



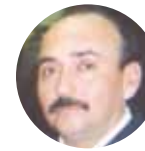
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## Floor & Decor opening Dec. 17 at Promenade

**DOWNEY** – Floor & Decor, a specialty retailer of hard-surface flooring, will open the door to its new Downey location -- the company's fifth store in California -- on Dec. 17.

The 73,000-square-foot Floor & Decor retail store and design center, located in the new Promenade at Downey, opens with a team of about 40 employees led by Bryan Audiss, the new store's Chief Executive Merchant.

It will be the third store to open at the Promenade. 24 Hour Fitness opened last Saturday, while Cinemark celebrates its grand opening Friday.

"Floor & Decor is thrilled to open our doors in Downey," said Audiss. "With the launch of our fifth store in the state, we are committed to providing Californians with an extensive array of flooring products at unbeatable prices, and we look forward to forming relationships with this great community, one shopper at a time."

Established in 2000, Georgia-based Floor & Decor offers free design services and carries more than 1 million square feet of in-stock flooring.

To celebrate the new store in Downey, Floor & Decor is inviting guests to register for a makeover giveaway, with a \$5,000 gift card to be awarded to one lucky recipient. Registration at the Downey location begins Jan. 9 and concludes Feb. 19.

Following its Dec. 17 grand opening, the Downey Floor & Decor store will host a family-friendly "Super Saturday" event on Jan. 9, beginning at 11 a.m. A BMX bike show -- with appearances by professional riders Dylan Stark and brothers Matt and Joey Cordova -- will entertain the crowd from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A BMX bike will be given away to one lucky viewer following the performance.

Additionally, The Grilled Cheese Truck will be available from 12-2 p.m. Food from The Grilled Cheese Truck will be free for the first 200 food truck guests.

Perhaps the most enticing of Floor & Decor's Super Saturday activities on Jan. 9 is the \$1 million dice roll. Beginning at noon, the first 200 shoppers ages 18 and older in line for the dice roll will have the opportunity to roll a set of six customized dice, each marked with one letter to spell "F-L-O-O-R-S," for the chance to win \$1 million. Prizes will be awarded for the following dice combinations:

- Roll any four letters, win a \$100 Floor & Decor merchandise card
- Roll any five letters, win a \$1,000 Floor & Decor merchandise card
- Roll all six letters to spell FLOORS, win the grand prize of \$1 million

The dice roll contest will conclude when 200 people have participated or at 2 p.m., whichever occurs first.

On Jan. 13, Floor & Decor will host a private event for industry professionals in the local community. In addition to networking opportunities, area pro attendees will be invited to enter for a chance to win a \$5,000 cash prize, courtesy of Floor & Decor.

"Making commitments to local professionals is one of the hallmarks of the way we do business at Floor & Decor," remarked Audiss. "This industry event is a chance for us to shake hands and show support for those in the community with whom we hope to do business for years to come."

In addition to this event, the Floor & Decor Downey store will host an official ribbon-cutting on Jan. 13 at 4:30 p.m. Representatives from area chambers of commerce -- including those for Downey, Pico Rivera, Greater Lakewood, Paramount, Montebello, Norwalk, and the City of Commerce Industrial Council -- will be in attendance.

## Downey man accused of defrauding healthcare plan

**DOWNEY** – Two members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), Local 13, have been arrested on federal fraud charges that allege they caused two medical clinics to bill the union's health care plan for chiropractic services that either were not provided or were not medically necessary.

Sergio Amador, 49, of Downey, and David Gomez, 52, of San Pedro, were arrested Monday without incident by federal authorities.

At arraignments Monday afternoon, Amador and Gomez pleaded not guilty to mail fraud charges contained in an indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 18. Both men were freed on bond and were ordered to stand trial on Feb. 2, 2016.

The ILWU represents dockworkers at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Members of the union receive benefits, including health care benefits, through the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union -- Pacific Maritime Association Welfare Plan.

In 2009, Amador and Gomez opened a clinic in Long Beach operating under the name Port Medical that purported to provide general medical and chiropractic care. The next year, they opened a second clinic operating under the same name in San Pedro.

According to the indictment, Amador and Gomez also created medical management companies that they used to receive funds generated by the medical clinics, which were then used to pay themselves and to pay incentives to Welfare Plan members to use the Port Medical clinics and to encourage other Welfare Plan members to use them. The incentives allegedly included cash payments and sponsorships of sports teams.

The indictment alleges that when some Welfare Plan members went to the Port Medical clinics to receive chiropractic treatment, they were asked to sign their names on multiple sign-in stickers, while on other occasions Welfare Plan members' signatures on sign-in stickers were forged.

According to the indictment, Amador and Gomez then caused the sign-in stickers to be used to create chart entries that falsely indicated the Welfare Plan members had received chiropractic services on dates when no such services had been provided.

The indictment also alleges that Amador and Gomez encouraged Welfare Plan members to go to the Port Medical clinics to receive massages, heat and ice treatments and other services that were not medically necessary -- while the patients' medical charts falsely showed "that the services provided were medically necessary, addressed specific conditions of patients that had been properly diagnosed, and were used to support and facilitate chiropractic care."

Those services -- and others never provided -- then allegedly were billed to the Welfare Plan. Those bills also concealed that patients had been recruited through the use of cash payments or other incentives.

As a result of the fraudulent scheme, the indictment alleges that Port Medical received at least \$225,000 from the Welfare Plan.



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Former Warren High basketball standout Danielle Rodriguez is a nominee for the 2016 Allstate WBCA Good Works Team, which recognizes women's college basketball players for their community service work.

Rodriguez graduated from Warren in 2012. She is now a guard for the University of Utah, where she organizes several community projects, including "Lunch for the Lunchless," which provides lunch to more than 300 homeless people.

Rodriguez also organized two canned food drives; a box top fundraiser for a local elementary school; a shampoo and conditioner fundraiser for community donation; two blood drives; two high school registrations; and two Pennies for Patient-Leukemia and Lymphoma Society events.

She also delivers sandwiches and water to the homeless on weekends; speaks to underprivileged middle school girls about the importance of getting a college education; and volunteers with Operation Christmas Child, the local veterans hospital and the Special Olympics.

Rodriguez is currently working to implement a project called Dog Days of Winter, a dog-walking service for elderly pet owners during the winter months.

From this year's record 103 nominees, a final roster of 10 award recipients will be announced in February.

## Downey mayor congratulated as term nears end



By Alex Dominguez Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Downey City Council held their annual Mayoral Transition Ceremony Tuesday evening, honoring Mayor Luis Marquez as he approaches the end of his year-long term.

The event was held in the Downey City Council Chambers to a nearly full house consisting of many of Mayor Marquez's friends and family, mayors and officials from nearby and surrounding cities, past and present Downey officials, several Downey business owners, and residents.

The evening's event began roughly around 7 p.m. and began traditionally with a roll call, invocation, and flag

salute; the latter of which was led by Marquez's children.

The night's ceremony would officially begin when Mayor Marquez stepped forward to address the room. He began by asking for a brief moment of silence for the victims of the San Bernardino shootings and fallen Downey Police Officer and U.S. Marine veteran Ricardo "Ricky" Galvez.

Marquez began his address by thanking past and present council members and city staff for continued support during his time on the city council and his year as mayor. He then recognized his family in attendance, including his parents, brother, children, and his wife Alma.

Mayor Marquez also pointed out several of the elected officials who were in attendance, including former

Downey Mayor David Gafin, Mayor Pro Tem Dan Koops of Bellflower, former Norwalk Mayor and Cerritos College Board of Trustees member Bob Arthur, Downey Board of Education members D Mark Morris and Martha Sodemani, and Downey Unified School District Superintendent Dr. John Garcia.

Marquez thanked a myriad of different individuals throughout his speech, including singling out Council Member Roger C. Brossmer, who came onto council at the same time he did.

"We came onto council and we had these goals in mind," said Marquez. "To be seven years in and say the fact that we've pretty much accomplished almost everything we said we were going to do...I want to thank him publicly for all that he has done for me."

The remainder of Marquez's presentation was spent highlighting many of the events and accomplishments in the past year as well as many things that are yet to come. Marquez spent a good amount of time speaking on DPD.

"The city of Downey has been in the news a lot lately. We've been through tough times...but we've been strong. We've had a lot of support from within our community, from throughout the country and throughout the region...even with all the events that have occurred this year, it is important to remember that crime has gone down in the past five years in the city of Downey. Especially when compared to the overall LA County stats and crime going up, Downey has been able to keep it steady and keep our crime down."

Marquez then added that the seemingly good stats didn't mitigate Downey's most recent events, and that the council was looking into alternatives for more funding and officers.

Marquez then went on to highlight the many positive additions to the city that were well on their way, including Vallarte Supermarket arriving in the former Beaches Market location, the Rancho campus beautification, and the Downey Promenade.

After Marquez was finished speaking, Mayor Pro Tem Alex Saab and the remainder of the council presented Marquez with a Past Mayor City Pin and an official gavel.



Photos by John Zander

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 65°

Saturday 67°

Sunday 65°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Domingo Argentino

**Sunday - Vasilios Nightclub, 8 p.m.**  
A night of Argentinian dance, music and folklore. \$35 admission (includes meal)



#### Christmas Parade

**Saturday - Daisy Avenue in Long Beach, 5 p.m.**

Long Beach's Daisy Avenue Parade, now in its 62nd year, spans Daisy Ave. from Hill St. to PCH.



#### Breakfast with Santa

**Saturday - Progress Park in Paramount, 8 a.m.**

Sled rides, live entertainment, crafts, and breakfast with Santa Claus. Breakfast is \$5



#### Golf for a Cause

**Friday - Bell Gardens Golf Course, 10 a.m.**

Golf tournament benefiting Bell Gardens Chamber of Commerce. \$50

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

#### Christmas Parade

**SN Suits:** What a great parade, my daughters and I had a blast!

**Michael Chirco:** I was there. It was so nice to see so many families and smiles on everyone's faces, thank you for a fun peaceful event.

**Anabel Mendoza:** Great parade, only suggestion because we have been coming for several years, it is a little too long and it needs to flow better. To much space in between groups.

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### TWEET OF THE WEEK

**@BlancaNPacheco:** Participating in the Downey Christmas Parade was both a wonderful and tiring experience.

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**SHARED STORIES:  
THE TIES THAT BIND**

# A family of smokers

Sharon Benson Smith shares some funny anecdotes about a substance that many of us have experimented with – tobacco. But the substance also brought loss and grief to her family. 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 Sharon Benson Smith**

Mom and Dad smoked. He smoked his Camels, and she smoked her Kools or Salems. Of course, that was a definite taboo for the six of us kids, but we all started smoking quite early in our teens anyway. I recall that Mom would light a cigarette, leave it in the ash tray on the kitchen counter, then go off to another part of the house to take care of whatever needed her

attention.

I would take a big puff of the cigarette, hold my breath, then run down the hall to my bedroom to blow it out the window. As crazy as it sounds, I enjoyed smoking from the very first puff (evidently, so did my siblings).

In junior high school, during recess or going between classes, we girls would light a cigarette in the restroom, take a few quick puffs, and pass it around. A teacher must have gotten wind of what was going on, and she came into the restroom one day, caught us red handed, and ushered us to the office of the girls' vice principal. I was so embarrassed and ashamed, but more than anything, I feared my dad learning of it.

Naturally, my parents were contacted. They questioned me that night at home, and I lied by telling them I had no part in the incident; I just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Then we were told that a parent had to go to school with each daughter to meet with the principal.

Mom told Dad she thought he should handle this situation. So, Dad met with the principal and sternly told her that, "If my daughter told me she was not involved in the incident, that's good enough for me -- she was not involved." He then left for home, and

I stayed in school. Whew! I didn't have to suffer Dad's wrath!

As it turned out, I had to suffer my own personal demons. I had such a guilty conscience about lying to Dad, having him be so supportive of me in the situation, and putting him through such an ordeal, that after a few days I could no longer continue with the ruse.

I cried while confessing that I had lied and apologized for it. I expected, at the very least, some verbal backlash. He didn't say a word; he merely shook his head in disbelief and utter disappointment. That very look and his disappointment hurt much worse than the unspoken words. As I'm writing this paragraph, I have looked "upward" and said once again, "Sorry, Dad."

Our mom died of lung cancer in 1977, and we were told that her cancer was definitely cigarette smoking related, with the menthols in particular. As a tribute to her, I quit smoking shortly after her death. We lost our lovely baby sister, Donna, in 1990 to lung cancer and my equally lovely sister, Phyllis, in 2009 to lung cancer.

Dad quit smoking early on. I'm not sure if it was of his own accord or the doctor's orders, but he always had such an iron-clad will that I tend to believe it was his personal choice. He outlived Mom by about 15 years. As a matter of fact, he remarried and lost his second wife to lung cancer.

The oldest, brother George, quit smoking for several years, started up again, then ultimately quit a few years later before he had to have an aortic valve replacement and quadruple bypass surgery. He lived many years after that but succumbed to kidney failure in 2012.

Brother Cal has had an aortic valve replacement plus vocal cord cancer which was cured after 35 radiation treatments. He lost the sound quality

of his voice for a while. He has regained most of it, BUT HE CONTINUES TO SMOKE! I bug him about it each time we meet. I'm hoping and praying that maybe after reading this, the impact of seeing it in print will finally hit home!

The youngest sibling, Bob, (our Dink who fell in love with "Lady" of "Lady and the Tramp" movie fame and said, "Gee Mom, I wish I were a dog"), also quit smoking several years ago, and enjoys his smokeless days with the dogs he loves.

I continue to thank God and give him all the glory for delivering me from the desire, and giving me the courage, to quit smoking after more than 20 years. It was definitely His direct answer to my prayers each time I was tempted to light up and asked Him to take away the urge. That was 37 years and 50 pounds ago! I'm still waiting for His direct answer to my prayers about my eating and the 50-pound weight gain!

All kidding aside, I believe it is absolutely wonderful that the medical community has been so successful in aiding the drastic decline in smoking. It all came about through their cancer research and getting the word out to the public. It used to be that you couldn't see a movie that didn't glamorize smoking. You couldn't drive too far without seeing billboards that advertised Camels, Lucky Strikes or the Marlboro Man, nor could you thumb through a magazine without seeing a myriad of advertisements suggesting this or that brand. The message seems to have greatly resonated with the "now generation" as cigarette smoking is definitely on the downturn.

I think it's fitting to end this writing by quoting the Virginia Slims Cigarette's advertising slogan, "We've come a long way, Baby."



The Gallardo and Barrios families took the Patriot on a recent trip to Hawaii.



The Downey Patriot accompanied Brandy Marie Fritts to Tahlequah, Oklahoma.



Kris Nguyen, an eighth grader at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, received the I Live My Faith Medal in a special liturgy at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on Oct. 31.

The medal is a National Catholic Award for youth. Kris is a member of Girl Scout Troop 2735.

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**Get inspired by your surroundings**  
Collect natural materials such as pinecones or branches and decorate them with ribbons, paint and glitter.

**Get Crafty**  
Consider DIY decorations to save a bundle. Pinterest and other craft sites are treasure troves of inspiration for all holidays.

**Check out pre-sales**  
Many craft stores offer discounts on décor and ornaments before the holidays. Although the best time to stock up is after the holidays, when discounts are often up to 75% off, you can still find major deals a few weekends beforehand.

**Host a décor or ornament swap**  
If you're bored with your holiday décor and you have family and friends who feel the same about theirs, invite them over to exchange items and you may find some new holiday favorites.

**Organize a holiday cookie exchange**  
Instead of baking dozens of different cookies, organize a cookie exchange with family, friends or neighbors. Each person bakes several dozen of one type of cookie and then everyone trades what they baked. Be sure to clarify what everyone is baking to ensure that each person receives different kinds of cookies.

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# Farewell message from Mayor Luis Marquez



walking trail, and the replacement of new playgrounds at Temple and Rio San Gabriel Parks. As you can see, our City has made a commitment to our parks. We've also just recently completed our Parks Master Plan, which will help us address other much needed park improvements in the future.

Our Parks and Recreation department did an incredible job this year in engaging the community with several special events. Thousands came out to enjoy the summer Rooftop Concerts, the International Food Festival, Dia De Los Muertos, and Rock N' Ride Event for Veterans. The City's quality of life continues to be enhanced through all of these community events, so thank you all who came out to join us.

Dear Downey Family and Friends:

I am honored and humbled to have served as your Mayor this past year. As I look back on 2015, I can't help but to feel proud of what our City has accomplished. With yet another balanced City budget, we have been able to deliver exceptional services to our residents - something we take great pride in.

One of my top priorities as Mayor was to continue to make our parks a safe place for our children and our families. I'm happy to say that we were able to install video surveillance cameras at two of our parks - Brookshire and Golden. This has helped deter issues such as loitering, graffiti, and other nuisances. Our City will continue to look into the possibility of installing additional surveillance cameras in the future.

We completed several, much needed park improvements this year. Some of these include the construction of new playground equipment and walking trails at Brookshire and Furman Parks, completion of the Apollo Park

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development are anticipated to open by summer 2016. The Promenade is set to become Downey's new community gathering spot destination. The 77-acre complex will merge retail, dining, and entertainment with a one-of-a-kind walk through history. We had our first ribbon cutting for 24 Hour Fitness last weekend and the state of the art CineMark Movie Theatre is having their official grand opening this Friday, December 11. We can't wait until other businesses begin to open in the coming months - stay tuned! This has been a great year to say the least. I want to end by acknowledging and thanking my family for all of their love and encouragement. My wife Alma, children, Diego, Maya and Isabella - thank you for being by my side. Without your patience and support, none of this would have been possible for me. To my parents, thank you Mom and Dad for the sacrifices you have made to make sure that I had the resources needed to succeed in life. I could never thank you enough for what you've done for me.

River School Rd., between Imperial Hwy. and Arnett St., is scheduled to commence in May of 2016 and is expected to be completed by fall 2016.

In partnership with the City of Norwalk, the \$10 million Firestone bridge modernization project is finally complete. The new bridge provides for three traffic lanes in each direction, wider sidewalks, a center landscaped median, an emergency shoulder lane in each direction to reduce traffic delays, and decorative columns with multi-colored LED lights. The new Firestone Bridge and the "Downey" entry monument sign that has been installed in the median island will serve as a welcoming gateway to our City.

This year our City has also seen tremendous economic growth. As you may have heard, Vallarta Supermarket has leased the former Beaches Market site. They are in the process of completing a small addition to the building and a façade remodel. In addition, the site will include a new Starbucks at the former Baker's Square location. This is a much needed development for a property that has been vacant for over five years. The grand opening is scheduled for January 2016.

At the former Downey Ford site, the Commons, at Gallatin and Lakewood, will soon be home to new modern architecture buildings with a mix use of restaurants and retail space. Planet Fitness is a confirmed tenant and more will be announced in the near future. The Commons is anticipated to open by summer of 2016. Additionally, at the former Lincoln-Mercury dealership site, a new development will feature a mix of retail shops and restaurants and will be called the Downey Crossroads. A confirmed tenant is the Golden Corral Restaurant and more will be announced soon. All tenants at this

development are anticipated to open by summer 2016.

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To my fellow Council colleagues, thank you for supporting me this year as Mayor. I've never stopped striving to be a leader who did not let you down and I am grateful for what you have given me in return. City Manager Gilbert Livas, City employees and community groups, thank you all for your support and for helping make Downey the City that it is today.

Last, but certainly not least, to the citizens of Downey, I would like to thank every single one of you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor. I have met many of you throughout this past year and I am proud to live in a community with so many dedicated individuals.

Respectfully,  
Mayor Luis H. Marquez

## YMCA selling gift memberships to benefit needy families

DOWNEY - The Downey YMCA is selling gift memberships to benefit needy families.

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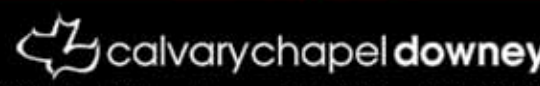
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### Woman accused of stealing \$800 from Target

IRVINE – A woman was charged and arraigned Monday on charges of stealing about \$800 from Target stores in a “short change” scheme.

Ashlie Jane Pentard, 29, of Long Beach, is charged with eight felony counts of second degree burglary. If convicted on all counts, she faces a maximum sentence of seven years and eight months in state prison.

Pentard is being held on \$75,000 bail and must prove the money is from a legal and legitimate source before posting bond. She is scheduled for a pre-trial hearing on Dec. 15.

Between May 5, 2015, and Dec. 3, Pentard is accused of stealing approximately \$100 while checking out at different Target stores in Irvine and Costa Mesa. On eight separate occasions, she is accused of checking out with a bottle of water and sometimes a low-value item. She would allegedly pay with a \$100 bill and as the cashier is making change, the defendant is accused of changing her mind and handing over smaller bills and asking for her \$100 bill to be returned.

After the cashier returns the correct \$100 bill, Pentard is accused of switching out the \$100 bill with a smaller bill while the cashier is not looking and then claiming she received back the wrong bill. Pentard is accused of making a scene in order to confuse the cashier, who then gives her another \$100 bill. Pentard would then leave the scene, authorities said.

Prior to Dec. 3, Pentard was suspected of running the above “short change” scheme at other Target stores in Orange County and out of state and was under surveillance by the Irvine Police Department, who investigated this case.

On Dec. 3, Irvine police detectives observed Pentard committing second degree burglary at a Target store in Costa Mesa and subsequently arrested her in the parking lot without incident.

### Mother of abandoned baby is arrested

COMPTON – A 33-year-old Compton woman accused of leaving her newborn baby near a riverbed was charged Monday.

Porche Laronda Washington has been charged with two felony counts: attempted murder and child abuse.

She was scheduled to be arraigned Monday at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch. Prosecutors will ask bail be set at \$1 million.

Deputy District Attorney Adrian Roxas, who is assigned to the case, said on Nov. 27, a three-day old baby girl was found abandoned in a hole near a Compton riverbed.

Law enforcement immediately began an investigation into the desertion and a week later identified a person of interest through the assistance of tips from the public, the prosecutor said.

On Dec. 3, Washington was arrested in connection with the crime and subsequently charged.

If convicted as charged, Washington faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

### Monterey Park man gets prison time for identity theft, tax refund scheme

MONTEREY PARK – A former Monterey Park resident living under an assumed identity was sentenced Monday to 40 months in federal prison for filing bogus tax returns seeking fraudulent refunds from the Internal Revenue Service using the names and Social Security numbers of persons whose identity information had been stolen or otherwise improperly disclosed.

Sang Hwoon Shin, 41, was sentenced this morning by United States District Judge George H. King who also ordered the defendant to pay restitution of over \$316,000 to the IRS.

According to documents filed with the court, Shin pleaded guilty in May of last year to all seven counts of the indictment handed down by a federal grand jury in May of 2013 which charged him with five counts of wire fraud and two counts of aggravated identity theft.

“As we approach tax filing season, those who might consider committing refund fraud and identity theft should be aware of the extremely negative consequences in doing so,” said IRS Criminal Investigation’s Special Agent in Charge Erick Martinez. “IRS Criminal Investigation will continue to vigorously pursue those who unjustly enrich themselves by filing false income tax returns.”

Over the course of a four-year period, Shin filed bogus tax returns, each of which was filed in the name of a real person whose identity had been stolen. To execute the scheme, Shin obtained fraudulent identification documents from the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) in the names of the identity theft victims, but bearing Shin’s photograph.

Using the fraudulent identification documents, Shin opened bank accounts in the names of the identity theft victims for the purpose of receiving tax refund payments from the U.S. Treasury. As a result of the false tax returns filed by Shin, the U.S. Treasury wired tax refund payments to the bank accounts opened by Shin in the names of the identity theft victims.

Nearly all of the tax refund payments were in amounts between \$9,000 and \$10,000. Shin withdrew the proceeds of the scheme at bank ATMs using debit cards in the identity theft victims’ names.

In all, Shin admitted that the intended loss for which he is responsible is approximately \$1,446,753, including approximately \$316,469 in actual loss.

Shin has been in federal custody since his arrest in April of 2013.

### Contracting convicted of overbilling Orange County

SANTA ANA – A county contractor was convicted and sentenced last week for misappropriation of public funds by falsifying invoices for more than \$130,000 submitted to the county for reimbursement and embezzling more than \$440,000 by making unauthorized payments with his company’s credit card.

Brian Cleveland Dunn, 63, Capistrano Beach, pleaded guilty to the court to one felony count of misappropriation of public funds and one felony count of grand theft by embezzlement, with sentencing enhancements of aggravated white collar crime, property damage, and property loss.

Prior to the plea, Dunn paid \$132,787 restitution to Orange County and was sentenced to one year in jail, three years formal probation, and ordered to pay restitution to his employer.

Vintage Marina Partners (VMP) is a company that manages a portion of the Dana Point Harbor called the Commercial Core. In 2004, Dunn worked as VMP’s general manager. In 2008, he started up a new company called Organic Tree to purchase landscaping materials for county projects.

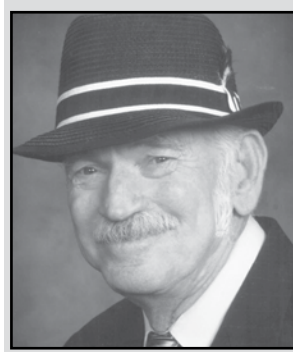
Between 2008 and 2012, Dunn purchased landscaping materials and marked up the price of his purchases by as much as 100 percent. He submitted and overbilled the county for over \$130,000.

Between 2007 and 2011, the defendant made unauthorized payments using VMP’s company credit card on personal expenses costing over \$400,000. Dunn made unauthorized purchases on clothing, travel, and improvements to his home in Hawaii.

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### In Memory of Eldon Everett Feltner

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ARLINGTON, TEXAS -- Eldon Everett Feltner 79, passed away, Nov. 30, 2015.

Graveside service: with military honors, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8 at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Visitation: Noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, at Arlington Chapel.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Susan

G. Komen <http://www5.komen.org>

Eldon was born Jul. 26, 1936, in Tulsa Oklahoma to Oscar and Virgie Feltner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Virgie Feltner, 2 siblings.

Survivors: 1 sibling, 4 children, 6 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

### Fernando Sanchez passes away at 54

DOWNEY – Funeral services for Fernando Sanchez Jr., 54, of Norfolk were held Dec. 10 at Home for Funerals, Norfolk. Burial will be in Allberry Cemetery, Norfolk.

He died Sunday, Dec. 6, at Mid Nebraska Lutheran Home, Newman Grove, NE.

Fernando was born June 27, 1961 to Fernando and Gloria (Contreras) Sanchez Sr. in Chicago. He moved to California at a young age and grew up there. After attending high school Fernando moved back to Chicago.

In 1987 he moved to Norfolk and worked for IBP. Fernando had several other jobs in the area also.

Fernando devoted most of his free time to the Salvation Army where he was a Soldier of Arms.

Fernando is survived by his father and his wife, Fernando and Herlinda Sanchez Sr. of Downey, CA, his mother Gloria Contreras of Chicago, a daughter Desiree Perez (Sanchez) and his granddaughters Jaylene and Avery Castaneda of CA, brothers Joseph and Edward Sanchez, sisters Kathy and Diane Sanchez, brothers, Gilbert, Ernest and Jerry Reyes, 8 nieces, 8 nephews and 2 great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.



### Mother admits to killing children after losing custody battle

SANTA ANA – A mother pleaded guilty last week to the special circumstances murder of her two children after losing custody of them to her former husband.

Marilyn Kay Edge, 44, Scottsdale, Ariz., pleaded guilty to two felony counts of murder with special circumstance enhancements for committing multiple murders. She faces a sentence of life in state prison

without the possibility of parole at her sentencing scheduled Jan. 8.

On Sept. 11, 2013, Edge lost custody of her two children, 10-year-old Faith E. and 13-year-old Jaelen E., at a family court hearing in Georgia, where her ex-husband lives, following a court ruling. Edge was ordered to submit her children to the court on Sept. 15, 2013.

On Sept. 12, 2013, Edge drove from Georgia to Arizona, where she had taken her children, and then drove them to California under the false pretense that they were going on a family vacation. The defendant stayed in a Santa Ana hotel with her children.

Late in the evening of Sept. 13, 2013, Edge murdered her two children by a combination of medication, drowning and suffocation.

Sometime in the early morning hours of Sept. 14, 2013, Edge attempted to commit suicide by driving into an electrical box outside a hardware store in Costa Mesa. She crashed into a protective pole surrounding the electrical box, which disabled her vehicle.

The Costa Mesa Police Department arrived at the scene of the crash, intervened and subsequently arrested the defendant.

The Santa Ana Police Department discovered the bodies of Faith E. and Jaelen E. in the hotel room and investigated this case.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Larry Yellin of the Homicide Unit is prosecuting the case.

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## Have yourself some anti-refugee hysteria

By Chris Toensing

As holiday shoppers empty their wallets to buy presents for family and friends, there's been an outbreak of miserliness among our politicians — directed at some of the world's most helpless people.

At least 30 Republican governors, and one Democrat, are vowing to bar Syrian refugees from their states. One family was actually turned away at the Indiana state line when the local resettlement agency got a nasty phone call from the authorities.

In Washington, 47 House Democrats joined their Republican colleagues to pass a bill requiring each and every Syrian applying to enter the United States to be personally approved by the heads of three intelligence agencies. That would include “widows and orphans,” says President Barack Obama, who rightly opposes the measure.

It's not just an American affliction. In late November the European Union signed a deal with Turkey offering that country nearly \$3.2 billion to clamp down on refugees trying to exit across its borders. The EU has such pacts with Libya and Morocco, too.

What's with the mean spirits? It's supposed to be the season of generosity.

The immediate trigger is fear, prompted in part by false reports that one of the terrorists who attacked Paris on November 13 was a recent Syrian migrant. In fact, almost all of the assailants identified so far were Belgian or French citizens. But it's only too easy for demagogues like the Republican presidential candidates to dream up nightmare scenarios about a jihadi militant or two sneaking into America disguised as an asylum seeker.

Sure enough, after the terrible mass shooting in San Bernardino, California, Rand Paul put forward a measure in Congress that would have imposed an “immediate moratorium” on visas for refugees from “high-risk” countries. Neither of the killers was a refugee — one was born in America and the other grew up in U.S.-allied Saudi Arabia. And they obtained every piece of their enormous arsenal right here in the US of A, legally.

Paul's opportunism taps into deep currents of anti-Muslim prejudice that politicians have been stirring up for years.

When Donald Trump says that mosques should be under permanent surveillance and that Muslims should be barred from entering the country, or when Jeb Bush says that Syrian Christians can move here but not Muslims, they send a clear message: They believe all Muslims are potential terrorists.

This dark hint isn't just the opposite of charity. It's racist — and downright perverse.

Syrian refugees are fleeing from terrorism, whether by the regime of Bashar al-Assad or his radical Islamist opponents, among them the Islamic State. Over half of Syria's 22 million people have been displaced from their homes over the course of the dreadful civil war — now a proxy war — that has raged there since 2011.

The pace of flight has increased with the Russian airstrikes on the side of the regime. In October alone, the UN reported, 120,000 people were forced to leave areas that had previously been spared the worst of the fighting.

Syrians run first to relatives in other provinces, then to neighboring countries like Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey. But those front-line nations lack the resources to absorb the refugees indefinitely. So, more and more, Syrians are spending their savings to head westward via dangerous smuggling routes. Far too many are dying along the way.

Ben Carson, another GOP White House hopeful, visited a refugee camp in Jordan and claimed that most of the residents want to return home rather than come to America. He's not wrong, exactly — anyone would rather live in familiar surroundings than in a strange country across the ocean.

But Carson left out the important part: Syrians only want to go home when it's safe. That day, sadly, is a long way off.

In the meantime, the United States and Europe can save lives by easing the restrictions on formal, legal refugee resettlement. We should welcome as many escapees from the Syrian catastrophe as possible.

'Tis the season of giving, not barring the door.

*Chris Toensing is editor of Middle East Report, published by the Middle East Research and Information Project in Washington, DC.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

### Cruelty in the world

Dear Editor:

Once again, terrorists (or terrorist types) are killing and wounding people helpless to defend themselves. This time they hit us at home, in our neighboring city of San Bernardino.

People are needlessly losing their lives and being horribly injured. One of our finest officers was shot in the gun battle that ensued; thank God his injuries weren't life-threatening.

Families of victims are devastated and will suffer the emotional scars of hurt in their hearts most, if not all, of their lives.

Is it ever going to stop? How can minds be possessed of such evil and cruelty? Well, there are many more questions than answers.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the victims and their families. Please, God, we could use some help on this one.

**Harold Houglard**  
Downey

## Threats posed by Syrian refugees are real

Texas Governor Greg Abbott sent a letter to President Barack Obama informing him that the State of Texas will not accept any refugees from Syria in the wake of the deadly terrorist attack in Paris.

Furthermore, Governor Abbott implored President Obama to halt his plans to accept more Syrian refugees in the United States entirely, as the federal government does not have the background information necessary to effectively conduct proper security checks on Syrian nationals.

“Given the tragic attacks in Paris and the threats we have already seen, Texas cannot participate in any program that will result in Syrian refugees - any one of whom could be connected to terrorism - being resettled in Texas,” Abbott said in the letter. “Effective today, I am directing the Texas Health & Human Services Commission's Refugee Resettlement Program to not participate in the resettlement of any Syrian refugees in the State of Texas. And I urge you, as President, to halt your plans to allow Syrians to be resettled anywhere in the United States.”

“Neither you nor any federal official can guarantee that Syrian refugees will not be part of any terroristic activity,” Governor Abbott continued. “As such, opening our door to them irresponsibly exposes our fellow Americans to unacceptable peril.”

Below is Abbott's full letter to the President:

Dear President Obama:

As governor of Texas, I write to inform you that the State of Texas will not accept any refugees from Syria in the wake of the deadly terrorist attack in Paris.

Further, I -- and millions of Americans -- implore you to halt your plans to accept more Syrian refugees in the United States. A Syrian “refugee” appears to have been part of the Paris terror attack. American humanitarian compassion could be exploited to expose Americans to similar deadly danger.

## An end to family detention

Wednesday afternoon, the Congressional Women's Working Group on Immigration Reform and We Belong Together were joined by children at a Capitol Hill press conference to call for an end to America's family detention system.

Nine members of Congress spoke out about the need to end family detention, including Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40), chair of the Congressional Women's Working Group on Immigration Reform; Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (CA-19); Congressman Luis Gutiérrez (IL-04); Congresswoman Suzan DelBene (WA-01); Congresswoman Grace Meng (NY-06); Congresswoman Norma Torres (CA-35); Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-38); Congresswoman Dina Titus (NV-01); and Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-27).

The press conference also featured Caritza and Alejandro, a mother and her five-year-old son who were previously held at the Dilley detention facility in Texas. They described the reasons for fleeing their home country and their experience in detention.

In addition, the event displayed enlargements of handwritten letters that elementary school-aged children have written for delivery to children who will spend this holiday season inside detention facilities. The children's letters, which are part of We Belong Together's “A Wish for the Holidays” letter-writing campaign, express the children's holiday wish that the families in detention be released.

Noe, Fiorella, and Yazareth, children who wrote letters to families in detention, also appeared at the press conference, and Noe and Fiorella read their letters aloud.

Other speakers included Sameera Hafiz, policy director at We Belong Together, and Wendy Cervantes, vice president of immigration and child rights at First Focus, a children's advocacy organization.

“While some changes have been made to improve conditions at these centers and reduce the length of detention, the fact is they remain jail-like settings,” said Roybal-Allard. “Detention of children is cruel and misguided, and the suffering and negative impact on these young developing minds is unacceptable.

“I echo the wish of the children here today to call for an end to family detention. We are a country of laws and a country of compassion. And it is that compassion that must be reflected in how we treat immigrant women and children who have sacrificed so much to escape violence and abuse. I will continue to fight with my colleagues for accountability in detention and for swift processing of families through Immigration and Customs Enforcement so these women and children can be placed in less restrictive settings as they await the adjudication of their cases.”

“We have made some progress over the past couple of years, but we have not achieved our goal of stopping the practice of holding moms and kids in detention when there are more efficient, cost-effective, and humane ways to handle them,” said Congressman Gutiérrez. “People seeking asylum, fleeing violence in Central America or fleeing systematic oppression anywhere in the world, we are fighting for the government to treat families and moms and children with respect, to use tax-money as efficiently as possible, and to end the practice of family detention.”

“It's shameful that children will be spending the holidays in detention centers across the United States. I urge us all to remember the harrowing journey many took to come here seeking safety and pray that we stop tearing families apart,” said Congresswoman DelBene. “This is just one facet of our deeply flawed and broken immigration system that Congress has a moral obligation to address.”

“This is an issue that is close to my heart,” said Congresswoman Meng. “I represent parts of Queens, NY and more than half of my constituents are foreign-born. I've had parents come and talk to me about the difficulties of separation when their kids are in other countries. I've had children whose parents are held in detention speak of their anguish over their fear of never seeing their loved ones again. Families belong together. We are here today because we want the release of mothers and their children from detention facilities. Our wish for the Holidays is for the Administration to release mothers and children from detention. It is the right thing to do.”

“As a mother and as an immigrant who came to this country as a child, I join my colleagues in urging the administration to put an end to family detention,” said Congresswoman Torres. “We have more cost-effective and humane tools at our disposal to release families while ensuring they continue

The reasons for such concerns are plentiful.

The FBI director testified to Congress that the federal government does not have the background information that is necessary to effectively conduct proper security checks on Syrian nationals, Director Comey explained: “We can query our database until the cows come home, but there will be nothing show up because we have no record of them.”

The threat posed to Texas by ISIS is very real. ISIS claimed credit last May when two terrorist gunmen launched an attack in Garland, Texas. Less than two weeks later, the FBI arrested an Iraqi-born man in North Texas and charged him with lying to federal agents about traveling to Syria to fight with ISIS. And in 2014, when I served as Texas attorney general, we participated in a Joint Terrorism Task Force that arrested two Austin residents for providing material support to terrorists - including ISIS.

Given the tragic attack in Paris and the threats we have already seen in Texas, coupled with the FBI director's acknowledgment that we do not have the information necessary to effectively vet Syrian nationals, Texas cannot participate in any program that will result in Syrian refugees - any one of whom could be connected to terrorism - being resettled in Texas.

Effective today, I am directing the Texas Health & Human Services Commission's Refugee Resettlement Program to not participate in the resettlement of any Syrian refugees in the State of Texas. And I urge you, as president, to halt your plans to allow Syrians to be resettled anywhere in the United States. Neither you nor any federal official can guarantee that Syrian refugees will not be part of any terroristic activity. As such, opening our door to them irresponsibly exposes our fellow Americans to unacceptable peril.

Respectfully,

Greg Abbott  
Governor

through the legal process. It's time to put an end to family detention for good.”

“I cannot accept that this country puts innocent women and children into detention facilities that resemble the cruelty of Japanese incarceration,” said Congresswoman Chu. “And worse, as a psychologist, I know that any amount of time in detention risks harming children's development and re-traumatizing women fleeing violence. I was so moved to hear these children's stories today and will not forget their pleas as we continue our fight to end family detention once and for all.”

“There are so many organizations that are fighting to close these detention centers and I just ask God that they achieve that,” said Caritza, the mother detained with her five-year-old son at Dilley. “The kids hate to be locked up. My son would ask, ‘When can we leave? When can we leave?’”

“The bottom line is that we know family detention is a dangerous policy that directly harms children. The research consistently shows that children who are detained even for a short period of time face risks to their overall development, including long-term psychological trauma and declining health,” said Ms. Cervantes. “No child should have to spend the holidays behind bars, and we urge the Administration to grant the wish of every child in who wrote a letter as part of this campaign by ending family detention once and for all.”

“I remain concerned about the troublesome confinement conditions, the breaches of due process and the serious physical and mental health costs imposed on women and their children during their time in these family detention centers. These practices are simply inconsistent with our nation's values and our laws,” said Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-13). “As we work to end these detentions, Congress must go even further. We must pass bipartisan comprehensive immigration reform to fix our broken system that cruelly tears families apart.”

Below is a copy of Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's statement from the press conference.

“Thank you for being here today. I especially extend my appreciation to We Belong Together and to the members of the Women's Working Group on Immigration Reform for their inspirational leadership and work over the years to improve immigration policies that impact women and children. Thank you very much to the children that are here today and to those that have written letters to share their wish for the holiday: an end to family detention.

“My colleagues and I went to Texas earlier this year because we wanted to meet some of the mothers and children who were living in detention. We wanted to see their living conditions for ourselves, to hear their thoughts and concerns, and to learn about the physical and psychological effects that detention is having on them and their families.

“What we saw at these so-called ‘family’ detention facilities broke my heart. Women and children, whose faces were drained of hope and spirit after months of waiting for their cases to be heard by a judge. Mothers who had been separated from their young children. Restless boys and girls, cooped up and moody, with no interest in laughing or playing. All were fearful that they would be sent back to face poverty, abuse, or even death in their home countries.

“Led by Congresswoman Lofgren and in partnership with Congressman Gutiérrez, we have had numerous meetings on ending family detention with Director Saldaña from Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and with Secretary Johnson, who heads the Department of Homeland Security. While some changes have been made to improve conditions at these centers and reduce the length of detention, the fact is they remain jail-like settings. Detention of children is cruel and misguided, and the suffering and negative impact on these young developing minds is unacceptable. I echo the wish of the children here today to call for an end to family detention.

“We are a country of laws and a country of compassion. And it is that compassion that must be reflected in how we treat immigrant women and children who have sacrificed so much to escape violence and abuse. We must be guided by our American values of decency and compassion, and treat all families with dignity and respect. I will continue to fight with my colleagues for accountability in detention and for swift processing of families through Immigration and Customs Enforcement so these women and children can be placed in less restrictive settings as they await the adjudication of their cases.

“As we celebrate the holidays, let us not forget about the women and children who remain in detention and who will not be able to share this special time with their families.

## Sanchez seeks support from Democrats

Rep. Linda Sánchez on Wednesday sent this letter to all her Democratic colleagues.

Dear Democratic Colleague:

I write to ask for your support of my candidacy for Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus in the 115th Congress. I believe with your support I can help lead our caucus as we continue to fight for the hard working Americans who are counting on us. As the daughter of Mexican immigrants, I promise to bring their tenacity, their can-do spirit, and their love of this country to the role of vice chair.

During the past 13 years, I have been privileged to serve on a wide variety of committees, from Veterans Affairs and Education and Labor to Judiciary and Ways and Means. When called upon, I never shy away from taking on difficult assignments. I have the honor of serving at the request of Leader Pelosi as the ranking member on the House Committee on Ethics and on the Select Committee on Benghazi. And as a co-founder of the Labor and Working Families Caucus I fight every day to help low-income and working

families strive for the American dream.

This Congress, I am proud to lead the Congressional Hispanic Caucus during an exciting time in our history. As the Latino population continues to grow in our country, so does the CHC in numbers and influence. I have worked closely with our CHC members – new and experienced – and the entire Democratic Caucus to champion the issues that are important to the Latino community, including comprehensive immigration reform, voting rights, equality, and increased economic and educational opportunities.

The strength of the Democratic Caucus lies in our talented members and our unified efforts. Over the next several months I will work to earn your support to be the next Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus. I look forward to continuing our discussions about your priorities and share with you my vision of how we can lead our caucus, and our country, forward. Together we will continue working to make America a more perfect union – where everyone is free to pursue their dreams.

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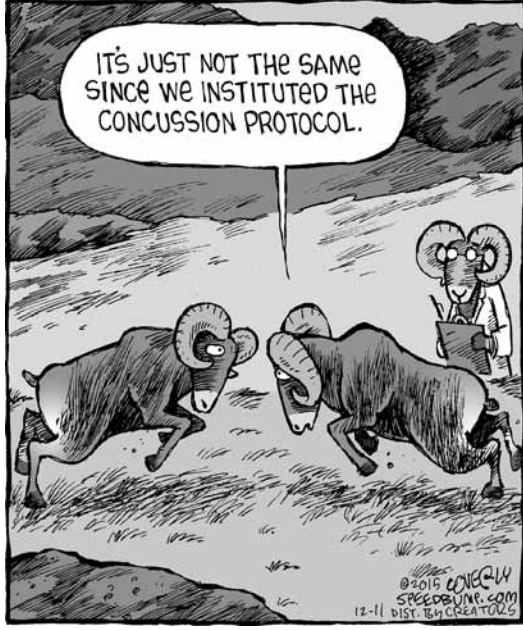
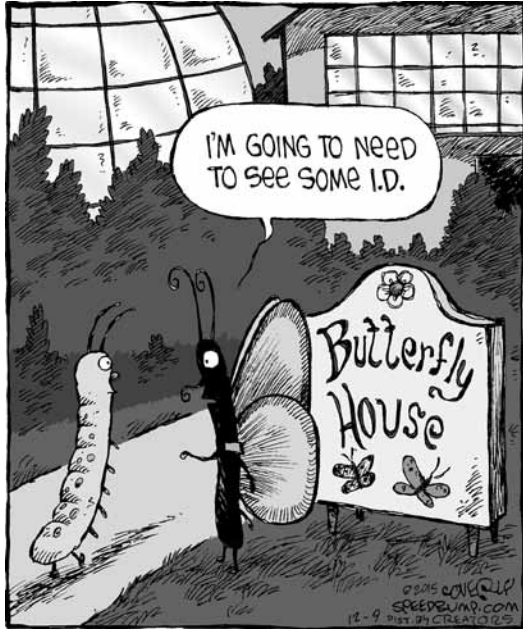
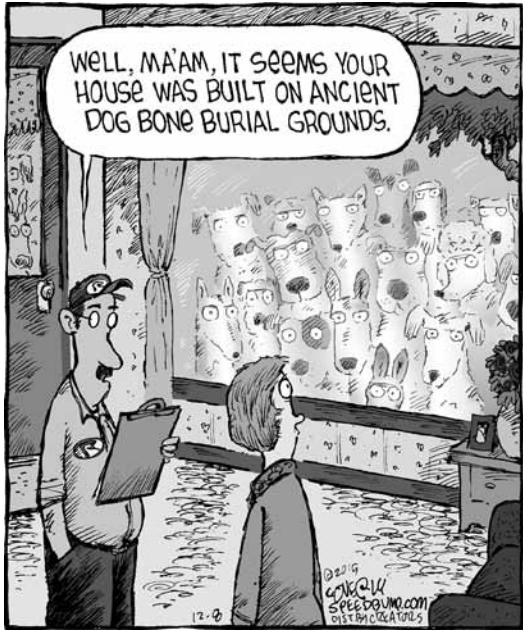
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## Downey Community Calendar

### EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Sunday, Dec. 13: Music from "The Nutcracker," Downey Civic Theatre, 4 p.m.

### CITY MEETINGS

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

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

#### TUESDAYS

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

#### WEDNESDAYS

- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Cindy 803-4048.
- 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Anita 861-3414.
- 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
- 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Armida Lugo, (562) 715-6142.
- 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. 10, 1967:** Singer Otis Redding died at age 26 in the crash of his private plane in Wisconsin.
- 2001:** "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," the first in a three-film adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic fantasy trilogy, premiered in London.
- 2007:** NFL star Michael Vick was sentenced to 23 months in prison for bankrolling a dogfighting operation and killing dogs that underperformed.
- BIRTHDAYS:** Pop singer Ana Gabriel (60), chef Bobby Flay (51), reality star Evelyn Lozada (40) and actress Raven Symone (30).

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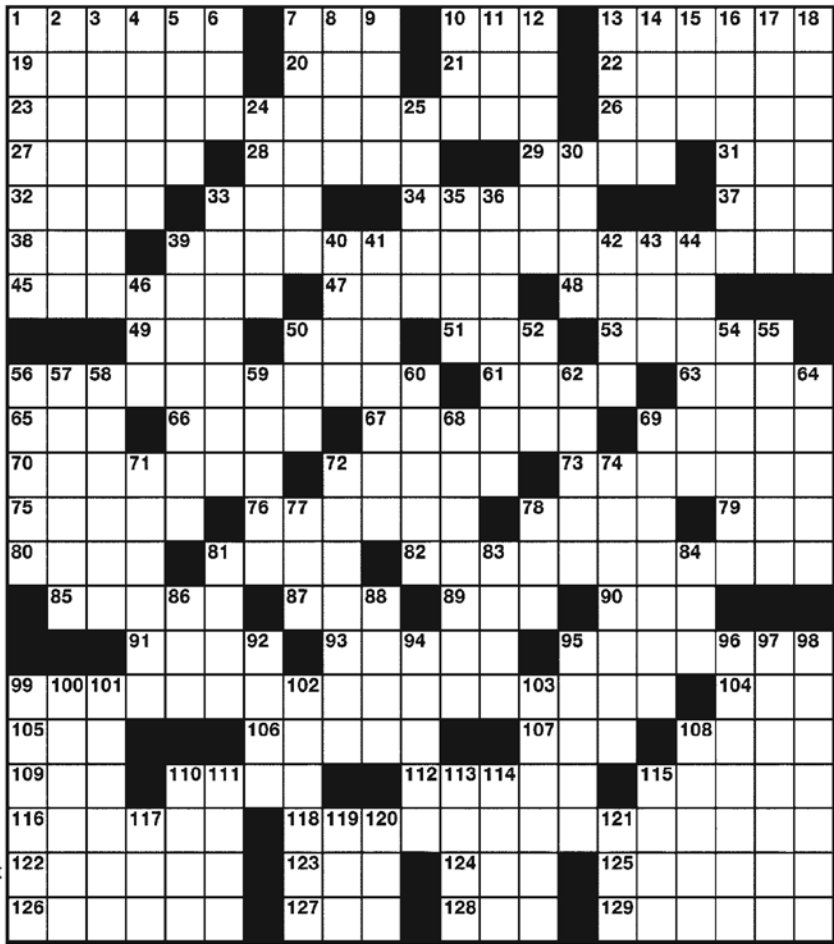
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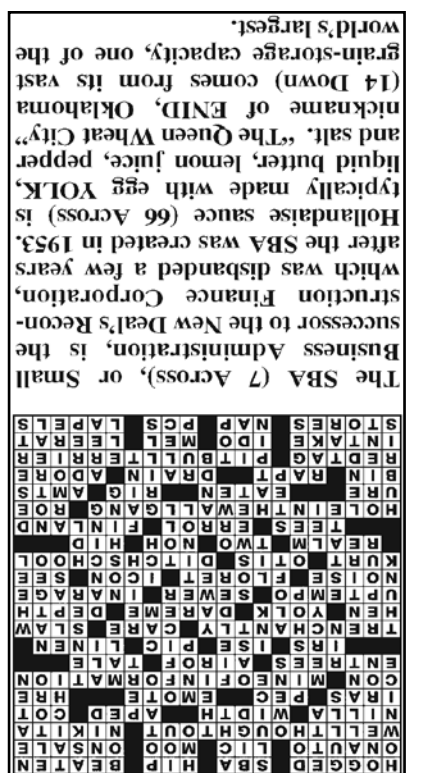
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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



I was born into a family that values music. I studied several instruments, and the six of us would have our own hootenannies. It was a fun and bonding experience - it made me feel happy to create music, and exposed me to a large variety of genres.

Does music affect our mental health? How about our physical health? In his song Trenchtown, Bob Marley wrote, "One good thing about music, is when it hits you, you feel no pain." Medical research supports this claim: we know that music impacts our brains and our bodies, but we don't quite understand exactly why or how this occurs. Because we don't yet have a full understanding, music has not officially made it to my prescription pad.

Still, a long list of potential benefits of music have been studied:

- Music has been used to relieve pain. For example, surgery patients at the Cleveland Clinic who listened to recorded music claimed to experience four times less post-surgical pain. Music has been shown to reduce the amount of anesthesia needed during operations. Music therapy is used to treat pain in geriatric care, intensive care units, and palliative medicine. Typically classical music is used, but I suspect that any music you enjoy will be effective.

- Music is a motivator. As a marathoner, I often see my fellow runners wearing ear buds. Studies show improved physical performance and increased endurance with the use of music. There are also studies showing that slow music, following a workout, leads to a faster recovery.

- Music has been shown to effectively treat insomnia in college students. This certainly is cheaper and safer than prescription sleep medicine.

- Soft music has been shown to slow down the speed of eating, and ultimately led to less food consumed at a sitting.

- Calming music decreases blood pressure, steadies the heart rate, and eases stress and anxiety. Studies have shown that music can reduce stress for patients undergoing

surgeries and colonoscopies, for children undergoing medical procedures, and for patients with coronary heart disease. Listening to slow music can alter brainwave function in a manner similar to meditation. Other therapeutic effects may include easing the symptoms of migraines and PMS.

- Music can help lift mood, much like exercise. It can lead to the release in the brain of endorphins and dopamine, which are neurotransmitters that lead to happiness. Some research has shown that classical music and other calming sounds are particularly uplifting, while heavy metal and techno music have the opposite effect.

- Background music may enhance performance on cognitive tasks. One study showed that students finished more questions in an allotted time, with more correct answers. Background music may also help to perform better in high-pressure situations. I must admit that I was skeptical seeing my own children doing homework with music playing in the background - perhaps I owe them an apology...

- Preliminary research may demonstrate that music boosts the function of our immune system by decreasing the stress hormone cortisol.

Clearly, a lot of work has been dedicated to the connection between music and health. However, these studies are not all well designed, and many do not differentiate between listening to music and playing it, or among different types of music. Research is ongoing. Do alternatives like massage, meditation, pets, or even hugging work as well? Perhaps music is effective for one person, while meditation is better for the next, and deep breathing or exercise works best for another. The health benefits of music have not been thoroughly proven, but music therapy is noninvasive, inexpensive, and convenient. From a practical standpoint, it can't hurt.

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## Half of the people who need cholesterol medication are not taking them

More than a third of American adults are eligible to take cholesterol-lowering medications under the current guidelines or were already taking them - but nearly half of them are not, according to a report by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention researchers published in the current issue of Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR).

Blacks and Mexican Americans are less likely than whites to be taking cholesterol-lowering medications.

Data from 2007 through 2014 show a decline in the number of Americans with high blood levels of cholesterol. There also has been a recent increase in the use of cholesterol-lowering medications. But a high blood level of LDL cholesterol - also known as "bad" cholesterol - remains a major risk factor for heart disease and stroke in the United States.

Some people with high LDL cholesterol and who have or are at risk of heart disease are eligible for cholesterol-lowering medications. They should also make lifestyle changes such as getting regular exercise, eating a heart-healthy diet, and losing weight. Yet fewer than half of people eligible

for or who were taking cholesterol-lowering medication make these changes, the study found.

"Nearly 800,000 people die in the U.S. each year from cardiovascular diseases - that's one in every three deaths - and high cholesterol continues to be a major risk factor," said Dr. Carla Mercado, a scientist in CDC's Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention. "This study reveals opportunities to reduce existing disparities through targeted patient education and cholesterol management programs."

Getting 65 percent of Americans to manage their high levels of LDL cholesterol by 2017 is one of the major targets of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Million Hearts initiative to prevent one million heart attacks and strokes.

The American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association recommend cholesterol-lowering medication for four groups of adults:

People with heart disease, a prior heart attack or some types of stroke, or

angina.

People with LDL cholesterol levels of 190 mg/dL or more.

People ages 40 to 75 with diabetes and LDL cholesterol levels of 70-189 mg/dL.

People ages 40-75 with LDL cholesterol levels of 70-189 mg/dL and an estimated 10-year risk of heart disease of 7.5 percent or more.

CDC researchers examined data from the 2005-2012 National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys. Overall, 36.7 percent of U.S. adults -- 78.1 million people age 21 or older -- were eligible for cholesterol-lowering medication or already taking it. Within this group, 55.5 percent were currently taking cholesterol-lowering medication and 46.6 percent reported making lifestyle changes; 37.1 percent reported making lifestyle modifications and taking medication, and 35.5 percent reported doing neither.

Gender, race, and ethnicity made a difference. Of:

40.8 percent of men eligible for or

already on medication, 52.9 percent were taking medications.

32.9 percent of women eligible for or already on medication, 58.6 percent were taking medications.

24.2 percent of Mexican-Americans eligible for or already on medication, 47.1 percent were taking medications.

39.5 percent of blacks eligible for or already on medication, 46 percent were taking medications.

38.4 percent of whites eligible for or already on medication, 58 percent were taking medications.

Blacks who did not have a routine place for health care had the lowest rate (5.7 percent) of taking recommended cholesterol-lowering medication. People who said they already had adopted a heart-healthy lifestyle (about 80 percent) were the group most likely to be taking cholesterol-lowering medication.

While the study included people taking all forms of cholesterol-lowering medication, nearly 90 percent of those receiving medication were taking a statin drug.

## Frequently asked questions about E. coli

**Q: What is E. coli?**

**A:** Escherichia coli (abbreviated as E. coli) are a large and diverse group of bacteria. Although most strains of E. coli are harmless, others can make you sick.

Some kinds of E. coli can cause diarrhea, while others cause urinary tract infections, respiratory illness and pneumonia, and other illnesses. Still other kinds of E. coli are used as markers for water contamination--so you might hear about E. coli being found in drinking water, which are not themselves harmful, but indicate the water is contaminated. It does get a bit confusing--even to microbiologists.

**Q: What is STEC?**

**A:** Some kinds of E. coli cause disease by making a toxin called Shiga toxin. The bacteria that make these toxins are called "Shiga toxin-producing" E. coli, or STEC for short. This pathotype is the one most commonly heard about in the news in association with foodborne outbreaks.

**Q: Who gets STEC infections?**

**A:** People of any age can become infected. Very young children and the elderly are more likely to develop

severe illness and hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) than others, but even healthy older children and young adults can become seriously ill.

**Q: What are the symptoms of STEC infections?**

**A:** The symptoms of STEC infections vary for each person but often include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea (often bloody), and vomiting. If there is fever, it usually is not very high (less than 101°F/less than 38.5°C). Most people get better within 5-7 days. Some infections are very mild, but others are severe or even life-threatening.

**Q: Where do STEC come from?**

**A:** STEC live in the guts of ruminant animals, including cattle, goats, sheep, deer, and elk. The major source for human illnesses is cattle. STEC that cause human illness generally do not make animals sick. Other kinds of animals, including pigs and birds, sometimes pick up STEC from the environment and may spread it.

**Q: How are these infections spread?**

**A:** Infections start when you swallow STEC--in other words,

when you get tiny (usually invisible) amounts of human or animal feces in your mouth. Unfortunately, this happens more often than we would like to think about.

Exposures that result in illness include consumption of contaminated food, consumption of unpasteurized (raw) milk, consumption of water that has not been disinfected, contact with cattle, or contact with the feces of infected people. Some foods are considered to carry such a high risk of infection with E. coli O157 or another germ that health officials recommend that people avoid them completely. These foods include unpasteurized (raw) milk, unpasteurized apple cider, and soft cheeses made from raw milk.

Sometimes the contact is pretty obvious (working with cows at a dairy or changing diapers, for example), but sometimes it is not (like eating an undercooked hamburger or a

contaminated piece of lettuce). People have gotten infected by swallowing lake water while swimming, touching the environment in petting zoos and other animal exhibits, and by eating food prepared by people who did not wash their hands well after using the toilet. Almost everyone has some risk of infection.

**Q: What is the best treatment for a STEC infection?**

**A:** Non-specific supportive therapy, including hydration, is important. Antibiotics should not be used to treat this infection. There is no evidence that treatment with antibiotics is helpful, and taking antibiotics may increase the risk of HUS.

Antidiarrheal agents like Imodium may also increase that risk.

*Information provided by the CDC.*

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# SPORTS RECAP: Downey wrestlers defeat Laguna Hills, start 1-0 in dual meets



By Mark Fetter Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School wrestling team defeated Laguna Hills last Wednesday night, 37-29. Downey is now 1-0 in dual meet competition.

Downey also traveled to Bakersfield last Saturday to compete

Tournament behind Bakersfield and Temecula. De La Salle finished fourth to round out the top four placers. Downey sophomore Dylan Ajtun placed first at 113 pounds and was selected as the lower weight MVP of the tournament.

Downey's eight other tournament placers included; Jonathan Prata (2nd) at 106, Joseph Lopez (4th) at 113, Roland Dominguez (5th) at 120, Armando Padilla (3rd) at 138, Adrian Segovia (5th) at 145, Pablo Ochoa (4th) at 160, Nic Arellano (5th) at 170 and Bradley Russell (5th) at 220.

The Downey High School boys' basketball team is currently 4-0 and won the Buena Park Tournament last week. The Vikings won three games to become tournament champions.

The Vikings defeated tournament host Buena Park (4-1) 82-59 in their first game on 12/2. Downey then defeated Beckman (3-1) 62-41 in the semifinal round on 12/4 to advance to the tournament final. The Vikings then defeated Santa Fe (4-1) 60-46 on 12/5 to win the tournament title.

In the Buena Park game Downey led 24-13 at the end of the first quarter and led 43-24 at halftime. The Vikings led 60-42 at the end of the third quarter and won 82-59.

In the Beckman game Downey led 25-6 at the end of the first quarter and led 37-22 at halftime. The Vikings led 49-32 at the end of the third quarter and won 62-41.

In the Santa Fe game Downey trailed 16-13 at the end of the first quarter but rallied to lead 37-29 at halftime. The Vikings extended their lead to 46-35 at the end of the third quarter and won 60-46.

Downey will look to improve to 5-0 as they host Lakewood (3-1) later this evening. The Vikings will start San Gabriel Valley League play on 1/13 when they travel to Dominguez to face the Dons.

Senior forward C. J. Smith has

averaged 18.5 per game, senior guard Tyler Dees has averaged 12 points per game and junior guard Brian Chavez has averaged 10.8 points per game to pace Downey's offensive attack.

The Warren High School boys' basketball team currently has a record of 3-1.

The Bears competed in the Cerritos/Gahr Varsity Tip-Off Tournament 11/30-12/5. Warren was defeated by Cerritos (4-0) 66-48 on 11/30, defeated Long Beach Millikan (2-2) 85-82 on 12/1, defeated Bell (0-4) 36-23 on 12/4 and defeated Western of Anaheim (2-2) 55-47 on 12/5.

In the Cerritos game Warren trailed 17-8 after the first quarter and 37-21 at halftime. The Bears trailed 57-29 at the end of the third quarter and were defeated 66-48.

In the Millikan game Warren trailed 19-17 at the end of the first quarter but took the lead 46-40 at halftime. The Bears led 65-64 at the end of the third quarter and held on to win 85-82.

In the Bell game Warren trailed 8-6 at the end of the first quarter but took the lead 18-12 at halftime. Warren led 31-14 at the end of the third quarter and ended up winning 36-23.

Warren played Fairmont Prep on 12/9 (score unavailable at press time) and will play Aquinas of San Bernardino tomorrow. The Bears are scheduled to play Rancho Cucamonga on 12/26 in the MaxPreps Holiday Classic Ford Dealers Division. The Maxpreps Tournament will be held 12/26-30.

The Bears will play Cabrillo of Long Beach on 1/2 in the 2nd Annual Ron Massey Tip-Off Classic. Warren will then play Long Beach Wilson at Warren on 1/4, will travel to La Salle of Pasadena on 1/6 and will play Renaissance Academy of Altadena on 1/9.

Warren will begin S.G.V.L.

## AYSO announces Commissioner's Cup sponsors

**DOWNEY** – Downey AYSO has announced two new sponsors -- the Mexican Consulate General Office and L.A. Galaxy -- for the Downey AYSO Commissioner's Cup taking place this Saturday, Dec. 12, at Griffiths Middle School.

The Commissioner's Cup is a soccer tournament for boys and girls U-10 and U-14 teams (U-8 teams play in friendlies). Trophy ceremonies begin at 3 p.m.

The Mexican Consulate General Office provided Downey AYSO with a monetary contribution and new soccer balls.

The consulate's partners will be offering free medical services and health plan information at the Commissioner's Cup, including free flu shots and glucose, cholesterol, STD and vision screenings.

There will also be on-site enrollment for families in need of health insurance.

The Los Angeles Galaxy pledged a "Championship Moment" experience for division finalists.

The "Championship Moment" includes ticket discounts to the Galaxy's home opener, acknowledgement of Commissioner's Cup winners at the game, and a post-match private autograph session with Galaxy players.

Every player who participates in Downey AYSO is guaranteed to play at least half a game, regardless of skill level.

By nature of our sport, our children are always in constant and fluid motions," said Paul Kim, regional commissioner for Downey AYSO, Region 24. "As a result, throughout this fall season, I personally observed over 1,600 children burning calories and getting excellent cardiovascular workouts through a time period that spanned over 10 to 11 weeks."

For more information on the Commissioner's Cup, contact Paul Kim at pshkimes@gmail.com.

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- \* SISTERS **Thu**: 7:15, 10:00
- \* STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS **PG-13 Thu**: 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:30, 11:45, 12:15
- \* STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS **PG-13 Thu**: 9:00, 10:45, 12:45
- \* STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS 3D **PG-13 Thu**: 7:00, 8:00, 10:15, 11:15
- \* IN THE HEART OF THE SEA **PG-13 Fri to Wed**: (11:00, 12:20, 1:45, 3:15, 4:40, 6:20, 7:35, 9:25, 10:30, 11:00, 12:20, 1:45, 3:15, 4:40, 7:35, 10:30)
- \* KRAMPUS **PG-13 Fri to Wed**: (11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40, 11:20, 1:30, 3:40, 6:00)
- \* CREED **PG-13 Fri to Wed**: (4:00, 9:30, 11:00, 1:50, 4:00, 4:35)
- \* CREED **PG-13 Fri to Wed**: (11:00, 1:50, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30)
- \* THE GOOD DINOSAUR **PG-13 Fri to Wed**: (11:05, 12:20, 1:25, 2:50, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 11:05, 11:45, 1:25, 2:00, 4:15, 7:20, 11:05)
- \* THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY - PART 2 **PG-13 Fri to Wed**: (12:30, 3:40, 7:00, 10:05, 11:20, 12:30, 3:40)
- \* THE NIGHT BEFORE **PG-13 Fri to Wed**: (11:50, 2:25, 4:55, 7:40, 10:15, 11:50, 2:25, 4:55)
- \* SECRET IN THEIR EYES **PG-13 Fri to Wed**: (11:20, 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20, 11:20, 2:05, 4:50)
- \* THE PEANUTS MOVIE **PG-13 Thu**: (11:40, 2:00, 4:20)
- \* THE PEANUTS MOVIE **PG-13 Fri to Wed**: (11:40, 2:00, 4:20, 7:00)
- \* SPECTRE **PG-13 Fri to Wed**: 10:20 PM

Times for Friday-Thursday, December 11-17, 2015  
Bargain Matinee ( ) SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT/NO PASSES (★)

at the Bakersfield "Battle for the Rig" Individual Tournament.

In the dual meet against Laguna Hills, Downey 106 pounder Jonathan Prata pinned his opponent in the first period, Downey 113 pounder Dylan Ajtun won by major decision and Downey 120 pounder Rolando Dominguez won by decision. Laguna Hills won by pin at 126 and 132 pounds. Downey 138 pounder Armando Padilla won in overtime.

Laguna Hills won by pin at 145 and 152 pounds. Downey 160 pounder Pablo Ochoa pinned his opponent in the second period and Downey 170 pounder Nic Arellano won by decision. Laguna Hills won by pin at 182 pounds. Downey 195 pounder Immanuel Bravo won by decision, Downey 220 pounder Bradley Russell won by decision and Downey heavyweight (285) Leo Benitez won by injury default.

Downey finished third at the Bakersfield "Battle for the Rig"

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# DINING OUT

## Restaurant Spotlight:

# NORMS

### About Us:

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Try Norms Bigger Better Breakfast™ - 2 Bacon, 2 Link Sausage, Ham, 2 Eggs, Hash Browns and 2 Hotcakes served Monday through Friday from 4AM to 2PM and it's only \$6.59!

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**Join Us at NORMS Downey!** Dress casual, at NORMS your family, it's a friendly place where you can be yourself, have great food at a great price with great service.

### Location:

NORMS Restaurant - Downey  
7955 Firestone Blvd.  
@ Paramount  
Downey, Ca 90241  
(562) 862-5345

### Hours of Operation:

24/7 - Anytime  
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### Type of Food:

American Cuisine

### Dress Code:

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## BULK SALES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

(UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.)

Escrow No. 8756-JH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) are: MOHAMMED NURA ALAM, 16109 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650

Doing Business as: CORAS MARKET  
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s)/Licensee(s), is/are NONE

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s)/Applicant(s) is/are: BAGMATI INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 16109 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650  
The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPLETE, INVENTORY AND ABC20-OFF-SALE BEER AND WINE LICENSE #332787 and is/are located at 16109 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK, CA 90650

The type of license to be transferred is/are: Type: ABC20-OFF-SALE BEER AND WINE, License Number: 332787 now issued for the premises located at: SAME

The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: DETAIL ESCROW, INC., 13017 ARTESIA BLVD, STE D106 CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is JANUARY 4, 2016  
The bulk sale subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

The purchase price of consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$50,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$15,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$50,000.00; TOTAL \$50,000.00

It has been agreed between the Seller(s)/Licensee(s) and the intended Buyer(s)/Transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

MOHAMMED NURA ALAM, Seller(s)/Licensee(s)  
BAGMATI INC, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)  
LA1608078 DOWNEY PATRIOT 12/10/15

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12/10/15

## FICT. BUS. NAME

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015293697

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AKASAKA SUSHI AND SASHIMI, 14926 CLARK AVE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: C3837770  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TAH MGT. INC., 14926 CLARK AVE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745

State of Incorporation: (1) CA  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)  
S/ TAH MGT. INC., PRESIDENT, TASOS LISI

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 20, 2015

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

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015279346

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FAIR AND SQUARE MATTRESS COMPANY, 9240 WALNUT STREET, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TIA PRUETT, 9240 WALNUT STREET, BELLFLOWER CA 90706

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 2, 2015

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015296983

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THAI JASMINE CUISINE, 1557 E AMAR ROAD UNIT D, WEST COVINA CA 91792, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TORSAK THANARITROJ, 1557 EAST AMAR ROAD UNIT D, WEST COVINA CA 91792

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 23, 2015

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

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

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015303458

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MAGALY'S TRUCKING, 13610 RANCHILL DR., CERRITOS CA 90703, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MAGALY ZAMORA, 13610 RANCHILL DR., CERRITOS CA 90703

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 2, 2015

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

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015276200

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JIMMY PEEBLES BABIES, 6663 MICHELSON STREET, LAKEWOOD CA 90713, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3320294  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JASMINE VENTURES, INC., 6663 MICHELSON STREET, LAKEWOOD CA 90713

State of Incorporation: (1) CA  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)  
S/ JASMINE VENTURES, INC. PRESIDENT, GLORIA I ZARATE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 29, 2015

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

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11/26/15, 12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015301022

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JUDD CONSTRUCTION, 9722 VAN RUITEN ST., BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STEVEN MICHAEL JUDD, 9722 VAN RUITEN ST., BELLFLOWER CA 90706

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 30, 2015

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

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

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12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15, 12/24/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015289280

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MATS PHARMACY #2, 3737 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD SUITE #101, LYNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY, P O BOX 15720, ANAHEIM CA 92803

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MATS PHARMACY INC, 3625 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD STE 1, LYNWOOD CA 90262

State of Incorporation: (1) CA  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)  
S/ MATS PHARMACY INC, PRESIDENT, BANJI ADERETI

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 13, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015295327

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) M RAMIREZ INC, 36833 COBALT AVE, PALMDALE CA 93552, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: C3672610  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) A & M RAMIREZ INC, 36833 COBALT AVE, PALMDALE CA 93552

State of Incorporation: (1) CA  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)  
S/ A & M RAMIREZ INC, SECRETARY, JAMES KAMURA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 19, 2015

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

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

The Downey Patriot  
11/26/15, 12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015297958

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) STEM START USA (2) STEM START USA, 13337 SOUTH ST., STE. #277, CERRITOS CA 90710, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 2845291  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BLIND START OF AMERICA, 13337 SOUTH ST., STE. 277, CERRITOS CA 90703

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
This business is conducted by a Corporation  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)  
S/ BLIND START OF AMERICA, PRESIDENT, BRIAN TOM

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 23, 2015

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

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

The Downey Patriot  
12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15, 12/24/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015301359

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CTR LOGISTICS, 7718 BOTANY ST, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PAUL CUESSY, 7718 BOTANY ST, DOWNEY CA 90240 (2) ADRIANA CUESSY, 7718 BOTANY ST, DOWNEY CA 90240

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
This business is conducted by a Married Couple  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 30, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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

The Downey Patriot  
12/10/15, 12/17/15, 12/24/15, 12/31/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015274817

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SIMPLICITY SCREENPRINTING, 12783 REXTON ST, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JORDAN HOLBROOK, 12783 REXTON ST, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: (1) CA  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/15/2015

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 27, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A

New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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

The Downey Patriot  
11/26/15, 12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015284261

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

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

State of Incorporation: (1) CA  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 06, 2015

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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

The Downey Patriot  
11/19/15, 11/26/15, 12/3/15, 12/10/15

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2015302807

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BERO (2) THE LAST REFORM, 24321 ALLORI WAY, VALENCIA CA 91355, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSHUA SALVA, 24321 ALLORI WAY, VALENCIA CA 91355, LA

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A  
This business is conducted by an Individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10-7-2014

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 1, 2015



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the in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. See id., ¶ 6.

4. For more than one year preceding the filing of this Petition, *The Gateway Guardian* has been established under the name "The Gateway Guardian," and has been printed and published regularly every other Thursday in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. See id., ¶ 4.

5. For at least one year preceding the filing of this Petition, the mechanical work of producing *The Gateway Guardian*, that is, the work of typesetting and impressing type on paper has been performed at 15005 S. Vermont Avenue, Gardena California 90247, and *The Gateway Guardian* has been issued from this same location for the entirety of that one-year period. See id. *The Gateway Guardian*, therefore, has been issued from the same County where it is printed and circulated; has been both printed and published in the same County; and has been published as a bi-monthly newspaper on every other Thursday of each calendar month.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for judgment ascertaining and establishing *The Gateway Guardian* as a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in California Government Code § 6000, for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated: November 17, 2015  
Karen A. Henry, Esq.  
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP  
865 S. Figueroa Street, 24th Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90017  
(213) 633-6800

**The Downey Patriot 12/10/15, 12/17/15**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: V5028024

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ESTEBAN GARCIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) ESTEBAN GARCIA to Proposed name (1) STEVEN REYES GARCIA

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: January 06, 2016, Time: 1:30pm, Department SE-C

The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, Norwalk, California 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**.

November 06, 2015  
Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
Esteban Garcia  
5717 Aldrich St.  
Pico Rivera CA 90660  
**(562) 942-2107**  
Sugarcia4@aol.com

**The Downey Patriot 11/19/15, 11/26/15, 12/3/15, 12/10/15**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: V5028067

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA SILVER REYNA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) MARIA SILVER REYNA to Proposed name (1) SILVER REYNA

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: January 20, 2016, Time: 1:30, Department SE-C

The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**.

November 18, 2015  
Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
Maria Silver Reyna  
9417 Rose St #5  
Bellflower, CA 90706  
**(562) 925-4129**

**The Downey Patriot 11/26/15, 12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: V5028085

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) JUAN CARLOS

RODRIGUEZ to Proposed name (1) JOHN MONTGUA

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: January 20, 2016, Time: 1:30am, Department F

The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, California 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT**.

November 25, 2015  
Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
Juan Carlos Rodriguez  
8937 Southgate Ave  
South Gate CA, 90280  
**(323) 841-4148**

**The Downey Patriot 12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15, 12/24/15**

**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHIRLEY M. WINNINGHAM**  
Case No. BP168728

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SHIRLEY M. WINNINGHAM

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Christopher J. Langley in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Christopher J. Langley be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 29, 2015 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner:  
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SBN 110064  
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VISTA CA 92081

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**The Downey Patriot 12/10/15, 12/17/15, 12/24/15**

**TRUSTEE SALES**

T.S. No. P1355552-CA APN: 6249-013-008 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE/IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/13/2006. 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 12/2/2015 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/22/2006, as Instrument No. 20062596833, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JUVENTINO MORENO AND LORENA MORENO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN

BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION SAVINGS ASSOCIATION OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766all 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: LOT(S) 29 OF TRACT NO. 16445, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 380 PAGE(S) 40 TO 42 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7452 MULLER ST DOWNEY California 90241 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for an incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$1,535,070.98 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Demand and a written Declaration of Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916)939-0772 or visit this Internet Web http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case CA1500271024 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. IF THE SALE IS SET aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 6 Campus Cir, Bldg 6, 1st Floor Westlake, TX 76262 First American Title Insurance Company MAY

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 lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916)939-0772 or visit this Internet Web http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case CA1500271024 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. IF THE SALE IS SET aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 6 Campus Cir, Bldg 6, 1st Floor Westlake, TX 76262 First American Title Insurance Company MAY

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**The Downey Patriot 12/3/15, 12/10/15, 12/17/15**  
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### Music from 'The Nutcracker' Sunday

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School Band will present instrumental music from "The Nutcracker" this Sunday, Dec. 13, at 4 p.m. at the Downey Civic Theater.

Tickets are \$7 general admission, and \$5 for seniors, military and students with ASB cards. Children ages 5 and under are free.

### Little League sign-ups Saturday

**DOWNEY** – Northwest Downey Little League will have sign-ups this Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Furman Park.

For details, go to [nwdll.org](http://nwdll.org).

### 'Sleeping Beauty' coming to Downey

**DOWNEY** – The Russian National Ballet is once again bringing the joy, beauty, and magic of "The Sleeping Beauty" to The Downey Civic Theatre for one performance only, Feb. 14, Valentines Day.

Last year's almost sell out/sold out exemplary performance by the well-known ballet troupe, was so successful, Theatre management is bringing them back for an encore.

"The Sleeping Beauty" is often considered one of the finest achievements of the classical ballet. It's 1890 debut, in St. Petersburg, Russia was a spectacular illustration of the Russian Imperial style at its zenith. Today it remains the cornerstone of The Russian National Ballet Theatre's repertory.

The current staging is directed by Elena Radchenko. With its large cast, fairytale settings, lavish sets, and glorious Tchaikovsky score, "The Sleeping Beauty" remains the very essence of classical balletic grandeur, with all the elements of an enduring fairy tale: romance, poetry, fate, goodness versus evil, and of course, love.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the performance starts at 8. For tickets, call the box office at (562) 861-8211 or go to [downeytheatre.org](http://downeytheatre.org).

### Downey teen and teacher chosen to participate in Rose Parade

**DOWNEY** – Downey teen Andrew Bilodeau and high school teacher Debra North – both heart disease survivors – will be walking in the Rose Parade on New Year's Day as part of the Union of Hearts float, which celebrates 30 years of collaboration between the American Heart Association (AHA) and Union Bank in the fight against heart disease and stroke.

Andrew was in third grade when he had open heart surgery to repair a hole in his heart. He first felt symptoms in first grade when he would recurrently get pale and feel faint. It wasn't until two years later than a test revealed a large hole in his heart, which had been causing his problems. Andrew is now 16 years old, healthy, and enjoying life in high school.

Born with a heart defect, Debra was given three days to live. Now 40 years old, Debbie is a wife and an accomplished high school teacher. Over the years, she has fought many heart battles, including valve surgery, new problems, and she is expecting a second heart valve surgery next year. But through it all, Debbie faced each day with humor and hope for a brighter, healthier future.

The float, which stands 25 feet high, 18 feet wide and 55 feet long and weighs about 25,000 pounds, will be decorated with more than 15,000 flowers.

### Downey poet Trista Dominqu to read from new book

**DOWNEY** – The next edition of Poetry Matters – Thursday, Dec. 17 at Stay Gallery – will feature Downey's own Trista Dominqu and the launch of her new book "So Cali."

Sarah Thursday, founder of Cadence Collective, says of her work, "Trista Dominqu's collection, So Cali, reads like a family photo album ... with childhood moments of trolley rides, anthills, avocados, pool dives, and June bugs. It zooms out to a working class neighborhood, with baseball caps and flannels, young mothers and gutter kids. ... You will close these pages with images so tangible, vibrant, and immediate, you will confuse them with memories of your own."

Trista Dominqu was born and raised in Southern California. Her work is influenced by her mixed ancestry and working class roots. A Downey resident and mother of three, she learned to weave stories into poetry from rocking chair conversations with her grandmother.

The session is open to everyone and starts at 7:30 p.m. with an open microphone, a tradition which gives local poets the opportunity to read to a live audience.

Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

### Old River chorus members reuniting

**DOWNEY** – Old River Elementary School is inviting all former chorus and glee members to participate in a reunion concert.

The first meet-and-greet, and practice, will be held this Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. A second practice will take place Dec. 16 at 6 p.m., also in the cafeteria. January practice times will be scheduled at the Dec. 16 meeting.

Former members who participate will sing one or two songs of their choice, as well as join the current group on some of their selections.

For more information, contact chorus and glee advisor Miss Atlas latlas@ dUSD.net.

### Parks offering programs during winter break

**DOWNEY** – The City of Downey Parks and Recreation Department is offering children ages 6-12 holiday outdoor activities offered at city parks.


The program, "Holiday Haven," starts on Monday, Dec. 21, and runs through Thursday Dec. 31. The program will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

The program will operate 12 to 5 p.m. with several outdoor activities per day, the first beginning at 12:15 p.m. This program will be offered at Apollo, Brookshire, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel parks.

At Brookshire Park, the program will operate from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If there is inclement weather, the program will not operate.

The program is free, but registration is required. Registration is to be completed at the Park and Recreation Administration office at 7850 Quill Drive.

For further information, call (562) 904-7238.



## POETRY MATTERS

**Unorganized Sundays**

**How dare I try to wear a white skirt, me of all people, on our Sundays that mean dirty faces and sticky hands. Sundays filled with the holy smoke of barbecue drums curling into the sky. This is how we praise his name in our house.**

**Children rolling in earth covering themselves with its dirt as I watch from the fence, breathing in the aroma, while my dog begs for bones off the paper collection plate.**

**I whisper thank you to the sky, thank you for dirty faces and sticky hands, and the mess they leave upon white skirts.**

**By Trista Dominqu**

**Downey resident Dominqu will be reading poems from her new book, So Cali, at Stay Gallery on Thursday Dec. 17. Deeply personal, moving and witty, the poems trace the observations of a young mother facing life square on. Open Mike session starts at 7:30 and the event is free. Public welcomed. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks**



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