



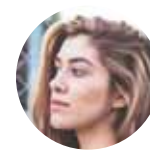
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## GOODBYE, FRIEND



*Today there is one less  
Your Brother has passed on  
It will never be the same  
Now that he is gone*

*As sorrow fills your heart  
And tears sting your eyes  
When anger tears you apart  
Deep where hurt can rise*

*Take a breath and think of him  
Hold on to his smile  
Though the lights have dimmed  
It's only for a while*

*His memory will shine  
As the badge he once wore  
Part of the family  
In our hearts forevermore*  
**Christina Anderson**



Service photos by John Zander

**DOWNEY** – Downey police officer Ricardo "Ricky" Galvez was laid to rest Monday. Funeral services were at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles, followed by graveside services with full military honors at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Galvez was shot and killed during what police say was a botched robbery attempt Nov. 18 outside the Downey police station. He was 29.

Speakers at Monday's services included Police Chief Carl Charles, L.A. County District Attorney Jackie Lacey, Mayor Luis Marquez, and Galvez's friend and fellow officer, Drew Lofquist.

"He embraced love and lived with his heart on his sleeve," Lofquist said. "He went through the peaks and valleys of life wholeheartedly."

Lofquist also spoke about Galvez's sense of humor.

"We sat next to each other at morning briefings, and he tried to hold my hand under the desk," Lofquist said, drawing laughter from the crowd. "I'd pull it away and he'd say, 'Stupid man.' Then he'd try to hold my hand again. I wouldn't let him. He'd say, 'You changed, bro.'"

"Ricky could guilt anybody into doing anything just by saying that — 'You changed, bro.'"

Los Angeles Archbishop Jose Gomez presided over the funeral Mass. Several times he addressed Galvez's family directly.

"There is no doubt the pain is going to be with us forever," Gomez said. "Ricky's life will be always present in our lives if we commit ourselves once again to peace and truth and love in our community."

Officers from around the country attended the funeral in a show of support, including a delegation of NYPD officers. Whittier, Montebello and Seal Beach sent police officers to patrol Downey so the entire Downey Police Department could attend the funeral. Long Beach, Los Angeles, Vernon and Santa Fe Springs did the same for the Downey Fire Department.

"As a medium to small-sized department, we know everyone by first name," Downey police Lieutenant Mark McDaniel said. "We take great pride in being a family, and losing our brother in this fashion at 29 years old -- it's absolutely devastated my department."

"We lost a true hero and a friend. It's time to grieve now... We'll grieve together and we'll heal together as one. But it's also a time to celebrate his life. Ricky was a fantastic young man, but we can't forget the ultimate sacrifice he made in doing what he loved."

Galvez is survived by his mother, grandmother, two sisters, and a brother.

## An open letter from Police Chief Carl Charles

On behalf of the men and women of the Downey Police Department, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the residents of Downey, a community we proudly serve.

On November 18th, 2015, we lost one of Downey's finest. Officer Ricardo "Ricky" Galvez was a true hero who served both this community and our country with honor and dignity. We will never forget Ricky or the Galvez family.

Once the horrific news was reported of Ricky's murder, the Downey community came together, in support of each other. We leaned on one another, we cried together, and the outpouring of love and support has helped us all cope with this tragedy. Over the past few weeks, we have witnessed thousands of residents visit Ricky's memorial to pay their respects to a young man who gave his life serving the community he loved.

There were many of you who visited the station to drop off food, making sure our Downey PD family had a warm meal to eat. The countless number of handwritten messages by our local students and the blue ribbons on display throughout the city warmed our hearts.

Your strength, prayers, love and support will never be forgotten by the men and women of the Downey Police Department. We came together as one and we will heal together as one.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you Downey, we will be forever grateful for the love and support that you have shown to Ricky, the Galvez family, and all the men and women of the Downey Police Department.

Respectfully,

**Carl D. Charles**  
Chief of Police

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday 71°

Saturday 81°

Sunday 75°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Christmas Parade

**Sunday - Downey Avenue, 1:30 p.m.**

The Downey Christmas Parade starts at Downey Avenue and Lexington, and ends at the civic center.



#### Ernie Hudson

**Saturday - Downey Federal Credit Union, 11 a.m. to noon**

Meet Ernie Hudson of "Ghostbusters." He will be signing autographs and available for photographs.



#### Christmas Parade

**Saturday - Belmont Shore, 6 p.m.**

More than 100 entries, including floats, bands and dignitaries. Don Knabe is grand marshal.

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

#### Remembering Ricardo Galvez

**Penelope Jameson:** Rest in Peace Officer Galvez. You will not be forgotten.

**Blanca Moran:** R.I.P Officer Galvez. Thank you for serving our community.

**Mitch Carson:** My love for Officer Galvez and his family. Today I cry for them and the city

**Marilyn Martinez:** Thank you for allowing us to connect to this beautiful service through your photos. What a sad day for his family, for the city of Downey, and for law enforcement everywhere.

**Yolanda Jones:** R.I.P Officer Galvez. Thank you for your service.

**Ingrid Cortez:** It was beautiful, just like the kind of person he was.

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### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@AE\_Media: At the Cerritos Mall @calpizzakitchen fundraiser for Ricky Galvez. Lots of people here with flyers

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## Interview with Ernie Hudson, grand marshal of Downey Christmas Parade

### WHAT IS YOUR FONDEST CHRISTMAS MEMORY?

My fondest Christmas memory was when I was 4 years old before I started school my grandma got me a toy airplane and she had to stand in line at the Salvation Army for 10 hours to get it. It really impressed me and was really special.

### HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING THE GRAND MARSHAL OF THE DOWNEY CHRISTMAS PARADE?

I participated in the Hollywood parade but was never asked to be the grand marshal. John Zander was my former publicist and our families have been friends for years. When he asked, I was more than happy to do it. And to be asked to be the grand marshal is a real honor and I am very excited to be there.

### WILL FANS BE ABLE TO MEET YOU?

I look forward to meeting the fans and being able to be part of the Downey Christmas is very exciting to me. John asked if I would stop by the Downey Federal Credit Union on the Saturday before the parade to do a meet and greet. I have been working a lot but to have the time to not just be in the parade but to be in the city of Downey will be very exciting.

### WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE GHOSTBUSTERS REBOOT?

I'm excited about it even though I was skeptical at first because for years I would hope we would get back together...the four original guys and then of course after Harold (Ramis) passed that was not going to happen but the all-girl "Ghostbusters" script is very, very funny.

I went in and did a cameo as well as Danny and Bill so it was nice to have been included and to be part of it. After working with the girls I'm really excited about it. The fans are going to be pleasantly surprised.



I am also happy to see the franchise move forward because it should have happened years ago. The fans are very loyal...I see a lot of people put a lot of labor and money just because they love the movie. It is a real honor...I think this movie will be very good.

### WHEN YOU FILMED GHOST BUSTER DID YOU HAVE ANY IDEA THAT IT WOULD BECOME AS POPULAR AS IT DID?

With any movie you hope it will be successful and be a hit. To have a movie open in the top 5 is an honor but "Ghostbusters" was a hit all summer of 1984. I wasn't surprised it was a hit but I am surprised it had the staying power that it has sustained 30 years -- people are still excited about the movie, people grew up watching the movie, they know the lines of the movie. I'm just excited to be in something that people really

appreciate.

### YOU TWEETED THAT PARTICIPATING IN DANCING WITH THE STARS 'WOULD BE FUN.' DID YOU MEAN IT AND WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU DANCED?

You know I'm not a dancer especially at this stage in life but when I was younger I would go out dancing and hang out, but not ballroom dancing. I thought it would be a great way to get in shape and have some fun. I meant it at the time but I'm not so sure now...I'm a little bit older and little more out of shape so I haven't been asked to do it but it would be interesting.

### WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM SANTA THIS YEAR?

I have a lot of stuff. I'm good on

stuff. I just want peace of mind, to see my children and my wife, the people that I love, to be in a good place and doing well and I'm just asking Santa to continue to bless us. It's about relationships and peace of mind. In my career I have been very blessed and I'm very thankful. It is my dominant intent to be happy and I am very happy.

I have so many blessings...and to come to Downey and to participate in the parade is truly a blessing and I don't take that lightly.

*Ernie Hudson is grand marshal of the Downey Christmas Parade, which takes place this Sunday at 1:25 p.m. on Downey Avenue, just south of Florence Avenue.*

*Hudson will make an appearance at Downey Federal Credit Union this Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon.*

## Downey Police to lead Christmas parade

**DOWNEY** - This Sunday's Downey Christmas Parade has been dedicated to the memory of fallen Downey police officer Ricky Galvez.

The parade is put on by the Downey Chamber of Commerce and begins on Downey Avenue, just south of Florence Avenue.

Downey police officers will lead the parade starting at 1:25 p.m. They will pause for a moment of silence at Downey Avenue and 7th Street, before leading the rest of the parade.

Officers will be interacting with residents -- shaking hands, saying hello, and encouraging others to do the same.

"Like everyone in the city, after hearing the tragic news that Officer Galvez was shot, I was in shock," said John Zander, who is helping organize the parade for the Chamber. "Something like that makes you want to do something. I thought dedicating this year's Downey Christmas Parade to him may be a way to honor Officer Galvez while we were all joined together in the same place."

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# Downey High student meets President Obama after inventing eco-friendly product



President Barack Obama meets with Downey's Kenneth Huertas and other winners of youth entrepreneurship competitions in the Oval Office, on Nov. 25.

DOWNEY – Downey High student Kenny Huerta met President Obama last week after finishing second in the 2015 National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge.

Huerta won second place with his invention of A Touch of Eco, an environmentally-friendly car cleaning service.

The President started National Entrepreneurship Month by issuing a proclamation, calling for America to “revisit our roots as a country of dreamers and doers” and to “celebrate and support the next generation of American entrepreneurs.”

Last week, the President and two of his senior advisers – his Science Advisor, Dr. John Holdren, and U.S. Chief Technology Officer Megan Smith – met some of that talented next generation as they welcomed student winners from national entrepreneurship competitions to the White House.

The competitions were run by two national organizations that mentor students in entrepreneurship: the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) and Junior Achievement (JA).

The four students from NFTE represented the finalists of the organization's annual competition for a \$25,000 prize awarded in October 2015 by the Citi Foundation.

## Tree lighting scheduled for Dec. 7

DOWNEY – Downey's annual tree-lighting ceremony will take place Monday, Dec. 7, from 6-8:30 p.m. outside City Hall.

The free event features live entertainment from local schools, a snow play area, arts and crafts, and photos with Santa Claus. The Downey Rose Float Association will be selling food and refreshments.

The actual tree-lighting will occur at approximately 6:30 p.m.

These students were chosen from a field of over 20,000 talented students across the country. The two students from Junior Achievement include the CEOs of two of JA's top annual awards – the JA Company of the Year, powered by The Hartford, and the Microsoft Social Innovation Award. This year, JA will reach 500,000 students with entrepreneurship programs across the United States.

NFTE students included:

First place winner Crystal Sanchez, from Lawndale, California, is the CEO of Guardian Locket, a product and app combination designed to provide a useful technology to help people who feel in danger of sexual assault. The locket has a tiny button that can send a false phone call to an owner's cell phone or alert local authorities to the user's location;

Kenneth Huertas from Downey, launched A Touch of Eco as an on-demand, environmentally-friendly car cleaning service;

Urbana Anam and Jannatul “Alifa” Rowshan from Queens, New York, started UrbanAlifa Hijabs, a

business allowing Muslim women to customize their hijabs so that they can feel a sense of empowerment and personalized style.

Junior Achievement students included:

Rachel Gorgas from Encinitas, California, is the CEO of the JA Company of the Year. Rachel founded CCA Today with teammates from her high school. CCA Today developed a smart phone app that connected their high school campus, giving students information about news and events.

Joseph Fortuno from Hercules, California, won the JA Microsoft Social Innovation Award along with his fellow teammates. Their company, Herban Movement, published a hybrid cookbook and encyclopedia, with forty percent of the sales from the book going to The California Autism Foundation and Free the Children.

Shawn Osborne, the President of NFTE, and Jack Kosakowski, the President of Junior Achievement, were also present to honor the students. Both NFTE and Junior Achievement have long-

standing commitments to student entrepreneurship, and both organizations made exciting announcements earlier this summer at the first-ever White House Demo Day to reach many more students.

White House Demo Day brought together more than 90 entrepreneurs to highlight diverse talent that exists around the country, and served as an opportunity for the government and private sector alike to announce concrete actions to foster inclusive entrepreneurship. As part of the Administration's Startup America initiative, White House Demo Day joins a sustained effort to promote high-growth entrepreneurship – from democratizing access to capital through crowdfunding to accelerating lab-to-market opportunities through the National Science Foundation's I-Corps training program for entrepreneurial scientists.

Entrepreneurship is not only key to America's future prosperity, but it is also a critical component of economic development around the world. That is why last week, the President announced that the 2016 Global Entrepreneurship Summit will come to “the birthplace of modern innovation” – Silicon Valley – serving as an opportunity for entrepreneurs, investors, educators, government officials and business leaders to advance inclusive entrepreneurship.

In the proclamation announcing National Entrepreneurship Month, the President noted that, “By supporting entrepreneurs, we can help ensure our daughters and sons are able to do whatever they set out to accomplish and achieve their highest aspirations.” As we approach the end of National Entrepreneurship Month, talented students like the ones at the White House today give us great reasons to be optimistic about the future.

## Santa Claus visiting Del Taco

DOWNEY – Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will make their annual visit to Del Taco on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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The event begins with a wine reception at 7 p.m. and the performance at 7:30.

**Christmas concert Dec. 6**

DOWNEY – The Downey Master Chorale will perform a Christmas concert Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. at Cornerstone Christian Worship Center.

The concert is titled “Timeless Christmas” and will feature music from 450 years ago to the present.

General admission is \$15, or \$12.50 for students and seniors. For more information, call (310) 941-3042 or go to downeymasterchorale.org.

**SEAACA drops adoption prices**

DOWNEY – SEAACA is dropping the price of animal adoptions during the holiday season.

Between Dec. 15 and Jan. 2, the price to adopt a dog age 5 or older will be \$37.50. Dogs ages 1-5 will cost \$55, and cats and kittens will be priced at \$5.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

*Inappropriate comparison*

Dear Editor:

Last week Ms. Perez addressed the heartfelt loss of this community with the tragic slaying of Officer Galvez. (Letters to the Editor, 11/26/15) She addressed this very well.

But to continue in her loss comparing this to Taco Bell being moved to another location was disgraceful and showed a lack of sensitivity to the people that knew him, worked with him and especially his family. I'm still shaking my head.

Ms. Perez, In the future please reread your words making sure they convey the true message you had intended. Life needs to be prioritized; not a building, regardless of how historic it is.

It will take a long time for this community to heal, with the loss of Officer Galvez, not over the loss of Taco Bell.

**Dorothy Pemberton**  
Downey

*Bad bank experience*

Dear Editor:

I went to Citibank on Firestone and Lakewood on Nov. 25 to make a cash payment of \$90 on my credit card.

The teller and manager told me I had to show a driver's license, tell them my Social Security number, and tell them where I work in order to pay cash on my credit card. I could not believe what I heard.

I will use my Bank of America card from now on. They take cash, no questions asked.

**Mike Sandoval**  
Downey

*Parking enforcement*

Dear Editor:

Downey Parking Enforcement is not doing its job.

There is no parking on the Downey side of Telegraph Road from 4-6 p.m., starting at Paramount Boulevard in front of all the apartments and condos. Every day there are 5-10 cars parking along the curb.

I've called the police department to complain and nothing is or has been done. The police could write at least 50 tickets but instead they let these people break the law and it makes me late to work.

No parking from 4-6 means no parking. This has been going on for four years now. Please do your job.

**Debbie Montgomery**  
Downey

*Who finances ISIS?*

Dear Editor:

Last week "Frontline" had a program about ISIS. They stated that the people in Afghanistan joined ISIS because they were paid \$700 per month, which is a good amount of money in that country.

But in the whole program, they never stated who paid them this money. Not any news program on TV or newspaper ever states who pays ISIS their salary.

Is our government keeping this information from us, and if so, why?

**Mike Sandoval**  
Downey

*Parking lot sale*

Dear Editor:

The Downey Patriot kindly gave us some coverage on our parking lot sale last Saturday, Nov. 28, from 8 a.m. to noon, to be held outside the Ralph's supermarket on Firestone to support and give a Christmas to abused children's organizations.

I want to apologize to all who came before noon and found us not there. We were given permission from the Ralph's manager -- Pastor Valdez - and we reconfirmed three times with him to confirm the date and time. He was very helpful and enthusiastic.

At 10 a.m., the manager working that day, Kevin Higa, came out yelling that we had to go or move. We had two 6-ft. tables outside the west entrance against the wall, away from the entrance door. I could not believe we were being told to move tables with many English-bone china I had donated from my own collection along with many other items donated by kind people who have followed my 12 years of events in Downey supporting organizations like Su Casa and the work they do.

I was by myself and no way could I move tables. And I had permission from Ralph's -- we never do events without the correct, legal permission. The manager continued on his rant, with no interest in listening to me, yelling, "I only tell people once what to do -- move or I'll call the police." He had no interest in listening to me and that we had permission.

My heartfelt thanks for those people who arrived earlier and made some great purchases for the holidays and to help children have a Christmas. And to Alex Veloz from Red Carpet Realty who dropped everything to help take down the tables -- with 90 minutes still to go.

**Shirley Johnson**  
Downey

*National security*

Dear Editor:

Last week due the attacks in Paris, the French Parliament issued a "state of emergency" that would allow police to have more authority within the state for three months. They can enter homes, search property, and do things that some might consider extremely invasive. This is just another example of how extremist groups like ISIS have changed our ways of life as we know it.

These changes have been happening for a while now, and not to mention that within relatively the same time period there have been other attacks. From stabbings in Lebanon, the crash of the Russian plane over Egypt, and the Charlie Hebdo incident earlier in the year. A lot of people think it is our occupation on foreign soil during the war that has triggered this, but I think that is just the surface.

This branch of extremism or Islamic Fascism comes down to a conflict of values. The West believes in modernity, while their view of Islam is based on a return to a 12th century caliphate. The same value system that blew up statues of Buddha in Afghanistan in 2001, bombed trains in Madrid and London, destroyed world heritage sites in Palmyra that date back 2000 years, and that has killed countless other Muslims.

This isn't just about Israel, America, and Jews. It isn't about just ancient antiquity. It is an attack on Western culture because we represent something different from their view of religion. It's an attack on women's rights, free speech, freedom of religion, and voting. These terrorist groups intended to change what we stand for, to change our way of life. The West represents a clear cut cultural divide that is considered heresy, with the United States taking the lead due to our strong political, economic, and cultural influence.

Just the expansion of police powers in France, could be a "canary in a coal mine" moment for us as well. We have a democracy in America, and a republican form of government. What this issue does is once again impose the question that in a free society, how much freedom are we willing to exchange for security? Some might argue that we can do both, but if current Europe is a case study then maybe not. There have already been cells hidden within the refugee movements and if anything happened here, there would be a negative blowback. How do we protect ourselves against an enemy based on our own values given in the Constitution, without "theoretically" becoming the un-American ourselves?

I remember both World Trade Center attacks. The first one was on a Friday, I was on my way to NY with my father and we heard it on the radio. The second, I was in high school in Detroit, and saw it live as numerous students cried due to having family and friends there. I remember seeing my mother on the phone, with my cousin who was on the D Train trying to get home to Brooklyn. I was in Atlanta in 1996 during the Centennial Park bombing which was where I learned the word "terrorism" for the first time. My point is I remember the pandemonium and rushes to judgement. I remember the public demanding stricter regulations for preventative measures. In each one of these instances, there were tests to our Constitution.

There are a lot of things that are thrown on the sacrificial grill of political correctness. I believe that national security must never be one of them.

**Johnathon Quevedo**  
Downey

*Liberal bias*

Dear Editor:

It isn't only the liberal press that shows bias favoring the Democrats, it appears the Downey Patriot is also showing their bias in "Paul Ryan vs. the People" (Nov. 5, 2015).

I'm not necessarily enamored with Ryan, but I do think our social programs need cutting, i.e. Pell grants for college. First, college education has become much too expensive -- cut professors' salaries and other college programs. Also, be sure students are ready for college.

Then the article states \$125 billion in cuts to food stamps for a "mother who relies on food assistance to feed her children." What about the father? Maybe it's time for women to use contraceptives if they can't afford to feed "her" children. Don't forget their healthcare, subsidized housing, their education and many other government programs.

I'm with Mr. Kirch on super-rich campaign contributors. I believe this is the case of both Democrats and Republicans. Regarding affordable healthcare, I believe there are people on both sides of the aisle who realize that Congress should have read it -- it is too expensive! What Mr. Kirch calls tax credits -- "unearned, earned income tax credit" -- is just a government giveaway to boost income.

Maybe Donald Trump would stop the hemorrhaging of our jobs overseas. President Obama surely hasn't. Kirch mentions "Congressional Progressive Caucus (meaning Socialism) and renewable energy" (remember Solyndra and the hundreds of millions down the drain for it?). Oh yes, Obama just took many good-paying jobs off the table -- no XL Pipeline jobs.

Then the article "Don't Shoot the Moderators": "anyone who doesn't realize the media is biased in favor of the Democrats just hasn't been paying attention" (Donald Kaul). It is no assumption. They promote "lying politicians." Mr. Kaul criticizes Marco Rubio about this debt, but never mentions the debt Obama has put on the American people.

Glad Mr. Kaul realizes how brilliant Ted Cruz is. He has argued seven cases before the Supreme Court and is exceedingly bright.

Last, but certainly not least, "Brightest Ideas from the GOP's Finest" (Nov. 12, 2015), where Martha Burk has characterized the Republicans as anti-tax, anti-women, anti-immigrant and anti-poor, calling them a fool's dozen Republicans. Maybe she is comparing them with the sterling characters in the Democratic party.

Guess we should start at the top. First, the lies President Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Susan Rice, who lied, and it was confirmed at the hearings, about the deaths of four Americans. Susan Rice receive a promotion for it and the other two couldn't have gone higher. The Democrats are heavy on gun control. They would rather the Attorney General, Eric Holder, distribute them to the Mexican drug cartels. How could he know one of the guns would kill one of our Border Patrol?

It isn't only Bill Clinton who lied to Congress. Remember when Hillary wouldn't find papers until the statute of limitations passed and then they were found on a table in the White House? Imagine papers laying on a table for two years (maid must not have dusted)! Also, people going through her emails said China and Russia probably had more information on her than the U.S. Oh yes, she was the one who pushed the "restart" button with Russia, who cut down the number of defense missiles the U.S. had so Russia now has more than we do.

Poor John Kerry, who with Obama engineered the Iran Treaty, giving them the ability to fulfill their dream: "death to America and death to Israel." Russia is now selling them surface to air missiles.

Don't forget Ms. Burk makes fun of Cruz thinking we need border control -- why would we need that? And she seems to not mind if we spend almost half a billion a year to kill babies.

Don't forget the sterling character of the crooks in the IRS and VA who just received \$120,000-plus in bonuses. So remember when you vote, don't vote for the "fool's dozen" Republican candidates -- just vote for those with sterling character: the Democrats.

**Elsa Van Leuven**  
Downey

*Have we hit peak inequality?*

By Chuck Collins

When should we be alarmed about so much wealth in so few hands?

The Great Recession and its anemic recovery only deepened the economic inequality that's drawn so much attention in its wake. Nearly all wealth and income gains since then have flowed to the top one-tenth of America's richest 1 percent.

The very wealthiest 400 Americans command dizzying fortunes. Their combined net worth, as catalogued in the 2015 Forbes 400 list, is \$2.34 trillion. You can't make this list unless you're worth a cool \$1.7 billion.

These 400 rich people — including Bill Gates, Donald Trump, Oprah Winfrey, and heirs to the Wal-Mart fortune — have roughly as much wealth as the bottom 60 percent of the population, or over 190 million people added together, according to a new report I co-authored.

That equals the wealth of the nation's entire African-American population, plus a third of the Latino population combined.

A few of those 400 individuals are generous philanthropists. But extreme inequality of this sort undermines social mobility, democracy, and economic stability. Even if you celebrate successful entrepreneurship, isn't there a point these things go too far?

To me, 400 people having more money than 190 million of their compatriots is just that point.

Concentrating wealth to this extent gives rich donors far too much political power, including the wherewithal to shape the rules that govern our economy. Half of all political contributions in the 2016 presidential campaign have come from just 158 families, according to research by The New York Times.

The wealth concentration doesn't stop there. The richest 20 individuals alone own more wealth than the entire bottom half of the U.S. population.

This group — which includes Gates, Warren Buffet, the Koch brothers, Mark Zuckerberg, and Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin, among others — is small enough to fit on a private jet. But together they've hoarded as much wealth as 152 million of their fellow Americans.

Many of the richest 400 Americans amassed their wealth through successful companies and innovation. But they've all benefited enormously from a system of trade, tax, and regulatory rules tipped in favor of the wealthy at the expense of wage earners.

Tax policies, for instance, routinely target income from investments at lower rates than wages from work. These rules disproportionately benefit the Forbes 400, especially those working in finance.

This dominance endures across generations. As the French economist Thomas Piketty has warned, the United States is becoming an aristocracy dominated by people who've inherited great wealth and power.

Do we want the next generation of politics to be dominated by the descendants of Amazon founder Jeff Bezos or Wal-Mart heir Jim Walton? If not, it'll take strong and strategic public policies to reverse these trends.

Raising the minimum wage so all full-time workers can make enough money to live on would be a start.

And overhauling the campaign finance system so the richest Americans can no longer dictate which political candidates will be viable is a crucial next step. In the 2016 presidential race, Bernie Sanders is the lone top-tier candidate who isn't receiving massive contributions from what he calls "the billionaire class."

These policies may reduce inequality, but they won't slow the concentration of wealth. Achieving that goal will require reinstating the progressive income tax policies of previous generations. Given today's economy, this should include a wealth tax on billionaires.

America's skewed wealth is one of the most critical issues of our time. Unless we defuse this threat to our democracy, we're destined to become a society governed by the sons and daughters of today's billionaires.

*Chuck Collins is a senior fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies and the co-author of the report Billionaire Bonanza: The Forbes 400 and the Rest of Us.*

*Animals are not property*

Dear Editor:

There was a time in history when people were considered property. Their status as property was enforced by violence. Thanks to the brave actions of many, humans are no longer considered property in the 21st Century.

I am very disappointed that animals are still considered property in modern day America.

This is unacceptable because it allows industries to mutilate, enslave and torture them. Every living creature deserves the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Freedom to live should be a basic birthright to every sentient being, it shouldn't matter that you have four legs, and a snout, or a beak, or a trunk. Life is a gift from God, who are we to deny someone of their life?

**Patty Jackson**  
Downey

*Russian naval power*

Dear Editor:

Russian President Vladimir Putin has shown that Russia is willing to take bold steps to demonstrate its military capabilities in the world often catching other nations, the United States included, off balance. The most recent Russian moves in Syria show that Russia is determined to make its mark in the international arena. Not coincidentally, Russian airstrikes in Syria began a few days before USS Theodore Roosevelt left the Middle East to undergo needed maintenance. It's no secret that the United States will not have another carrier in the region until winter and Russia was able to quietly build up its own forces in the region leading up to the Roosevelt's withdrawal.

Russia's airstrikes are very concerning. Various politicians, pundits, and analysts have written off the Russian military as unable to undertake serious operations. One New York Times article head line announced that it was "more rust than ready." However, Russia has proved them wrong by successfully deploying aircraft, bombers, ground forces, and ships to the region and carrying out a significant number of strikes. Publically, Russia claims that it is fighting ISIS but is often actually targeting US-supported Syrian rebels fighting against Bashar al-Assad - a close Russian ally.

The Russian Black Sea Fleet is using international waters to protect avenues into Syria that might be used to supply anti-Assad rebels and potentially threaten NATO airstrikes. They can use their naval variant of the S-300 air defense system to provide long range anti-aircraft firepower without aggravating Israel. Meanwhile, the Caspian Flotilla fired long range land attack missiles into Syria. Other countries were unaware that Russian corvettes were able to launch strikes from that range.

Russian airpower is completing a prodigious number of airstrikes with estimates from 48 to 96 per day. In August the US averaged 6.8 strikes per day and in October so far only 4 strikes per day. This should make us pause and reconsider whether we've underestimated Russian capabilities.

Most importantly, Russia's moves highlight the absence of a US Navy aircraft carrier in the Middle East. US naval power was the only capability in the Persian Gulf that was able to counter ISIS when it was expanding its territory at an incredible rate. Before the Roosevelt withdrew it was providing 20 percent of all US airstrikes against ISIS. The primary advantage of sea-based forces is that they can operate freely in international waters. The US Navy is able to take advantage of this freedom in action and provide forward presence. Normally other nations are not able to use the seas to project power but Russia has shown that it is building its capability. As the Navy must plan its shipbuilding years in advance, it is prudent and necessary that the United States seriously consider that Russia's naval power is growing. We cannot view the world through rose-colored glasses.

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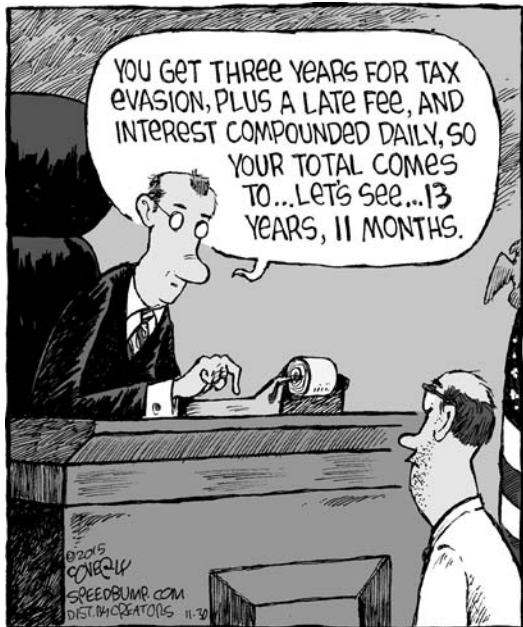
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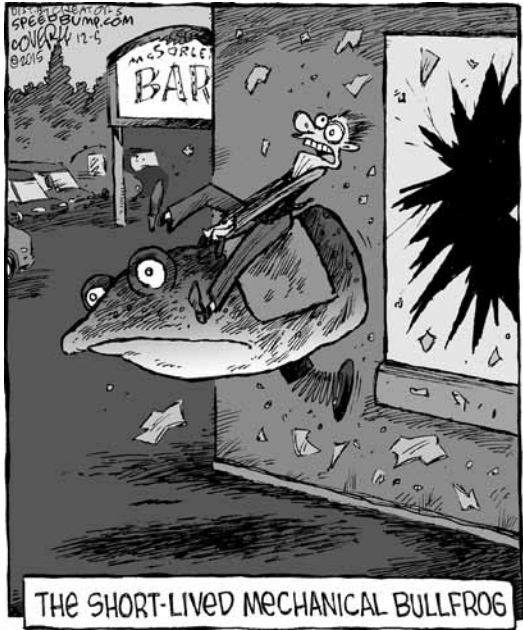
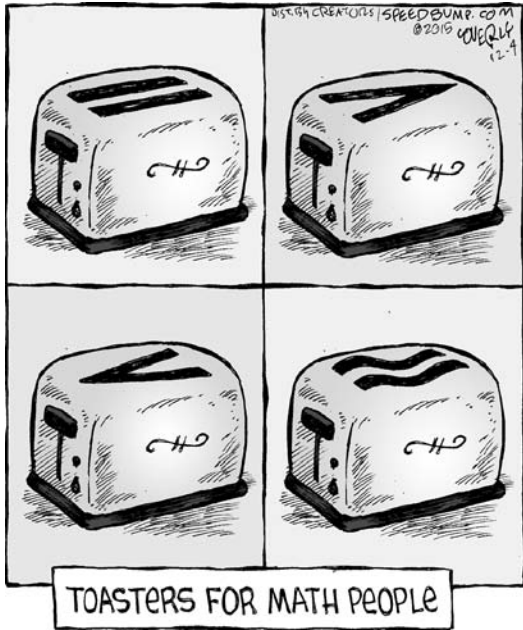
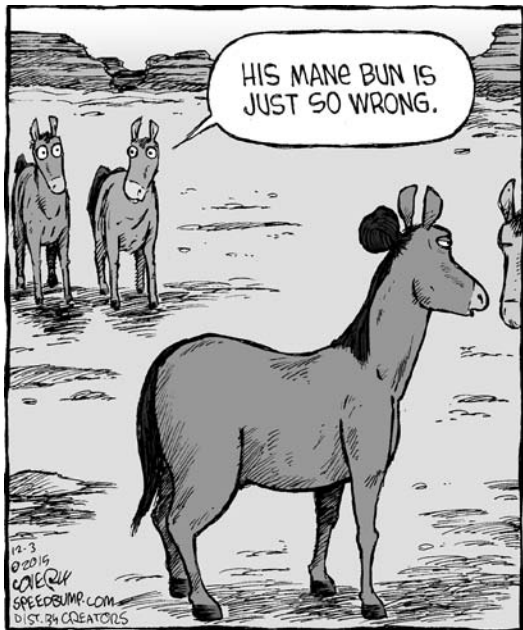
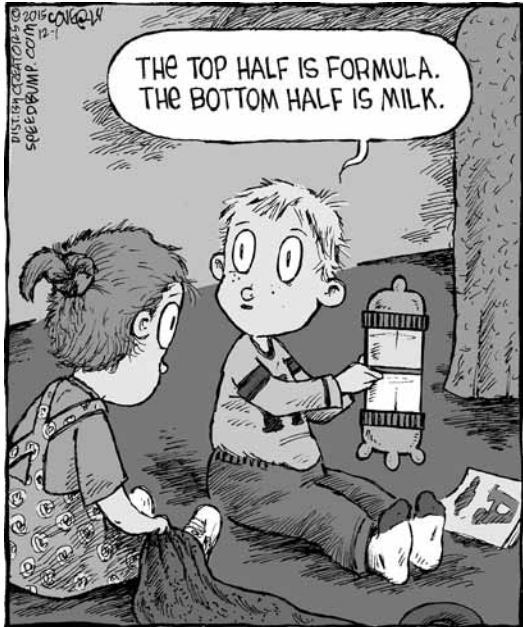
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# Downey Community Calendar

### EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

- Saturday, Dec. 5: Meet actor Ernie Hudson, Downey Federal Credit Union, 11 a.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 5: Musical theater cabaret, Stay Gallery, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 6: Downey Christmas Parade, Downey Avenue, 1:25 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 7: Tree lighting ceremony, Civic Center, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 9: Downey High Winter Concert, Downey Civic Theatre, 6:30 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.
- 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
- 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

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

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

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

### On This Day...

- Dec. 3, 1967:** Surgeons in Cape Town, South Africa, led by Dr. Christiaan Barnard performed the first human heart transplant.
- 1979:** Eleven people were killed in a crush of fans at Cincinnati's Riverfront Coliseum before a rock concert by the Who.
- 1984:** More than 4,000 people died after a cloud of gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India.
- BIRTHDAYS:** Heavy metal singer Ozzy Osbourne (67), actress Julianne Moore (55), figure skater Katarina Witt (50), actor Brendan Fraser (47), R&B singer Montell Jordan (47) and actress Amanda Seyfried (30).

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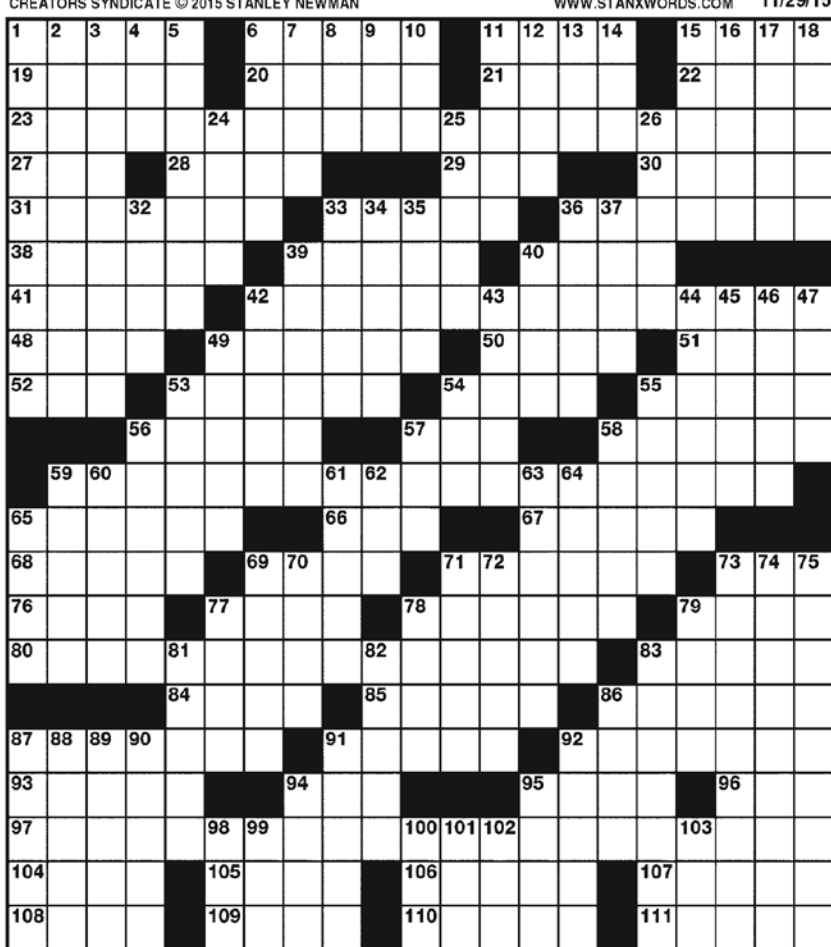
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### 24 Hour Fitness opens Saturday

DOWNEY – 24 Hour Fitness will become the first anchor tenant to open at the Promenade at Downey when it opens its doors this Saturday at 9 a.m.

“It’s an exciting time for the city of Downey. We’re honored to be the first tenant to open in the complex and look forward to serving as The Promenade’s new business ‘ambassador,’” said Miguel Gonzalez, club manager for 24 Hour Fitness Downey.

“We plan to become the health and fitness destination for Downey—with great tools, a variety of fitness and group exercise programs, movement experts and more, to help members live their best lives now. We’re the perfect choice to help Downey residents begin their 2016 fitness journey.”

The fitness center spans two levels and 42,000 square feet. Among its amenities are cardio, strength and functional training equipment; a basketball court; an indoor pool, whirlpool, steam room and sauna; towel service; personal and group training services; and a Kid’s Club.

Cinemark, a 14-screen upscale movie theater, is scheduled to open next week.

### Space Center hosting winter camps

DOWNEY – The Columbia Memorial Space Center will be hosting a variety of fun and educational winter camps Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-30.

Campers will focus on a particular theme: robotics or aerospace. Camps are held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The fee for each themed camp is \$95 or \$75 for space center members. Camps are for kids entering grades 4-8.

To sign up, or for more information, call (562) 231-1200 or go to columbiaspacecenter.org.

### Car show, toy drive Dec. 13

DOWNEY – Reflections So Cal Car Club is hosting a car show and toy drive at Bob’s Big Boy on Sunday, Dec. 13, from 3:30-8:30 p.m.

Guests are encouraged to bring new, unwrapped toys, which will be donated to local churches and organizations.

Cost to enter the car show is \$10. The show is free for spectators.

For more information, call Ramon at (323) 547-6930.

### Historical society open house

DOWNEY – The Downey Historical Society will host its annual open house Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The history center is located at 12540 Rives Avenue, at Apollo Park.

### Santa Claus is calling Downey kids

DOWNEY – The City of Downey Parks and Recreation Department is offering an opportunity for children ages 4-8 who live in Downey to have a special holiday by having Santa make a phone call to them through a program entitled “North Pole is Calling You.”

This free program is offered for Downey residents. Parents or guardians are to fill-out a registration card they are located at the Parks and Recreation office located at 7850 Quill Drive, the office hours are 8:30 am to 5:30pm Monday through Friday.

The adult is to fill out the card at the Parks and Recreation Office with the information on each child; name, pronunciation of name, the parents or guardians name, boy or girl, address, hobbies/interests, school, and holiday “wish list.”

The cards will be available at the Parks and Recreation Office and at other park locations on Tuesday, December 1 through Monday, December 7, and to be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department on or before Monday, December 7 by 5:00 p.m.

Santa will make his holiday calls to the children on Dec. 8 or Dec. 9 between 6-7 p.m. He will have a brief chat with each child and “check with Santa’s Workshop to see what he can do.”

Those who are filling-out cards for several children in the same family please fill-out one card for each child and staple the cards together.

For more information, contact the City of Downey Parks and Recreation Department at (562) 904-7238 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday thru Friday.

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS** *the Moravian Trombone Choir*

The Moravian Trombone Choir will be having their 50th annual Advent Concert on Monday, December 7, at 7:30pm. The concert will be at the Moravian Church of Downey. Founded in 1965 by Jeff Reynolds, the Moravian Trombone Choir of Downey is one of the most active all-trombone choirs in the world. “This concert is the perfect way to get into the Holiday spirit!” says Steven Humenski, the group’s Director. The concert is free but a freewill offering will be taken.

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## UCLA alumni hosting teddy bear drive

DOWNEY – The UCLA Alumni Los Angeles Southeast Network (“Southeast Bruins”) are holding their third annual Holiday Party at Downey’s very own Stay Gallery next Thursday, Dec. 10.

Alumni and friends will gather from 6-9 p.m. to celebrate the holidays but will also mark the occasion with a touching tribute: A teddy bear drive that aims to collect new stuffed animals to be delivered to children who are hospitalized as they fight cancer.

The night’s guest speaker will be Alexandra Muñoz, a current

UCLA student who is also a cancer survivor. Muñoz thought up the idea of collecting new teddy bears and other stuffed animals to give to children fighting cancer during her own hospitalization.

“During my fight with cancer, I had a stuffed animal that kept me company on the very long nights at the hospital,” Muñoz shared during last year’s holiday party. “I found it comforting to have it next to me - so much so that I still keep it with me, especially during finals.”

Muñoz, with the help of her mother and friends, collects the

stuffed animals and then makes the personal delivery to the hospital each year.

This year’s event will see Christian Hernandez give the official welcoming remarks. Hernandez, who was raised in the Southeast, graduated from UCLA, and has since returned to the Southeast, was recently elected vice-mayor in the City of Cudahy.

Hernandez has publicly expressed his admiration for Muñoz’s upcoming drive, stating: “She is an amazing young woman and an inspiration to us all.”

This will mark the third year that Muñoz collaborates with the Southeast Bruins. The teddy bears and stuffed animals will be donated to children who are receiving cancer treatment at UCLA Mattel Children’s Hospital.

Those wishing to contribute can do so by dropping off a teddy bear or stuffed animal at Stay Gallery or by contacting Ricardo Perez, vice president of the Southeast Bruins, at rperez@alumni.ucla.edu.

## 11 Whittier students chosen to perform in Rose Parade

WHITTIER – Nearly a dozen marching band and color guard members from the Whittier Union High School District will proudly represent their schools and exhibit their talents when they perform in the 127th Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year’s Day.

After an intense audition process that included hundreds of high school musicians from throughout Southern California, eight marching band and three color guard members won coveted spots in the Pasadena City College Tournament of Roses Honor Band.

“I am proud of what our students have accomplished and congratulate them for earning the opportunity to showcase their creative skills in front of the entire world at the Rose Parade,” Superintendent Sandra Thorstenson said. “To perform in the Rose Parade is an unforgettable experience that will stay with them forever.”

The Honor Band, which has marched in every Tournament of Roses Parade since 1930, chose for its 2016 band seven students from California High School, two students from La Serna High School and two students from Whittier High School.

From Cal High, they are Eric

Gonzalez and Alicia Huerta (color guard – banner); Olivia Huizar (flute); Haley Nelson (trombone); Gus Sausedo (tuba); Bryanda Vega (color guard – tall flag); and Colin Ward (tenor sax). From La Serna High, they are Avery Smith (alto sax) and Taylor Medina (trombone), who performed in last year’s parade. From Whittier High, they are: Austin Trujillo (alto sax) and Fawn Knifchief (trumpet).

“This is a tremendous honor for our kids, who are so dedicated to their craft, putting in extra hours and displaying such poise and purpose,” Cal High band director Doug Nordquist said. “The opportunity to march with and play alongside the Pasadena City College Lancer band is an extraordinary achievement. Congratulations to all of our District student representatives.”

Students from throughout the southland auditioned on Oct. 11 at Pasadena City College for a chance to perform in the band, comprising exceptional high school musicians. Of those who auditioned, only 229 were selected – 137 high school students and 92 members of the Lancer band.

“The competition for a position in the band is phenomenal; the best

and brightest students come out to audition,” Whittier High School band director Ruben Rivas said. “You truly have to bring your ‘A’ game to march in this parade. It is very impressive that so many from our District have been selected.”

Members will practice every Sunday in November and December and almost every day during winter break to prepare for the six-mile trek along Colorado Boulevard on Jan. 1.

“Taylor and Avery represent some of the remarkable musicians we are fortunate to have here at La Serna and Whittier as a district,” La Serna High School band director Matt Rohrs said. “The honor of performing in the Rose Parade will be something these students remember for a lifetime, as it is truly

a test of skill, mental stamina and endurance.”

The Tournament of Roses Parade is seen by hundreds of thousands of people along the parade route and is broadcast to 200 territories and countries world-wide. This 2016 parade theme is “Find Your Adventure.”

“The performing arts are an important part of the human spirit, and these dedicated band directors deserve the highest praise for their high-quality instruction and focus to enhance our students’ musical talents,” Thorstenson said. “We can’t wait to cheer on our students, who will be living a memorable adventure, while making Whittier Union proud.”

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# SPORTS RECAP: Warren finishes 12th at state cross country meet



Estela Sanchez scored three goals to lead Warren High's varsity girls soccer team to a 4-0 shutout over Long Beach Poly Tuesday. Freshman Nayeli Carcamo scored the fourth goal for the Bears.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School girls' cross country team placed 12th at the state cross country championships last Saturday at Woodward Park in Fresno.

Great Oak (44) finished first, followed by Davis (46), Arcadia (119), Buchanon (165), Monte Vista (186), Clovis North (201), Long Beach Poly (206), Yucaipa (232), Ventura (236), San Ramon Valley (257), Homestead (297) and Warren (299).

Interestingly, Warren defeated Arcadia, Long Beach Poly, Yucaipa and Ventura at C.I.F. Prelims and C.I.F. Finals in qualifying for the state meet.

The Lady Bears top five runners finished 23rd, 38th, 71st, 79th and 88th in a team time 1:35:56. Gwendolyn Hurtado finished in 18:27.5, Trinity Gomez finished in 18:49.2, Samantha Tabares finished in 19:25.6, Janeane Hernandez finished in 19:33.5 and Carlota Conant finished in 19:39.5. Warren's sixth and seventh runners Blanca Robles and Rosie Santana finished in 20:02.3 and 21:12.6, respectively.

Coach Waldron, his staff and

runners have now concluded their season. The Lady Bears finished second at C.I.F. Prelims in heat 2, third at C.I.F. Finals to qualify for the state meet and 12th at the state meet.

This has been a very rewarding season for the Warren girls' cross country team as they have now qualified for the state meet for the second time in the last seven years. Next year's team will have four of their top seven runners returning for their senior seasons.

The Downey High School boys' basketball team defeated Compton Centennial 73-43 on Monday night in the Buena Park Tournament in their season opener.

The Vikings are 1-0 on the young season and will play through Dec. 5 in this tournament. Downey will be led this season by senior captains Tyler Dees and Mark Garza.

Downey will play Lakewood at Downey on 12/11, Cerritos at the Staples Center on 12/21 and M.L. King of Riverside at the Maxpreps Holiday Tournament in Cathedral City on 12/26. The Vikings are also scheduled to play Rincon on 12/28 and Simi Valley on 12/29 in the same tournament.

Downey will continue their preseason schedule against California High at Downey on 1/5 and at Sunny Hills of Fullerton on 1/8. The Vikings will begin their S.G.V.L. schedule against Dominguez at Dominguez on 1/13, against Lynwood at Downey on 1/15, against Warren at Warren on 1/20, against Gahr at Gahr on 1/22 and against Paramount at Downey on 1/27.

Downey finished last season with an overall record of 18-9 and were 6-4 in San Gabriel Valley League play. The Vikings lost to San Clemente at San Clemente 54-43 in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 1AA playoffs.

Downey finished league play last season behind Gahr (26-8, 9-1) and Lynwood (20-8, 8-2), respectively. Coach Shelton, his staff and players are looking forward to the start of the 2015-16 basketball season.

The Downey High School wrestling team competed in its first dual meet Wednesday evening against Laguna Hills at Laguna Hills.

The frosh-soph and junior varsity matches both started at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity match started at 7 p.m. (results unavailable at press time). The Vikings will travel to Bakersfield tomorrow to compete in an individual tournament.

Downey is the returning S.G.V.L. champion and look strong again this season. Several varsity wrestlers return from last year's league championship team with more experience and skill. A hand-full of junior varsity wrestlers are also stepping up to varsity level competition to take over for wrestlers who either went up in weight or graduated.

Jonathan Prata will wrestle 105, Dylan Ajtun will wrestle 115 and Roland Dominguez will wrestle 122. Mathew Morales will wrestle 128, Ariel Ramirez will wrestle 134 and Armando Padilla will wrestle 140.

Adrian Segovia will wrestle 147, Giovanni Leon will wrestle 154 and Pablo Ochoa will wrestle 162. Nic

Arrellano will wrestle 172, Adrian Guerra will wrestle 184 and Immanuel Bravo will wrestle 197. Bradley Russell will wrestle 222 and Leo Benitez will wrestle heavyweight (287).

Coach Soto, his staff and wrestlers are looking forward to the start of the 2015-16 wrestling season and competing for another S.G.V.L. title. Paramount and cross-town rival Warren will once again provide competition for the Vikings.

The middle school sports season has reached the midway point of the second season.

The second season includes boys' volleyball for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and girls' soccer for an 8th grade team (varsity) and a 6th and 7th grade team (junior varsity).

In 8th grade boys' volleyball, Doty is 3-0, Griffiths is 1-2, Stauffer is 1-2 and Sussman is 1-2. In 7th grade boys' volleyball, Doty is 2-1, Griffiths is 2-1, Sussman is 2-1 and Stauffer is 0-3. In 6th grade boys' volleyball, Griffiths is 3-0, Doty is 2-1, Stauffer is 1-2 and Sussman is 0-3.

In varsity girls' soccer, Stauffer is 3-0, Doty is 2-1, Griffiths is 0-2-1 and Sussman is 0-2-1. In junior varsity girls' soccer, Doty is 3-0, Griffiths is 2-1, Stauffer is 1-2 and Sussman is 0-3.

The second round of games began yesterday as Doty played Sussman and Griffiths played Stauffer. Doty will play Griffiths and Sussman will play Stauffer on Tuesday. The final games of the boys' volleyball and girls' soccer seasons will have Stauffer playing Doty and Sussman playing Griffiths.

The third and busiest sports rotation will begin in January. The third rotation will feature boys' 6th, 7th and 8th grade basketball teams as well as girls' 6th, 7th and 8th grade basketball teams. There will also be an 8th grade team of boys' soccer (varsity) and a 6th and 7th grade team of boys' soccer (junior varsity). Eight total teams will be competing for city championships in their respective gender and grade levels.



The Downey FC U13 boys soccer team was crowned Coast Soccer League champion after finishing its season a perfect 16-0.

Coached by Dr. Albert Cuevas and Miguel Samayoa, the team faced competitors from throughout Southern California.

Bottom row: Daniel Santiago, Eduardo Velasquez, Jacob Cuevas, Valente Galindo, Daniel Preciado, Justin Ramos and Manuel Salas.

Top row: Coach Miguel Samayoa, Daniel Rodriguez, Jovannie Cervantes, David Mora, Ailton Galindo, Marcos Fuentes, Damian Ortiz, Andres Mora, Juan Servin, Director/Head Coach Dr. Albert Cuevas and Goalkeeping Coach Julio Ortiz.

Not pictured: Miguel Hernandez.

Tryouts for the spring 2016 season are now open for boys born in 2002 or 2003. For details, call (562) 305-1359.



This photo of slain Downey police officer Ricky Galvez was submitted by Downey resident Jill Dolan, with the following description:

"I don't know if you can use this picture or information. I volunteered with Special Olympics at this Tip-A-Cop event at Johnny Carino's on April 30, 2015. His positivity was infectious throughout the evening. We are very heartbroken over this loss in our community. May his soul rest in peace."

## Little League sign-ups Saturday

**DOWNEY** – Northwest Downey Little League will hold sign-ups Saturday at Furman Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the spring 2016 season. For details, go to [nwdll.org](http://nwdll.org).

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The Duprees had a series of hit records in the 1960s, reaching the Top 40 with love ballads such as "Have You Heard," "My Own True Love," "Why Don't You Believe Me," and "You Belong to Me."

The group was inducted into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2006.

Also scheduled to perform is Jimmy Clanton ("Another Sleepless Night," "Just a Dream"); The Solitaires ("The Wedding," "Walking Along"); Tony Middleton ("Church Bells May Ring," "My Dear Dearest Darling"); and Freddy "Boom Boom" Cannon ("Tallahassee Lassie," "Way Down Yonder in



New Orleans").

Tickets to the show start at \$35 and can be purchased at the CCPA box office, online at [cerritoscenter.com](http://cerritoscenter.com), or by calling (562) 467-8818.

Rio Hondo College's Dance Collective will present a contemporary adaptation of "The Nutcracker," in collaboration with students from Pioneer High School, Hadley School, Dean Shively Middle School, and the Rio Hondo College Child Development Center.

Performances are Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Children under 5 are free.

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## Bosco advances to CIF championship game

**CERRITOS** – Last Friday St. John Bosco's football team took down Bishop Amat High School, 63-10, in a CIF semi-final playoff game at Cerritos College.

The win propels Bosco into the Pac - 5 Championship Game versus Centennial High (Corona ) Saturday night at Angel Stadium. Kickoff is at 8 p.m. and will be televised by Fox Sports West.

However, before Bosco could think about a second championship run within the last three years they had to get past Bishop Amat last Friday.

This contest simply came down to Bosco's defense keeping Bishop Amat's skill players from making the "big play" for touchdowns.

Besides shutting down the Lancer's offense Bosco turned their defense into offense and scored touchdowns on three Bishop Amat turnovers.

The Braves exploded for a 28-point scoring bonanza in the third quarter to break open the game. The scoring was lead by defensive lineman Jacob Callier who scored two defensive touchdowns in the span of three minutes.

With the score 28-3 in Bosco's favor. Bishop Amat tried to convert a 4th down play, but when the ball was fumbled near the line of scrimmage Callier scooped it up and rumbled 40 yards for the score.

On the Lancers' ensuing possession Bishop Amat tried a trick play that when the ball was being passed back to Lancer quarterback Damain Garcia, Callier stepped in front of the pass for the "pick-six".

After Callier's second touchdown pushed Bosco's lead to 42-3 the Braves fan base could start to anticipate a return trip to the title game.

Just as the Bosco defense set the tone early in the contest it was fitting that the defense ended the evening's scoring. Bosco cornerback Stephan Blaylock jumped the slant route of the Lancer receiver and took his interception to the house and put the explanation point on this 63-10 Bosco victory.

–Michael Smith, contributor

## Rose Hills honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe

**WHITTIER** – Many cultural traditions exist for the veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Patroness of the Americas – in the Hispanic community.

This year, to honor her, Rose Hills Memorial Park is presenting "Juan Diego & the Beautiful Lady", a free outdoors play for the community on Sunday, Dec. 6 at Mission Hills starting at 1 pm.

The bilingual play is directed and performed by students of the Theatre Rehearsal and Performance class of the Performance Arts Department at Rio Hondo College as well as young students from St. Marianne de Paredes Elementary School in Pico Rivera.

The play is free and open to all families and will be viewable from the Mission Hills Plaza, within Rose Hills Memorial Park, through Gate 1. The performance will move across several stages placed at Mission Hills and in the surrounding hillside.

"We are excited to be working on this project with Rose Hills as it gives our students a great opportunity to perform in a unique environment," said Gabriel Carrasco, main director of the play and staff member at Rio Hondo College.

"When they approached our class about this opportunity, we quickly embraced the project. It resonates with so many of our students on a personal and cultural level, which also provides a wonderful learning experience for all the students."

Also playing a major role in this year's production is the special replica image bestowed upon Rose Hills by the Archbishop of Mexico City along with a stone from the original Basilica de Guadalupe built between 1531 and 1709.

At the culmination of the play, a traditional procession will begin at Mission Hills Plaza and follow the image to the courtyard of SkyRose Chapel where the event will continue with a special blessing. Food and special Guadalupana items will be available for purchase.

The event is being held from 1-4 p.m.

"To be able to share this precious gift of the replica every year has become part of our tradition that we share with our communities," said Patrick Monroe, President, Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary.

"This year, we are grateful for the partnership with Rio Hondo College and St. Marianne and their talented students that are bringing to life the traditions and culture for all to see."

For more information on the celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, visit [www.ourladyofguadalupe-rosehills.com](http://www.ourladyofguadalupe-rosehills.com) or call (323) 887-4837.

## Professionals sought for career breakfast

**DOWNEY** – Downey High's Counseling Department is seeking local professionals to participate in its second annual career breakfast Thursday, Dec. 17, from 8:30-10 a.m. in the gym.

The school needs 100 professionals to speak with Downey High seniors as they prepare for future college and career plans.

If you can participate, contact Pam Morse at (562) 869-7301, ext. 5512, or [pmorse@dusd.net](mailto:pmorse@dusd.net).

## Downey woman earns GM scholarship

**DOWNEY** – General Motors' Women's Retail Network awarded a record 10 women a total of \$29,000 in tuition assistance in 2015 to pursue careers in automotive retailing to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Network's Drive to Succeed Scholarship Program.

Sara Giron, from Downey, Calif., and a student at Northwood University, was one of this year's winners and received \$2,000 toward her automotive studies. Giron was nominated by DeLillo Chevrolet in Huntington Beach, Calif.

"My goal is to be a general manager at a GM dealership," Giron said. "I want to use all of my knowledge to help the dealer succeed and enable their customers to have a positive experience. The best part of working at a dealership is seeing the look on a customer's face when they get their new car – it's priceless."

GM and its dealers continue as the only manufacturing/retail partnership to offer scholarships to women pursuing academic degrees in automotive management and technical fields. Since 2011, the program has provided 37 individual scholarships totaling \$104,500 to students in the U.S. and Canada representing a variety of sales regions, ethnicities and cultural backgrounds.

Karen Miskimins, the Women's Retail Network Scholarship Chair and member of the GM Women's Dealer Advisory Council, said the program has grown each year to become more inclusive. Today, participants such as Giron represent every walk of life: traditional students, military veterans, working mothers, dealership employees and women changing careers.

Additionally, more women are enrolled in fixed operations courses, which is especially important as dealers brace for high levels of technician attrition in the near future.

Celeste Briggs, GM Women's Retail Network director, said the program's success can be credited to grassroots implementation by dealers. Each year, dealers promote the program with students and educators, nominate high-potential candidates and contribute financially to the scholarship fund.

"By supporting Giron's studies, we are investing in our future and helping make her career dreams come true," Briggs said. "Our dealers are already benefitting from the skills scholarship winners bring to the workplace. Exceptional female employees increase customer loyalty and overall dealership profitability, and attract other women to the automotive industry."

## Warren High presents 'The Odd Couple'

**DOWNEY** – Warren High School's Drama Department will perform a production of "The Odd Couple: The Female Version," which opened Thursday and runs through Dec. 12.

Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling (562) 869-7306, ext. 5618, or online at [emersontheatre.net](http://emersontheatre.net).

Below is a synopsis of the production:

New York 1985, a time of the Rubik Cube and shoulder pads. In this comedy, we meet Olive Madison, an independent but filthy middle-aged woman who is about to meet her match when her OCD and recently divorced friend, Florence Unger, moves in with her.

As Olive trudges across the kitchen floor and Florence cleaning up after every step, these two get into quite a bit of a debacle when Olive sets up a romantic date with their upstairs neighbors, Manolo and Jesus Costazuela, two classy Spanish brothers.

These two completely opposite women find themselves knowing more about each other than they ever did. So what will become of this odd couple? You'll have to come and see for yourself at the Emerson Theatre this December."

## Police to step up traffic enforcement in December

**DOWNEY** – Downey Police Department will step up Bike & Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations at various times during the month of December with focused enforcement on collision causing factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The department has mapped out locations over the past three years where pedestrian and bike collisions have occurred along, with the violations that led to those crashes. Extra officers will be on duty patrolling areas where bike and pedestrian traffic and crashes occur in an effort to lower deaths and injuries.

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

Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped and citations issued when they fail to follow the same traffic laws that apply to motorists. All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet – those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.

Bicycle and pedestrian fatalities are rising in California as more people use these non-motorized means of transportation. Locally, Downey Police Department has investigated 276 fatal and injury collisions involving pedestrians and bicyclists during the past three (3) years. In 2013, California witnessed 701 pedestrians and 141 bicyclists killed, accounting for more than 28 percent of all traffic fatalities.

## Sheriff's deputy fatally shoots man in Norwalk

**NORWALK** – A man who allegedly pointed a gun at sheriff's deputies was fatally shot by law enforcement Tuesday in Norwalk.

Authorities said that at about 6:33 p.m., two men pointed handguns at the deputies near Imperial Highway and Pioneer Boulevard.

An unknown number of deputies fired their weapons, striking one of the men. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The second suspect was uninjured and arrested. Both suspects' weapons were recovered, authorities said.

## Re-elected Rio Hondo trustees to take oaths

**WHITTIER** – Newly re-elected trustees Vicky Santana and Gary Mendez will be sworn into office at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at the Rio Hondo College Board Room, followed by a festive reception at 6 p.m.

"I look forward to continuing to work together with our Board of Trustees, who are committed and dedicated to the success of our diverse students and communities," Superintendent-President Teresa Dreyfuss said.

Santana, the Board's current Vice President, was re-elected to her second term in November. She represents Trustee Area 2, which serves Pico Rivera and parts of Whittier.

Santana is a manager for the Los Angeles County Probation Department. She previously worked as a senior justice deputy for then-L.A. County Supervisor Gloria Molina. Santana earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Whittier College and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University.

Santana is an ardent champion of equity programs designed to ensure all students have equal opportunity to succeed at Rio Hondo College.

"Our role at Rio Hondo is critical to helping the children of this community to find their paths to their future," Santana said. "We provide an avenue for achievement that can propel them to realize their dreams, and it's a task I'm proud to help lead."

Mendez, who was first elected to the Board in 1999, ran unopposed in the November election. This is his fourth re-election. He represents Trustee Area 4, which includes Los Nietos and Santa Fe Springs, South Whittier and north Norwalk.

Mendez is president and CEO of Urban Strategies West, a governmental, public and political affairs firm. He is a former assistant to U.S. Rep. Grace Napolitano. He earned an associate's degree in political science and paralegal studies from Rio Hondo College and a bachelor's degree in government from Cal State Sacramento.

Mendez is passionate about supporting the community's veterans and led an effort to create a veterans memorial at Rio Hondo College.

"I'm proud to be returning to the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees," Mendez said. "Rio Hondo provided me with the support I needed during my educational journey and I consider it my greatest privilege to ensure it continues to play an important role for students across our community."

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SHARED STORIES: THE TIES THAT BIND

Memories of my mother

Vickie Williams grew up in Louisiana, and this tribute to her mother during the holiday season communicates on so many different levels. Her mother was a woman of faith and generosity as well as a gifted cook who plucked her own chickens. 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 Vickie Williams

I was always a mama's girl. Memories of my mother are sacred to me. She was imperfectly perfect, the right fit for me. She was my hero and greatest inspiration. I praise God for her.

The aromas in my mother's kitchen were daily blessings. Cooking was her gift and passion; however, she would beg to differ. She would say her seven children were her greatest gifts and passions.

Lucille was her name. She stirred pots with sweetness, baked pies and lopsided cakes in bent, burnt pans, beat cakes with wooden spoons, and

we loved licking the cake batter and icing on her fingers. She made gumbo and hog head cheese for holidays.

When Daddy came home from hunting, she fried rabbits and smothered them in golden brown gravy in the old black cast iron skillet, the only heirloom she inherited from her mother. She raised chickens, cracked their necks with her bare hands, boiled hot water to pluck their feathers, and made savory chicken and homemade dumplings.

When rations were low, she made succulent neck bones and cornbread dressing, pounded tough ground round into submission with a knife, made it tender, and even a baby without teeth could eat her beef. The smell of roasted pecans and pecans piped through her oven with enticing aromas.

She peeled sugar cane with her teeth and gave it as treats to us in winter and autumn. Sage, cinnamon, nutmeg, and sweet potatoes baking in the stove infused the air with inviting southern comfort. She demonstrated charity begins at home. Her cooking was amen to that. I loved tugging on her apron, as a toddler.

Mother kept us well fed. Breakfast was ready before school every

morning. She prepared three meals a day, washed, cleaned, and made every penny count on a shoestring budget. Because of her, where we lived was more than a house, it was a cozy nest filled with love and laughter.

We had to do our homework after school before bedtime, but there were always homemade treats. She made the best popcorn balls with peanuts or pecans, fried apple tarts, gingerbread, and teacakes.

She was never short on generosity. She gave food to the neighborhood kids who came knocking on our door and were hungry, passed out cups of sugar, flour, and cornmeal to the neighbors, when their rations ran short at the end of the month. But we never went hungry.

She took in God Papa when he developed dropsy, cooked meals for Sister Bess, our neighbor next door, when she became ill, and was at the bedside praying for Ms. Safronia, when death stole her last breath.

My mother reached across fences. No one was a stranger in her eyes. She won hearts and made friends when she introduced her sweet potato pies and peach cobbles to strangers.

Mother emphasized the value of education, nursed my wound with turpentine when I stuck a nail in my foot, planted kisses on my forehead, gave me snuggly hugs, always believed in me, and affectionately called me darling.

She often said, "You've got a mind of your own, think for yourself, be a leader not a follower." When I made my first F ever in an English class in the ninth grade and went home in tears quite upset she said, "I know you can do much better, don't give up, you are not a quitter."

She reached for me and held me closely. I kept in pursuit of turning that F around. My final grade was an A in that class.

When my sister Jo complained to her about not being good in math and said she couldn't do it Mother's response was, "You can do it! You slap the fart out of can't and slap the hell out of couldn't." We often laugh remembering her antics and folksy expressions.

Mother in my eyes was a wonder-making woman. Sometimes, she was too loud when she laughed or spoke and engaged in gossip. Sometimes, she was too impatient and wanted things done right a way, as quickly as possible.

When she grabbed her pocketbook, it was her unspoken signal that "its time to go home," if we were at a social function. She didn't drive, so reading between the lines was sometimes awkward.

If you picked the wrong potatoes for her sweet potato pies, her attitude would be rough around the edges. She

would volunteer my services to take her to Mother Tate's, whose cigarette smoke, snuff, and smoker's cough made me gag just thinking about visiting her.

Mother would feed strays on the streets. She met Bruce, a paraplegic on the bus, and he often invited himself to our house for dinner. Hearing him call my mother Mom gave me the creeps, but Mother enjoyed cooking and feeding people.

She over indulged in her own cooking and was extremely particular about hands being washed before sitting at her table. She would call people out and direct them to the bathroom to wash their hands before sitting at her table.

Mother loved high heel shoes in all colors. She wore hats, all shapes and styles, and gloves on Sunday mornings, seldom missed church, and loved her some Jesus. She sang in the choir hitting flat notes, proudly off key, singing happily, smiling radiantly. She didn't shout like most Baptists, and thank God she was not pushy about religion. She practiced what she preached and said, "An example is better than a sermon."

Mother introduced me to God at an early age and taught me how to pray. My first prayer was, "Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take."

When I came of age to make my decision if I wanted to go to church every Sunday, she said, "Religion is man-made, God lives in the heart. It is your decision, but God will separate the wheat from the chaff." I was fifteen at the time.

Gossip was something she battled with, but she knew there was always room for self-improvement. Patience was not one of her virtues. She appreciated quick answers and relished solutions. She kept her promises, but spoke her truth and called a spade a spade.

She was no makeup artist. She was honey mustard brown with naturally wavy hair that did not need a straightening comb. Her eyebrows were thin and the eyebrow pencil would be too high above her eyes, which we teased her about often. She would laugh just as loud, when she looked in the mirror.

Sometimes there was too much rouge and her cheeks were too red, but she wore fine threads, never at the sacrifice of her children. Our needs came first.

She dressed us before buying herself anything and put clothes on lay-a-way. Before the bills hit the mailbox, she paid them off. She worked for Betsy Sterns as a domestic, ate scraps off our plates, and made us her priority.

She could keep figures in her head

like a numbers runner. She would collect money from the sisters in the Missionary Society at her church without pencil or paper and would have me record their donations after church. Each time the donations would balance.

Her deeds were good. Her words were kind. She was all heart in my eyes. We were strongly bonded. She was pleasingly plump and tall, a wonderful cushion, my refuge, and the glue to our family. She was a mirror that validated me, an oasis of blessings, a true love, my greatest cheerleader. Her prayers were velvet whispers.

Though imperfectly perfect, her love covered a multitude of sins. She never made a promise she did not keep. Once my sister ran from her acting sassy and Mother could not chase her down. Mother was true to her promise, "If I have to wake up at 2 am in the morning, I'm going to whip your tail." She woke up at 2 am and delivered her promise.

When I graduated from high school and college, she could not attend the ceremonies. She had a heart attack each time. Because of her spirit, encouragement, love, and prayers, though poor as an empty sack, I made it through college. I soared on

the wings of her prayers. She was the breast I suckled, the hand that rocked my cradle, my sweet lullaby, and blessed assurance. She was my battle hymn, anthem, spark, and inspiration.

I sing praises to her. She was my biggest fan, my beloved mother. There would be no me without her. Though mother only had a tenth grade education and spoke broken English, I learned from her never to share a book by its cover. She survived sharecropping and the indignities of Jim Crow, and managed to keep a sense of humor and an abiding faith in God.

She has passed on. However, looking back I am eternally grateful for the love, wisdom, and wonderful memories she left behind. What a blessing she was to me!

"Ain't no mountain high enough, ain't no river wide enough, ain't no valley low enough to keep me from loving you." These lyrics from a hit song made popular by Diana Ross captivate my sentiments in memory of my mother. Affectionately, her "darling" daughter.

POETRY MATTERS



The Owl

Downhill I came, hungry, and yet not starved, Cold, yet had heat within me that was proof Against the north wind; tired, yet so that rest Had seemed the sweetest thing under a roof.

Then at the inn I had food, fire, and rest, Knowing how hungry, cold, and tired was I. All of the night was quite barred out except An owl's cry, a most melancholy cry.

Shaken out long and clear upon the hill No merry note, nor cause of merriment, But one telling me plain what I escaped And others could not, that night, as in I went.

And salted was my food, and my repose, Salted and sobered too, by the bird's voice Speaking for all who lay under the stars, Soldiers and poor, unable to rejoice.

By Edward Thomas

In a holiday season of outreach and sharing, the poet makes us feel the misery of those not included. Thomas appeals to modern sensibilities with his awareness of alienation. Though he died in 1917 at the Battle of Arras, his metaphor of the owl works as well today. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

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Trustee Sale No.: 20120015003732 Title Order No.: 120357103 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/16/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX West, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 07/25/2007 as Instrument No. 20071754493 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: MICHAEL CALVERT AND CATHERINE CALVERT. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 12/09/2015 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 6445 DOS RIOS RD, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240 APN#: 6359-007-024 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$525,092.95. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust, as provided in said notice delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn

whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call, 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site, www.nationwideposting.com, for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 20120015003732. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLICATION A DIVISION OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY 1180 IRON POINT ROAD, SUITE 100 FOLSOM, CA 95630 916-939-0772 www.nationwideposting.com NDEX West, L.L.C. MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NDEX West, L.L.C. as Trustee Dated: 11/03/2015 NPP0263014 TO: THE DOWNEY PATRIOT 11/19/2015, 11/26/2015, 12/03/2015

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

TSG No.: 9551-3022 TSG Order No.: 8562619 A.P.N.: 6366-031-014 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 03/16/2006. 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. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded 03/29/2007 as Document No.: 20070731473, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, executed by GEORGE T HAMMONS, AN UNMARRIED MAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 01/04/2016 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 6445 DOS RIOS RD, DOWNEY, CA 90240 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$470,051.27. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn

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TSG No.: 8580666 TS No.: CA1500271024 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 6263-036-008 Property Address: 12938 GLYNN AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/11/2006. 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. On 12/23/2015 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 05/18/2006, as Instrument No. 06 1093922, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California, Executed by NELSON MENCOS, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 6263-036-008 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12938 GLYNN AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90242 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$470,051.27. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn

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Trustee Sale No.: 20120015003732 Title Order No.: 120357103 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/16/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NDEX West, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 07/25/2007 as Instrument No. 20071754493 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: MICHAEL CALVERT AND CATHERINE CALVERT. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 12/09/2015 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 6445 DOS RIOS RD, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240 APN#: 6359-007-024 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$525,092.95. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust, as provided in said notice delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn

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# What's the difference between pre-qualified and pre-approved?

Ralph Waldo Emerson, American essayist and poet, once said that the future belongs to those who prepare for it. This is sage advice for homebuyers who need to lay the necessary groundwork to buy the home of their dreams.

Without good preparation, many buyers get lulled into the mistaken notion that if a lender pre-qualifies them for a mortgage this means that they have been pre-approved for a home loan. Unfortunately, there's a world of difference between these two terms. If you've ever been confused by the two, we'll bring you up to speed on how these terms differ – and why a misunderstanding can mean disaster for borrowers.

Getting pre-qualified is the initial step in the mortgage process, and it's generally fairly simple. You supply a bank or lender with your overall financial picture, including your debt, income and assets. After evaluating this information, a lender can give you an idea of the mortgage amount for which you qualify. Pre-qualification can be done over the phone or on the internet, and there is usually no cost involved. Loan pre-qualification does not include an analysis of your credit report or an in-depth look at your ability to purchase a home.

The initial pre-qualification step allows you to discuss any goals or needs you may have regarding your mortgage with your lender. At this point, a lender can explain your various mortgage options and recommend the type that might be best suited to your situation.

Because it's a quick procedure – and based only on the information you provide to the lender – your pre-qualified amount is not a sure thing; it's just the amount for which you might expect to be approved. For this reason, being a pre-qualified buyer doesn't carry the same weight as being a pre-approved buyer who has been more thoroughly investigated.

Getting pre-approved is the next step, and it tends to be much more involved. You'll complete an official mortgage application (and usually pay an application fee), then supply the lender with the necessary documentation to perform an extensive check on your financial background and current credit rating. (Typically at this stage, you will not have found a house yet, so any reference to "property" on the application will be left blank). From this, the lender can tell you the specific mortgage amount for which you are approved. You'll also have a better idea of the interest rate you will be charged on the loan and, in some cases, you might be able to lock in a specific rate.

With pre-approval, you will receive a conditional commitment in writing for an exact loan amount, allowing you to look for a home at or below that price level. Obviously, this puts you at an advantage when

dealing with a potential seller, as he or she will know you're one step closer to obtaining an actual mortgage.

The other advantage of completing both of these steps – pre-qualification and pre-approval – before you start to look for a home is that you'll know in advance how much you can afford. This way, you don't waste time with guessing or looking at properties that are beyond your means. Getting pre-approved for a mortgage also enables you to move quickly when you find the perfect place. When you make an offer, it won't be contingent on obtaining financing, which can save you valuable time. In a competitive market, this lets the seller know that your offer is serious – and could prevent you from losing the home to another potential buyer who already has financing arranged.

Once you have found the right house for you, you'll fill in the appropriate details and your pre-approval will become a complete application.

The final step in the process is what's called a "loan commitment," which is only issued by a bank when it has approved you, the borrower, and the house in question. This means the home

should be appraised at or above the sales price. The bank may also require more information if the appraiser brings up anything he or she feels should be investigated (i.e. structural problems, accessibility issues, outstanding liens or litigation in progress). Your income and credit profile will be checked once again to ensure nothing has changed since the initial approval. (For more, see Understanding Your Mortgage.)

A loan commitment letter is issued only when the bank is certain it will lend, so the commitment date on your purchase contract should be closer to closing than to the date of your offer. (The seller can ask to see that letter as soon as the date has passed, so beware of anyone who tries to put an early commitment date into your contract).

Be warned. Pre-approved and pre-qualified are not the same thing. Don't assume that the bank will provide your loan until you have the former. The mistake could cost you your new home!

## HUMANS OF DOWNEY: MIKAIL

"Within a two month span, my daughter, Mikaila, was born, and I opened this restaurant. When she was one year old, I thought, 'Oh, this little life is dependent on me for everything.' That's what pushes me to work harder, it pushes me not to fail. I don't care how tired I am, I do it for her. Without her, I don't know if I'd still be doing this.

I know my wife gives me support but business ownership is hard work. Every business is hard but the restaurant business is harder because I'm in it. And sometimes I say, 'Aah, I don't want to do it anymore.' I might fail, but I can't because of this little human being right here which I love more than anything. She pushes me to be a better person. Not that I was a bad person before. I liked to hang out with my friends and have a drink and stay out. But now, after work, I want to go home and hang out with my kid.

"What's most important to me during this Christmas season is my daughter. She just turned 4. As she gets older, more of this stuff becomes about her and less about me. I have fun doing things for her. A couple of days ago, she helped decorate the Christmas tree for the first time. She is old enough to want to help out now, so even if she puts things in the wrong spot, how happy she gets. That's what makes me happy. I love taking videos of her all the time. Christmas now, is 100% her. She'll tell me what she wants for Christmas. This year it's a 'Doc mobile'. Some Disney character is a doctor and has this 'doc mobile' which I'm getting her for Christmas. She's really excited."

To read more "Humans of Downey" profiles, go to [DowneyDailyPhotos.com](http://DowneyDailyPhotos.com).

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### Renovations That Pay Off

Remodeling is a great way to bring your home up-to-date, adapt it to your changing family needs and improve its value. If you're planning on selling, making a few basic home improvements may make your home more attractive to potential buyers.

#### 5 Renovations That Offer the Biggest Returns\*

- 1. A new front door.** (Return on investment: 96.3%) Refresh your entry way, and impress potential buyers with a new front door. If your current front door is in good condition, consider painting or staining it to make it look as good as new.
- 2. A wooden deck addition.** (Rate on investment: 87.4%) Improve the indoor/outdoor versatility of your home by adding a wood deck.
- 3. An attic bedroom.** (Return on investment: 84.3%) Bedrooms are a versatile addition to a home. They can serve as a bedroom, a guest room or a home office. An attic bedroom makes use of this often underutilized space and adds value to the home.
- 4. A new garage door.** (Return on investment: 83.7%) If your garage doors are old or dated, replacing them will add value to your home. If they're still in good shape, paint them to enhance the look of your home.
- 5. A minor kitchen remodel.** (Return on investment: 82.7%) The kitchen is one of the most popular renovations that homeowners tackle. A minor remodel can update the space and entice potential buyers.

#### 3 Quick Tricks to Get Your Home Ready to Sell

- 1. Clean and clear.** Dust the cobwebs from the ceiling and fixtures, deep clean the carpets and shine up your windows. And while you're at it, clear away any clutter, and, store or give away unused items.
- 2. Paint.** A bit of paint goes a long way to make your home shine like new. Stick with neutral tones for interior spaces so that potential buyers can see themselves in the home.
- 3. Repair and Replace.** Walk through your home and look for any creaks and cracks to repair. Replace any broken or dated fixtures, or any burned out light bulbs, for maximum impact.

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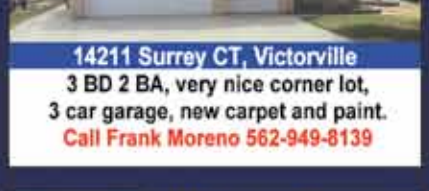


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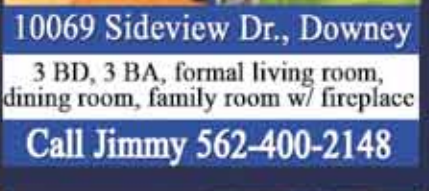
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