade team. There will also be a girls' eighth grade team, a seventh grade team and a sixth grade team.



The Downey Ballhogs travel basketball club competed in the AAU West Coast Nationals in Las Vegas July 16-18. The seventh grade team took first place.

Seated, left to right: Rachel Spinosa, Ilana Avila, Siara Avila, Leigha Harris and Jocelyn Lopez.

Standing: Leila Garcia, Kamsi Okere, Jordan Roussel, Giselle Magana, Jocelyn Escamilla, Lisaraye Hall and Kaylie Lara.

Coaches standing: Peter Rodriguez, Julio Avila, Marvin Harris and Lovel Johnson. Team mom is Ranola Lucas.



The Downey Ladyhogs eighth grade team took third place in the ninth grade division, despite having only two ninth graders on the team.

Seated, from left: Akilah Watson, Darlene Berberabe, Surie Camacho, Melanie Lopez and Alyssa Urias.

Standing: Coach Harry Holmes, Coach Lovel Johnson, Ebonoluwa Kalejaiye, Chassen Gutierrez, Retha Little and Coach Peter Rodriguez.

Not pictured: Katelyn Seymour and team mom Ranola Lucas.

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According to Vype, a website devoted to national high school athletics: "The Braves return an impressive amount of talent on both sides of the ball. It has the defensive toughness to stop the rush and the talent behind it that will make it hard to pass against. Breaking in a new quarterback will be interesting but it has two games to ease into the season. First game: Aug. 28 at La Mirada."

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Dodgers catcher Yasmani Grandal visits Lynwood elementary school

LYNWOOD – Dodgers all-star catcher Yasmani Grandal took a break from the pennant chase Friday to share an inspiring story of success with more than 100 students at Lynwood Unified's Helen Keller Elementary.

Grandal, who came to the school as part of the Read Lead Summer Literacy Program's finale, read a story about Jackie Robinson, who broke baseball's color barrier in 1947. The book titled "Stealing Home" gave students insight into Robinson's historic home plate steal, which earned the Brooklyn Dodgers a win in Game 1 of the 1955 World Series against the New York Yankees.

The trip and the story provided Grandal, who was born in Cuba, with the opportunity to encourage students to never give up.

"I want to tell the children to always work hard so they can reach their dreams," Grandal said. "In coming here, you never know whose life you can change. A little encouragement can really make a big impact on a child."

During the six-week Read Lead program, students ages 5-13 read culturally relevant books as a way to boost self-esteem, instill a love of reading and generate a positive attitude toward learning. The free program was designed as a way to stem summer learning loss, which researchers have identified as a primary factor in widening the achievement gap between student groups.

Students with perfect attendance received four tickets to an upcoming Dodger game, courtesy of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Dodgers Foundation helped fund the program.

"The Dodgers were excited to be able to support the Read Lead program not only with our funding, but with the sort of inspirational support that comes from players such as Yasmani Grandal," Foundation Executive Director Nichol Whiteman said. "Literacy is one of those foundational skills critical to success in all educational endeavors."

"In education, the foundation focuses on college access and success, but another major component is literacy," said the Foundation's



More than 100 students at Lynwood Unified's Helen Keller Elementary School sit with Dodgers catcher Yasmani Grandal on Friday, July 31. The students are all posing with horns in honor of Grandal who is nicknamed "Tasmanian Devil."

Executive Director Nichol Whiteman. "So when we heard about Read Lead Program and that it was a part of the Freedom Schools Initiative and that it was working with schools in Lynwood, we became very interested in the program."

Whiteman hopes to continue working with the District to introduce programs that boost student achievement.

"The children were thrilled to spend time with a professional baseball player, who really took the time to inspire them to go after their dreams," said Lynwood Unified Superintendent Paul Gothold. "I want to thank the leaders at Read Lead, who are instrumental in running the literacy program, and the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation for its support in helping us prepare our children for success."

More than 300 students throughout the Los Angeles area this summer participated in the Read Lead Program, which provides leadership opportunities for youth and young adults in Los Angeles County. Founded in 2011, Read Lead is led by young professionals and educators who have an innovative

approach to service delivery that leverages community resources and expertise to improve the educational landscape.

"The Read Lead program has been a tremendous success in Lynwood Unified because it helps us to provide additional motivation

and support for our students as they approach the new school year," said Maria Lopez, Lynwood Unified Board of Education President. "I want to congratulate all of our student participants for their dedication to their education."

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Single tickets on sale for Riverside shows

RIVERSIDE – Single tickets are on sale now for three of the 2015-16 season productions at the Fox Performing Arts Center in Riverside including "Menopause The Musical: The Survivor Tour," "Marilyn," and "Bullets Over Broadway."

"Menopause the Musical" Sept. 26, 2015: with a cast of breast cancer survivors and co-survivors, Menopause The Musical and Komen partner to offer inspiration, sisterhood and hope. Menopause The Musical is set in a department store where four women at a lingerie sale have nothing in common but a black lace bra and memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more.

"Marilyn" Oct. 24, 2015: It is 1962 and Marilyn Monroe is in the midst of a photo shoot. Divorced for a third time, living alone, frustrated by Hollywood and tired of the "sex symbol" label, Marilyn longs to be respected for her talent and loved for who she really is rather than the character she has created for the silver screen. She wonders what it would be like to do it all over again. This award winning play stars the incomparable Sunny Thompson, who takes you into the mind and heart of the famed actress Marilyn Monroe based on her memoirs and quotes. Thompson's portrayal of the star in this musical play is uncanny, heartwarming, and gives audiences an in-depth look into the late Marilyn Monroe's life.

"Bullets Over Broadway" Jan. 27, 2016: Bullets Over Broadway is the story of a young playwright who, in desperate need of financial backing for his next show, accepts an offer he can't refuse from a mobster looking to please his showgirl girlfriend.

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Whittier schools under renovation this summer

WHITTIER – Renovation and improvement projects – including the construction of a new 7,000-seat stadium at California High School – are in full swing this summer at the Whittier Union High School District.

Workers are busy upgrading facilities across the District to increase school safety and provide 21st century learning environments for students, who will head back to school Aug. 12.

“We have been watching numerous projects take shape throughout our campuses, and we couldn’t be more excited to share the new renovations with our students when they come back for the new school year,” said Superintendent Sandra Thorntson. “We are dedicated to having facilities that meet the needs of our students and allow us to operate more efficiently.”

Construction and modernization for Whittier Union’s five comprehensive high schools began in 1998, when voters passed the \$98 million Measure C Bond. The bond was augmented by the \$75 million Measure W bond that voters approved in 2008. The proceeds from the bonds, as well as state and federal matching grants, have greatly enhanced classrooms, libraries, cafeterias, gymnasiums and athletic fields, infrastructure and facilities Districtwide.

Over the summer, student athletes at Pioneer High School have been testing out the newly completed 7,000-seat athletic complex, which boasts an artificial turf playing field, all-weather track, renovated soccer fields, outdoor tennis courts, junior varsity and varsity baseball and softball fields, and concession areas. Dedicated as the Dick Torres Memorial Stadium and shared with Santa Fe High School, the stadium features an elevator and press box, as well as locker and weight rooms, an equipment storage room and coach’s office with restrooms in a separate structure below. Other projects planned for Pioneer include refurbishments to the gym and cafeteria.

California High School’s athletic facilities are also undergoing extensive renovation as construction crews have begun building a similar 7,000-seat football stadium. Crews broke ground on the 22-acre site soon after graduation, tore down the existing bleachers and are constructing the new athletic complex, which will include separate baseball and softball fields, as well soccer practice areas. Plans include refurbishing the outdoor basketball and volleyball courts. The stadium will also be the home field of the La Serna and Whittier high school football teams.

At Whittier High School, air conditioning and a pipe organ are being installed in the Vic Lopez Auditorium. The organ is the kind the auditorium was designed to house and is a gift from the Whittier High Alumni Association. It was manufactured in 1927 for the Fifth Avenue Theater in Seattle. Opened in 1940, the historic Art Deco venue seats 2,500 and was named after former Whittier High School CIF Football Coach and Whittier City Councilman Vic Lopez in 2001. The project is scheduled to be completed by the start of the school year. Additionally, the front entrance to the library, which features new furniture, has been improved. Other plans include improvements to the large gym.

At Santa Fe High School, new and returning students will be served lunch in a newly-remodeled cafeteria that is expected to be completed at the end of August. As part of the plan, the patio area near building B, which houses English and Special Education classrooms, was enlarged and new shade structures were constructed. Future improvement plans include renovations to the administration and music building, large gym and library.

La Serna High School’s gymnasium is currently under construction, with the addition of a new roof, bleachers and hardwood floor, drinking fountain and public announcement system, and the upgrade of the fire alarm system, as well as the installation of an air conditioning system. Additionally, four classroom portable buildings have been added to the upper campus and five temporary classrooms are being replaced. Future plans for La Serna’s athletic facilities include improved baseball and softball fields, natural turf football field with all-weather track, and upgraded soccer fields, tennis courts and pathways.

How to save on a last-minute summer trip

By Jason Alderman

If you, your partner or your family want – or need – to get out of town right now, how do you improvise a great last-minute trip without breaking the bank?

Planning is essential. Embrace travel as a hobby – look for tricks, techniques and current online resources to keep abreast of the best last-minute deals.

Compromises will be necessary. You’ll likely need to travel at off-peak hours (either the first flight out in the morning or the last one at night, usually on weekdays) and stay at hotels or venues off the beaten path.

Here are some quick tips to save money on last-minute travel:

Travel light, move fast. Traveling last-minute isn’t for the indecisive. Dedicated travelers are minimalists – they know what to pack, organize their paperwork and payment options and have the mental preparation to deal with problems and challenges along the way. Also realize that last-minute travel can increase risk and other costs. If you’re planning a trip that requires travel insurance, (<https://www.insuremytrip.com/learn/travel-insurance-basics/when-to-buy.html>) you may not get coverage approval in time.

Build the right online resources. The Internet has revolutionized most forms of purchasing goods and services, but for travel, it has offered unprecedented speed and customization. Use top travel sites that have a tested track record and broad listings of various travel products, but be on the lookout for new travel websites and apps launch every day. Some airlines now offer their own last-minute fare sites, but try to sign up for email alerts and social media feeds from a variety of travel resources so you won’t miss a deal on air, hotel or ground transportation. Also, layovers are good to build into your itinerary as long as you don’t have to pay for a hotel and take a moment to compare the price of two one-way tickets – possibly from competing carriers – against round-trip tickets at single carriers. You might save.

Test new lodging options. The new generation of apartment and spare-bedroom sharing sites and longtime online vacation home rental services offer last-minute and in some cases “day-of” lodging possibilities, but keep in mind that online scammers (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/rentalscams>) have entered this territory and all transactions should be verified independently. Staying in hostels is not just for students and backpackers anymore; there are hostels that aim for older travelers as well. Getting on the phone also works in the hotel industry – check online prices against what you can find by calling up the hotel’s booking number and ask if there is a lower corporate rate or special for the period of your stay.

Compare ride-share with car rental. If you think you’re going to need to drive at your destination, check car-rental rates against leading ride-share companies available at the touch of a smartphone screen. Many ride-share companies allow you to get advance pricing estimates in advance. Also keep in mind what it might cost to park the rental car in your destination city – ride-share will help you avoid that expense.

Finally, evaluate every membership connection you have. Start by looking at all the plastic you have in your wallet. From your credit cards to the membership card for your main professional networking group and even to the auto club that tows your car, can you take advantage of any travel benefits you can leverage on a last-minute trip? Take some time to review those benefits – or look at them for the first time.

Bottom line: Last-minute travel is almost always possible as long as you’re willing to do a little homework and improvise.

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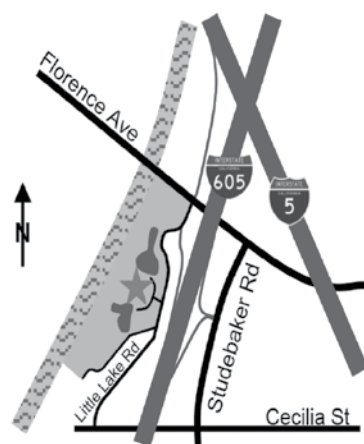
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T.S. No. 14-2384-11 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED 注: 本文件包含有关信息摘要 참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약서가 있습니다. NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION DE ESTE DOCUMENTO TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP LUU Y: KEM THEO ĐÂY LÀ BẢN TRINH BÀY TÓM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY PLEASE NOTE THAT PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(d)(1) THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON THIS DOCUMENT BUT PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE RECORDED OR PUBLISHED AND THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION NEED ONLY BE MAILED TO THE MORTGAGOR OR TRUSTOR YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/5/2008. 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: MARIA TERESA FRANCO Duly Appointed Trustee: The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation Recorded: 5/23/2008 as Instrument No. 20080917503 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8606 CHARLOMA DR DOWNEY, CA A.P.N.: 6363-008-013 Date of Sale: 8/20/2015 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: At the Vineyard Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$1,200,191.23, 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

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By Joseph Stroud (Copper Canyon Press)

Amid all noise and distraction, Stroud shows a profound awareness of everything that breathes around him. His poetry sifts through the details of daily life, in a great steady flow of feeling for the world and its creatures. With these short lines he stretches a poem into a farm road. Stroud makes his home on the California coast and in a cabin in the Sierra Nevada. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

Reflections on the Space Age

Kay Halsey was born 95 years ago in Atlanta in 1920, where her father was a minister. The arc of her life spans a time from Model-T Fords to space travel. As she reflects on the changes she has seen during her lifetime, Kay is always looking forward. 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 Kathleen Halsey

A few years ago our country celebrated the ending of our space program started by President Kennedy. His idea was to put a man on the moon. The final flight of the space ship Endeavour flew over my house. I heard it coming and ran out to see it. When I went into my house the TV was showing people who worked in Palmdale on the Endeavour with tears in their eyes.

I thought back to my childhood in 1927 when I would go up a hill behind my house and look at the dark sky with a bright shining moon and thousands of twinkling stars. There were not many street lights then to block out the vision to the stars.

I sang this Mother Goose rhyme: I see the moon and the moon sees me/ The moon sees somebody I want to see/God bless the moon and God bless me/and God bless the one I want to see.

Many things were being discovered in the 20's. Instead of carriages and wagons drawn by horses, Henry Ford and others were perfecting the automobile. Our lighter-than-air vehicles were being experimented with and tested on the beach in Long Beach and in North Carolina. Many men were killed when their biplanes crashed. Charles A. Lindbergh, however, after many crashes was heard on shortwave radio on his nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean to Paris in May 1927. The South Pole was being explored and recorded by shortwave radio by Admiral Byrd. He used ships and planes.

I was moved deeply when on a visit to Maui I took a long automobile trip along the coast to Hana, a native Hawaiian village. On the coast was a small stone church with Lindbergh's grave. The epitaph on his grave was from Psalm 139: "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me and your right hand shall hold me." His victory had turned tragic when a kidnapper took

and killed his young son for ransom. Lindbergh and his family had fled to a small island off the coast of France. Then he retreated to Maui.

Our scientists continued to work on air travel, spurred by WWII. Experiments on TV in 1940 materialized so that we made the first space capsule in Downey. In 1969 Neil Armstrong landed on the moon, "One giant step for mankind," I heard as I was watching the event on TV with my father who was born in 1886.

When I was teaching in the 1960's and 70's, NASA produced great brochures about space development that I displayed on the bulletin boards. It was an opportunity to open the eyes and minds of a new generation of children who did not understand the involved steps of space travel and all the knowledge that we had gained about our universe.

The development of the rockets Atlantis, Discovery, and Challenger was done in Downey, El Segundo, Long Beach and San Diego. Even seven flights set down in our Edwards Air Force Base. No wonder the creators of the Endeavour had tears in their eyes. Thousands of hours of work by many people made Kennedy's goal of landing a man on the moon a reality. It was a long time since man believed that the world was flat until a man actually landed on the moon.

My Mother Goose prayer about "the one I want to see" was a reality made by the dreams and work of many men. We have sent rockets to Pluto recently and learned many things about our universe. What wonders have been wrought by the work of many men, not only in the US but around the world?

Norwalk hires new city attorney

NORWALK – Roxanne Diaz was sworn-in as the new city attorney of Norwalk on Tuesday.

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