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## CRIME REPORT

### SATURDAY, AUG. 15

At 5:45 p.m., an underground transformer exploded on Brookshire just south of Firestone, causing a power outage in the area. The explosion also caused a subsequent brush fire on the railroad tracks west of Brookshire. Traffic signals at two intersections on Firestone were knocked out. Ultimately, all traffic on Brookshire between Iowa and Firestone were shut down while DFD extinguished the fire.

At 10:10 p.m., officers responded to Telegraph and Hasty regarding a report of an adult male subject damaging property. Officers contacted the suspect (a transient) and subsequently discovered that he had damaged a "No Parking" city sign. He was arrested for vandalism.

During the evening hours, officers conducted extra patrol in the downtown area due to ongoing alcohol related issues. Officers issued 1 citation for public possession of alcohol and 1 traffic citation.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 16

At 6:15 p.m., a 30-year-old intoxicated male victim reported that he was walking across the parking lot of the ARCO gas station (9522 Firestone) when an unknown male subject ran him over with a quad motorcycle, causing minor abrasions and complaint of pain. The suspect fled the location on the motorcycle and was not located. The victim does not know why the suspect attacked him and does not think he can identify the suspect if seen again. Detectives are investigating.

### MONDAY, AUG. 17

At 2 a.m., a resident of an apartment in the 11900 block of Lakewood awoke and found the front door to his residence was ajar. He spoke to his wife, who said she closed and locked the front door before they went to bed earlier in the evening. The wife noticed that her purse, which had been hanging inside near the front door, was now missing. Officers discovered her purse in the front yard along with the contents. Missing was an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency. No one was seen and there was no damage or evidence of forced entry to the residence.

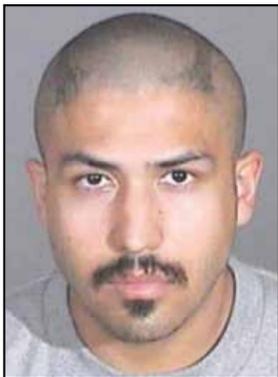
Also at 2 a.m., an adult male was walking from the rear parking lot to his parents' restaurant (Perla Del Mar, 8803 Imperial) when he was attacked by three suspects. He was hit in the head with a blunt object and lost consciousness. When he woke up, he noticed his wallet, shoes, watch and money were missing. The victim was extremely intoxicated, and his injuries were minor. He did not report the incident until approximately 1 hour after it occurred.

Downey Police are asking the public's help in locating Jehosua Ruvalcaba, a suspect in a fatal shooting that occurred in Downey two weeks ago.

Police say that on Aug. 14 at about 8:44 p.m., Ruvalcaba was walking with three other people near Paramount Boulevard and Stewart and Gray Road when he got into an argument with one of his companions. Ruvalcaba allegedly pulled out a handgun and shot the victim dead.

Ruvalcaba is 27 years old, stands 5 ft., 5 inches tall, and weighs 165 lbs. He has a black/brown shaved head but may be growing out his hair. He has horns tattooed on his head.

Ruvalcaba is considered armed and dangerous. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call police at (562) 904-2308.



## Downey in negotiations for Marriott hotel



By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – The city of Downey is in negotiations that could bring a SpringHill Suites by Marriott hotel to Firestone Boulevard, across from Stonewood Center.

If negotiations are successful, the hotel would be constructed on publicly-owned land at 9066 Firestone

Blvd., next to Dunkin' Donuts.

As proposed, the hotel would be four stories with a rooftop bar, business center, indoor pool and spa, more than 3,000 sq. ft. of meeting space, and up to 150 rooms.

Council members on Tuesday approved an exclusive negotiating agreement with Kamla Hotels Inc. and Sharad Patel to negotiate a sale.

The vacant land was appraised at \$2.525 million this past April, and that

will be the sales price, officials said.

Kamla Hotels will pay a non-refundable deposit of \$30,000 during the exclusive negotiating window, which lasts 180 days. The deposit will be credited towards the purchase price if a sales agreement is reached.

Facing a shortage of hotel rooms, Downey has been actively searching for a nationally-branded hotel to develop the site for more than a year.

In February, the city received three development proposals; one was deemed incomplete and the other did not offer "as desirable of a hotel brand," officials said. The third proposal came from Kamla Hotels.

The nearest SpringHill Suites hotel is at LAX. That hotel has received mostly positive reviews online, including 4 out of 5 stars on Expedia.

The Embassy Suites is currently the only minimum 3-star hotel in Downey. It recently wrapped up a \$5 million renovation that included redesigned public areas.

The hotel celebrated a grand re-opening Wednesday.

## Street repairs begin at Firestone and Paramount

**DOWNEY** – Construction started today on a four-month project to widen and improve the intersection of Firestone and Paramount boulevards.

The project calls for extensive work between Myrtle Street and the 7900 block of Firestone, including street widening; pavement removal and reconstruction; new curbs, gutters, sidewalks and curb ramps; storm drain modifications; potable water system improvements; new

landscaped medians; new street lighting; traffic signal modifications; new trees; and traffic striping and pavement markings.

Work began Monday and is expected to be completed in December, although a letter to local businesses indicated construction could stretch into January.

Work will mostly take place weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with certain jobs performed between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

"The City empathizes with the various inconveniences that the construction activities would impose on the local community," senior civil engineer Desi Gutierrez wrote in a letter to affected businesses.

"Therefore, every attempt will be made to facilitate project completion and minimize disruption. Your patience and cooperation is most appreciated, and the City looks forward to working collaboratively with you on this important project."

## Downey Conservancy trying to save Victorian home

By Christian Brown  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – A Downey-based organization dedicated to preserving the city's cultural resources is gearing up for another fight this month as plans move forward to replace a house some are calling historic.

Members of The Downey Conservancy say they will petition the city to investigate the historical value of the Savage/Grace home, a Victorian-style estate on 9306 Gallatin Road, which they believe is in jeopardy of demolition.

"It would be an absolute shame to lose such a beautiful part of our city," said George Redfox, president of The Downey Conservancy. "We encourage the community along with other preservation groups to join in our efforts to save this home so that it may be enjoyed by many generations to come."

Built in 1909, you may recognize the 3,560-sq.-ft. house, which sits

on the corner of Gallatin Road and Lemoran Avenue. Surrounded by tall palm trees, the white-washed home features a red brick stairway and veranda porch with a fan.

Redfox said not much is known about the home's history, but it was at one time owned by a Downey civil engineer according to a 1914 phone book. Just two families lived on the street at that time.

"If there's a prominent house in Downey, that's it," said Redfox who recalls driving past it growing up. "You feel like you're not in Downey when you hit that spot."

Redfox said the conservancy's concern for the home grew when the owner put it up for sale on June 16.

According to a listing on the online real estate database Zillow, the four-bedroom, 4.5-bathroom home is selling for \$2.7 million. It features family, dining, and living rooms each with fireplaces and a kitchen with breakfast nook.

However, the listing also indicates that the 30,050-sq.-ft. has been subdivided into three parcels.

"We're afraid the new owners will demolish the house and put new homes in its place," said Redfox.

David Bluementhal is a senior planner for the city of Downey. He confirms that the property owner Aidee Lopez successfully sought approval from the planning commission in 2013 to subdivide the land into three lots -- two 10,000-sq.-ft. parcels facing Gallatin Road and one 10,000-sq.-ft. parcel facing Lemoran Avenue.

Contrary to the conservancy's claims, Bluementhal said the city finds no historic basis to protect the home from future development.

"We don't think it's historic," he said. "It's not connected to any person or event in history and the architecture is not unique enough."

Bluementhal said the homeowner is currently undergoing plan checks for three new homes that would be constructed on the property. However, the city requires the current home to be relocated or demolished before any new construction begins.

"It could be one or two months before the property owners can do anything," Bluementhal said.

Lopez could not be reached for comment on the proposed plans for the property.

Nonetheless, The Downey Conservancy is hopeful that city officials will look into the potential historic nature of the house and push for its relocation to another property in Downey if possible.

"The Savage/Grace home is a perfect example of what the National Trust for Historic Preservation calls, 'This Place Matters,'" Redfox said. "The city's preeminent preservation organization hopes this beautiful home will matter for many years into our future."



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN BROWN

## Social worker may have lied about attack

**SANTA FE SPRINGS** – The social worker who claimed to have been attacked with acid outside a Santa Fe Springs office may have made up the story, the *L.A. Times* reports.

The woman, who has not been publicly identified, told investigators she was attacked Aug. 19 by a man and woman who asked if she was a social worker before dousing her with chemicals.

But according to the *Times*, authorities "became suspicious after reports began to circulate among workers on Friday that the woman's injuries — said to be severe burns — were actually accidental and that the social worker may have lied about their cause."

County officials increased security measures after the alleged attack was reported, including having social workers work in pairs while in the field.

"I wouldn't say that we are going to pull back on any efforts to make the social workers safer, even if this incident turns out not to be what it appears," Armand Montiel, a spokesman for the Department of Child Services, told the *Times*.

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday	92°	
Saturday	88°	
Sunday	82°	

### THINGS TO DO



**Jose-Luis Orozco**  
Saturday - Downey Theatre, 11 a.m.  
The bilingual children's author and musician performs a free show.



**Mares-Santa Cruz**  
Saturday - Staples Center, 7 p.m. (ESPN)  
Downey's Abner Mares takes on his toughest opponent yet, the undefeated Leo Santa Cruz.



**Rockabilly Day**  
Saturday - Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, 12 p.m.  
Live musical performances, food, drinks and more.

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

**Downey negotiating for Marriott hotel**

**Denice Paxton:** I think it's a great idea. We need another option for a higher-end hotel to attract visitors to Downey. We had family come in from out of town, and the only option was Embassy Suites, but they were booked up for a convention.

**Nicole Leanne Goodan:** That would be great, we need another better hotel here in Downey. The only nice one we have is Embassy.

**Lorena Munoz:** As if Firestone wasn't already too crowded.

**Vanessa Smith:** Should put it in the new Promenade on Lakewood that they're building, not Firestone.

**Alejandro Figueroa:** Smart move, Downey. Love it.

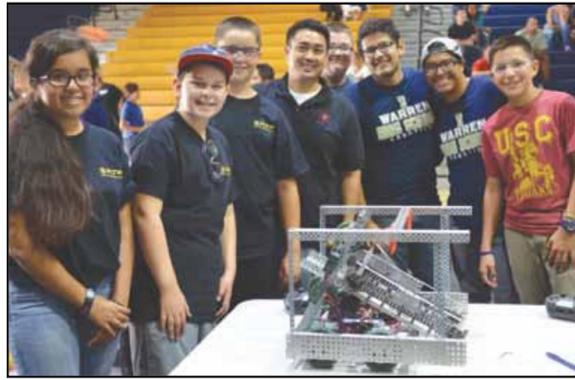
**Leticia Sepulveda:** Great, now let's work on not allowing WalMart to come to Downey.

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### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@margiepandy: Downey residents are speaking loud and clear. They don't want a Wal-Mart on the promenade! Please look into it!

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Robotics teams from both Stauffer Middle School and Warren High School collaborated to beat the competition at Saturday's VEX Robotics Competition held at Warren High School.

## Griffiths, Warren team up for robotics competition

DOWNEY – Griffiths Middle School and Warren High School hosted Downey Unified's first VEX Robotics Competition, titled "Nothing But Net," this past weekend in Warren High's gymnasium.

The competition featured 22 teams from as far as San Luis Obispo County, with students working collaboratively to launch foam balls into nets located on the corners of a 12-by-12 ft. arena.

The event consisted of five qualifying rounds followed by an elimination round that determined the final winning alliance of robots. Downey Unified was represented with six total teams: three from Griffiths, one from Stauffer Middle School and two from Warren.

With one team from each school advancing to the elimination round of 16, a Warren High team, "The Demolishers," went into the elimination round ranked third overall. Teams from Stauffer and Griffiths middle schools also had strong showings, going into the elimination rounds, being ranked 13th, 14th, and 15th overall before being overcome by rival alliances.

The scrimmage was organized through a partnership between Griffiths and Warren in hopes to be one of many robotics tournaments that will be held within Downey Unified throughout the year. Both schools are also collaborating to organize VEX robotics leagues and be the eventual host for an official state qualifier.

Results are yet to be finalized from this weekend's event.

The VEX Robotics Competition, presented by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation, is the ultimate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activity for middle and high school students, ages 11-18. Each year, an engineering challenge is presented in the form of a game. Students, with guidance from their teachers and mentors, use the VEX Robotics Design System to build innovative robots designed to score the most points possible in qualification matches, elimination matches and Skills Challenges.

In addition to having a great time and building amazing robots, through their participation in the VEX Robotics Competition and their work within their team, students will learn many academic and life skills, better preparing them to be both college and career ready as well as globally competitive, DUSD officials said.

Classroom STEM concepts are put to the test on the playing field as students learn lifelong skills in teamwork, leadership, communications and more. Tournaments are held year-round at the regional, state, and national levels; local champions go on to compete against the best in the world at the VEX Robotics World Championship each



The 2005 graduating class of Calvary Chapel Christian High School in Downey celebrated its 10-year reunion at Bowlmor Lanes in Anaheim last Saturday, Aug. 22.



The Adamsons brought their Downey Patriot along while viewing the "hoodoos" of Bryce Canyon.

From Left: Heather, Mark, Annie, Evan and Julie.



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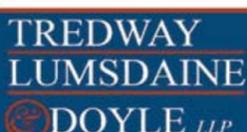
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### Despite drought, Knabe accused of frequent car washes

DOWNEY – In July 2014, L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe called for “aggressive water conservation measures.”

Apparently that means washing your car 2-3 times per week.

The *L.A. Daily News* reported this week Knabe and other county supervisors were having their taxpayer-funded vehicles washed up to three times per week.

“The majority of the supervisors wash their take-home cars two or three times a week, service records show, and actually washed them more frequently after Gov. Jerry Brown ordered a 25 percent cut in urban water use,” the newspaper reported. “As the county’s washes continue to consume tap water, some other local governments have pledged to skip washes for months or are using recirculated water.”

Knabe reportedly declined to comment for the story.

Last year, Knabe said L.A. County would cut back on water use and “set an example” for other cities.

“Eighty percent of California is suffering from extreme drought conditions with no relief in sight,” Knabe said at the time. “As the largest employer in Los Angeles County, we maintain and operate over 5,000 buildings and facilities. We need to ensure our house is in order and not only do our part in our unincorporated areas, but also set an example for the 88 cities in the County.”



From the Downey Fire Department’s Facebook page: “Today [Aug. 20] Downey Fire Department personnel met with the Kiwanis of Downey afternoon service club at Fire Station 1. Fire Chief Gillaspie (Los Amigos Kiwanis) provided an overview of the fire department and answered the Kiwanis’ questions. Afterwards Kiwanis members toured the fire station and 9-1-1 dispatch center. A few daring members even climbed aboard the fire engine! Thanks for visiting!”

### Kiwanis golf tournament Oct. 5

DOWNEY – Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis will host its 18th annual golf tournament, “The L’Abri Classic,” on Monday, Oct. 5, at the Rio Hondo Golf Club.

Entry fee is \$175 and includes green fees, carts, access to the driving range, a barbecue lunch and dinner. Extra dinners are available for \$40.

For more information, or to sign up, call Ryan Fitzl at (562) 445-9909.

## New coalition targets underage drinking in Norwalk

By Alex Dominguez  
Contributor

NORWALK – Local Norwalk students have recently come together and teamed up with experts from Helpline Youth Counseling to form the Norwalk City United coalition in an attempt to curb youth and young adult substance abuse in the community.

The new coalition has specifically targeted alcohol, which has proven to be easier to access by underage individuals.

“We surveyed high schoolers and we asked them how easy it is for them to get alcohol from the retailers, and they said very easy,” said Maurina Cintron, a prevention specialist at Helpline Youth Counseling (HYC).

“What this coalition is supposed to do is supposed to kind of help the city reduce underage drinking,” said Joel Reynoza, another prevention specialist at HYC. “This is a coalition we’ve been working on for the past two and a half to three years.”

This particular coalition has already gone through many changes, especially in regards to who was involved. In the end, the deciding factor on which direction to go came with the realization of who would have the strongest voice.

“Before it started out as a coalition that was mainly just professionals,” said Reynoza. “With a coalition of just professionals, I mean you can get a lot of people through there, but it’s not really the community who’s actually taking part, and that’s what we want. We want the community to take charge and be the people who want to reduce underage

drinking by doing whatever they feel, by either taking part in the Norwalk parade or taking part in community or school activities, passing out flyers; whatever they feel they need to do to improve their city, that’s what we want them to do and we want to be the support role for that.”

Local students have gotten involved with the help of a few teachers and school staff, who have recruited from within the schools. Volunteer hours for school credit and resumes are also offered.

The coalition has meetings quarterly at the Norwalk Church of the Nazarene, and has already gone out into the local community to work with local businesses who sell alcohol, including liquor stores and big name grocery stores. All this legwork is a part of the ultimate goal, known as the “eight step framework.”

“The coalition is a great help,

but our focus is called an eight step framework. It’s eight steps to partner with the retailers in the city of Norwalk to reduce the access of alcohol through the retailers,” said Cintron. “Each step, you have a certain activity...that’s when our coalition steps in and does these steps with us.”

During the two years working with local businesses, the coalition has already worked with just under 60 stores.

The next quarterly meeting will take place sometime in September. At this time, Norwalk City United does not have any internet or social media presence set up, however those interested in more information can be put into contact through various local city entities, such as the Chamber of Commerce, Public Safety, the Cerritos Patch, and the *Norwalk Patriot*.



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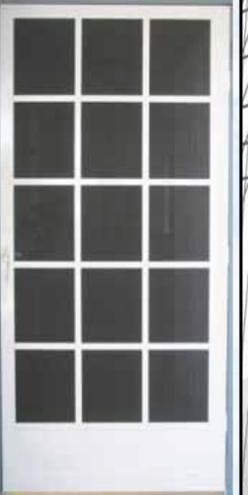
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Tim and Barbara Hill, parents of seven children and active community volunteers, have been named Parents of the Year for Downey. The couple was honored at the Aug. 11 City Council meeting.

The Hills were nominated by the principal's office at Downey High School, who said the couple "exemplify the wonderful contribution of good parenting" while volunteering "countless hours over the years to sports, clubs and religious education, not only for their own children, but also serving the children of the community."

"Their generous involvement with the community of Downey has provided inspiration to many other people besides their own family. Here is a couple that deserves the honor of being recognized as Parents of the Year."

National Parents Day was established in 1994 by President Bill Clinton and both Houses of Congress. National Parents Day has been recognized as a recurring perennial day of commemoration on the 4th Sunday of July since it was signed into law in 1994.

## Jose-Luis Orozco performing at Downey Theatre

**DOWNEY** - In celebration of literacy month Jose-Luis Orozco, bi-lingual educator, children's author and recording artist, will be performing at the Downey Theatre this Saturday, Aug. 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Families are invited to participate in this free concert which will include games and face painting. Food will also be sold.

For additional information contact the Downey City Library Adult Literacy Program at (562) 904-7360 ext. 123 or [literacy@downeyca.org](mailto:literacy@downeyca.org).

## Back-to-school dance Saturday

**DOWNEY** - Downey Masonic Youth will host a back-to-school dance this Saturday, Aug. 29, from 7-10 p.m. on the second floor of the Downey Masonic Lodge.

The dance is free and there will be a snack bar.

For questions, call Mrs. Eubank at (562) 261-4935.

## Labor Day picnic at Arestia Park

**ARTESIA** - State Sen. Tony Mendoza will be hosting a Labor Day picnic Monday, Sept. 5, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Artesia Park.

The event includes free food and refreshments, and Mendoza will offer legislative and capitol update.

RSVPs are requested (but not required) by calling (562) 860-3202.

## Bellflower schools begin transition to integrated math

**BELLFLOWER** - High school students will begin to transition this fall from a classic Algebra 1-Geometry 1-Algebra 2 math sequence into an Integrated Math model that blends instruction of concepts to mirror real-world application of these critical skills.

The new sequence - one of two math pathways allowed under the new California Standards - was chosen by Bellflower Unified high school math teachers after consultation with instructional experts at the UC Irvine Math Project.

The rollout will proceed a year at a time, beginning in 2015-16 with students who would have entered Algebra 1. Students already taking Geometry 1 or Algebra 2 will continue on the traditional sequence. Students in both three-year programs will be prepared to pursue math analysis and calculus.

"Our team of teachers has determined that Integrated Math will better prepare our students for the rising demand for math fluency in college and careers," said Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs. "In the real world, math isn't segmented by subject - a fact that is echoed on the new California standards tests in math. So it makes sense to teach these skills in the same manner we expect our students to use them."

As part of the transition, students who need extra help will be enrolled in an additional period of math intervention. This option allows students to get remedial support while keeping them on pace with their peers. The course was carefully designed to strategically introduce remedial topics prior to using them in their regular math class.

Bellflower Unified will partner with the UC Irvine Math Project during the rollout. The university experts will provide professional development, conceptual lessons, exams and general support for teachers.

"Our teachers are to be commended for taking on the challenge presented by California's push for a more rigorous model for teaching math," said Board of Education President Jerry Cleveland. "I'm confident our switch to Integrated Math will help equip our students for the greater challenges they will face after high school, as they pursue their college and career goals."

Approximately 13,000 students will begin their 2015-16 academic year at Bellflower Unified on Monday, Aug. 31.

## In Norwalk, technology is being embraced in the classroom

**NORWALK** - When Waite Middle School teacher Kelly Baker's students researched and wrote a virtual travelogue of San Francisco for a blog that morphed into a survival narrative when zombies invaded, they drew in 7,000 viewers and turned out a compelling lesson in technology-aided collaboration.

The assignment integrated the kind of math, literacy and social studies skills required by California's new state standards and is an example of the interactive learning envisioned by the District's 2020 Learning Initiative.

"It was some of the best writing I'd seen the students do all year," said Baker, who is now one of NLMUSD's four technology literacy coaches, assisting teachers throughout the district on how to use computer technology in the classroom.

The blending of technology and teaching is a key element of NLMUSD's 2020 Learning Initiative, one that more than 230 teachers explored this week during the district's second annual Blended Learning Summit where their fellow teachers led more than 20 hands-on workshops over two days demonstrating a wide variety of exciting ways they are successfully putting technology to work for students.

Nuffer Elementary teacher Peggy Horowitz was among them. She has an iPad center in her second grade classroom where students have conducted research on big concepts,

like outer space, sharing what they learned with their classmates. Horowitz attended the "Intro to Google Drive" workshop because she's interested in ways to further collaborate on lesson planning with peers at her school and beyond.

The 2020 Learning Initiative calls for every classroom - pre-K through 12 grades -- to be equipped with large LCD monitors and wifi hotspots. The District is testing iPads, Chromebooks and other mobile computing devices to determine the best option for each grade and subject. Students in grades four and above will be equipped with personal learning devices and lower grade classrooms will have more of a lap-top cart-based model.

As introducing electronic devices as quickly as possible is becoming more widespread throughout public schools, NLMUSD's approach to rolling out its technology plan has been a measured one, largely driven by teachers, beginning with the establishment of "model classrooms" in each school in 2010 and a plan to train all teachers and students in the best ways to make use of the equipment with specific goals in mind.

Ernesto Centeno, NLMUSD Instructional Technology Specialist, says the collaborative nature of the district's blended learning professional development is critical to making the 2020 Learning Initiative investment worthwhile -- with teachers engaged and supporting each other, setting annual

goals, generating ideas and planning lessons together.

"When all of our classrooms are outfitted as 20th Century Classrooms, we will know what tools, lessons and training are most beneficial in reaching the goals of the program - to maximize student engagement and personalize instruction," he said.

For example, teachers can create courses, building in quizzes, lectures, videos, interactive blogs and other online content. The technology also provides students with a collaborative forum to answer questions posted by a teacher, see other students' input and engage with their peers in discussion and work. In turn, teachers can see how students work together.

Centeno said the district is already using digital tools that allow teachers to monitor student growth in math and language arts and then implement targeted interventions and support based on what teachers see from that data, enabling them to meet the needs of 30 students in real time.

"Our 2020 Learning Initiative is about creating learners who are engaged in their world in a much broader way," said NLMUSD Board of Education President Jesse Urquidi.

It's about living and working in the digital age and how to be accountable and successful in that world."

The program is budgeted at \$18 million over the next three years from voter-approved Measure G bond to fund the necessary hardware and infrastructure.

Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian attended the Summit.

"You could feel the excitement in the room as teachers heard about new and imaginative ways to engage their students and to meet their students at whatever learning level they may be and stretch them further," she said.

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## Paving California's future...today

By Mario Guerra

The California state legislature recently entered into a special session to deal with our state's most pressing matters. Among the top concerns, and of special concern to local government and area businesses, is transportation.

Roads, highways and bridges are the infrastructure catalyst we all require for our transportation needs and the current state of our transportation maintenance is dismal and falling apart.

With calls from transportation experts and business organizations to further invest in repairs and upgrades the state is finally heeding those requests. The question is has the state added to the cost of repairs by waiting until the last minute? And where will the funding come from? The answers, it seems, is yes and from hard working Californians.

Some in the legislature are floating the idea of a use tax on drivers, while others support an added gasoline tax on top of the California Air Resource Board's carbon cap & trade tax on gas coming January 2016.

Last week while visiting my daughter in Lake Tahoe, I was amazed that once we crossed the border into Nevada a gallon of gasoline was \$ 1.50 cheaper per gallon. For the average California family that means spending on average an additional \$2,000.00 more per year than families in neighboring states.

The projected cost to improve driving conditions in California, including easing of traffic conditions in major metropolitan areas, is estimated at around \$6 billion annually for the next 10 years.

If given the green light the transportation rehabilitation project could be split between the state, counties and local cities increasing area job opportunities and economic growth.

With businesses reliant upon our streets and highways to move goods and services around, and the safety of all drivers who see pot holes, congestion and sink holes far more often, the price of not doing anything will decimate our economy and risk the safety of the public at-large.

California's economy loses an estimated \$44 billion in economic productivity due to poor road conditions and congestion. That's nearly \$2,500 per driver annually.

The Assembly Republican Caucus presented a well thought out nine-point, \$ 6.6 billion plan to fund transportation infrastructure without raising additional taxes by taking a portion of six existing funds. The proposed plan is as follows:

- Using 40% of funds in California's Cap-and-trade program would generate \$1 billion + annually. The goal of cap-and-trade is to offset the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions on our environment. Californians currently pay higher prices at the pump because fuels now included in this program, making cap-and-trade funds directly linked to transportation infrastructure. Better roads mean better fuel efficiency which leads to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

- Using \$1 billion annually from vehicle weight fees. This fee is a non-controversial fee made to off-set the damage and costs done to our roads by heavy trucks. During the recession, VWF revenue was diverted to other purposes away from road maintenance. This budget gimmick is no longer needed and it is time to put this money back towards its original intended use.
- Invest half of the Governor's strategic growth fund into shovel ready road

projects. Many do not know that the state budget provides the Governor with \$400 million a year for projects of his choosing. The Assembly Caucus plan prioritizes and reduces this discretionary pot of taxpayer money by half, freeing up to \$200 million for road projects that can easily make a difference for all Californians.

- Eliminating redundancies at Caltrans would give us an extra \$500 million annually. The non-partisan Legislative Analyst Office's recommendation to eliminate 3,500 redundant positions at Caltrans would not negatively impact construction jobs.

- Eliminating and capturing savings from 25 percent of long-term vacant state positions would save \$685 million annually to use towards infrastructure. There are thousands of vacant positions in state government that remain unfilled for more than six months. Until recently, the law required that any such position be eliminated. While some positions are essential and difficult to fill, the majority are not, and in fact are intentionally kept vacant so that state agencies can capture the money and spend it elsewhere. This money is better used fixing roads than padding state bureaucracy. The proposal is for 25 percent of these vacant positions to be eliminated, using the saving to fund transportation projects.

- Make a formal commitment in the State Budget General Fund to fund transportation \$1 billion annually. The last two budgets grew spending by \$8.1 billion and \$7.5 billion respectively. Early indications are that we will have \$4 billion more revenue next year. Despite this revenue surge, these budgets completely ignored the state's transportation needs. According to the LAO, the three-year revenue forecast is such that we can fully fund Prop 98 and the Rainy Day Fund, and still dedicate \$1 billion annually to transportation. We propose doing this. Transportation is a top priority, a core function of government, and must be funded as such.

- \$2.3 billion + in approved spending for 2015-2016 fiscal year for transportation.

This equals \$6.6 billion to fund transportation projects while adding 90,000 jobs to our workforce without raising taxes.

And when you factor in our state's growth projections, expected to reach 41 million by 2020, with Los Angeles County growing to 11 million residents, we can spend wisely now or spend \$68 billion over the next 14 years to usher folks from LA to San Francisco on a train project experts agree will cost nearly double by the completion date.

California needs to rebuild its neglected roads and highways. It's time to be serious about fixing the problem and defer the high speed rail project. This way we all can enjoy safe travels.

*Mario A. Guerra is the former mayor of Downey, president of Independent Cities Association representing 50 cities and 7 million residents, and current treasurer of the California Republican Party.*

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

#### Possible coyote attack

Dear Editor:

In the night between Aug. 13-14, my 15-year-old miniature dachshund disappeared without a trace from my fenced yard, with a closed gate to the street.

This yard is located adjoining Gallatin Elementary. Various members of the family and I kept looking for her repeatedly.

After the weekend, I drove to SEAACA and checked with them. This search was also negative.

On the 16th I found fecal matter which would only have come from a dog much larger than mine. A son-in-law wondered about a coyote. But how could that be in Downey, with its well-patrolled parks at night?

However, I was referred by this relative to a computer notice from the city of Downey, dated Aug. 13, that a coyote, a protected species, was sighted in Downey. It mentioned how to chase it away, and cautioned against leaving pets outside at night.

I now wonder whether the coyote grabbed my poor dog and jumped with it into the school yard. Not even the collar, with address and SEAACA registration tags hanging from it, has been returned.

**Ingrid Altman  
Downey**

#### Bottled water production

Dear Editor:

Referring to the letter "Bottle Versus Tap" (Aug. 13, 2015), did anyone else notice that 800,000 gallons of water is being used daily from our "large soft drink manufacturing plant"?

Need I mention we're experiencing an extreme drought in Southern California?

What I find upsetting is we (Downey residents) are expected to limit our water use or pay a penalty. We're doing our part; no running through the sprinklers on hot days or watering our lawns and even cutting down our trees (there goes our oxygen and ecosystem), not to mention taking shorter showers, less clothes washing, just to mention a few.

My question is: What does our "large soft drink manufacturing plant" plan to do in conserving 800,000 gallons of water daily? Maybe consider production of bottled water in a non-drought state temporarily.

All I know is there's other means out there and they've got to figure out how to save the city from getting penalized by Sacramento, or does that cost fall on us? I'm just asking. Thank you.

**Debra Walker-Nipp  
Downey**

#### No to Wal-Mart

Dear Editor:

I'm not going to go into a tirade about how Downey has changed. No one wants to hear that. What I want to hear about is how we can improve our beautiful city. Yes, beautiful!

I've lived here since 1989. My family shops here. We worship here. My husband and I chose to raise our daughter here. She very much enjoys the parks here. What I don't want to see is a Wal-Mart here.

I know we have the supermarket already, and frankly, that is where the buck should stop. How is Downey going to get better with a Wal-Mart?

My family owned businesses, so I know it's all about money, but is money worth the deterioration of our city? Who approved Wal-Mart? I don't recall a vote on it.

Come on, city officials, you can do better than Wal-Mart.

**Margaret Vargas-Pandy  
Downey**

#### Planned Parenthood

Dear Editor:

"Planned Parenthood." When you hear this name you will assume that this is an institution that helps parents plan the family they want to have and can afford. But no, this institution does all the opposite.

On last week's TV news, they were showing videos of the horrible activities that Planned Parenthood was conducting. What they do is disgusting and sickening, but in my opinion the roots of this horrific practice lies in the mother and father that don't take due precautions in order to avoid unwanted pregnancies that, at the end, come this most inhumane, sadic and completely irresponsible practice, destroying the lives of so many innocent and defenseless babies.

**Margo Baird  
Downey**

#### Repulsed by Trump

Dear Editor:

As a former journalist, I found it appalling how Donald Trump and his camp treated Jorge Ramos, Latin America's most respected journalist.

Clearly what agitated Trump the most is that the Univision reporter was asking him a hard and legitimate question. By telling Ramos to "go back to Univision," Trump clearly showed disdain and ill-feelings towards a company that pulled from airing his beauty pageant recently. Journalists by nature and by training are taught to be determined, fierce and aggressive in their questions, if anyone has attended a press conference, that's exactly what happens.

The real issue here is Trump's lack of respect for humanity (women, other races) and the contributions of immigrants to this nation. Yes, the issue of illegal immigration needs to be looked at -- clearly all of us US citizens agree -- but not in the manner Trump is going about it. We have to be careful not to repeat the grave mistakes of the past, i.e. Japanese internment camps after WWII, the deportation of over 2 million Mexican-Americans during the Great Depression. History has shown us with every economic downturn this nation has faced, scapegoats are found, and these are often the immigrants. The immigrants who so often take the menial jobs neither whites or blacks want...Let's face it, do we actually think America's economic woes are the result of illegal 'aliens' as they are referred to?

Contrary to ignorant generalizations, illegals are not the ones committing all the crimes and taking all of our government benefits. Interesting fact here: according to the Pew Research Center, in a 2012 report, government assistance was more likely to go to women than men (61% vs 49%), now more assistance was given to blacks and whites than Hispanics (64% vs 56% vs 50%).

Now while many use the argument that 'illegals' take in more than they bring into the economy, let's take a look at a review made by the Congressional Budget Office in 2006: The report indicates 70-80% of illegals pay federal, state and local taxes. Illegals are estimated to pay in about \$7 billion per year into Social Security. In addition, they spend millions per year supporting the local economy, yet they are not eligible for social security or Medicare services.

What I find repulsive about Trump is his lack of respect, lack of humility, oversized ego and how he believes bullying every individual that crosses his path is the right thing to do in the name of America.

While I applaud Trump for standing up against the same rhetoric of both parties, and I support freedom of speech and freedom of expression, I am repulsed by Trump's lack of decorum and disrespect to all people.

**Claudia Marroquin-Frometa  
Downey**

## Who's the real troublemaker in the Middle East?

By Medea Benjamin

Except for maybe the Affordable Care Act, nothing gets Republican politicians fired up like Iran.

In the first GOP debate alone, Scott Walker promised that he'd tear up the Iran nuclear deal on day one of his presidency. Carly Fiorina blamed the country for "most of the evil that is going on in the Middle East." Mike Huckabee vowed to topple the "terrorist Iranian regime and defeat the evil forces of radical Islam."

Oddly, when the candidates complain about the "evil forces of radical Islam" or trouble in the Middle East, they never seem to mention Saudi Arabia.

Iran's no democratic paradise. But on many counts, Washington's Saudi allies are even worse. The Saudi royals crush dissent with an iron fist, spread extremist ideology, and invade their neighbors with impunity.

Domestically, the Saudi regime oppresses women, religious minorities, and millions of foreign workers. And it brutally represses criticism from human rights activists, prompting condemnation from both Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch.

Saudi blogger Raif Badawi, for example, was sentenced to 10 years in prison and 1,000 lashes just for writing a blog the government considered critical of its rule. Hundreds of political prisoners languish in prison — including Badawi's lawyer, who was sentenced to 15 years for his role as a human rights attorney. New legislation effectively equates criticism of the government and other peaceful activities with terrorism.

Saudi women aren't permitted to appear in public without adhering to a strict dress code. They need the approval of a male guardian to marry, travel, enroll in a university, or obtain a passport, and they're prohibited from driving.

The penalties for defiance are steep.

Saudi Arabia has one of the highest execution rates in the world, killing scores of people each year for a range of offenses including adultery, apostasy, drug use, and sorcery. It's conducted over 100 public beheadings this year alone.

Meanwhile, the Saudi monarchy has used its military and financial might to

impose its will throughout the Middle East.

In 2011, Saudi tanks invaded neighboring Bahrain and brutally crushed that nation's budding pro-democracy movement. Two years later, the Saudis backed a coup in Egypt that killed over 1,000 people and saw over 40,000 political dissidents thrown into squalid prisons.

In their latest military intervention, the Saudis have used American-made cluster bombs and F-15 fighter jets in a bombing campaign over Yemen that's killed and injured thousands of civilians and created a severe humanitarian crisis.

All the while, they've helped export an extremist interpretation of Islam around the globe. Let's not forget that 15 of the 19 hijackers who carried out the 9/11 attacks were Saudis, as well as Osama bin Laden himself.

Despite all these abuses, Saudi Arabia has been a key U.S. ally for decades. Why?

One reason is oil: Saudi Arabia is the world's second largest producer, trailing only the United States itself.

Another is the arms trade: The country is the largest purchaser of American-made weapons. In 2010, the U.S. government concluded a \$60.5 billion arms deal with the Saudis — the largest in history. This means that for years to come, U.S. weapons will be used by the Saudis to maintain their repressive rule and impose their will on neighboring countries.

A third reason, ironically, is Iran. Since 1979, Washington's pursued a policy of building up the Saudi military as a counterweight to Iran's revolutionary government.

For Republican presidential candidates, this primary season is all about vilifying Iran. While they beat up on the White House for making peace with America's enemies, maybe voters should ask them more questions about America's friends.

*Medea Benjamin, the founder of CODEPINK and Global Exchange, is the author of Drone Warfare: Killing by Remote Control.*

## Co-branding America's wonders

By Jim Hightower

While Americans celebrate the 100th anniversary of our National Park Service, America's so-called "leaders" are aggressively converting these jewels of the common good into just another corporate cash cow.

This commercialization started with "co-branding" agreements, rationalized by NPS officials as "aligning the economic and historical legacies" of parks with advertisers. In other words, they're selling the Park Service's proud public brand...as well as its soul.

First in line was Coca-Cola. A few years back, the multibillion-dollar colossus became a "Proud Partner" of our national parks by making a mere \$2.5 million tax-deductible donation to support their stewardship.

In return, Coke got exclusive rights to use park logos in its ads — and it was allowed to veto the park service's plan to ban sales of bottled water in the Grand Canyon.

Disposable plastic bottles are that park's biggest source of trash, but Coke owns the Dasani brand of water, so bye-bye ban. Public outrage forced officials to reverse this crass move, but the agency's integrity has yet to recover.

Then this April, the Park Service abandoned its policy of rejecting any ties to alcohol products when Anheuser-Busch became another proud partner by making its own \$2.5 million tax-deductible "gift."

In turn, the Budweiser brand got the Statue of Liberty. Not literally, but symbolically: Bud now has the right to plaster Lady Liberty, the iconic symbol of the United States itself, on its cans.

And get a whiff of this: In return for a big contribution, the government authorized Air Wick to market a new fragrance collection as being "uniquely inspired by America's national parks."

The commercialization of these priceless public places isn't creeping — it's running rampant.

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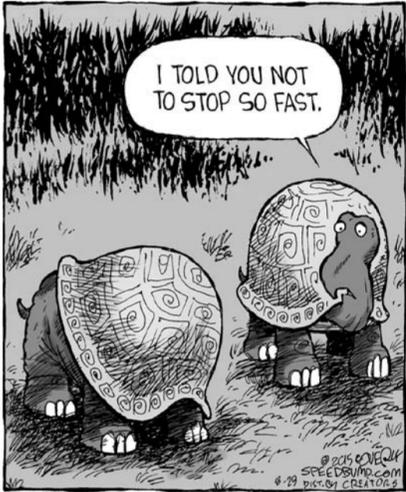
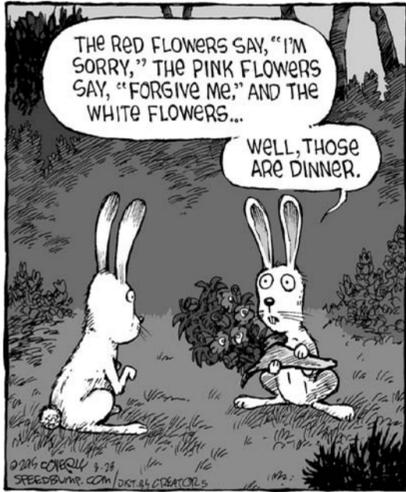
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# Downey Community Calendar

### EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Saturday, Aug. 29: Jose-Luis Orozco, Downey Theatre, 11 a.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

#### THURSDAYS

- 7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
- 12 pm: 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](mailto:contact@downeyarts.org).

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**2008:** Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois was nominated for president at the Democratic National Convention.

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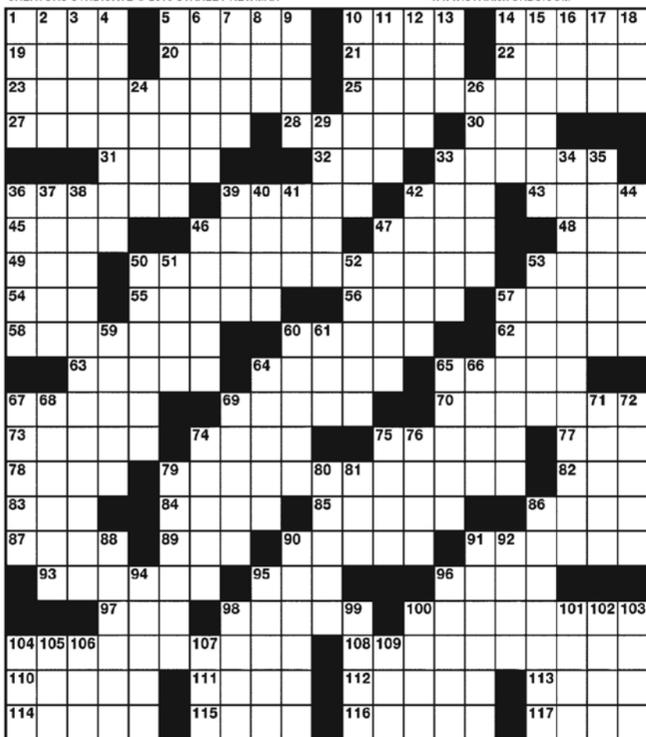
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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



It is apparent that Mom or Dad needs help, and should no longer be living at home alone. What are the options?

It's far easier when money is no object, but it almost always is. It is also an easier conversation if your relationship with your parent (and any siblings) is a positive and loving one. Whatever the circumstances, decisions need to be made. Options for care run the spectrum. At one end, your parent may need only minimal assistance with certain daily tasks in order to live safely and comfortably in their own home. At the other end, a senior with chronic medical conditions may require the constant care provided by a nursing home, now more correctly referred to as a skilled nursing facility (SNF).

### CARE AT HOME

It is almost always preferable for a parent to remain in his or her own home; a familiar, comfortable environment. They will likely be closer to their long-time doctor, dentist, friends, activities, etc. On the other hand, a move may put them closer to family, who might be better equipped to help provide care.

If they are staying in their home, how much help do they need, and how much can they afford? The cost of an in-home caregiver varies, but ballpark figures may be \$20 per hour, or between \$160 to \$210 per day for 24/7 live-in care. One less expensive option might be to move a grandchild or other family member into their home; possibly a win-win situation. Responsibilities can include meal preparation and diet monitoring, light housekeeping, errands and shopping, help with dressing and hygiene, exercise, and companionship. Arrangements may be live-in or live-out, part-time or full-time, and temporary or long term. Be extremely careful about who will be spending time in a loved one's home. Check background and references thoroughly, and familiarize yourself with local labor

laws and regulations.

Help can also come from a home health agency. These practitioners visit the home and focus on specific health issues. Home health is ordered by the doctor, and may include sending nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, lab technicians for blood drawing, nurses for intravenous infusions of medications, and a host of other services. Home health is covered by most insurance plans.

Palliative care is specialized medical care for people with serious illnesses. It focuses on providing patients with relief from the symptoms and stress of a serious illness such as cancer, cardiac disease, lung disease, Parkinson's, etc. It can be provided along with curative treatment. Palliative care is often a step taken before hospice care, but can also be a temporary measure, while recovering. This, too, is ordered by the physician, and is covered by most insurance.

Finally, additional help can be brought into the home through hospice services. Hospice is end-of-life care, meaning for those with approximately six months or less to live. Of course, this involves an educated guess by the doctor, and hospice care can be cancelled or extended. Hospice doctors and nurses visit and evaluate the patient on a regular schedule, depending on the health condition. The benefits of hospice are many. It provides medical equipment (such as beds, walkers, wheelchairs, and commodes). It covers most medications. Services include religious counseling, social service support for family and patients, and nursing care. Note that it does require that the patient and family come to terms with a terminal illness that is not likely to get better. Everyone involved must agree that the emphasis is on comfort and dignity, and not painful or useless treatments. In my years of experience, I have found hospice to be a beautiful, natural experience, especially when it is started early enough for everyone to prepare physically, financially, and emotionally. Hospice care can also be conducted outside of the home, in the settings described below.

### CARE OUTSIDE THE HOME

Continuing care retirement communities (CCRC) offer multiple levels of assistance, and may include independent living, assisted living, and nursing home care. The continuum of housing, services, and nursing care are commonly all on

one site. Costs range dramatically, depending on the facility and services required.

Assisted Living serves seniors who may need assistance with some of the activities of daily living, but do not require intensive health care services. Meals in a central dining room, social activities, housekeeping, and assistance with medications can be provided. Rooms may or may not include kitchens, and can be private or semi-private. Staff is available 24/7. Most assisted living communities provide additional private care options. They are almost always private pay, but some accept certain Medi-Cal programs. Costs may range between \$2,500 to \$4,500 per month, or more.

A skilled nursing facility provides 24-hour nursing coverage. Skilled nursing homes serve those who require a high level of medical care and assistance, including those recovering from an injury, illness, or surgery who need a short-term stay for rehab. Long-term residents generally receive comprehensive medical services for complex medical problems. Residents are served meals in a central dining area for those who are able, and social activities are offered. Skilled nursing is paid for by Medicare, Medi-Cal, and private pay, and prices range from \$4,000 to \$8,000 per month.

Personal residential care homes are available for small groups of people, typically up to six in a house. Live-in caregivers can provide care for those with greater needs, including those with dementia.

Respite care, often offered by assisted living communities and nursing homes, provides temporary housing. It can be used to offer a break for caregivers who may be suffering from burn out and need a rest. Residents typically stay from a week to a month. It may be covered by Medi-Cal or be private pay, and costs can range from about \$75 to \$150 per day.

Caring for our aging parents can demand some of the most difficult decisions that we will ever face. Start well ahead of the first crisis. Have conversations with your loved ones and with their doctor(s), do your homework, and don't hesitate to ask for assistance.

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

## STUDY: Contact lens users don't see risks of infection

Almost all of the 41 million estimated contact lens wearers in the United States may be engaging in at least one behavior known to increase their risk of eye infections, according to a report published today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nearly one-third of contact lens wearers who participated in a national survey reported going to the doctor for red or painful eyes related to wearing contact lenses.

More than 99 percent of survey respondents reported at least one risky behavior. The majority of wearers reported:

- Keeping their contact lens cases for longer than recommended (82.3 percent);

- "Topping off" solution in the case—adding new solution to the existing solution instead of emptying the case out fully before adding new solution (55.1 percent); or

- Wearing their lenses while sleeping (50.2 percent).

Each of these behaviors has been reported in previous studies to raise the risk of eye infections by five times or more.

An online survey was administered to a sample of contact lens wearers to determine how often contact lens wearers engaged

in behaviors that could put them at risk for an eye infection. CDC collaborated with the Contact Lens Assessment in Youth (CLAY) group, a multi-university group of researchers, to conduct the survey.

A separate survey was used to estimate the number of contact lens wearers — about 41 million adults. Taken together, the survey results indicate that millions of Americans could be at risk for serious eye infections because of poor contact lens hygiene behaviors.

"Good vision contributes to overall well-being and independence for people of all ages, so it's important not to cut corners on healthy contact lens wear and care," says CDC Medical Epidemiologist Jennifer Cope, M.D., M.P.H. "We are finding that many wearers are unclear about how to properly wear and care for contact lenses."

To prevent eye infections, contact lens wearers should:

- Wash hands with soap and water and dry them well before touching contact lenses;
- Take contacts out before sleeping, showering or swimming;
- Rub and rinse contacts in disinfecting solution each time they remove them;
- Rub and rinse the case with contact lens solution, dry with a clean tissue and store it upside down with the caps off after each use;



- Replace contact lens cases at least once every three months;
- Avoid "topping off" solution in lens case (adding fresh solution to old solution); and
- Carry a backup pair of glasses in case contact lenses have to be taken out.

Aug. 24-28 marks the second annual Contact Lens Health Week. To celebrate the week, CDC is promoting its campaign for contact lens and eye health, developed in collaboration with doctors, public health, eye care industry, and regulatory partners.

By focusing attention on good contact lens hygiene steps, CDC hopes to help reduce the risk of eye infections and complications in people who wear contacts.

### PIH names

#### Patrick Caster COO

WHITTIER — PIH Health has appointed Patrick Caster as Chief Operating Officer, Care Solutions effective Aug. 17.

In this position, Caster will oversee implementation of the plan growth strategy for the organization's insurance product called PIH Health Care Solutions.

Caster brings 25 years of significant healthcare experience in executive leadership in both managed care and hospital environments and has extensive knowledge developing and operating insurance products.

Most recently, he served as Chief Operating Officer of John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital/Tenet Healthcare (JFK) in Southern California where he was responsible for hospital operations including outpatient services, contracted physician services, rehabilitation, pharmacy, clinical laboratory, cardiac catheterization lab, respiratory therapy, food and nutrition services, environmental services and imaging.

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# SPORTS BRIEFS: Downey Calvary Chapel returns to 8-man football

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By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Calvary Chapel football team is busy preparing for their 2015 football season.

First-year head coach Mike Nuno had to make the decision to return to 8-man football after only suiting up 15 players after the C.I.F. mandated “dead period” ended. Nuno felt it was unsafe for his kids to compete in 11-man football so he made the decision to change back to 8-man.

Coach Nuno had to call several other schools to cancel 11-man games for the fall that were previously scheduled. It certainly was not easy to do that so late in the scheduling process but it had to be done. The Grizzlies played 8-man football in 2012 and returned to 11-man football in 2013 and 2014.

DCC finished last season with an overall record of 5-4 and an Academy League record of 1-3. Downey Calvary Chapel did not qualify for postseason play. The Grizzlies will compete this year in the 8-man Freeland League and will be led by sophomore quarterback Jacob Escalante, senior running back Brian Holm and senior tight end Seth Baumann.

DCC’s new schedule has the Grizzlies traveling to play Faith Baptist in Canoga Park on September 5, traveling to play Orcutt Academy at Righetti High School on September 18, traveling to play Discovery Prep at El Cariso Park on September 25, traveling to play Lighthouse Christian in Santa Monica on October 3, hosting Lighthouse Christian on October 17, hosting Faith Baptist on October 23, and hosting St. Joseph Academy on October 31.

Coach Nuno, his staff and players are looking forward to the start of their 8-man football season.

St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy

will be starting their 2015-16 athletic schedules for the fall.

SPXSM offer both boys’ and girls’ sports for their respective student-athletes. The Warriors compete in higher divisions of C.I.F. competition due to their lower enrollment numbers. St. Pius X St. Matthias Academy is located at 7551 E. Gardendale Street in Downey.

St. Pius X St. Matthias offers four boys’ teams and seven girls’ teams. The boy’s teams include cross country, basketball, soccer and track and field. The girl’s teams include cross country, volleyball, soccer, basketball, softball, track and field and cheer.

St. Pius X St. Matthias has 332 students in grades 9-12 and compete in the Santa Fe League. In boys’ soccer, the Warriors compete against Bell-Jeff, Verbum Dei, St. Anthony, St. Bernard and St. Paul. In boys’ basketball, the Warriors compete against St. Genevieve, St Paul, Mary Star of the Sea, Verbum Dei and Bosco Tech.

In track and field, the Warriors compete against St. Anthony, Bell-Jeff, Verbum Dei, Mary Star of the Sea, St. Bernard and St. Genevieve.

In girls’ soccer, the Lady Warriors compete against Bishop Amat, Bishop Montgomery, St. Joseph and La Salle. In girls’ basketball, the Lady Warriors compete against St. Genevieve, Pomona Catholic, St. Bernard, Bell-Jeff and Mary Star of the Sea.

In track and field, the Lady Warriors compete against St. Anthony, Bell-Jeff, Verbum Dei, Mary Star of the Sea, St. Bernard and St. Genevieve.

In softball, the Lady Warriors compete against St. Mary’s, Mary Star of the Sea, Bell-Jeff, St. Bernard and St. Genevieve. In volleyball, the Lady Warriors compete against St. Mary’s, Mary Star of the Sea, Bell-Jeff, St. Bernard and St. Genevieve.

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The Downey High School football team held a scrimmage against Orange Lutheran at 6 p.m. last Friday night at Downey High. It was an excellent opportunity for Coach Williams and his staff to get a gauge as to where his team is at.

According to Williams, “the scrimmage showed we have a long way to go.” Williams continued by saying, “it’s hard to replace guys like Jason Thomas, Jacob Cook, Chris Blanton, Eddie Preciado and Gio DeLoera.”

Williams liked the fact that his players got to finally hit someone else besides themselves. Downey is young this season on the defensive side of the ball and will take some time to gel as a team. Williams believes that his team is talented and headed in the right direction.

Downey has a lot of guys on offense who played last year and will be returning this year. Those returning players did a nice job and competed well in the scrimmage. Williams said, “I believe we are very athletic this year with a variety of guys who can take it to the house at any given point.”

Williams concluded by saying, “our defense has some dudes that can bring it but will need to improve in the back end.” Williams further said, that “my job is to find the best 11 guys on the field as well as get them to play as one.”

Williams believes that Warren and Lynwood will be improved and that Dominguez and Paramount will be solid once again. Williams maintains that there should be some exciting games in the S.G.V.L. this year. Downey kicks off their 2015 season tonight against San Pedro at home at 7 p.m.

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The Sweetwater Valley Little League advanced Monday night

with a 10-3 win over Rhode Island. With the loss, Rhode Island has been eliminated, while Sweetwater moved on and defeated Kentucky on Tuesday 11-3.

Sweetwater defeated Kentucky 14-2 in four innings last Friday in their first game of the Little League World Series. Since then, Kentucky defeated Oregon 7-5 on Saturday and South Carolina 4-3 on Monday to advance to Tuesday’s game.

Texas played Pennsylvania on Wednesday in a battle of 3-0 teams (score unavailable at press time). The winner of that game will advance to the U.S. Championship game Saturday while the loser played California yesterday (score unavailable at press time). Whomever wins that game, will play for the U.S. championship on Saturday.

In the international bracket, Latin America played Japan on Wednesday in a battle of 3-0 teams (score unavailable at press time). The winner of that game will advance to the international championship game on Saturday while the loser played Mexico yesterday (score unavailable at press time). Mexico defeated Asia-Pacific 11-1 in five innings on Tuesday to advance. Whomever wins that game, will play Saturday for the international championship.

The winner of the U.S. championship game will play the winner of the international championship game on Sunday. Sweetwater can still advance to the championship game but needs to beat the loser of the Texas/Pennsylvania game and then the winner of the Texas/Pennsylvania game. It will be difficult for Sweetwater to do this but it is very much possible.

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## Q&A: Ask the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Q:** I purchased a lifetime fishing license about 10 years ago. What used to be a small piece of paper that I could put in my wallet or keep in my tackle box has grown to where it's now more than six feet in length. How about giving me a credit card type of license I can recharge every year instead of a new one? This would save a lot of money and be a lot easier to carry.

**A:** When lifetime items are renewed online, multiple items (tags, report cards, etc.) ordered together may arrive in one envelope and be printed out together as one long document. This accounts for the document length you describe, but just so you know, you should separate your documents on the dotted line printed between documents to make them more manageable.

According to California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Associate Governmental Program Analyst Brent George, our License and Revenue Branch at one time considered a credit card system for lifetime license customers. Although the idea has some merit, they found that given California's large population, and the overall complexity of sport fishing and hunting privileges available throughout the state, this solution is not practical. CDFW always tries to consider all viable options when developing licensing solutions for California's hunters and anglers.

**Q:** I grew up in California but now live in New York. I am coming for a visit and would love to bring my kids to see a grunion run. I have your schedule but want to know if it is a definite schedule. I know they follow the full moon cycle but just want to know if there has ever been a time when you predicted the grunion will spawn on a certain day but they did not?

**A:** Grunion runs will occur on most southern California beaches, but unfortunately for people trying to see the grunion runs, they may not occur every night on the same beaches and may be limited to small areas of any one beach. Sometimes

grunion choose not to run on beaches that are known for grunion runs; only they know why. Long story short, there are no guarantees, but as with most fishing efforts, if you don't try you certainly will not see or catch any fish!

Grunion will spawn somewhere in their range on the days predicted; if they do not show up on one beach, they are usually at another beach. The schedule predicts the best possible times to view the runs, based on years of documentation of their behavior.

**Q:** In the ocean/bay waters, do I need to keep stripers and leopard sharks intact until I get home or can I keep the fillets in one piece with a one inch or more square of skin left on each fillet? Also, are the rules different for inland waters regarding the filleting of fish?

**A:** You can find an outline of which species may be filleted at sea while on a boat and which may not under section 27.65(b) and (c) on pages 33-34 in the Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations booklet. Only those listed as allowed to be filleted can be filleted. Striped bass and leopard sharks are not on this list and so may not be filleted at sea.

Section 27.65(c): Fish That May Not be Filleted, Steaked or Chunked: No person shall fillet, steak or cut into chunks on any boat or bring ashore as fillets, steaks or chunks the following: any species with a size limit unless a fillet size is otherwise specified in these regulations. California halibut may be filleted or brought ashore as fillets south of Point Arena (Mendocino County). Since the regulations specify minimum lengths for stripers (18 inches total) and leopard sharks (36 inches total), but no fillet lengths, neither species can be filleted while on a boat or brought ashore as fillets, steaks or chunks.

There are no provisions allowing for filleting fish in inland waters or for possessing fillets on a boat in inland waters. To do so would be a violation of Fish and Game Code, sections 5508 and 5509.

**Q:** I was wondering if you could

still hunt with lead .22 caliber rimfire in a lead free zone. I've been looking for lead free .22 caliber rimfire rounds and its very slim pickins out there.

**A:** Although the availability of nonlead ammunition may be improving with time, the CDFW recognizes it can still be hard to find in some calibers. It will take additional planning to participate in hunts where nonlead ammunition is required.

We encourage hunters who intend to participate in these hunts to plan well ahead to be sure they have legal ammunition. There are a number of lead free .22 rimfire rounds that are manufactured, and stores in the California condor range may be most likely to have them in stock. We recommend searching on the Internet and calling ahead to local retailers.

Remember that .22 rimfire is only legal to use when hunting small game and nongame animals. Current law does not require use of nonlead ammunition when taking rabbits or tree squirrels, unless you are hunting on CDFW lands, but nonlead ammunition will be required statewide for all hunting beginning July 1, 2019.

**Q:** While hunting or fishing, besides carrying the appropriate license(s), do I also need to carry my state driver's license? I would prefer to leave it in my vehicle.

**A:** You will need to verify that you are the person holding your own fishing or hunting license. Though photo identification is not mandated by law, being able to identify yourself properly is.

If you cannot appropriately identify who you are, you may see yourself in an extended contact with the wildlife officer. If you're getting cited for something, the wildlife officer may have to take you to jail until you can be properly identified.

The bottom line is even though the law doesn't state you must have photo identification in possession, it would benefit you greatly to carry photo identification, so you may properly identify who you are to the wildlife officer.



The Embassy Suites celebrated its \$5 million renovation with a ribbon-cutting and grand re-opening celebration Wednesday.

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Gangs Out of Downey president Rick Rodriguez was guest speaker at Wednesday's Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis meeting. Rodriguez, pictured with Kiwanis club president Bernice Madariaga, spoke about the non-profit's efforts to reduce gang activity in Downey. Kiwanis meets at 7 a.m. Wednesdays at the Rio Hondo Event Center.



Downey Federal Credit Union won the inaugural "Battle of the Businesses" benefiting the Downey YMCA. The four-day tournament saw teams competing in a variety of events, including bowling, miniature golf, an indoor relay (eight laps in the pool, a seven-mile bike ride, and a three-mile run), volleyball, dodgeball, and less intense games like Jenga, Pictionary and a bean bag toss. Besides DFCU, other teams included Century 21 My Real Estate, Financial Partners Credit Union, Downey Adult School, Prudential 24 Hours, Bank of the West, and both Kiwanis clubs.



Doty Middle School and Warren High School have been chosen as California Gold Ribbon Schools for the 2014-15 school year. The Gold Ribbon Award recognized California schools that made tremendous gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education. On Tuesday morning, Warren High School was presented with an achievement award by a representative from California Casualty for having been selected in the spring. Pictured with the award is the WHS English Department and Principal Rivas.



Stauffer Middle School PTA threw a surprise birthday party for Dr. Mary Stauffer, who turned 98 on Wednesday. "We would like to thank Dr. Stauffer for her continuous support of our students," DUSD officials said.

## Can you afford to have kids?

By Nathaniel Sillin

It costs parents an average of \$245,340 to raise a child from birth to age 18.

That figure from the U.S. Agriculture Department is just one reason why prospective parents are advised to consider parallel financial planning for child-based expenses and retirement. The key is to start doing it as early as possible - in a December 2012 article in The New Republic, adults are starting families later than previous generations. In short, savings needs for childcare, college and retirement seem on a tighter collision course than ever.

For prospective couples or single parents, any discussion of family should begin with the pros and cons of starting a family in terms of personal, lifestyle and career success. In short, the question "Do we want kids?" should come before "Can we afford kids?"

Once family goals are settled, it's wise to evaluate where current finances stand. While many couples have a thorough money talk (http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/moneyquestions) before they wed, it works for family planning, too. Couples and single parents will benefit from complete financial transparency before pregnancy, adoption proceedings or fertility treatments.

Utilize qualified financial and tax advice to fit specific circumstances. Consult trusted family and friends for referrals to qualified financial planning and tax experts. Also check current tax rules for how to handle and potentially deduct certain costs related to adoption or fertility treatments.

Research thoroughly and bookmark resources online. The IRS website continually updates its summary of tax issues for parents which can guide overall planning. New authors and bloggers emerge daily on virtually every aspect of parenting; friends, relatives

and colleagues can also provide resources.

For prospective parents who are employed, it is a good idea to evaluate benefits well ahead of a pregnancy, fertilization procedures or adoption. Depending on specific circumstances, employees should review health and general benefits for routine and emergency medical coverage, medical leave policy and extras like child care benefits. Couples should compare their coverage to determine who has the best family coverage overall.

Start planning for childcare expenses as soon as possible. Full- or part-time childcare services for working parents can be surprisingly expensive and difficult to obtain depending on location. In 2015, the White House reported that the average cost of full-time care for an infant was about \$10,000 a year, and a 2014 Boston Globe report noted state-by-state estimates that were significantly higher. For peace of mind and affordability, it is advisable to tackle the childcare issue as early as possible. Prospective parents might also speak with a qualified tax advisor about whether it is more advantageous to claim the Child and Dependent Care Credit on their taxes or pay childcare expenses from a Flexible Spending Account at work.

Finally, prospective parents should become dedicated bargain hunters and savers with an equal focus on handling childcare expenses and supporting retirement goals. Both financial goals are equally important.

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# Rio Hondo College celebrates start of fall semester

WHITTIER – Rio Hondo College is offering a broad array of programs in the 2015-16 academic year to promote student success, including its new four-year bachelor's degree, Pathway to Law School Initiative, 21 degrees that guarantee transfer to California State University and premier fire, police and nursing training programs.

The academic programs work hand-in-glove with the community college's equally deep range of student support programs, which include priority enrollment for targeted student groups, a First-Year Success Center and state-of-the-art facilities.

Monday, Aug. 24 marked the start of fall semester 2015 classes at the scenic hilltop campus.

"There's never been a more exciting time to attend Rio Hondo College," said Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss. "Our campus is a hive of activity as we continue to find innovative new ways to ensure our community receives the greatest possible opportunities for pursuing higher education and acquiring the hands-on skills needed to compete in our highly technical, highly demanding 21st century marketplace."

A majority of Rio Hondo College students pursue two-year degrees, with some concurrently enrolling in four-year colleges and most transferring after securing associate's degrees.

The campus population also is diverse, enrolling a mix of Hispanic, white, Asian and African-American

students.

The College's spirit of student-centered innovation was recognized by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges' Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, which reaffirmed Rio Hondo College's accreditation in January after a comprehensive evaluation.

"The Commission recognized our dedication to our students and our broader community," said Board of Trustees President Madeline Shapiro. "It's a testament to the incredible team of teachers and staff who make our beautiful hilltop campus a thriving center of education and possibility every single day."

Highlights of campus programs and services include:

**21 Degrees for Transfer:** Rio Hondo College is among 39 community colleges to offer 20 or more associate degree programs that guarantee graduates enrollment at a California State University campus and priority placement into programs for their field of study. Degrees include a host of STEM subjects, including math, physics, and the 22nd degree program currently awaiting approval – biology. Other transfer degree subjects include history, philosophy, journalism, studio arts and business administration.

**Transfer Pathway Success:** Rio Hondo consistently helps a high number of students successfully transfer to popular California four-

year institutions as well as those with national profiles in other states. In 2014-15, more than 200 students transferred to UC campuses in Berkeley, Irvine, San Diego, Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara, as well as to Cal Poly Pomona, USC, University of Arizona, University of Illinois, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Stony Brook University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

**Underrepresented Minority Transfers:** Rio Hondo College consistently ranks in the top 10 of all community college campuses for the high percentage of underrepresented minorities among students who transfer to UC campuses.

**Four-Year Bachelor Degree:** Rio Hondo College will begin offering lower-division courses this fall for its historic Bachelor of Science degree in automotive technology. The College is one of 15 community colleges in the state and the only one in the San Gabriel Valley chosen for a pilot program. The four-year degree was approved in May.

**Pathway to Law Schools Initiative:** Rio Hondo College is one of 24 community colleges in the state and the only one in the San Gabriel Valley to offer a unique initiative that prepares students for a continuum of educational programs leading to a degree from one of six top California law schools. The program launched in fall 2014 with a focus on under-represented and first-generation college students.

**STEM Opportunities:** Rio Hondo offers instruction in multiple science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subject areas valued by four-year universities as well as employers. Disciplines include math, physics, engineering, chemistry, biology, water management, environmental health and safety, water treatment and distribution, astronomy, geology, geography. Programs are supported by the College's Math and Science Center.

**Fire Academy:** Rio Hondo

College's Fire Academy offers some of the most comprehensive training available to beginning and advanced firefighters across the nation. The College's Wildland Fire Academy posts a 100 percent placement rate for its graduates.

**Police Academy:** This historic institution has trained hundreds of police officers across the state from more than 200 student classes. Revamped in 2014, the academy's training program is considered one of California's most rigorous.

**Nursing:** Rio Hondo College's nursing students have posted 100 percent passing rates on the last five state certification tests. The College also offers advanced nursing training and a growing nursing assistant program.

**Personal Care Aides:** Rio Hondo College launched a pilot program this summer that offers free training to become a personal care aide, with on-the-job training and assistance in securing a job provided to those completing the course. Personal care is an entry-level health care field.

**First-Year Success Center:** The center is home to a network of student support services, designed to ensure all students begin their college journey with a firm understanding of what they need to do to succeed. Services include educational counseling, assistance with registration and financial aid and freshman seminar workshops.

**Student Success and Support Program:** In 2014-15, Rio Hondo assessed nearly 7,000 students in English and math, advised about 10,000 and created 12,700 educational plans to help guide students in their pursuit of degrees and career goals.

**Student Equity Plan:** This plan, adopted by the Board of Trustees, targets College services to ensure all students have their greatest possible chance to succeed.

**MESA:** The Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Program is nationally recognized by Excelencia in Education for increasing academic opportunities and achievement for its students. MESA provides students

with a supportive peer group and enrichment activities in the sciences and mathematics. MESA students are pursuing a two-year research project under a NASA-sponsored grant awarded to 12 California community colleges in 2014-15.

**TRIO/Student Support Services:** Rio Hondo College this summer secured its fourth, five-year Department of Education grant to continue offering its TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) program. More than 1,400 applications were submitted. Student Support Services helps disadvantaged, low-income college students, first-generation college students and students with disabilities complete programs of study. TRIO also received a five-year, \$220,000 grant to help participants pursue transfers to four-year universities to study science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) subjects.

**Disabled Students Programs & Services:** Rio Hondo provides services to support students with disabilities, including note-taking, sign-language interpreters, specialized furniture, registration help, counseling, computer lab access and assistive technology.

**Veterans Service Center:** Opened July 1, the Veterans Service Center offers a one-stop shop for counseling services, Veterans Administration benefits help, financial aid, tutoring, a computer lab and even a graduation cap-and-gown loan program.

**State-of-the-Art Facilities:** Rio Hondo College has invested in modern facilities to give students access to the latest tools to ensure success. These include a Student Services Building with a study lounge and the Rio Café; an Administration of Justice building that is home to the Police Academy; a new P.E. Complex with a campus Fitness Center; a 94,000-square-foot, LEED-certified Learning Resource Center; and a newly remodeled Automotive Technology building. New projects include a new soccer field with lights for night games, a remodel of the science building, upgrades for the Library tower and an entry plaza/information center.

## Bellflower launches middle school robotics class

BELLFLOWER – Bellflower Middle School is launching an innovative robotics and engineering course for about 40 students this fall as a precursor to plans for rolling out a high school career pathway focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) subjects.

The program is a partnership with Project Lead The Way (PLTW), the nation's leading provider of STEM curriculum. PLTW offers a comprehensive, project-based and hands-on curriculum program for middle schools called Gateway.

The curriculum includes two foundational units – one in engineering design and modeling and another in robotics and automation. Bellflower will merge instruction into a single course with elements of each.

"Our middle school STEM program will help students discover the college and career possibilities of these science and technical fields," said Bellflower Unified Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs. "We plan to add high school components to the program annually until we have an entire engineering pathway established, one that prepares our students for the demands of the 21st century marketplace."

STEM jobs are key to the U.S. economy, growing as much as three times faster than non-STEM jobs, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce. They provide more stable employment and higher pay than non-STEM fields.

This new program offering is intended to inspire students to enroll in PLTW's extensive high school program, which offers emphases in engineering, biomedicine and computer science. Bellflower plans to begin the high school program in 2016-17.

"This is an incredibly exciting time to be a student in BUSD," said Board of Education President Jerry Cleveland.

Approximately 13,000 students will begin their 2015-16 academic year at Bellflower Unified on Monday, Aug. 31.

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(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.

(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: RAJ WALIA GROUP, INC. 15925 S. PIONEER BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is: 8031 JOAN CIRCLE, LA PALMA, CA 90650

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: AUM SAIRAM CORPORATION, 12812 ARROYO LN, NORWALK, CA 90650

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YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): Riverside County Transportation Commission

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo ha demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protege. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no

puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en sitio web de California Legal Services ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a relamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT 4050 MAIN STREET 4050 MAIN STREET RIVERSIDE, CA 92501

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The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Mark A. Easter, SBN 143435/Gregory G Snarr, SBN 267217 BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP, 3390 University Avenue, 5th Floor, Riverside, CA 92501

Tel: (951) 686-1450/Fax: (951) 686-3083 Date (Fecha): August 14, 2015 R. Alessandro Clerk, by (Secretario), Deputy (Adjunto)

### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Caltrans Parcel No. 23769-1 Fee acquisition

In the County of Riverside, State of California, being the land described in the document recorded June 01, 1964 in Book 3709, Page 239 as the Document No. 67189 of Official Records of said County, described as follows:

**Beginning** at the most easterly corner of said lands, said corner also being the northwesterly corner of the lands described in the document recorded March 23, 2003 as Document No. 2003-204775 of Official Records of said County; thence South 09°26'52" West 183.60 feet along the easterly line of said Document No. 67189, said line also being the westerly line of the lands of said Document No. 2003-204775 to a point, said point also being the most northerly corner of Lot 1 of Tract No. 2319 as said lot is shown on that certain map filed in Book 43 of Maps, Pages 74, 75 and 76, Riverside County Records; thence along the general southerly line of the lands of said Document No. 67189, said line also being the general northerly line of said Tract No. 2319, the following three (3) courses:

1. South 42°51'17" West 37.61 feet;
2. North 80°33'08" West 760.89 feet;
3. North 82°19'25" West 580.47 feet to a point, said point being the most westerly corner of the lands of said Document No. 67189, said point also being the northwesterly corner of Lot 46 of said Tract No. 2319 and a point on the point on the easterly right of way line of the westerly portion of that street known as Ridgeview Terrace; thence North 16°14'29" East 28.32 feet along the westerly line of the lands of said Document No. 67189 to an angle point thereof, said line also being a portion of said easterly right of way line of Ridgeview Terrace, said angle point also being the southwesterly corner of Parcel 1 as said parcel is shown on that certain Parcel Map filed in Book 7 of Parcel Maps at Page 77, Riverside County Records; thence easterly along the general northerly line of the lands of said Document No. 67189, a portion of said line also being the general southerly line of Parcels 1 and 2, and the easterly line of Parcel 2 of said Parcel Map, the following five (5) courses:

1. South 82°19'25" East 576.69 feet;
2. South 80°33'08" East 742.03 feet;
3. North 54°26'52" East 28.29 feet
4. North 09°26'52" East 167.00 feet
5. South 80°33'08" East 20.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 41,706 square feet.

The distances described herein are grid distances and are based on California Coordinate System of 1983, Zone 6, 2007.00 epoch. Ground distances may be obtained by dividing grid distances by the mean combination factor of the courses being described. The mean combination factor for this conversion is 0.99997476.

Prepared under the direction of /s/Brian E. Bullock, PLS 5260 Dated: 5/14/15

The Downey Patriot 8/20/15, 8/27/15, 9/3/15, 9/10/15

## FICT. BUS NAME

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015194527

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MILLENNIAL AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES (2) J&A AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES (3) J.R. AUDIO VISUAL SERVICES; 8330 COLE ST, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JONATHAN A. RENTERIA, 8330 COLE ST, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ JONATHAN A. RENTERIA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 24, 2015

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 8/13/15, 8/20/15, 8/27/15, 9/3/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015187801

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALICIA & REBECCA TRUST, 11221 LINDEN ST, LYNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARY A. MURGUIA, TRUSTEE OF ALICIA & REBECCA TRUST, 11221 LINDEN ST, LYNWOOD CA 90262

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by a Trust

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ MARY A. MURGUIA, TRUSTEE OF ALICIA & REBECCA TRUST, TRUSTEE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 17, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 8/6/15, 8/13/15, 8/20/15, 8/27/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015205597

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) POP UP SWEETS, 9527 BORSON ST, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALICIA NAVA, 9527 BORSON ST, DOWNEY CA 90242 (2) MILTON ANDRADE-DIAZ, 8629 BUCKLES ST., DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by a General Partnership

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ MILTON ANDRADE-DIAZ, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 6, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of

five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot 8/13/15, 8/20/15, 8/27/15, 9/3/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015201877

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) M ROBLES TRUCKING, 15408 LONGWORTH AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARICEL ROBLES, 15408 LONGWORTH, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ MARICEL ROBLES, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 3, 2015

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 8/6/15, 8/13/15, 8/20/15, 8/27/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015200234

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MASSAGE GREEN SPA DOWNEY, 9216 LAKEWOOD BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 20152110016 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MGDOWNEY1, LLC, 4160 TEMESCAL CANYON RD STE 500, CORONA CA 92883

State of Incorporation: CA

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ MGDOWNEY1, LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, JAMES O. BROWN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 31, 2015

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 8/13/15, 8/20/15, 8/27/15, 9/3/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015194189

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DANIEL AND REY JR, 11221 LINDEN ST, LYNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) REYNALDO MURGUIA ESPINOZA, TRUSTEE OF THE DANIEL AND REY JR. TRUST, 11221 LINDEN ST., LYNWOOD CA 90262

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by a Trust

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ REYNALDO MURGUIA ESPINOZA, TRUSTEE OF THE DANIEL AND REY JR. TRUST, TRUSTEE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 24, 2015

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 8/13/15, 8/20/15, 8/27/15, 9/3/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015208734

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CROWN CREEK DESIGNS, 2284 RADNOR AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90815, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELSIE WENGER, 2284 RADNOR AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90815

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ ELSIE WENGER, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 11, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 8/13/15, 8/20/15, 8/27/15, 9/3/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015184727

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) A-TEAM CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 8049 QUON STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GERARD MARTIN SOLIS, 8049 QUON STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ GERARD MARTIN SOLIS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 24, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 8/6/15, 8/13/15, 8/20/15, 8/27/15

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State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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S/ GERARD MARTIN SOLIS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 24, 2015

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State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual

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S/ GERARD MARTIN SOLIS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 15, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 8/6/15, 8/13/15, 8/20/15, 8/27/15

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File Number 2015200234

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State of Incorporation: CA

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S/ MGDOWNEY1, LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, JAMES O. BROWN

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The Downey Patriot 8/13/15, 8/20/15, 8/27/15, 9/3/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015209007

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DONE DEAL TRUCKING, 1205 EAST ARTESIA BLVD 122, COMPTON CA 90221, LA COUNTY, 4505 ALLSTATE DR STE 6, RIVERSIDE CA 92501

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CRAIG GORDON, 1205 EAST ARTESIA BLVD 122, COMPTON CA 90221

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ CRAIG GORDON, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 11, 2015

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The Downey Patriot 8/13/15, 8/20/15, 8/27/15, 9/3/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015208734

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELSIE WENGER, 2284 RADNOR AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90815

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ ELSIE WENGER, OWNER

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The Downey Patriot 8/13/15, 8/20/15, 8/27/15, 9/3/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015196379

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) COCO'S PRODUCTOS MEXICANOS, 10920 GARFIELD #A-19, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUZ MARIA AGUILAR, 6547 IRA AVENUE, BELL GARDENS CA 90201

State of Incorporation: N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ LUZ MARIA AGUILAR, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 28, 2015

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Code 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 10/01/2015 TIME OF SALE: 9:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14802 HORST AVENUE, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650 APN#: 8073-019-013. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, 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 said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$97,861.21. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy, to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000005192380. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AUCTION.COM, LLC 2 ONE MAUCHLY IRVINE, CA 92618 800-280-2832 www.auction.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP as Trustee Dated: 08/12/2015 NPP0254506 To: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 08/27/2015, 09/03/2015, 09/10/2015

as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 07/12/2007 as Document No.: 20071651746, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: CLAUDIA C. ARELLANO, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 09/16/2015 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10243 CASANES AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90241-2906 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$305,141.55 (Estimated) as of 09/10/2015. Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase the figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy, to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, T.S.# 9551-1028. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NBS Default Services, LLC 301 E. Ocean Blvd. Suite 1720 Long Beach, CA 90802 800-766-7751 For Trustee Sale Information Log On To: www.nationwideposting.com or Call: 916-939-0772. NBS Default Services, LLC, Vanessa Gomez, Foreclosure Associate This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. However, if you have

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APN: 6359-008-013T.S. No. 025704-CA. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE/IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 8/13/2008. 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. On 9/2/2015 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/16/2008, as Instrument No. 20081847891, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JOSE RICARDO PEREZ, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY AND ESMERALDA MORENO, HIS WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC

CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7400 NOREN ST DOWNEY, CA 90240 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$165,414.62. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy, to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 025704-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 Publish: 8/13/2015, 8/20/2015, 8/27/2015

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**SHARED STORIES:  
THE TIES THAT BIND**

**The 'M' Room**

Some experts say that birth order can affect a person's development. When Gloria Hannigan's daughters give her a tour of their new house, it brings up an issue for her that she thought was long passed. 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 Gloria Hannigan

My daughters were showing me around the home they just moved into. They called one of the bedrooms, the "M" room. "M" for Mattie when he spends the weekend; "M" for Mom when she stays over; and "M" for middle as it's the middle bedroom.

After I returned home that word "MIDDLE" kept running through my mind. Middle room, middle class, middle child. Ah, that was what was nagging at me. Was there now a crack in my "Mother's" armor, allowing the middle child to show through for the whole world to see, even my children?

Yes, I was a middle child,

sandwiched between the firstborn, only son, who never did anything wrong, and the blonde, giggling, deep-dimpled baby girl. Once I was the baby, but it lasted only one year and four months, when I was suddenly bumped up under Wonder Boy and held there firmly by Golden Girl.

I fought a constant battle to get out of the middle and move to the forefront. Regrettably my ammunition was sadly lacking. I had fine, straight hair that would not hold a curl no matter how my mother tried to set it, and believe me, she did try and try and try.

I had the Irish white skin that freckled and burned and peeled and burned again all summer long. My scrawny body racked with a bronchial

cough from November until the following April.

A weaker child might have just settled into the middle slot and made the best of it. But not I. I had an abundance of stubbornness and spunk which lasted me until I donned the armor of motherhood, where I had a throne that was mine alone.

Am I now in danger of being ousted from this throne as my armor gets older and erodes around the edges? I'll have to spend a night in the middle room and see if it caters to the mother, or the middle child in me, or maybe a little of each.

**When selling your home, it's important to ramp up your home's curb appeal**

If people wanted their homes to look like all the others on the block, we wouldn't be so obsessed with "curb appeal."

Doesn't matter whether you're looking to sell -- the National Association of Realtors says 49 percent of all houses are bought based on that one factor -- or planning to stay put longer than the lines for Powerball. Every homeowner craves what's been described as "that quality that makes you say 'wow' when you first see it."

So, how to achieve it? Read on for some of the best ideas from the pros.

\* Addresses aren't just for mailboxes. You'll score points for originality by painting each numeral -; in big, bold strokes -; on separate flower-filled planters placed near the front entrance. "You spruce up your landscape with plants, so why not live your home address the same

way?" suggests Angie's List.

\* Glam the front door. Painting it lipstick-red is in, for those who dare. For those who don't, or whose houses aren't a neutral color, Forbes advises to "try a more muted shade like sea-blue, sage-green, or even black."

\* Replace your roof. This is the biggie, given Better Homes and Garden's oft-cited calculation that 40 percent of a home's curb appeal hinges on the condition of the roof. Now, you may be only slightly embarrassed by your neighbors' not-so-subtle hints that yours looks like it's been hit by a drone. But if you're even toying with the idea of selling and that's the first thing potential

buyers see from a distance?

"It's a huge turn-off, and only makes them predisposed to find even more things they hate about the house," says Patsy O'Neill, a sales associate with Sotheby's in Montclair, New Jersey.

The fix? Jason Joplin, program manager of the Center for the Advancement of Roofing Excellence, is just out with a glowing review of the gorgeous new line of Glenwood Shingles from GAF, North America's largest roofing manufacturer (gaf.com). "It's the industry's thickest triple-layer asphalt shingle," he says. "Not only does that result in an authentic wood-shake look at a

fraction of the cost of traditional wood shake, but you're also getting enhanced fire safety and lower maintenance." And, hey, you're also doing your part for the environment.

\* Pressure time. If you think of it as water pistols for adults, using a garden hose (set to max) to blast away dirt and debris from your property can actually be fun. But as HGTV cautions: "Be careful not to dislodge, or get any water underneath, your home's siding."

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**Governor signs election legislation**

SACRAMENTO -- Gov. Jerry Brown has signed into law Assembly Bill 952, giving voters more opportunities to confirm or deny at the ballot box the status of public officials who have been appointed to office without adding more cost or financial burden to the city.

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, who authored the bill, said the legislation would give local governments the ability to allow voters to participate in the electoral process by placing the name of an appointed office holder on the ballot for the next regularly scheduled election, having to compete against other candidates in order to complete the remainder of their term.

Garcia said was inspired to carry this bill when she observed that a number of small cities could not afford hold special elections. Special elections are expensive and because of the cost are often out of reach for many cities.

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There is a moment after you move your eye away when you forget where you are because you've been living, it seems, somewhere else, in the silence of the night sky.

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You're not a creature in a body. You exist as the stars exist, participating in their stillness, their immensity.

Then you're in the world again. At night, on a cold hill, taking the telescope apart.

You realize afterward not that the image is false but the relation is false.

You see again how far away each thing is from every other thing.

By Louise Glück from *Averno*. © Farrar, Straus and Giroux

The night sky continues to amaze us, with its beauty and mystery, with its ability to make humble and to exalt. For millennia, before the telescope or the camera lens, the study of heavenly bodies, as astronomy was called, depended on naked eye observations. Crops were planted and festivals planned accord to the phases of the moon. Desert poets like Omar Khayyam and mystics like William Blake looked up to the stars with rueful awe, religions found inspiration, philosophers asked questions and scientists and science fiction writers dreamed of extra-terrestrial travel. But outward gazing often turns the viewer inward too, as Louise Glück shows us here. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



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