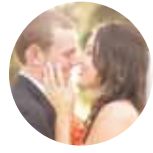




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## Downey mourns after police officer is shot and killed

**DOWNEY** – Three male suspects are now in custody and will face murder charges in the shooting death of a Downey police officer whose body was discovered in the parking lot adjacent to the department headquarters late Wednesday night.

Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies, who originally dubbed the shooting a "targeted" attack, now believe the murder was the result of a botched robbery attempt.

Ricardo "Ricky" Galvez, a five-year veteran of the Downey Police Department, had just completed his shift when the suspects -- one juvenile and two adults -- walked up and opened fire on him as he sat in the driver's seat of his own car.

Hearing the gunfire, a nearby Downey police officer on patrol pursued the suspects' Nissan Altima into Montebello where the three males fled on foot.

Police captured one suspect shortly after the shooting, but an all-night chase ensued to find the other two, prompting evacuations of nearby apartments and townhomes on Carob Way and Washington Boulevard.

L.A. County sheriff's Lt. John Corina said he's unsure if the suspects have any gang affiliation, but police were able to recover a handgun, which they believe is the murder weapon.

"Galvez was wearing plain clothes and they were looking for someone to rob," Corina said. "I don't think they realized they were behind a police station."

During a press conference Thursday morning, Downey Police Chief Carl Charles praised Galvez for his commitment to the department and the honorable way he served his country.

"He was a tremendous young man who loved serving the residents of Downey," said Charles. "It is with great sadness that I report we've lost one of our finest."

Charles said Galvez was a former Marine, who served two tours during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. The 29-years-old Whittier resident was unmarried with no children. Although he was hired as a field patrol officer, officials say he was training to become a K-9 officer when he was ambushed.

"His smile was infectious, and his professionalism was always on display," said Charles. "Words cannot express the love and respect we have for Ricky. Our department is hurting."

The death of Galvez prompted a day of mourning in Downey as the city civic center cancelled all activities and the Downey Police Department personally escorted Galvez's body to the L.A. County Department

of Medical Examiner-Coroner in Los Angeles, shutting down major thoroughfares.

Downey's elected officials also expressed their sympathy after waking up to the shocking news.

"Every day, the brave men and women of our Downey Police Department put themselves at personal risk to keep us all safe," said Downey Mayor Luis Marquez. "We are incredibly sorrowed at the loss of Officer Galvez and our thoughts and prayers are with all who knew and loved him."

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal Allard (D-40) also released a statement offering condolences to Galvez's family.

"I am shocked and saddened by the news that Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez was shot and killed last night," she said. "My deepest sympathies and prayers are with Officer Galvez's family, friends, and co-workers in this difficult time."

"Today is a sad day for Downey and a sad day in my district," said Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (D-58) in a statement. "Late last night, in a cowardly, unprovoked attack, we lost Downey police officer Ricky Galvez."

"As a Marine veteran and a dedicated police officer, Ricky Galvez served our community as a selfless public servant and his tragic loss is felt today not only by the city of Downey,



Photo by Mario Guerra

but by all Californians."

The last time a Downey police officer was killed in the line of duty was nearly 35 years ago.

Officer Wayne Richard Presley, a nine-year police veteran, was struck and killed by a drunken driver on April 10, 1981. The 37-year-old officer and his partner had responded to the scene of a disabled truck and were getting back on their motorcycles when the speeding driver hit them. Presley, a U.S. Navy veteran, was thrown into the

truck and he died.

Galvez's name will now join Presley's on the Downey Police Department's bronze memorial outside its headquarters as a remembrance of his service and sacrifice to the city.

Downey Federal Credit Union has established a memorial fund in Galvez's name. Contributions can be deposited at the branch into account No. 113988.

—Christian Brown, staff writer

## Rooftop bar and lounge approved for downtown



By Christian Brown  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Revitalization efforts in Downtown Downey picked up some momentum this week as the city planning commission paved the way for another upscale restaurant and lounge along Downey Avenue.

In a unanimous vote, the commissioners approved plans to convert the vacant office building on

the northeast corner of 2nd Street and Downey Avenue into Cielo Restaurant & Lounge, a steakhouse with a unique feature -- a 2,650-sq.-ft. rooftop bar.

The business is a joint venture between Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney and Downey resident Mario Trujillo, Downey Councilman Fernando Vasquez, and Ralph Verdugo, who previously attempted a similar concept at the Rives Mansion in 2013.

According to the staff report, Verdugo and his partners plan on repurposing the existing building at 11040 Downey Ave. by renovating the inside for fine dining and by adding a 408-sq.-ft. patio in the front and a 914-sq.-ft. patio in the rear of the restaurant.

Two cascading stairwells made of wrought iron and glass will transport patrons from the back patio to the rooftop lounge, which will include a bar, dance floor, and space for live entertainment. Similar to the roof lounge, the ground floor dining area will also incorporate a dance floor and a live band area.

Verdugo said he hopes Cielo becomes a high-end option for Downey residents who often feel they must seek luxury outside of the city.

"The city is growing, we have a lot of good places in Downey, but I want to bring something to the community that we can be proud of," said Verdugo on Wednesday. "Del Rae is a great restaurant, but it's in Pico Rivera. We want that same delicious concept to make Downey a destination."

Artist renderings of the Cielo Restaurant & Lounge indicate that

the establishment will look similar to the existing structure. Verdugo plans to reclaim the yellow brick veneer and oatmeal-colored stucco exterior, but will add extra windows and light fixtures.

Clear glass panels will surround the rooftop lounge allowing patrons to look onto Downey Avenue.

Ahead of approving the conditional use permit, several planning commissioners raised concerns over the allotted parking space available for the restaurant. As an office building, the property only required 12 parking spaces, but as a restaurant, that number jumps to 52 spaces.

Jessica Flores, an associate planner for the city of Downey, said that leaves the developers with the responsibility of providing 40 more parking spaces.

In the staff report, Verdugo agrees to offer additional parking by leasing spaces from Downey United Methodist Church, located at 10801 Downey Ave., and providing optional valet parking for patrons.

Due to the necessity of valet, the strip of curb along the south side of the restaurant on 2nd Street will serve exclusively as loading and

unloading during the restaurant's business hours.

Once completed, Cielo will open daily at 7 a.m. and close at 2 a.m. seven days a week.

"You could have put this [restaurant] somewhere else, but it's good to see people from Downey invest in Downey," said Hector Lujan, chairman of the city planning commission.

Commissioner Matias Flores also praised the project as something that could raise the bar for future development in Downtown Downey.

"We've heard of people talking about a rooftop concept -- here it is," he said. "The Downtown Downey Specific Plan allows for three-story buildings. This might be the catalyst for more third story buildings and rooftop concepts."

"I want to stress, this is a restaurant with entertainment -- not a nightclub," said commissioner Jim Rodriguez, who feared the outdoor live entertainment could become a nuisance if not restrained. "But overall, I'm proud of the work you've done and I think it's going to be terrific for the city."

## Taco Bell saves first restaurant from demolition

By Christian Brown  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – A piece of Taco Bell history is a lot safer today after the fast food giant agreed to transport its very first restaurant from Downey to its headquarters in Irvine.

Lifted from its original foundation, the 53-year-old building will arrive in Irvine on Friday morning after traveling 45 miles through Downey, Norwalk, Cerritos, La Palma, Buena Park, Anaheim, Tustin, and Orange.

"This is arguably the most important restaurant in our company's history," said Brian Niccol, chief

executive officer of Taco Bell. "To think a business like ours, that spans 6,000 restaurants around the globe, started with a walk-up window no bigger than a two-car garage is truly inspirational."

Glen Bell started his first Taco Bell restaurant in 1962 as the centerpiece of a Mexican-inspired strip mall with shops, live music, and fire pits. It was here at 7112 Firestone Blvd. that Bell helped revolutionize the quick-service industry by bringing Mexican-inspired meals to his customers.

In 1986, the Downey restaurant closed as larger restaurants with indoor seating and drive-thrus grew in popularity. Since then, the restaurant has hosted other taqueria eateries until

the building was permanently vacated in December 2014.

The decision to save and relocate the structure, which Taco Bell has dubbed "Numero Uno," comes months after local preservation groups protested after learning the site was in danger of demolition.

"When we saw a green construction fence go up around it, we knew that wasn't a good sign," said George Redfox, president of The Downey Conservancy. "We did our part in raising awareness and Taco Bell reached out to us."

"When we heard about the chance of it being demolished, we had to step in," said Niccol. "We owe that to our

fans, we owe that to Glen Bell."

Matt Prince, a spokesman for Taco Bell, said the company reviewed many options, including moving the restaurant to a temporary spot on city or county property.

"We went through all the different scenarios, but we decided moving it here was the best bet," he said.

In January, Taco Bell began a social media campaign, encouraging customers to tweet #SaveTacoBell and the corporation hired conservation non-profit We Are The Next to oversee the building's relocation.

"This building isn't designed by a famous architect, and it's not particularly beautiful in the

conventional sense," said Katie Rispoli, executive director of We Are The Next and a resident of Downey. "But it does demonstrate how even the most ordinary buildings can tell tremendous stories."

Prince said the original restaurant will sit on display in front of corporate offices in Irvine for roughly two weeks before being moved to a back lot for the following six months.

As for the future of the building goes, Taco Bell definitely wants its fans involved.

"We will put together some real feasible options and make [our customers] a part of the process," Prince said.

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

#### Downey police officer mourned

Lucille Roybal-Allard: I am shocked and saddened by the news that Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez was shot and killed last night. I hope that those who committed this chilling crime will quickly be brought to justice. My deepest sympathies and prayers are with Officer Galvez's family, friends, and co-workers in this difficult time.

Janet Teal Minnig: Praying for this officers family and our great City of Downey.

Rosy Guerrero: Our deepest condolences to his family, friends and our Downey police dept. We weep and mourn with you. God bless.

Mari Mena Camorlinga : So sad. Thank you for serving our country and city.

Kathy Thompson Broy: With sadness we thank this young man for serving our country and community and for making the ultimate sacrifice. Praying for his family.

Audrey Escobar: God rest his soul and protect all these brave men and women who are out there to protect the rest of us.

Kellie Collier: Condolences to his family and friends. Thank you for your service, Officer Galvez.

Grace Moya: May he rest in peace...deepest condolences to the family

Marjorie Jimenez : My prayers to his family, friends and DPD, such a sad and tragic news.

Jenn Maite: I'm in shock.. This happening to one of our own here. We value and respect our Downey PD's here in Downey as they do their very best to keep the citizens of Downey safe. My deepest condolences to his family, friends and the Downey PD.

Jessica Tinajero: Tragic news. May he rest in peace. Prayers to his family.

Nicole Vardiaabasis: Tragic. What a loss!! Deepest condolences to his family.

Yolanda Mendoza: Thank you for your service Officer Galvez. Rest in peace. Prayers to his family and friends.

Jeannette Tadeo: RIP Sir. Thank you for your service

Melin Lin-Salazar: Just awful... My thoughts and prayers go out to the downey pd, the officer and his family!

Norma Hdz: My prayers are with his family, friends, and the DPD. God rest his soul. His service to our country and this city is immeasurable. Thank you for everything Marine and Officer. RIP.

Yvette Fulton: So sad. Prayers for him & his family. Thanks for serving our country & our city.

Angeline Deo: This is so sad. My heart and prayers go out to his families including the Downey PD family. Rest in peace, sir.

Lulu Love: This is such a tragedy! My prayers and deepest condolences go out to the Galvez family and DPD family. God, please accompany all his loved ones mourning the death of Officer Galvez.

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### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@ElMontePolice: On behalf of Chief Reynoso & @elmontepolice our deepest condolences to @DowneyPolice on the loss of their officer #LODD #BlueLivesMatter

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Members of the OLPH Women's Guild collected more than 146 lbs. of canned tuna last month, which will be used to make sandwiches for homeless residents. From left: Mary Ellen Dunne, Shirley Lawrence, Sue Balster, Armida Lugo, Paula Mayfield, Terry Wright and Norma Perez.

### OLPH Women's Guild collects tuna for Skid Row residents

DOWNEY – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church's Women's Guild collected 146 1/2-lbs of canned tuna at their Oct. 21 general meeting.

The tuna was donated to the Skid Row Sandwich Program, where twice a week volunteers make more than 800 sandwiches that are distributed to the homeless on Skid Row.

In addition to the sandwiches, each delivery also consists of fresh fruit and milk. Once a month, students at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School bake homemade cookies to include with the lunch.

The sandwich program is completely self-supporting. The Women's Guild hosts an annual Christmas party that raises money to help fund the program throughout the year.

For more information about the tuna program, call Sally at (562) 861-8370.

### Home decorating contest accepting entries

DOWNEY – Downey's Parks and Recreation Department is again hosting its annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

Participating homes will be judged on various categories including best use of lights, best lawn display, best religious display, Christmas tree window display, and more.

Within each area a best overall entry winner and honorable mention will be awarded. One Mayor's Award will also be given to each category for best total display.

Contest entries are free. Entry forms are due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25. Judging will take place Dec. 3.

To register, visit the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center or call Elisa Ruiz at (562) 904-7223.

### OLPH Christmas luncheon Dec. 5

DOWNEY – The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church will host its annual Christmas Champagne Luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for kids ages 5-11. Children 4 and under are free.

Reservations are due by Dec. 1. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Women's Guild and mailed to Linda Malme, 9260 Gainford St., Downey 90240. The check's memo line should specify choice of chicken or salmon.

For more information, call Joyce Prokop at (562) 927-3660.

### OLPH celebrating Simbang Gabi

DOWNEY – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church will celebrate Simbang Gabi with a Novena Mass on Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

The Mass will be trilingual (English, Spanish and Tagalog). Filipino and Spanish delicacies will be available for free after the service.

Simbang Gabi is a Mass celebrated in the Philippines in anticipation of Christmas.

### Free Thanksgiving dinner

DOWNEY – Downey First Christian Church will host a traditional turkey dinner Wednesday for anyone unable to spend Thanksgiving Day with family or friends.

Free sit-down dinners will be served from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25.

The church is at 10909 New St.

### Robotics competition Saturday

DOWNEY – Warren High will host a robotics tournament this Saturday, pitting robotics students from throughout Southern California in an educational competition.

The competition will be held in the Downey High gymnasium and begins with an opening ceremony at 9:15 a.m. and qualifying matches begin at 9:30. Final matches are at 3:30 p.m. and there is an awards ceremony at 5 p.m.

Registered competitors include California Academy of Mathematics and Science, SoftEmpower Robotics, La Reina High School, Warren High, South El Monte High, Stauffer Middle School, Mira Costa High, La Salle High, Manhattan Beach Middle School and Palos Verdes Institute of Technology.

The competition is open to the public.

### PIH names chief nursing officer

DOWNEY – Judy Pugach, RN MPH, has been named the Chief Nursing Officer at PIH Health Hospital - Downey, effective Nov. 9.

Pugach brings more than 30 years of nursing experience to the team. She joined PIH Health Hospital - Whittier in 1996 as the nurse manager of the telemetry and respiratory units.

Prior to PIH Health, she spent 20 years caring for patients – first as a staff nurse in a surgical intensive care unit (ICU), and later as the head nurse at a surgical ICU/trauma unit in New York.

She has also worked as a clinical nurse instructor teaching the next generation of nurses.

In addition to her position on PIH Health's leadership team, Pugach has served as chair of the Hospital Association of Southern California's Accreditation and Licensing Committee since 2010. She is a current member of the National Association for Healthcare Quality, and is certified in professional healthcare quality and professional healthcare risk management. Pugach also is a member of The Joint Commission Advisory Council representing the VHA West Coast region.

Pugach obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Long Island University in New York and holds a Master of Public Health degree from Cal State Long Beach.



### Longtime Downey resident Betty Morrison passes away

DOWNEY – Betty Louise Morrison, born Oct. 3, 1925, passed away Nov. 8. Originally from Wisconsin, she moved to California before her senior year of high school.

She was a Downey resident for the past 50 years, living in the same home for 40 years. She worked at a company called Tubesales in the City of Commerce for more than 30 years from where she retired at the age of 64 to spend time with her grandkids.

She was preceded in death by her only son, Billy; her parents; and two brothers, Bob and Jack.

She is survived by her only daughter, Susan; son-in-law, Randall; and grandchildren, Haley and Andrew.



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Father John Higgins of St. Raymond's Catholic Church will be the guest bingo caller at the Knights of Columbus this Tuesday night.

Doors open at 4 p.m. and the first early-bird game begins at 6 p.m. Father Higgins will begin calling games at 7 p.m.

The night's jackpot is worth more than \$1,000. Proceeds from the event benefit the Knights of Columbus and its charitable endeavors.



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Surrounded by family and friends, Lara Gutierrez and Dylan Marquess exchanged vows at California County Club in Whittier on Oct. 24.

The couple resides in Hermosa Beach and will travel to Jamaica for their honeymoon. Proud parents are Willie and Carol Gutierrez and Red and Janice Marquess, both from Downey.

### Downey's Karla Salazar invited to PhD Project Conference

**DOWNEY** – Downey resident Karla Salazar was invited to attend the PhD Project Conference which was held this week at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Illinois.

The PhD Project is an award-winning program founded in 1994 by the KPMG Foundation that recruits minority professionals from business into doctoral programs in all business disciplines.

Qualified candidates are invited to their annual conference where they hear from deans, professors and current minority doctoral students about the benefits of pursuing a business Ph.D.

Candidates are exposed to more than 100 doctoral-granting universities that are represented during a university exhibit fair at the conference. Networking with the university reps, deans, professors and current doctoral students provides candidates with the tools and resources they need to be better prepared for the application/admission process to doctoral programs.

Salazar is a bilingual business management consultant and instructor of nonprofit management at UCLA Extension. She is also a PTA boardmember and School Council volunteer at Griffiths Middle School.

"I am honored and excited for this unique opportunity to understand the mechanics of applying to a PhD in Business Administration, a process that I plan to share with others locally," she said. "I will be the first one in my family to pursue a PhD."

Salazar earned a Master of Arts degree in Public Policy from Claremont Graduate University and a bachelor's degree in Political Science from UCLA.

She also completed the Executive Program in Management at the UCLA John E. Anderson School of Management.

### Thousands attend DUSD college, career fair

**DOWNEY** – More than 2,100 people attended a college and career fair at Warren High School last Tuesday, where students met with various college, university and career representatives.

Breakout sessions were also available for students interested in such topics as college readiness, college sports recruiting, and financial aid.

"This event was a great opportunity for Downey Unified students to interact with college and university representatives in a local and comfortable setting before the application deadlines come to a close," DUSD officials said. "Students were able to obtain information and compare their possible school choices, while asking any residual questions they had before making their final application decisions."

"Families from the elementary and middle school levels were also in attendance to experience this informative event to better immerse themselves with the knowledge of the possible choices their student(s) will be making in the future."

Some of the college and universities present at the fair included California State Universities Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay and San Bernardino; the universities of Alabama, Arizona, Iowa, La Verne, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Notre Dame and Oklahoma; and California universities Berkley, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz.

There were also representatives from the Art Institute, FIDM, Laguna College of Art and Design, Los Angeles Trade Tech, Rio Hondo Fire Academy, and the United States Air Force, Marines, Army and Navy.

An estimated 2,160 visitors attended the fair.



Alfonso Estrada and Jacqueline M. Sanchez were married Oct. 31 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church.

The couple met in college and are graduates of Loyola Marymount University.

## CRIME REPORT

### FRIDAY, NOV. 6

At 1 a.m., a Downey police officer on routine patrol was driving through the rear parking lot of the Chateau Motel located at 9565 Firestone, when the officer observed and contacted a subject sitting in a vehicle. The vehicle was found to be stolen and the occupant, a 35-year-old man from Wilmington, was also on parole for burglary and claimed to be a gang member. The suspect was arrested for Grand Theft Auto and booked at the Downey Police Station.

At 1:30 p.m., Downey police officers were dispatched to the 12500 block of Lakewood regarding an assault. Upon arrival, officers were advised by the victim that her husband, a 30-year-old Downey resident, had struck her with his vehicle during an argument at their apartment complex. The victim sustained some moderate injuries from the assault, but they were not life-threatening. Officers arrested the suspect for domestic violence charges and transported him to the station for booking.

At 10:30 p.m., a Downey police officer stopped a male adult riding a bicycle for a traffic violation in the 10400 block of Rives. During the contact, the officer located drug paraphernalia while searching the man's belongings. The officer also discovered that the suspect was in possession of stolen property that had recently been stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the 8100 block of 3rd Street. The suspect was transported to the station, where he was booked for being in possession of stolen property.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 7

At 7:30 p.m., Downey police officers were dispatched to the 7800 block of Arnett regarding an assault. A 28-year-old Downey woman had intentionally rammed her husband's vehicle with her vehicle while chasing after him during an argument. The woman rammed her vehicle into the rear of her husband's vehicle as she was chasing him and attempted to ram him a second time, but lost control and collided with a parked vehicle. She was treated at a local hospital for a minor injury and then booked at the Downey Police Station for assault with a deadly weapon.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 8

At 11 p.m., Downey police officers responded to the 13200 block of Verdura regarding a robbery. Two men wearing black hooded sweatshirts, black bandanas over their face, and armed with handguns, approached a man as he was preparing to enter his vehicle parked on the street. The suspects stole the man's wallet and car keys. The suspects then entered a white four-door Toyota Camry with paper license plates and drove away eastbound on Gardendale. Detectives are investigating.

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### Razorback teams advance to championship

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Razorbacks will host the Pacific Coast Conference Div. 1 Championships at Downey High this Saturday, with games starting at 8 a.m. and the last game beginning at 8 p.m.

Two Downey teams advanced to the championships: The Jr. Midget team (ages 10-12) will face the Lynwood Jr. Knights at 6 p.m., and the undefeated Razorback Midgets (ages 11-13) play the equally undefeated Santa Monica Vikings at 8 p.m.

Winners of the PCC Div. 1 championship qualify for the American Youth Football regionals in Arizona.

Meanwhile, the Razorback PeeWee team (ages 9-11) will play Tri-City (San Pedro, Lomita and Harbor City) for the Div. 2 championship at Lynwood High School at 3:30 p.m.

For questions or more information, call Louis Morales at (310) 350-0220.

### Downey Ponytail early sign-ups

**DOWNEY** – Downey Ponytail will hold early registration for its spring 2016 season Dec. 5-6 and Dec. 12-13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Independence Park.

Early registration is \$110 for ages 6 and under and \$150 for 8u and 14u. There is a \$25 discount for sisters, prices increase in January.

Registration fees are due at time of sign-ups. Online registration will be available at a later date with a service fee.

Downey Ponytail is open to girls ages 5-18 as of Jan. 1. Coaches must apply by Dec. 21, and all volunteers must complete an ASA and Downey Ponytail background check.

### PIH announces board leadership

**WHITTIER** – PIH Health has announced its board of directors leadership for fiscal year 2015-16.

Jane Dicus was installed as chair of the Board of Directors. Rich Atwood is vice chair, Efrain Aceves is secretary and Kenton Woods will serve as treasurer.

The board totals 13 directors. In addition to the officers, they include Donald Alvarado, James Ball, Paula Cowan, Ed Dunlap, Leon M. N. Garcia, Frank Gomez PhD, Tom King, Robert Petrina and Huey-Min Yu.

### Clothes the Deal awarded \$50K

**DOWNEY** – Downey-based nonprofit Clothes the Deal, which provides business attire to low-income residents in need of professional clothing for job interviews, was awarded \$50,000 from NBC-4, Telemundo 52 and the NBCUniversal Foundation.

Clothes the Deal was one of three non-profits to receive the grants. The other organizations included A Place Called Home, which addresses the lack of affordable and healthy food options in South Los Angeles, and the Boys & Girls Club of West San Gabriel Valley.

Clothes the Deal will use the grant for its Disabled Clothing Alterations Program, which provides disabled veterans with business attire specifically altered for their physical disability.

“We are dedicated to harnessing the power of all of our platforms to make a positive difference in the communities we serve,” said Celia Chavez, president and general manager of Telemundo 52. “We look forward to seeing the impact of these innovative programs in the community for years to come.”

# Warren High band and color guard competing in state championships

By Alex Dominguez  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School Band and Color Guard will host 23 other high school band programs this Saturday as they compete in the annual Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) Field Championships.

The Bears will be competing as one of the 12 top performing marching bands in their division who earned a spot in the final show of the SCSBOA field show season. SCSBOA separates each individual school program into one of six divisions, from 1A through 6A, depending on the number of performers on the field. Warren will be hosting the smaller 1A and moderately sized 4A divisions, competing in the latter.

In the past, Warren has fluctuated between the 4A and 5A divisions. However, in recent years the Bears have remained in 4A due in part to be able to host the championship event. According to Dave Niemeyer, the music director at Warren, hosting the event reaps several benefits for the music program.

“A: We make money. B: We don’t

spend any money on buses going anywhere,” said Niemeyer. “C: We have home field advantage in some ways; this is the field we practice on, I hear what it sounds like from the judge’s perspective.”

Cross-town rival Downey High School will also take part in SCSBOA Championships this year, however will travel to Ramona High School in Riverside to compete with the 5A Division. The Vikings will take their place on the field at 6:16 PM, second to perform in their division.

Along with their “home field advantage,” many of Warren’s musicians feel that there is a sense of pride and territorialism come Saturday.

“This is our field; we own this field,” said Christine Aguirre, a sophomore flute player. “We do our best on this field.”

“Different fields offer different perspectives,” said senior Michael Johnson, Warren’s head Drum Major. “When we learn on this field, it really helps a lot because we have the same guiding points every time...On our field they get a sense of it, they feel relaxed, and they’re able to do it.”

This year, Warren’s show is

entitled The Great Western Kingdom. According to Niemeyer, the show takes its audience into the setting of Northern Africa.

Many of the program’s staff and band members describe the season leading up to Saturday as “up and down.” However, the Bears have still placed first, second, or “sweepstakes” (winning the entire show and not just their division) in every one of their competitions this year. Headed into Saturday, Warren is slotted fourth in their division on SCSBOA’s official “Grid,” the almost infamous ranking list that many band directors and students use to size up their competition.

While the Bears prepare for their performance on Saturday, the school will be buzzing with activity as different band’s shuffle around and various school supporters flood Justice Stadium. The madness that is sure to come will be handled by various volunteers, including boosters and alumni. There will be a volunteer presence at the school all day, from the early morning all the way past midnight.

Many of Warren’s band and color guard student’s would love to see a repeat or better of last year’s

championship event, where the Bear’s took 3rd place and earned a bronze medal. However, there is an almost overwhelming desire above all to perform at one’s best on Saturday, whether it be due to a final performance by a senior or a duty to the band itself.

“We’re more than just a group and an organization,” said Hugo Zarate, a freshman on the Drumline. “We’re a family...What I feel makes marching band different than most other sports is we spend months perfecting a show that lasts eight minutes...If anybody has a bad 30 seconds, it can wreak havoc on the entire show. Everybody has a job to do; we can’t call a time out or replace an injured player. The show must go on. It’s not about leaving with a trophy. It’s about leaving with a sense of satisfaction that you gave everything that you could.”

The event will take place all day, however Warren will perform at 8:24 PM. Awards will be presented at 9:45 PM.

For more information, please visit SCSBOA.org or warrenband.org.

# Man charged with murder in Bellflower drive-by

**BELLFLOWER** – A 33-year-old man pleaded not guilty Wednesday to killing a teenager during a drive-by shooting on Halloween night, the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office announced.

Jesus Chavez, of Los Angeles, has been charged with one count of murder.

The felony complaint includes a special circumstance allegation of discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle intentionally at another person outside the vehicle with the intent to inflict death.

Additionally the charging document includes a special allegation that the defendant personally and intentionally discharged a shotgun which caused great bodily injury and death.

Prosecutors said on the evening of Oct. 31, victim Sitani Sialeuvea was standing in the 16100 block of Bellflower Boulevard when Chavez allegedly shot at Sialeuvea from a car.


Sialeuvea, 17, was taken to the hospital for medical treatment, but ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

On Nov. 1, authorities located Chavez and arrested him in connection with the fatal shooting.

Chavez is scheduled to return to court on Dec. 14 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department J of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch.

If convicted as charged, Chavez faces the death penalty or life in state prison without the possibility of parole. The decision on whether to seek the death penalty will be made at a later date.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

*Grateful for free meal*

Dear Editor:

On behalf of over 1,000 veterans being honored with a dinner from the Golden Corral restaurant in Bellflower, we would like to say our humble, sincere “Thank You” to the chain, management and service personnel.

Manager Xavier Saenz personally walked and talked the line to speak with all veterans and military with such genuine sincerity of seeing them.

This must have cost them over \$10,000 locally, and maybe millions nationwide, a tremendous amount of money and effort, all for a noble cause of honoring America’s veterans and military personnel.

Other restaurants that also gave were Applebee’s, Hometown Buffet, Olive Garden, Sizzler, Denny’s and Weinerschnitzel.

Thank you all.

**Joe Cvetko**  
**Bellflower**

*Sanctuary cities*

Dear Editor:

In the wake of the murders of Kate Steinle in San Francisco, and Marilyn Pharis in Santa Maria, much has been made about “sanctuary cities” since both of these women were allegedly killed by illegal aliens.

Now, we have the question of accepting “refugees” fleeing the violence of Syria, and other parts of the Middle East/North Africa, in the wake of the terrorist attacks in Paris - both the Charle Hebdo attack last January, and the multiple attacks in that city last Friday - by terrorists associated with the Islamic State.

So, my question is:

Is Downey a “sanctuary city,” and will that sanctuary be extended to Syrian “refugees” that the Director of the FBI has said of which in Congressional testimony that we are incapable of vetting?

“Refugees” that governors of more than half the states have refused to accept?

**Drew Kelley**  
**Downey**

*Paul Ryan*

Dear Editor:

In response to “Paul Ryan vs. the People,” (11/5/15) the author portrays Paul Ryan to be against the people. Mr. Ryan is for the American citizens and for a government that lives within our means. As one person so aptly put it, “socialism is a wonderful things until the government runs out of money,” as is the case in Greece.

Mr. Kirsch apparently is advocating distributing the wealth and thereby making all people poor as in Greece. There will always be rich and poor among us. In America, if an individual gets an education or trains for a good trade, works hard, spends and invests wisely, opportunities for achieving the American dream have been possible. The rich make it possible to pay down the \$18 trillion plus the additional \$1.1 trillion in debt recently approved by Congress and President Obama. Economists have said that once the debt reaches \$20 trillion, our government will be unsustainable and will then shut down.

Mr. Ryan is attempting to reduce expenditures so we don’t reach this level of debt. From what I have read, there are many frivolous expenditures in the budget recently approved, which if removed, would make it possible for money to be used to help upgrade our infrastructure and perform other necessary services.

My dad worked hard for the state highway department, maintaining the roads in order to support our family of seven. He never expected the government to pay for our needs, and certainly never received an annual \$3,000 in cash for each of us five children as is the case today for low-income parents. My three sisters that have college degrees borrowed money from the government, worked part-time jobs, and after graduating and working, paid back every dime of their loans. My parents were not in the position to help financially.

As far as health care goes, Mr. Ryan would like to see that all Americans have healthcare, but Obamacare is not the answer. Sure the Affordable Care Act helps about 1 percent of the people who previously didn’t have healthcare, but is doing so on the back of 80 percent of the middle class. Individuals who previously could afford insurance cannot do so today because they make a dollar or two over the income which would allow for government subsidy. With health insurance under the Affordable Care Act, their annual deductible and premiums have been greatly increased, and benefits have been greatly reduced as is the case with my son’s insurance.

Prior to the Affordable Care Act with Blue Shield, my son was charged an annual deductible amount of \$900, allowed two office visits a year, a yearly wellness exam, and other generous benefits. Last year the deductible amount was \$6,250 with fewer benefits, and this year the deductible is \$6,500, with benefits being greatly reduced from co-pays of 30 percent or 40 percent on x-rays, imaging, drugs and many other services to the insured paying for the full cost of the treatments until the deductible of \$6,500 kicks in.

Insurance under the Affordable Care Act is not affordable for the working middle class.

Next November, Americans need to vote into office a president and representatives who desire and will follow the laws of the Constitution and are for the hard-working, law-abiding, taxpayers of our country. We need a Congress that can offer a fair Affordable Care Act for all.

**Martha Morrissy-Call**  
**Downey**

# Military intervention is the problem, not the solution

By Peter Certo

A café. A stadium. A concert hall. One of the most horrifying things about the murderous attacks in Paris was the terrorists’ choice of targets.

They chose gathering places where people’s minds wander furthest from unhappy thoughts like war. And they struck on a Friday night, when many westerners take psychic refuge from the troubles of the working week.

The message was simple: Wherever you are, this war will find you.

The same could be said for the 43 Lebanese civilians murdered only the day before, when a bomb exploded in a crowded marketplace in Beirut. Or for the 224 vacationers who died when their Russian airliner blew up over Egypt a few weeks earlier.

The Islamic State, or ISIS, claimed responsibility for each of these atrocities. But that’s not the only thing they have in common. In fact, all of them occurred in countries whose governments — or, in Lebanon’s case, a powerful militia — have gotten involved in Syria.

Russia started bombing ISIS targets and other Syrian rebels last month. Hundreds of Lebanese Hezbollah fighters have fought and died defending the Syrian regime. And France was the first country to join the Obama administration’s war on ISIS last year.

Indeed, scarcely a month before ISIS attacked the French capital, French planes were bombing the Islamic State’s capital in Raqqa, Syria — dropping bombs that “did not help them at all in the streets of Paris,” as a grim communiqué from the terrorist group gloated afterward.

These horrific attacks on civilians are part of a calculated effort to bring the war in Syria home to the other countries participating in it. And our bill could come due next.

Washington’s funneling millions of dollars’ worth of weapons to its proxies in Syria. It’s dispatching special forces to “advise” an array of the Islamic State’s enemies. And in an air war totally unauthorized by Congress, U.S. warplanes have launched thousands of strikes on alleged ISIS targets in Iraq and Syria since 2014.

But you can’t simply bomb extremism out of existence. And as governments

from Moscow to Paris to Beirut are learning, you put your own people’s lives on the line when you try.

Military intervention has succeeded mightily in breaking things and killing people, but it’s done nothing to wind down the greatest factor fueling the rise of ISIS: Syria’s wider civil war. An international arms embargo and a deal between the Syrian regime and other rebel groups — jobs for diplomats, not drones — would go much further toward curtailing the threat of ISIS.

Yet France has responded to the carnage in Paris by pounding Raqqa with yet more air strikes — reportedly bombing medical clinics, a museum, and a stadium of its own, among other targets.

Leading U.S. presidential candidates aren’t proposing anything smarter.

Hillary Clinton declared that ISIS “must be destroyed” with “all of the tools at our disposal.” Ted Cruz called for “overwhelming air power” and condemned the Obama administration for having insufficient “tolerance for civilian casualties.” Ben Carson called for “boots on the ground,” while Donald Trump swore he’d “bomb the s— out of” ISIS-controlled oil fields and hand them over to ExxonMobil.

Virtually all GOP contenders, along with a gaggle of Republican governors, agreed that they’d close the door to Syrian refugees, too — as though they can evade the consequences of war by making life more miserable for the innocent people fleeing it.

None of this bravado makes me feel safer here in Washington, where ISIS threatened more Paris-style bloodshed in a recent video. When I imagine those cold-blooded killers running roughshod through the bars, restaurants, and concert halls my neighbors and I frequent, my stomach drops.

But that’s the lesson, isn’t it: When your government answers every problem in the world with military force, war begets war. And eventually there’s nowhere left to hide from it.

*Peter Certo is the editor of Foreign Policy In Focus and the deputy editor of OtherWords, a non-profit editorial service run by the Institute for Policy Studies.*

# Gripping over Starbucks cups is no way to share the Christmas spirit

By Jill Richardson

‘Tis the season to bicker about Starbucks coffee cups.

Nothing gets you in the holiday spirit like a chill in the air, Christmas songs in every store, and anger about a phony “War on Christmas.” Clearly, love for one another, world peace, and the Christian faith itself all ride on whether a chain that sells overpriced coffee prints an appropriate design on its red cups.

Honestly, this griping over coffee cups couldn’t be any less in the Christmas spirit than the Grinch himself.

If you’re living under a rock and haven’t heard yet, Starbucks released a simple red cup as its holiday design this year, with nothing on it besides the company’s green and white logo. A few Christians got steamed because the cups don’t display the reindeer or snowmen they did in previous years.

Because reindeer and snowmen are sacred religious symbols, of course.

Even Donald Trump felt the need to comment on the sacrilegious design. “Maybe we should boycott Starbucks,” he suggested. “I don’t care.” (Bizarrely, he added that he has “one of the most successful Starbucks in Trump Tower.”)

Meanwhile, viral videos are circulating of Christian customers pranking Starbucks by ordering coffee and telling the barista their names are “Merry Christmas.” That way, the server will have to write the holiday greeting on the cup.

Good going there. Your devotion is so strong that you just splurged on a cup of lousy coffee from a corporation you believe offended your faith.

If your holiday traditions must involve coffee, but don’t require downing a Peppermint Mocha, how about expressing the Christmas spirit in another way?

For example, you could buy a cup of coffee and a breakfast pastry for a homeless person. Or purchase gift cards to a local coffee shop and give them to

people facing economic hardship so they can order what they like themselves.

Or you could give loved ones gifts of fair trade coffee, ensuring that the farmers who grew their beans were compensated fairly. Better yet, make that fair trade and organic.

And for the tree hugger who enjoys a morning buzz, give them reusable mugs so they can avoid those offensive red cups altogether. Get one with any Christmas messages or symbols of your choosing, allowing you to save the earth and celebrate the season at the same time.

Another alternative is to just skip the coffee altogether and focus instead on what matters most this time of year and always: family, friends, and love for one another.

When all is said and done, it’s the time spent together that matters, whether your tradition is trimming a tree and eating a turkey or ham, lighting a menorah and eating latkes, or doing something else entirely.

The gifts you and your family give one another in unconditional love will be more meaningful and outlast any present tucked under the tree on Christmas morning — or any ridiculous fight over red coffee cups.

And for the faithful, surely the strength of your belief doesn’t rest on getting validation from a corporation — which is now reaping the benefits of the extra publicity it’s unexpectedly received.

*OtherWords columnist Jill Richardson is the author of Recipe for America: Why Our Food System Is Broken and What We Can Do to Fix It.*

## Inviting terror

Dear Editor:

When are Americans going to realize that while we are discussing gender issues and micro-aggression, while we have students rioting over “safe zones” and “white male privilege,” there are people who are planning to kill each and every one of us and are taking steps to do it?

The attack in Paris isn’t just the beginning, and it’s certainly not the end of the violent and militant gang of thugs who are screaming “Death to America!” and plotting to put an end to Western Civilization, Judaism, Christianity, the idea of democracy and freedom and impose a dictatorial and brutal regime on anyone who survives the slaughter. These people intend to make Adolph Hitler and Joseph Stalin look like choir boys. When we vote we must keep this in mind.

We cannot invite terror into our nation in any way, whether through allowing terrorists to immigrate here or through weakness in our law enforcement and military.

**Thomas Woods**  
**Downey**

## Smashing pumpkins

Dear Editor:

Perhaps I should take it as a compliment that my seasonal decorations were thought attractive. Perhaps you just wanted to make your own home look as inviting, but I think a nicer way to attain that end would be to purchase your own decorations.

At first I thought that the heavy wind had blown the artificial pumpkins away, but the bale of hay and the large, real 16-lb. pumpkin? No way.

Coincidentally, as I drove home from my classes today, I saw a large pumpkin in the gutter about three blocks from my house. It was scarred and cracked. I thought, so sad, someone must have dropped it, as it was too heavy for the wind to pick up. Now I realize that this was my own pumpkin, from my own front porch and the one that was to be made into pumpkin pies for my family, not to mention feasting on the pumpkin seeds.

So, thank you. You have given me something else for which to be thankful. That is I am able to replace these things, if not this season then perhaps by next one.

I’m assuming you really needed the ones you stole and that perhaps you are thankful, too, that you have them and that you were not caught. So, everyone has something for which to be thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving!

P.S.: I drove back this afternoon and rescued the real pumpkin from the gutter where it lay. My family will still get home-baked pumpkin seeds and multiple pumpkin pies, so you don’t have to feel overly bad.

**Susan Bouris**  
**Downey**

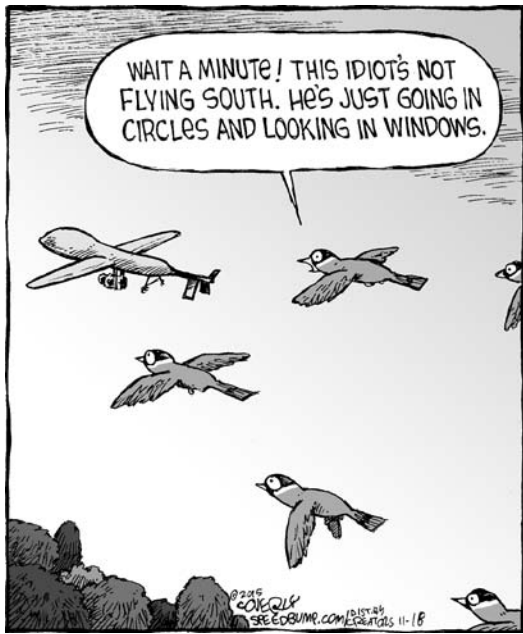
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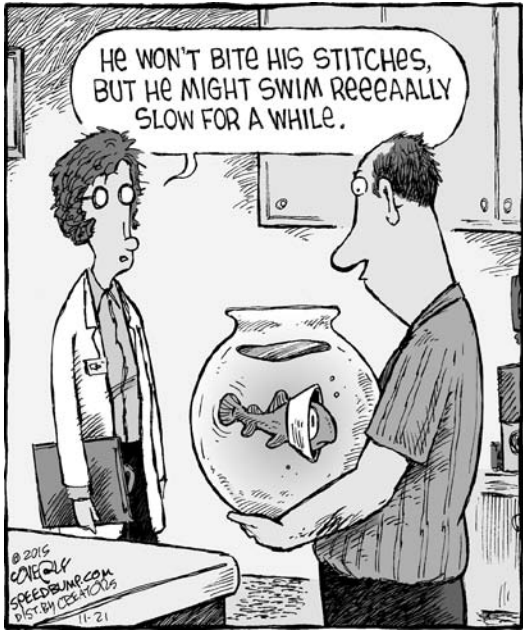
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# Downey Community Calendar

### EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

Saturday, Nov. 21: **Robotics competition**, Downey High gymnasium, 9:15 a.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 25: **Free Thanksgiving dinner**, Downey First Christian Church, 4 p.m.

### CITY MEETINGS

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

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

#### TUESDAYS

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

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Cindy 803-4048.  
1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.  
2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.  
3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.  
3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Armida Lugo, (562) 715-6142.  
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.  
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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.  
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#### SATURDAYS

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### On This Day...

**Nov. 19, 1863:** President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address as he dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania.

**1990:** The pop duo Milli Vanilli was stripped of its Grammy Award after it was revealed that neither performer sang on the group's records.

**2006:** Nintendo's Wii game console first went on sale.

**BIRTHDAYS:** TV show host Larry King (82), media mogul Ted Turner (77), fashion designer Calvin Klein (73), TV host Ahmad Rashad (66), actress Meg Ryan (54), gymnast Kerri Strug (38), actress Jodie Foster (53), hockey player Patrick Kane (27) and rapper Tyga (26).

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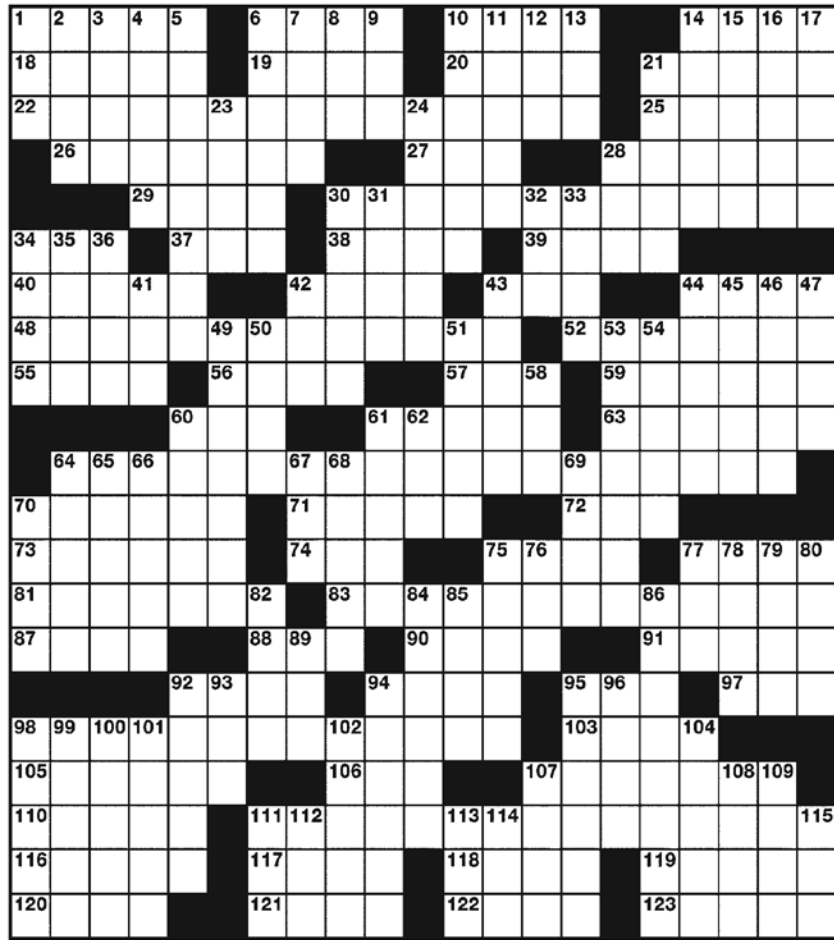
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## Rio Hondo offers free math class to struggling high school students

**WHITTIER** – Rio Hondo College math professors are sculpting a plan to help area high school students strengthen their math skills or make up credits, an effort that blends the guidance of a classroom teacher with the flexibility of an advanced math software program.

At the core of the program are a dozen self-paced, software-based review courses covering integrated math, algebra I and II, and geometry -- all aligned with the new California Standards. Students would take the courses in a special afterschool class with help from a full-time teacher funded by Rio Hondo College.

“The beauty of our plan is that it will provide students with the flexibility to pursue topics at their own pace and to focus on areas where they need the most help, as well as to tap into the knowledge of an onsite teacher,” said Rio Hondo College math professor Mark Littrell.

Littrell is leading the effort, along with math professors Cameron English and Matt Pitassi, and Interim Dean of Math and Sciences Vann Priest.

Littrell said the group came up with the idea after hearing about the challenges faced by local high school students, many of whom graduate without the math credits needed for college or who require remedial help once enrolled in higher education.

The advent of the new California Standards and the online testing they require prompted local schools to add student computers and high-speed Internet service, making it possible to use an online course.

Rio Hondo chose ALEKS, short for Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces – a program Littrell has used at the College for more than a decade and at home with his own children.

Developed by scientists at UC Irvine, ALEKS is now part of McGraw-Hill Education, and is used by millions of students across the globe. The program uses adaptive questioning to assess student knowledge. It reassesses students as they progress through course modules to ensure topics are learned and retained.

“ALEKS personalizes the content and learning experience for each student, building on their strengths and ensuring they are ready to learn each new concept,” Littrell said.

The program also alerts teachers to specific challenges students encounter, allowing them to personalize help.

“That’s where the second part of our plan comes in – we want to hire teachers to staff an afterschool class where students do their ALEKS work,” Littrell said. “The teachers will be able to identify clusters of students who may need additional guidance or clarification of specific concepts.”

The program is expected to launch by fall 2016.

## Downey residents make Dean’s List

**DOWNEY** – Five Downey residents have been named to the Dean’s List at Biola University for the spring 2015 semester.

The students include Carlos Aparicio, Nina Austria, Hannah Larsen, Silvia Martinez and Carla Veliz.

Each of the students finished the semester with a minimum 3.6 GPA while enrolled in 12 or more credit units.

## Spinach and Apple Pie

### SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

*Simple pleasures often provide us with the richest memories. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, Yolanda Gonzales reflects on childhood memories of baloney sandwiches, Saturday mornings, and even spinach! 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 Yolanda Gonzales

The year was 1967 and I was eight years old. We lived in Compton, Calif., on Maple Street, near some train tracks. The cross street was Wilmington or Willowbrook.

Our two-bedroom house was small, considering how many lived in it. My father worked as a gardener and my mother was a homemaker.

There were eight children living at home ranging from 6 to 17 years old. I was 8 years old at that time. My youngest sister Laura was 6 and my brother Louis was 7. My older siblings at home were Gloria, 9, Gilbert, 11, Ricky, 13, and two half-sisters, Mary, 15, and Ophelia who was 17.

My mother had 14 children in all, but the six older ones did not live with us. Three of my older sisters were married at that time. There were also two older brothers I never knew, and one older sister I never met.

I really don’t know how we managed to fit in that little house, but we did. I remember bunk beds; two slept on the bottom and one on the top. Mary and Ophelia slept in the living room, and my parents had their own room. We didn’t have much, but I guess we had each other.

A normal day would be with the children going to school. Mary and Ophelia went to a high school, so they went without us. I and my other siblings walked on our own and we had to cross “those train tracks.”

I remember sometimes being chased by dogs. It seemed back then that all dogs were loose, not like today where they have to be on a leash. We would start off walking and the next thing we knew, we were all scattered because of those dogs! Till this day, I am afraid of dogs.

My mother would send my father off to work with a lunch of baloney sandwiches. Good ol’ baloney sandwiches! He had this tin lunch box with the handle on top. To me it had a shape like a mailbox.

My mother would always fix him two sandwiches, and he would always bring one home. Maybe two were too much? Or maybe because he knew I would want one?

That poor sandwich sat in that lunch box all day! But you know, that was the best sandwich I ever ate! It was soggy by the end of the day. It had lettuce, tomato, mayonnaise and mustard, and of course, the baloney.

Call me weird, but something about that sandwich sitting all day made it taste so good (to me, of course)! The smell of the mustard was the best part; and till this day, the smell of mustard takes me back to that time.

Saturday mornings were the best! I remember waking up and hearing the sound of a lawn mower. What a sound! I knew my dad was up and about, cleaning the yard and working hard. Yes, even till this day, I love the sound of a lawn mower, especially on a Saturday morning!

My mother would also be up and about with her house dress on, pulling the curtains down from the windows so they could be washed. She would be sweeping the floors so they could be mopped.

I could hardly wait to go play outside with my sisters. We would play house, jump rope, hopscotch, and of course, skate! We would sing songs as we jumped rope. Skating was so much fun. We felt like we were flying.

My brothers would play with their toy army men and their marbles and play football out on the street. Ofelia and Mary were older, so they were into music and boys. They listened to music like the Beatles, Elvis Presley, and Motown. They really liked their music.

Come nightfall, my siblings and I would huddle up in front of the television to watch our TV shows. We watched shows like the Little Rascals, My Three Sons, The Brady Bunch, and so many others. My parents would watch Columbo and Bonanza and the news.

But while we watched our TV shows, my father would be in the garage drinking his beer and listening to his music. He liked music like Tommy Dorsey and Tony Bennett. His favorite was Frank Sinatra.

My mother would be in the kitchen fixing dinner. I really don’t remember what meal she cooked, but I do remember that spinach we had to eat. We had to finish it, too, in order to have our dessert – which would be apple pie.

I remember one time we were all sitting at the dinner table, still eating, and I had to go to the restroom. When I came back I noticed that there was much more spinach on my plate. I wanted to cry! Come to find out, my brother Louie had scrapped most of his spinach onto my plate.

Well, I always wanted the dessert, so I guess I had no trouble finishing the spinach. And, yes, you guessed it. Till this day I love apple pie!

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# Bellflower High wins \$5K breakroom makeover

BELLFLOWER – With about 52,000 votes, Bellflower Middle and High School has edged Redlands High in a no-holds barred competition for a \$5,000 teacher breakroom makeover, courtesy of radio station 104.3 MYfm and furniture store Living Spaces.

Bellflower was nominated for the radio contest by biology teacher Tina Mansell, who sparked

support across the 2,650-student campus as she and her colleagues promoted voting via emails, in the hallways and on the school website.

Redlands, with 2,300 students, kept pace with Bellflower for most of the contest. Supporters who registered emails with the station were allowed to vote five times a day per email address.

“It was back and forth, up and

down, it was neck and neck all the way,” said Mansell, who has taught at the high school for six years and in the District for 18. “We were behind near the end and then we came back. The last time I looked, we had about 52,000 votes.”

The winner: Bellflower.

Roughly 135 teachers at Bellflower Middle and High School use the breakroom, a three-room suite with a small lounge, a kitchenette and a copy/mail room. The lounge is populated with antiquated couches, a smattering of end tables and a couple of ancient coffee tables.

“Congratulations for a great team effort,” said Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs.

Mansell said she is awaiting delivery of the prize, a Living Spaces gift card. She said the breakroom is in desperate need of attention.

“It’s pretty dated,” she said. “Some of that furniture has been in there for at least 20 years. The couches aren’t falling apart, but they look like 1970s doctors’ office couches. It needs to be updated for sure.”

Still, Mansell said the victory came at a price.

“I told all my students that if we won, we’d have a party the day before winter break. So now I get to have five parties that day.”

# Meet Warren High’s superfan, Jim Frumento



By Valerie Aguilar Contributor

DOWNEY – Downey resident Jim Frumento is recognized by many as the well-known “Superfan” due to his appearance and encouragement at every Warren sports game. Any Warren High School student can attest that this man is one of the most - if not the most- passionate fans for all the athletics programs at the school.

He never fails to make a presence to boost the morale of the crowds by regularly tossing candy into the mass of sports fans and getting the crowd hyped up while additionally supporting the teams to no end. Yet, many wonder who he is and why his enthusiasm for Warren High is so intense.

Living in Downey his entire life, Frumento has known nothing else but this suburban town. He attended Maude Price Elementary and Griffith’s Middle School and was in the graduating class of 1976 at Warren High School. He is dedicated to his alma mater and proud to represent the Bears even today.

He first began attending the high school sports games around fifteen years ago and has not stopped since. He enjoys going to the games because he likes sports and likes supporting the students even more.

“If you’re not going to those games, you’re missing out! It’s great to go out and support those kids when they need it, and it’s such a blast to do,” commented Frumento.

Frumento began appearing due to his free time and wanting to relive the good experiences from his high school days. During his time as a Warren student, the school’s football team had been on a winning streak for three consecutive years. Frumento recalls his best high school memory as the Downey vs. Warren football game his senior year where Warren resulted in a victory with the final score of 20-0.

Going to the games to encourage the athletes is so important to Frumento because he feels that if the teams have support, they can accomplish anything. He loves seeing Warren win; but even when they don’t, he is always there to pick the

players back up and inspire the teams and the crowd not to give up hope.

In regard to Warren sports, Frumento has been through it all. He has seen the teams at their lowest when it seems as though there isn’t any chance of recovering, and he has also been by their side to see the teams reach victory and make it to the top. His passion for the students at Warren was made noticeable as Frumento began to tear up at the thought of how hard the athletes practice and strive for success.

“It’s tough to lose, but it’s the best thing to see those kids win. We are blessed to have coaches like Chris Morrison for basketball, Scott Pearson for Baseball, and Raul Lara for football. They help the kids so much, and through prayer- that’s really important- the teams are able to be as good as they are,” added Frumento.

Warren High School is happy to have such a devout fan supporting their athletes at every game. The teams, students, and faculty appreciate Frumento for always being the encouraging hand to pick them up when they fall or to congratulate them on their successes. Jim Frumento is definitely an example of how the phrase “Once a Bear, Always a Bear” rings true.

Valerie Aguilar is a student reporter at Warren High School.

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## Downey, Warren high schools outpacing national average for AP exams

**DOWNEY** – Earning a spot on the fifth annual AP Honor Roll last year, Downey Unified has now exceeded both the California and the U.S./Canada Advanced Placement (AP) averages for both student enrollment and students who pass the AP exam with a score of three and above.

Both Downey and Warren high schools were honored with the Shared Values Award in the area of Student Achievement at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday night for the achievement.

A five-year look at AP statistics in California, U.S./Canada and Downey Unified schools (2011-2015) show that the total number of students enrolled increased by 23 percent in California, 26 percent within the U.S. and Canada, and 56 percent within Downey Unified; higher than both the state and U.S./Canada average.

The total number of exams taken have increased to 61 percent within Downey Unified's two comprehensive high schools, compared to an increase of 27 percent within California and 30 percent throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Downey Unified also announced an increase of 55 percent of students who have taken and passed the AP exam with a score of three or higher since 2011, which is more than double the state average of 23 percent and the U.S./Canada average of 27 percent.

Downey Unified was one of 547 districts across the U.S. and Canada that were honored for increasing access to AP coursework while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of three or higher on AP Exams.

"We believe students must have access to a positive and challenging learning environment to guide and inspire them in realizing their individual potential and to ensure they graduate college and career ready," said Leslie Jones, assistant superintendent of Educational Services for Downey Unified.

Exams are scored on a scale of one to five with a minimum of three being the target. A score of three is "qualified" which means the student has proven themselves capable of doing the work of an introductory-level college course in a particular subject.

Many colleges and universities grant credit and placement for scores of three, four, or five; however, each college decides which scores it will accept.

Taking AP courses increases eligibility for scholarships and makes candidates more attractive to colleges. Thirty-one percent of colleges and universities consider a student's AP experience when making decisions about which students will receive scholarships.

Eighty-five percent of selective colleges and universities report



Presented with the Shared Values Award in the area of Student Achievement Tuesday night, Downey and Warren high schools' Advanced Placement (AP) Coordinators, Christina Carlson(DHS) on left and Shirley Stewart (WHS) on right, are nothing but smiles as they stand next to President of the Board of Education Tod Corrin, Superintendent Dr. John Garcia and their fellow administrators.



The Downey AYSO Flex Xtra team won the U16 girls AYSO Section 11 championship, beating South Irvine in the title game. The team is coached by Ernesto Zendejas and Francisco Gonzales.

Nicholas Barger was honored with the rank of Eagle Scout by Boy Scout Troop 441 and the Old River Men's Club at a Court of Honor ceremony held Aug. 30 at the Downey First Baptist Church.



Nicholas attained the rank of Eagle Scout by completing a project where he planned and organized the cleaning and painting of the Downey Council PTA meeting room. In addition to the project, he earned 27 merit badges and held several leadership positions.

Hometown Hardware and Garden donated paint for the project, and DCPTA President Dorothy Pemberton, BS Troop 441, also provided support.

that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admissions decisions.

There are more than 1,000 school districts in California, and Downey Unified was chosen as one of the 34 other California school districts to be on the AP Honor Roll. Reaching this goal means that Downey Unified has successfully identified motivated, academically-prepared students who are likely to benefit from rigorous AP coursework. Advanced Placement programs were designed to allow students a chance to earn college credit while still in high school. This program currently boasts more than 30 college-level course options that include a cumulative exam at the end, called the AP Exam, which enables students to receive college credit for material covered.

The AP program also shows college admissions boards that students are able to handle the rigors of a postsecondary curriculum. There are 187 students combined from both comprehensive high schools that earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board.

Approximately 14 percent of the more than 1.8 million high school students worldwide who pursued the AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

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# SPORTS RECAP: Downey heads to second round

## Christmas concert at Good Shepherd Church

**DOWNEY** – The Long Beach chapter of the American Guild of organists is sponsoring a program of Christmas music at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

The event will include organ and hand bell music as well as a congregational hymn song. The community is invited.

**HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PLAYOFF SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY, NOV. 20**

**Football**  
Cathedral @ Downey, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 21**

**Cross Country**  
Warren Boys @ Mt. SAC, 8:25 a.m.,  
Warren Girls @ Mt. SAC, 10:25 a.m.

**MONDAY, NOV. 23**

**Girls Tennis**  
Warren Doubles & Individual @ Jack Kramer Tennis Center, Rolling Hills Estates, 10 a.m.

touchdown and one interception. The Viking rushing attack was led by Daevon Vigilant's 15 carries for 172 yards and one touchdown. Emari Demercado had six carries for 63 yards and one touchdown and Rahim added four carries for 33 yards and one touchdown. Downey gained 350 yards on 37 rush attempts.

The Downey receiving corps were led by Jalen Thompson's four carries for 96 yards and one touchdown, Hinckley Ropati's four catches for 38 yards, Ryder Hawkins four catches for 33 yards and Albert Padilla's one catch for 26 yards. Viking receivers caught 13 passes for 193 yards.

The Downey defense was led by Darryon Bunton's six solo and seven assisted tackles, Eli Garcia's five solo and six assisted tackles and Ryan Collins' eight solo and two assisted tackles.

With under a minute to play, Warren received the kickoff from St. Francis and drove the ball down the field. Bear quarterback Jordan Yancy completed a five yard touchdown pass and the PAT was good. The Bears pulled to within 21-19 with seconds to play. Warren tried an onside kick but were unsuccessful. St. Francis recovered the ball and held on for the 21-19 win.

St. Francis will now play Burroughs (10-1, 7-0) in their second round game. Burroughs defeated Norwalk 16-9 in their first round game.

The Downey High School girls' volleyball team saw their season come to an end last Tuesday evening at Yorba Linda High School in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 2AA playoffs in three sets.

The Lady Vikings finished their season with an overall record of 10-13 and were 7-3 in S.G.V.L. play. Downey was defeated by Warren twice and split the season series with Gahr. For their efforts during the regular season, the Lady Vikings earned the number three entry from the San Gabriel Valley League behind number one entry Warren (16-7, 9-1) and number two entry Gahr (18-10, 8-2). Paramount (12-12, 4-6) received a fourth entry from the S.G.V.L.

Number one S.G.V.L. entry Warren defeated Estancia in the first round in three sets to advance to the second round on November 10. The Lady Bears were defeated by top seeded Village Christian in the second round in three sets 25-14, 25-16 and 25-12 on November 12.

Number two S.G.V.L. entry Gahr was defeated by Maranatha in the first round in three sets 25-20, 25-15 and 25-22 on November 10.

Number four S.G.V.L. entry Paramount was defeated by Esperanza in the first round in three sets 25-10, 25-12 and 25-21 on November 10.

The C.I.F. Division 2AA final will feature Village Christian (30-7) vs. Chadwick (27-3) and will be played tomorrow. Village Christian defeated

Laguna Beach 25-18, 19-25, 21-25, 25-23 and 15-13 and Chadwick defeated South 25-20, 25-12 and 25-19 to reach the championship match.

The Warren High School girls' cross country team advanced to C.I.F. Finals last Saturday in Riverside by finishing second in heat 2 at C.I.F. Preliminaries.

Warren finished behind Dana Hills in heat 2 and secured the third fastest overall time in Division 1 competition. C.I.F. Finals will be held this Saturday at Mt. SAC at 10:25 a.m. The top seven teams will advance to the state meet.

Great Oak had the fastest Division 1 team time of 1:28:32 and competed in heat 1. Dana Hills was second with a time of 1:30:00, Warren was third with a time of 1:30:04, Arcadia was fourth with a time of 1:30:12, Long Beach Poly was fifth with a time of 1:30:20, Yucaipa was sixth with a time of 1:30:45 and Ventura was seventh with a time of 1:31:15.

The Lady Bears had two runners place in the top ten. Gwendolyn Hurtado finished sixth in a time of 17:28 and Samantha Tabares finished eighth in a time of 17:32. Janeane Hernandez finished 29th in a time of 18:12, Trinity Gomez finished 30th in a time of 18:13 and Carlota Conant finished 47th in a time of 18:37. Lady Bear Blanca Robles finished 68th in a time of 18:59 and Lady Bear Jessica Egizii finished 107th in a time of 19:48.

The Lady Bears will run in C.I.F. Finals against Great Oak, Long Beach Poly, Yucaipa, Vista Murrieta, Redondo Union, Beaumont, Camarillo, Rancho Cucamonga, Dana Hills, Arcadia, Ventura, Trabuco Hills, Roosevelt, Burbank Burroughs and Newbury Park.

Coach Waldron, his staff and Lady Bear runners are looking forward to running at C.I.F. Finals and qualifying for the state meet. Warren previously qualified for the state meet in 2009.

**POETRY MATTERS**

**A Refusal To Mourn The Death, By Fire, Of A Child In London**

Never until the mankind making  
Bird beast and flower  
Fathering and all humbling darkness  
Tells with silence the last light breaking  
And the still hour  
Is come of the sea tumbling in harness

And I must enter again the round  
Zion of the water bead  
And the synagogue of the ear of corn  
Shall I let pray the shadow of a sound  
Or sow my salt seed  
In the least valley of sackcloth to mourn

The majesty and burning of the child's death.  
I shall not murder  
The mankind of her going with a grave truth  
Nor blaspheme down the stations of the breath  
With any further  
Elegy of innocence and youth.

Deep with the first dead lies London's daughter,  
Robed in the long friends,  
The grains beyond age, the dark veins of her mother,  
Secret by the unmourning water  
Of the riding Thames.  
After the first death, there is no other.

By Dylan Thomas

In this elegy for an innocent civilian killed during an air raid on London in World War II, Thomas goes beyond protesting the inhumanity of such random taking of lives. With the beauty of his language he refuses to let the dark forces win. The devastating events in Paris shock us, with the victims of extremism and with the attack on beauty and shared humanity. Paris asks us to celebrate life: this poem can bring this home by commemorating the "innocence and youth" of the young woman from Cal State Long Beach who died in the Friday night massacre. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

**By Mark Fetter Contributor**

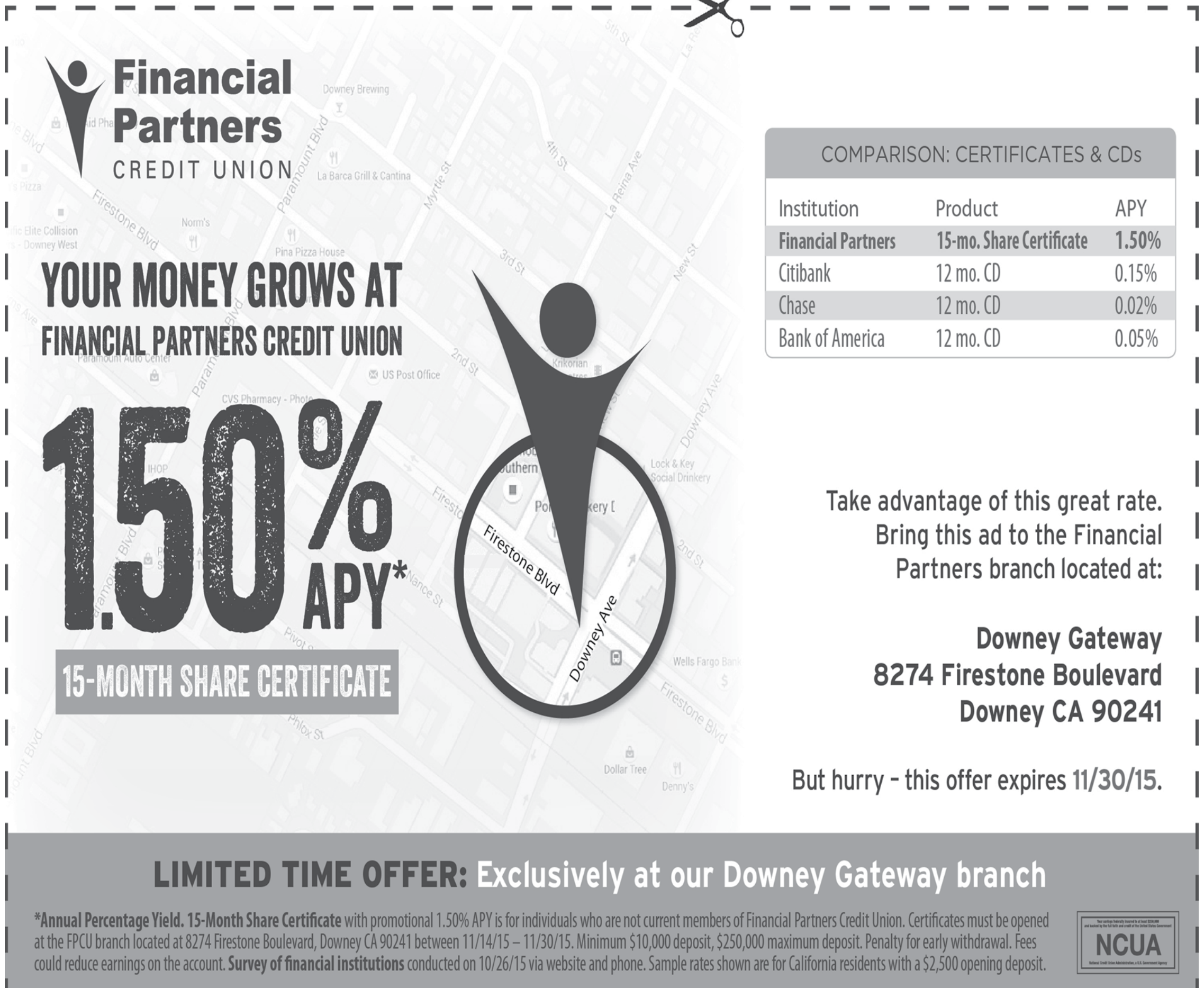
**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School football team improved to 7-4 last Friday night with a 35-7 first round home playoff win against Whittier.

The Vikings will now turn their attention to Cathedral as they will host the Phantoms later today. Cathedral defeated last year's C.I.F. Southeast Division champions, Crescenta Valley, 58-19 at Cathedral (10-1) in their first round matchup.

In the Downey/Whittier game, the Vikings took an early lead and led 7-0 at the end of the first quarter. Downey added two touchdowns in the second quarter and led 21-0 going into the locker room at halftime.

Both Downey and Whittier exchanged touchdowns and PATs in the third quarter and Downey led 28-7 at the end of the third quarter. The Vikings had an interception return for a touchdown by defensive back Michael Vital late in the game to seal the 35-7 win.

Downey quarterback Rafeeq Rahim completed 13/21 pass attempts for 193 yards. Rahim had one



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## NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

**Escrow No. 72626-EE**  
Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller are: GRILL TOWN LLC, 12227 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650. The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller is: SAME AS ABOVE.

As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: NONE. The name(s) and business address of the buyer are: YUNKEE MIN CHOI, 12227 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650. The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT AND INTEREST AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE and is located at: 12227 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650.

The business name used by the seller(s) at that location is: GRILL TOWN KOREAN CUISINE.

The anticipated date of the bulk sale is DECEMBER 9, 2015 at the office of: UNITED ESCROW CO, 6281 BEACH BLVD #100, BUENA PARK, CA 90621.

The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: UNITED ESCROW CO, 6281 BEACH BLVD #100, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the last day for filing claims shall be DECEMBER 8, 2015, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

DATED: OCTOBER 14, 2015  
YUNKEE MIN CHOI  
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**The Downey Patriot**  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2015271922**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ZINA'S WEALTH AND SUCCESS BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, 15000 DOWNEY AVE #45, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, LA COUNTY.

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ZINA DOTTON, 15000 DOWNEY AVE #145, PARAMOUNT CA 90723

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/ ZINA DOTTON, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 10, 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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**SERVICES, 8504 FIRESTONE BLVD #319, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY**  
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State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
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S/ LUCY GITHEHU, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 16, 2015.

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2015286967**  
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JORGE SERRATO, 609 JACMAR DR, MONTEBELLO CA 90640

State of Incorporation: (1) CA  
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S/ JORGE SERRATO, OWNER  
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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2015288775**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASE CITATIONS, 380 DAROCA AVENUE, LONG BEACH CA 90803, LA COUNTY.

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NOZOMU YOSH YAMANAKA, 380 DAROCA AVENUE, LONG BEACH CA 90803

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
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S/ NOZOMU YOSH YAMANAKA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 12, 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.

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**  
11/12/15, 11/19/15, 11/26/15, 12/3/15

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2015284261**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) M&J INTERNATIONAL, 7328 QUILL DR 105, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 3663, SOUTH PAsADENA CA 91031

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARVIN M GONG, 7328 QUILL DR 105, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: (1) CA  
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/ MARVIN M GONG, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 06, 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.

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**  
11/19/15, 11/26/15, 12/3/15, 12/10/15

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2015279085**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DRB BECK/ADLAN, 7627 FLORENCE AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 9304 OTTO ST., DOWNEY CA 90240

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MYRA LEA BECKER, 9304 OTTO ST., DOWNEY CA 90240 (2) JEFFREY R BECK, 970 W VANCEY PKWY #167, ESCONDIDO CA 92026

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/ MYRA LEA BECKER, PARTNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 2, 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.

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**  
11/5/15, 11/12/15, 11/19/15, 11/26/15

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2015266866**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SMOKE IT UP, 7406 S CENTRAL AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90001, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICARDO SANCHEZ, 930 E GOLDEN AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90001

State of Incorporation: (1) 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/ MANEL PATRICIA PEIRIS, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 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.

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**  
11/5/15, 11/12/15, 11/19/15, 11/26/15

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2015290918**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LG FINANCIAL

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/ RICARDO SANCHEZ, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 19, 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.

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**  
11/19/15, 11/26/15, 12/3/15, 12/10/15

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2015272055**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MORNING STAR SENIOR CARE, 9702 TWEEEDY LANE, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) XOCHITL R. PEDRAZA, 9702 TWEEEDY LANE, DOWNEY CA 90240

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/ SARKIS PANOSIAN, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 23, 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**  
10/29/15, 11/5/15, 11/12/15, 11/19/15

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2015260740**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CALIFORNIA LEBANESE LADIES ORGANIZATION, 930 E. DRYDEN STREET, GLENDALE CA 91207

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHOUCHAN NAHAS, 930 E. DRYDEN STREET, GLENDALE CA 91207

State of Incorporation: (1) CA  
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/ PATRICIA L SARMIENTO, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 13, 2015.

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**The Downey Patriot**  
10/29/15, 11/5/15, 11/12/15, 11/19/15

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2015280187**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LEON BOWLE WASHER, 3601 LOS FLORES BOULEVARD APT.B, LYNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN MARTINEZ, 3601 LOS FLORES BOULEVARD APT.B, LYNWOOD CA 90262

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/ JUAN GARCIA MARTINEZ, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 3, 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**  
11/2/15, 11/9/15, 11/26/15, 12/3/15

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2015284261**  
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARVIN M GONG, 7328 QUILL DR 105, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: (1) CA  
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/ MARVIN M GONG, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 06, 2015.

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**The Downey Patriot**  
11/2/15, 11/9/15, 11/26/15, 12/3/15

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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State of Incorporation: N/A  
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**The Downey Patriot**  
11/2/15, 11/9/15, 11/26/15, 12/3/15

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2015287820**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS



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**ST. JUDE NOVENA**  
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude worker of miracles, pray for us. Helper of the homeless, pray for us. Thank you for granting my petition. M.W.

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**Classified Section**  
Deadline is Wednesday at 11:00 am  
**(562) 904-3668**

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**Attorney for petitioner:**  
**DONNA L. LEHN**  
SBN 096741  
**PALMIERI TYLER**  
**WIENER WILHELM & WALDRON LLP**  
1900 MAIN ST STE 700  
IRVINE CA 92614

**CN917364**  
**The Downey Patriot**  
11/5/15, 11/12/15, 11/19/15

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF E. R. MCCOLLUM aka ESTIL R. MCCOLLUM**  
Case No. BP168223

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of E.R. MCCOLLUM aka ESTIL R. MCCOLLUM:

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CRAIG E. MCCOLLUM in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CRAIG E. MCCOLLUM be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

IF YOU MAY EXAMINE the decedent's will and codicils, if any, are admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority was granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 18, 2015 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 211 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

IF YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

**Attorney for petitioner:**  
**RICHARD A LEHN ESQ**  
SBN 147571  
**ARDIS & LEHN**  
9530 E IMPERIAL HWY  
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DOWNEY CA 90242-3041

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11/19/15, 11/26/15, 12/3/15

**TRUSTEE SALES**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 15-21091-SP-CA Title No. 150207701-CA-VOI A.P.N. 8082-007-028

ATTENTION REORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/02/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check/s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), 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; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial

publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.

Trustor: James Ray Martinez, a single man  
Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation  
Recorded 11/09/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2487014 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 12/21/2015 at 11:00 AM

Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766  
Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$303,418.81  
Street Address or other common designation of real property: 15219 Caulfield Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650  
A.P.N.: 8082-007-028

THE UNDERSIGNED Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.

If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse.

THE UNDERSIGNED Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.

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Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

IF YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF E. R. MCCOLLUM aka ESTIL R. MCCOLLUM**  
Case No. BP168223

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of E.R. MCCOLLUM aka ESTIL R. MCCOLLUM:

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CRAIG E. MCCOLLUM in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CRAIG E. MCCOLLUM be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

IF YOU MAY EXAMINE the decedent's will and codicils, if any, are admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority was granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 18, 2015 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 211 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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**TRUSTEE SALES**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 15-21091-SP-CA Title No. 150207701-CA-VOI A.P.N. 8082-007-028

ATTENTION REORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3

NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/02/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check/s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), 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; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial

publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.

Trustor: James Ray Martinez, a single man  
Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation  
Recorded 11/09/2006 as Instrument No. 06 2487014 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 12/21/2015 at 11:00 AM

Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766  
Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$303,418.81  
Street Address or other common designation of real property: 15219 Caulfield Avenue, Norwalk, CA 90650  
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# Think twice about spending that bonus

By Nathaniel Sillin

When is a bonus not a bonus? When you fail to think about what that extra income will mean to your overall finances.

I don't mean to spoil the fun. Bonuses, particularly if they recognize your great performance during the year, are rewarding in a number of ways beyond money. It means your work is being noticed and you might rise higher in the organization – always a good thing.

However, in many organizations, bonus compensation has developed and transformed to a new entity, very different from how it was a generation ago. So before you book your dream trip to an exotic beachfront resort, take a closer look.

According to human resources and management consulting firm Aon Hewitt, (<http://www.aon.com/human-capital-consulting/>), some 90 percent of employers have either implemented or are considering something called “variable pay systems” that mean a greater reliance on “incentives, bonuses and cash awards,” to reward high-performing employees.

Employers are signing on because it helps them slow the growth of overall payroll, which is the biggest fixed cost in any business. It also offers a way to boost performance among workers at all levels.

What do one-time bonuses or a conversion to a variable-pay system mean for you? Potentially, this could result in changes to your tax situation, the overall value of your employer- and government-based benefits and therefore, your long-term financial picture. Here are some

questions to ask:

**What kind of bonus is it?** Make sure you understand whether a bonus is a one-time award or a shift to an ongoing bonus system. This is a money and a career question. If you are going to be evaluated under new benchmarks and measurements for work you've done every day, you should fully understand these new guidelines and how you can maximize them in your best interest.

**Get qualified advice.** A one-time bonus or a long-term change in the way you're being compensated is an important financial event. Consider speaking with a qualified financial planner or tax expert about any bonus news you receive and see how they think you should handle the money. Keep in mind that the Internal Revenue Service generally considers bonuses as supplemental wages that can be taxed at a higher rate. Check IRS Publication 15 for more detail. Keep in mind that your salary level – not extra money you get from bonuses or other incentives – provides the basis for calculating your employee benefits and what a lender might

offer for mortgages or other credit. In some cases, it might be better to save or invest that bonus than to spend it outright.

**Ask questions.** Read any paperwork that accompanies your bonus information, write down questions and take them to your employer's designated human resource representative or manager directly.

**Be practical, but don't forget the fun.** Consider treating your bonus like your paycheck – evaluate what essential needs should to be addressed first and figure out what you can spend for fun.

**Make a change if you need to.** As more employers adopt variable pay and performance grading systems, consider issues beyond the money. For example, if you are doing work you love, will meeting new performance targets change how you feel about your job? Are you ready to take on the challenges of a workplace where you're graded and evaluated in a different way than you are used to? In some environments, new employee compensation methods can be liberating and financially rewarding; in others, it can make

it tougher to stay. See where you stand, and if changing jobs might be worthwhile, consider looking for a better opportunity.

**Bottom line:** The way workers are being paid is changing. It's important to understand how one-time or annual bonuses might affect your long-term finances.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney](http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney).



Angie and Bill Rademaker are pictured with their Downey Patriot on the hiking trails at Patapsco Valley State Park near Baltimore. The vacation also included a trip to Washington, D.C.

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Downey resident Jim Brindis visited Alcatraz Prison last month and took a copy of the Downey Patriot.

## Kaiser donates \$15K for veterans library

**DOWNEY** – Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center donated \$15,000 and “Boxes of Love” to the Veteran's Resource Center at Cerritos College last week.

The donation was made on Veterans Day at a campus celebration hosted by the Cerritos College Student Veterans Club.

Jim Branchick, senior vice president and area manager for the Downey hospital, and a Navy veteran, made the donation presentation. The money will go toward the creation of a lending library to give student-veterans access to books to help ease textbook costs.

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