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FOLLOW THE MONEY

A comprehensive look at how City Council candidates are funding their campaigns

ELECTION: Candidates pull in big cash ahead of critical City Council election Nov. 8.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – Candidates running for Downey City Council pulled in tens of thousands of dollars this summer in preparation of a hotly-contested election that is now less than three weeks away.

All but one candidate reported receiving campaign contributions between July 1 and Sept. 24.

The financial disclosures, also known as California Form 460, were filed with Downey city clerk Adria Jimenez and are public documents.

District 5 candidate Art Gonzalez did not open a campaign committee and was not required to file a pre-election campaign statement.

Each of the candidates' financial disclosures can be viewed online at thedowneypatriot.com.

Candidates are listed below by district, in alphabetical order.

HECTOR LUJAN (DISTRICT 1): Hector Lujan, an assistant principal at Paramount Adult School, reported contributions of \$4,540, with the bulk of that money used for lawn signs, campaign t-shirts, and campaign events.

Lujan's largest donations came in the way of three separate \$1,000 transactions from Eduardo Molina, owner of E&J International Trading Corp., a privately held company in Paramount; Raul Gonzalez, owner of Mariscos Choix; and Tim Hutcherson, owner of Downey Nissan.

Donors include:

Raul Gonzalez: \$1,000
Tim Hutcherson: \$1,000
Eduardo Molina: \$1,000

Michael Murray: \$500

Monika and Ramon Manglicmot: \$250
Carl and Maggie Jackson: \$250

Charles and Margaret Garcia: \$200

Xavier Castillo: \$100
Bernardo and Emma Sosa: \$100

ALMA MARQUEZ (DISTRICT 1): Alma Marquez, the wife of Downey councilman Luis Marquez, pulled in \$15,998, with most of her contributions coming from auto dealerships.

But her most curious contribution came from a legal defense fund opened by Rod Wright, the former California state senator who resigned in 2014 after a conviction on felony perjury and voting fraud charges.

Alma Marquez also received \$1,000 from her husband's campaign for the Central Basin Water District; \$1,000 from DB Lounge, the Downey nightclub; \$1,000 from Nationwide Environmental Services, the city's franchised street sweeper; and \$500 from CalMet, the city's trash hauler.

Donors include:

Champion Chrysler Jeep Dodge: \$1,000
Penske Toyota of Downey: \$1,000

Jason Roberts (finance director, Penske Toyota): \$1,000
Edwin Swanenburg (general manager, Penske Toyota): \$1,000
Jeffrey Hodge (president, Honda World Downey): \$1,000
Tim Hutcherson (Downey Nissan): \$1,000

RP Automotive: \$1,000
DB Lounge: \$1,000
John's Sweeper Repairs: \$1,000

Marquez for Central Basin District 1 2016: \$1,000
Nationwide Environmental Services: \$1,000
Political Reporting Plus: \$1,000 (non-monetary, bill forgiven)

Fiesta Taxi: \$999

CalMet Services: \$500
Matt Knabe: \$500
Simon Simonian (owner, Joseph's Bar and Grill): \$500
Leland Wong: \$500

Taxpayers for Rod Wright Legal Defense Fund: \$250
Jose Calderon: \$250 (non-monetary, bill paid by undisclosed third party)

Diana Owens: \$100
Gloria Palafox: \$100
Bernard Tolliver: \$100
Marybeth Vergara-Garcia: \$100

BLANCA PACHECO (DISTRICT 1): Blanca Pacheco reported collecting \$7,055 in contributions, most in the form of small donations from residents.

Pacheco, who is an attorney and real estate agent, did not report a single donation worth more than \$500, although she did receive two separate contributions from Joseph's Bar and Grill that total \$750.

Contributors to Pacheco's campaign include community leaders, friends, and real estate associates.

Donors include:

Joseph's Bar and Grill: \$500
Carlos Galvan Jr. (Amapola): \$500

Brenda Martinez: \$300

Keith Fraser: \$250
Susan Rosales: \$250
Claudia Valenzuela: \$250
Joseph's Bar and Grill: \$250
Yvonne Aceves: \$250
Bob Ciatti: \$250

Blanca Rochin: \$200
David Gafin: \$200

Richard Rosiak: \$125

Marisa Perez: \$125

Donald Knoles: \$100
Ronnie Fernandez: \$100
Julio Pacheco: \$100
Joanna Peterson: \$100
Manuel Salas: \$100
Abdom Pinon: \$100
Lenora Perri: \$100
Jerry Wetzstein: \$100
Russell Skersick: \$100
Carlos Espinoza: \$100
Manuel Campos: \$100
Joey Hernandez: \$100
Anthony Garcia: \$100
Manuel Banuelos: \$100
Manuel Salas: \$100
Manuel Salas: \$100
E. Avila: \$100
Jesse Arana: \$100
Rose Gonzalez: \$100

Margaret Garcia: \$75

Soledad Fiero: \$50
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Joanna Peterson: \$50

FRINE MEDRANO (DISTRICT 3): Frine Medrano, who works for California state Sen. Kevin De Leon, touts her connections in Sacramento as an advantage over her opponents. It's those same connections that largely helped Medrano raise \$11,736 in the latest reporting cycle.

Much like before, Medrano tapped into resources outside Downey, collecting contributions from political consultants, labor unions, political action committees, and associates.

Donors include:

Coca-Cola: \$1,000
DiMare, Brown, Hicks & Kessler Law Firm: \$1,000
Laborers' Local 300: \$1,000
Fabiola Mercado (consultant): \$1,000

Good Clothing Inc.: \$500
Honor PAC: \$500
Nilza Serrano: \$500
Western States Regional Joint: \$500

Vanessa Delgado for Montebello City Council: \$250
Kudco Diversified Inc.: \$250
Anthony Reyes: \$250
David Vela: \$250
David Vela for College Board 2017: \$250
Yellow Cab of Sacramento: \$250

JC & Associates APC: \$200
Law Offices of Dennis Saab: \$200
Segura for Assembly 2016: \$200

Juan Jose Gutierrez: \$150
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ART MONTOYA (DISTRICT 3): Art Montoya, who didn't collect money prior to July 1, raised the most money in the latest reporting period, with contributions totaling \$26,585.

Although he raised a significant amount of cash, most of the money came from himself: Montoya loaned his campaign \$15,000, and gifted \$7,000.

A safety administrator at Walt Disney Co., the majority of Montoya's contributors appear to be work associates, friends and family.

Donors include:

Art Montoya: \$7,000

Katerina Riddle Barrios: \$350

Brianne Pena: \$250

Jennel Nodland: \$150

Aaron Magness: \$100
Sarah Vosburg: \$100
Brianna Chocek: \$100
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Jose Lee: \$100
Paige Olivares: \$100
Enrique Montoya: \$100
Carol Maniscalco: \$100
Dashan Craft: \$100
Alex Barrios: \$100
Bessie Gonos: \$100
Georgia Ananias: \$100
Jericho Trim: \$100
Marcos Delgado: \$100
Rosemarie Wilson: \$100
Art Tellez: \$100

Emma Montoya: \$50
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LOUIS MORALES (DISTRICT 3): Louis Morales, a Downey planning commissioner, reported campaign contributions of \$4,375.

Only nine people and businesses contributed to Morales' campaign, although all but one of the donors are from Downey.

Donors include:

La Barca Grill & Cantina: \$1,000
Mariscos Choix: \$1,000
DB Lounge: \$1,000

AR Ramos Inc.: \$500
Mireya Ruiz: \$500

New Economy Strategies: \$125

Mariana Pacheco: \$100
Grace Kramer: \$100

Frank Jimenez: \$50

RICK RODRIGUEZ (DISTRICT 3): Rick Rodriguez reported monetary contributions of \$7,345, most of which appear to have come from Downey residents and business associates.

Rodriguez collected \$1,000 donations from former mayor Mario Guerra and property manager Ron Kolar. The owner of a private security firm, Rodriguez also received \$1,000 from Moshe Alon, president of Professional Security Consultants, Inc.

CalMet Services, the city's trash hauler, gave Rodriguez \$500. Rodriguez also loaned his campaign \$20,000.

Donors include:

Ron Kolar: \$1,000
Mario Guerra: \$1,000
Moshe Alon: \$1,000

Calmet Services: \$500
Michael Ferrua: \$500
Mary Ferrua: \$500
Ismael Ramirez: \$500
Don Jervis: \$500

Dennis Rodriguez: \$300

Javier Munoz: \$250

F. Michael Clark: \$225

Konnice Shanks: \$250

Gordon Sodetani: \$200

Donna Mace: \$100
Don Johnston: \$100
Raul Lopez: \$100
Alex Yusem: \$100
Greg Rodriguez: \$100
Iris Escamilla: \$100

ALEX SAAB (DISTRICT 5): Incumbent mayor Alex Saab isn't expected to be seriously threatened by opponent Art Gonzalez, who has raised no money. Still, Saab isn't taking his opponent lightly, collecting \$5,250 in campaign contributions.

His largest donors were Square King Foods Inc. out of Buena Park and Grow Elect, a group that helps Latino Republicans. Each gave \$2,000.

He also received contributions from CalMet Services and Nationwide Environmental Services, which provide trash and street sweeping services in Downey, respectively.

Donors include:

Square King Foods Inc.: \$2,000
Grow Elect: \$2,000

CalMet Services: \$1,000
Honda World: \$1,000
Nationwide Environmental Services: \$1,000

Diane Boggs: \$250

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THINGS TO DO



Downey Symphony

Saturday - Downey Theatre, 8 pm

A special Downey Symphony concert celebrating Downey's 60th anniversary. World premiere by Lars Clutterham.



Keep Downey Beautiful

Saturday - Old River School Rd. and Burns Ave., 9 am

Help pick up litter with other volunteers. Parking available in Albertson's parking lot.



Drug Take-Back

Saturday - Downey Police Station, 10 am to 2 pm

Safely dispose of expired, unused or unwanted medication.



Downtown Walking Tour

Saturday - Downtown Downey, 9 am

A walking tour of historic downtown, led by the Downey Conservancy. Meet at Downey and Firestone.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

Councilman Marquez accused of having child out of wedlock

Alida Fernandez Chacon: I have to agree with the comments that it is your job to report. It's our job to determine if it influences our opinion. Keep up the good work. Every city needs a fair and impartial paper that reports the good and the bad. We're quite lucky indeed.

Cesar Mapelli: Public figures are putting themselves out there. So if their dirty laundry needs to be exposed, so be it.

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TWEET OF THE WEEK

@gibrybry: just made a new snapchat filter for Downey that got approved!

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Robotics students from Stauffer bring home two trophies

DOWNEY – Stauffer Middle School's Spartan Design robotics teams brought home two awards after traveling to Lancaster Oct. 8 to compete against 24 other robotics teams from around California.

The VEX Robotics Competition challenged teams to create an alliance of two robots that would work collaboratively complete a challenge called Starstruck, similar to the childhood game of jacks.

The object of the challenge to have the robots move all the stars -- or jacks -- to their opponent's side in a 12x12-ft. arena.

Two teams competed from

Stauffer Middle School and neither came home empty-handed: Spartan Design 2822B finished in second place overall, while team Spartan Design 2822F earned the Robot Skills Award, which is given to the team with the top combined programming and driving skills.

In addition to learning robotics, students who participate in the tournaments also learn academic and life skills, DUSD officials said.

"This competition continues to present incredible opportunities for these robotics students," said DUSD Superintendent Dr. John Garcia. "These competitions



provide them with the opportunity to compete with the best teams from around California, furthering the district's vision to prepare students to be globally competitive."

Griffiths Middle School students learn physics at Cal State Long Beach

DOWNEY – Griffiths Middle School students traveled to Cal State Long Beach earlier this month where they learned about physics -- specifically magnetism and its applications -- directly from CSULB physics students and faculty.

Students heard a talk from Dr. Thomas Gredig about a history of research on magnetism as well as cutting-edge research currently being conducted at CSULB.

After the talk, students participated in a hands-on activity related to magnetism, creating a compass using everyday objects. They also learned the science behind high-speed magnetic trains.

Students then had "Brunch with a Physicist," enjoying a meal with a physics faculty member at each table to chat about physics.

The morning concluded with a panel of CSULB physics majors who spoke about majoring in physics, career aspirations, how college is different from middle and high school, and more.

"Students enjoyed the opportunity to be on a college campus and hearing about how other students have overcome academic challenges and how to strive for success," said Griffiths Middle School principal Rani Bertsch.

Los Nietos names parent volunteer to board of trustees

WHITTIER – The Los Nietos Board of Trustees has appointed Evelyn Avdalyan as its newest member, swearing her in Oct. 11 to replace former trustee Marisa B. Hernandez.

Avdalyan, a 15-year member of the Los Nietos community and active parent, was selected at an

Oct. 4 Board meeting. She was among three finalists interviewed by Los Nietos trustees.

"We are pleased to welcome Evelyn to our Board," Los Nietos Superintendent Jonathan Vasquez said. "Evelyn is a passionate member of our community who has long been dedicated to strengthening Los Nietos, and that will only continue in her new role."

Hernandez stepped down Sept. 15 after moving out of the District boundaries; Avdalyan will complete the remainder of a four-year term that ends in November 2017.

"Marisa brought a great enthusiasm and spirit during her tenure, and we are truly thankful

for all the great contributions she made in building an achievement culture," Vasquez said.

Avdalyan has served on the Parent Teacher Club (PTC) at Aeolian Elementary, where her sixth-grade son attends. The PTC consists of parents, teachers, staff and volunteers who facilitate communication between the community groups and support the school's educators.

"Working alongside teachers has given me a unique perspective into the challenges our community faces in educating our kids," Avdalyan said. "We all share the common goal of getting the best out of our children and I look forward to reaching that objective in collaboration with the Board,

parents, our four schools and 1,700 students."

Avdalyan credits her five years in the U.S. Air Force to helping her establish an exemplary work ethic. She works at a law firm and her familiarity with legal documents is a welcomed skillset to the Board.

"Evelyn has a lot of special attributes that will serve the Board well, and we're excited to work with her," Los Nietos Board Member Emilio Sosa said. "She was already a valuable member of the Los Nietos family and now she has an even greater platform to benefit our District."

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Sports Briefs: Downey-Warren clash in rivalry game

■ **SPORTS:** Bears and Vikings will compete in annual cross-town rivalry game Friday night.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team defeated Lynwood at Lynwood 35-7 last Friday night.

With the win, the Vikings improved to 6-1 overall and 2-0 in S.G.V.L. play while the Knights fell to 3-4 overall and 0-2 in S.G.V.L. play.

Downey will host cross-town rival Warren tonight in their much anticipated rematch from last year. The Bears defeated Downey last season 23-6 at Warren.

Warren comes into tonight's game with an overall record of 0-6-1 and are 0-2 in S.G.V.L. play.

In the Lynwood game, the Vikings took a commanding lead and never looked back. Downey quarterback Trevor Hill completed 12/23 pass attempts for 243 yards with three touchdown passes and one interception.

The Viking ground game amassed 185 yards on 41 carries with two touchdowns. Emari Demercado had 16 carries for 62 yards and one touchdown and Baraq Ross had 15 carries for 69 yards and one touchdown.

The Downey receiving corps had 12 receptions for 243 yards and three touchdowns. Christopher Atkins had four receptions for 119 yards and one touchdown, Tony Ramirez had three receptions for 63 yards and one touchdown and Ryder Hawkins had two catches for 34 yards and one touchdown.

The Downey defense was led by Nicholas Whitney's six

solo and three assisted tackles, Noah Skobis' six solo and two assisted tackles, Josh Cooper's six solo and one assisted tackles, Brennan Fields' three solo and four assisted tackles and Ryder Hawkins' three solo and four assisted tackles.

Downey will host a currently undefeated Gahr (7-0, 2-0) team next week. The Gladiators are hosting Paramount tonight.

■ The Warren High School football team was defeated by Gahr at Warren 21-7 last Friday night.

With the loss, the Bears fell to 0-6-1 overall and 0-2 in S.G.V.L. play. With the win, the Gladiators improved to 7-0 overall and 2-0 in S.G.V.L. play.

In the Gahr game, the Gladiators scored first and led 7-0 at the end of the first quarter. Warren did score a touchdown and converted the extra point in the second quarter but Gahr added two more touchdowns, with the conversions, to take a 21-7 lead into the locker rooms at halftime.

The two teams exchanged the ball and field position in the second half with neither team managing to get into the endzone. The score remained 21-7 and that was the final score.

Bear quarterback Chris Venegas completed 4/14 pass attempts for 34 yards with one touchdown pass and three interceptions.

The Bear ground game accumulated 222 yards on 45 carries. Nikko Fierro-Tuala carried the ball 13 times for 93 yards, Sebastian Valencia carried the ball 12 times for 58 yards and Jordan Mayes carried the ball 12 times for 41 yards.

The Warren receiving corps had 4 receptions for 34 yards and one touchdown. Jordan Mayes had two catches for 20 yards and one touchdown, Robbie Colenzo had one reception for seven yards and Nikko Fierro-Tuala had one reception for seven yards.

Warren will host Dominguez next week. Dominguez is currently 1-6 overall and 0-2 in S.G.V.L. play. Dominguez defeated Warren 47-19 last season.

■ The Warren High School girls' tennis team currently has an overall record of 11-4 and are 9-2 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Bears defeated Lynwood 15-3 on Oct. 11, defeated Paramount 14-4 on Oct. 13 and defeated Gahr 16-2 on Oct. 14. The only two league losses have come to cross-town rival Downey.

As it stands now, Downey will be the top S.G.V.L. seed and Warren will be the second seed.

Warren was defeated by Downey at Downey 10-8 on Sept. 23 and again 9-9 (on criteria) at Warren on Oct. 6. The second win for Downey virtually clinched the S.G.V.L. title.

The two teams played again on Tuesday at Downey in their third and final regular season scheduled match and Warren came away with the nail-biting, 10-8 win. The two teams battled each other for every point and some high level tennis was played.

Warren will travel to Lynwood later today for their match against Lynwood. Today's match against Lynwood will conclude Warren's regular season schedule. The Bears defeated the Lady Knights 15-3 on Sept. 29 and again 15-4 on Oct. 11.

The C.I.F. girls' tennis playoff

brackets will be released this weekend. Coach Starksen, her staff and players are looking forward to finishing league play on a high note and continuing on into postseason play.

■ The first rotation of middle school sports has concluded and several city championships were claimed.

Football and girls' volleyball had six different grade level and gender teams competing. Doty claimed three outright city championships and a co-championship, Sussman claimed one, Stauffer claimed one and Griffiths claimed a co-championship.

The Knights were city champions in 7th grade football, 8th grade girls' volleyball, 7th grade girls' volleyball and earned a co-championship with Griffiths in sixth grade girls' volleyball.

Sussman claimed a city championship in 8th grade football, Stauffer claimed a city championship in 6th grade football and Griffiths claimed a co-championship with Doty in 6th grade girls' volleyball.

In 8th grade football, Sussman finished with a record of 5-0-1, Doty finished with a record of 3-2-1, Stauffer finished with a record of 2-4 and Griffiths finished with a record of 1-5.

In 7th grade football, Doty finished with a record of 6-0, Stauffer finished with a record of 4-2, Sussman finished with a record of 2-4 and Griffiths finished with a record of 0-6.

In 6th grade football, Stauffer finished with a record of 5-1, Griffiths finished with a record of 4-2, Sussman finished with a record of 2-4 and Doty finished with a record of 0-6.



Doty Middle School's eighth grade volleyball champions.

In 8th grade girls' volleyball, Doty finished with a record of 5-1, Sussman finished with a record of 4-2, Griffiths finished with a record of 2-4 and Stauffer finished with a record of 1-5.

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In 6th grade girls' volleyball, Doty and Griffiths both finished with a record of 5-1, Sussman finished with a record of 2-4 and Stauffer finished with a record of 0-6.

In 7th grade girls' volleyball, Doty finished with a record of 6-0, Stauffer finished with a record of 3-3, Sussman finished

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NEWS BRIEFS: Free stroke seminar returns to Downey

DOWNEY – The RTH Stroke Foundation will be bringing its stroke education series back to the Rio Hondo Event Center, Monday, Oct. 24, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This event offers a free blood pressure clinic and health fair, presented by the Diane Manarino Memorial Fund.

Diane Manarino suffered an unexpected major hemorrhagic stroke which ultimately caused her passing on June 30, 2016. Diane was merely 59 years of age at the time of her passing.

Did you know that 70 million American have high blood pressure? That's 1 out of 3 American adults. High blood pressure, and stress, was the cause of Diane's massive brain hemorrhage. The "Diane Manarino Memorial Fund" has been set-up by the RTH Stroke Foundation to raise awareness of the serious threat that high blood pressure and stress can pose.

This free event will spotlight maintaining and controlling blood pressure. There will be a brief presentation given by Dr. Jared Noroozi from the University of Southern California, KECK Medical Center.

Following the presentation, free blood pressure screenings will be given to all attendees, and they will have the opportunity to visit participating vendor booths. Medical professionals will also be present during the event to meet with attendees one-on-one to discuss screenings results, medication and treatment options, and follow-up care.

So take the first step to controlling your blood pressure and stress by becoming informed and join the RTH Stroke Foundation in this free seminar/clinic and health fair, Monday, October 24.

Please RSVP to the RTH Stroke Foundation by calling our toll-free number at 888-794-9466 or you can register online at rthfoundation.org.

This event is sponsored by the RTH Stroke Foundation, Diane Manarino Memorial Fund, LA Care Health Plan, The Downey Patriot and the Rio Hondo Event Center.

RUMMAGE SALE: The Exchange Club Family Support Center in Downey will host a rummage sale Friday, Nov. 11, starting at 11 a.m.

All proceeds will go directly to the center, which works to prevent child abuse.

Donations of gently-used items can be dropped off Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monetary donations can also be made online at downeyfamilysupport.com.

The center is located at 8320 Iowa St. For more information, call (562) 904-9590.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The Downey Historical Society will host an open microphone meeting Oct. 27, where local residents are invited to share their memories, photos and artifacts of Downey.

The event will be moderated by Bobbi Bruce, a Downey Historical Society docent and secretary for the last four years. She currently serves as president of Downey Coordinating Council and has presented programs to the Downey Christian Women's Club, First Baptist Church of Downey, and the local Kiwanis clubs.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the John Downey Room at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center.

DIABETES WORKSHOP: A free community workshop on diabetes will be held Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 6-7 p.m. at PIH Health Downey.

"What is Diabetes: Know the Basics and Risks" is the title of the workshop. Reservations are required by calling (562) 698-0811, ext. 81085.

THANKSGIVING DINNER: Senior citizens are invited to Stauffer Middle School for a free Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Now in its 32nd year, students and faculty prepare and serve the meals while music students provide live entertainment.

Bingo begins at 4 p.m. and dinner is served at 5.

OBITUARY: Roberta Ann Cendejas, born March 11, 1957 to Gabriel and Esther Cendejas, passed away Oct. 2.

She graduated from Pius X High School in 1975.

She is survived by her father, Gabriel; brother, Anthony; sister, Angelina Gurrola; and nieces and nephews Chaise, Dillon, Griffin and Garrett.

COSTUME CONTEST: A costume contest is the latest addition to the entertainment lineup at the Downey Dia de los Muertos Art Festival, taking place Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Downey Theatre.

Sponsored by the Downey Patriot, the contest will include three categories: adult male, adult female and children ages 12 and younger.

A three-judge panel will evaluate costumes, make-up, presentation and ingenuity.

To sign up for the contest, go to ddlm.downeytheatre.org/costume-contest. Although pre-registration closes Oct. 28, people can also register on-site at the festival.

The contest will take place from 3-4 p.m. in the "Community Stage" near the library.

Contest prizes include tablets, toys, kitchenware, perfume and other prizes donated by La Curacao.

COMEDY FUNDRAISER: A comedy show to raise money for impoverished children in Mexico will be held Friday, Nov. 18, at the Embassy Suites in Downey.

The show will be headlined by Johnny Sanchez, a former MADtv cast member.

Also scheduled to perform are Tobe Hixx, Sebastian Cetina, Julio Gonzalez and Mike Cano.

Tickets are \$25. Proceeds will be used to purchase toys, blankets and other items to impoverished children in Tecate, Baja California, Mexico.

For tickets or information, call Monica at (562) 644-6514 or Ernie at (562) 760-5816.

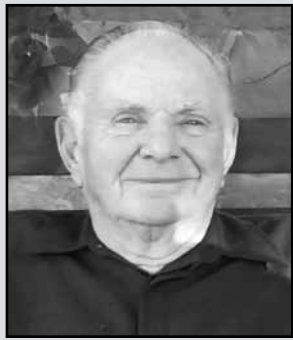
GOLF TOURNAMENT: PIH Health raised more than \$240,000 at its 23rd annual golf tournament last month at Friendly Hills Country Club.

Proceeds will be used to purchase new state-of-the-art CT scanners, hospitals officials said.

The Siemens SOMATOM Force CT Scanner provides full-body imaging in less than five seconds and offers a clearer, more precise image and diagnoses, officials said.

In Memory of

Daniel Anthony Pulone



Daniel Pulone was born March 24, 1933 in Los Angeles California and was a resident of Downey since 1978. As a young man he learned the trade of setting tile and marble, and worked in city government as the Director of Building and Safety for the City of Cudahy from 1971-93. For the last 20 years, Dan served as Supervisor Knabe's appointee to the County

Property Appeals Board.

Dan was a proud veteran and served for 2 years in active duty and in the reserve for 6 years as a member of the 82nd Airborne Paratroopers. He was a member of the American Legion since 1958 and held the title of 1st Commander of the Bell Post. Dan was a parishioner of St. Raymond's Catholic Church.

Dan is survived by his wife of 60 years, JoAnn, children Susan Cannan (husband Dan), Daniel M. Pulone, Gina Tillman (husband Drew), Mark Pulone (wife Carrie), and grandchildren David Tillman, Michael Cannan, Lauren Tillman, Caroline Cannan, Caitlin Pulone, and Daniel Pulone. He joins in heaven his son Danny Joe Pulone, and grandchildren Jonathan Pulone and Annabella Pulone.

Services will be Monday, October 24 at St. Raymond's Catholic Church at 10:30 A.M. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the "Italian Catholic Federation" for a scholarship in Dan Pulone's name. Send to Charlene Drobeck, 7649 Cecilia St., Downey, CA, 90241.

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Frine Medrano's unfit for City Council

Dear Editor:

I don't like misleading campaign literature and I find that Frine Medrano is distributing just that.

I feel community experience and volunteering is critical to a good council member. Frine Medrano has none of that. In her mailings she lists no volunteer or city involvement yet states she can "get the job done right."

I, nor anyone I know, has ever saw her or heard her name in the dozens of organizations that I belong to. This worries me that a Sacramento expert is now wanting to run for Downey City Council.

I also saw where her major funding is coming from and it isn't from local residents.

Most of the candidates running have a good history of city involvement -- not Sacramento involvement. I don't want someone who knows the big-wigs in Sacramento. I want someone who knows Downey. You should too.

According to her own mailings, she is "home grown." How? Just because she graduated high school here? Her material says "A lifelong commitment to public service"? Where is any commitment to Downey? Nothing mentioned at the debate either.

In my opinion, she is a poor choice to run our city. I suggest she Invest her time in our city first.

Come back from Sacramento with their lobbyists and deal-makers and invest your time here.

Then in 5-10 years she will learn all about our great city and be qualified to run for City Council.

**Dorothy Pemberton
Downey**

No on Measure S

Dear Editor:

I just cast my ballot and voted NO on Measure S.

The city of Downey has let the infrastructure go to crap, services to deteriorate, and water rates to go through the roof. And they now want us to bail the city out while sitting on tens of millions in reserve for the current budget.

They have proven to me that this is throwing good money after bad, and we will be stuck with this blatant cash grab for the next 20 years.

I voted NO on S, and urge others to vote no as well.

**Thomas Smith
Downey**

San Gabriel River

Dear Editor:

Most Downey residents have never walked, run, or biked along the San Gabriel Bike Trail between Florence Avenue and Firestone Boulevard. For those that use the trail frequently as a mean of exercise, there is increased disappointment at the deterioration of the riverbed.

Over the past decade, small trees have now become large. While the trees provide shade and shelter for homeless encampments, the unfortunate by-product of the homeless is an excessive accumulation of trash and excrement left behind. The area described has now become unsightly.

Of greater concern in the potential impact of a major, prolonged rainstorm. The drought has lingered and the riverbed hasn't been "cleansed" by water flow in too many years. Unfortunately, the now massive accumulation of debris from further up river as well as the local riverbed garbage will be trapped in the overgrown trees. This situation will result in a slower flow of water potentially causing a rapid backup of water. A worse case scenario would be an overflow of the riverbed causing local areas to become flooded.

The Department of Public Works and the Army Corp of Engineers are responsible for river bed maintenance. Historically, large dump trucks would enter the riverbed and huge amounts of silt, sand and debris would be removed, resulting in the riverbed floor lowered to keep Downey and other communities from flooding during that predicted 100-year flood.

I'm sure the cost of cleaning the riverbed, just for this small section, is enormous. Mitigation grants could be written with a proposal to clear the trees and the lower the river bed. While costly, it could be cheaper than the potential flooding that could result in a major and prolonged rainstorm. We've seen that destruction in other parts of the United States (Hurricane Madeline just one current example) and I'm certain no one wishes that to happen to our City of Downey and other local communities.

**Jim Weidner
Downey**

Symphony concert

Dear Editor:

How great it is to give a Downey musician notice. ("For Lars Clutterham, Music is Life," 10/6/16)

The Downey Symphony will be playing a selection written by Lars Clutterham of Downey at their concert on Oct. 22. We knew Lars was an excellent choir director, a very accomplished pianist, and a talented speaker on composers and their music. Besides music, he is an advocate for bike riding and living "green."

Now retired from a career involved with music in films, he has time to compose. I would not miss this concert for anything.

**Margery Barnings
Downey**

If Trump taught us anything, it's the danger of rewarding oppressive workplace behavior

By Jill Richardson

Last May, The New York Times reported on a pattern of Donald Trump's vulgar behavior with women. Trump refuted every last accusation.

It's only now that a video of Trump's inappropriate behavior in action has come to light that the nation believes he's the type of man that several women have alleged him to be.

Another recent article described how Donald Trump triggers victims of domestic abuse. I am a trauma survivor and an abuse victim, and I've been triggered by the GOP candidate myself.

Trump and my bully share the same playbook.

My bully, Alan Hutchison, was my supervisor at work. I was 25 and working at a medical software company, Epic Systems. He was my senior on a project at a hospital.

The project was ambitious, but I was more than competent at my job. I'd just gotten a stellar performance review.

Trump and my bully exhibited similar personality traits. The difference is that my tormentor, who was gay, had no interest in grabbing my genitals.

Within six months, shortly after I bought my first house, Alan got me fired.

During those months, he gave me conflicting orders to guarantee that I'd disobey one, or he'd instruct me to do things that were bad for our client, and pressure me when I refused. I would be in trouble either way.

He forbid me to give clients the instruction manual for the software our company had sold them. He continued to add tasks to my workload, jeopardizing our ability to complete the project on time.

And sometimes, he just plain lied.

He had no qualms about harming the hospital in order to bully me.

I told my boss at work that Alan was bullying me, but he didn't believe me. By the time I tried to tell Human Resources, it was too late. They didn't believe me either.

And there was no incriminating video to prove my case.

I lost my job for "customer dissatisfaction." I lost my house and all of my savings with it.

The customers took me out to dinner a few weeks later. Their manager was furious when he found out I was let go. It took three people to replace me, they said.

Years later, a coworker on the project told me our company almost lost the entire account, and firing me was the start of their souring relationship with the client.

A decade later, I still have nightmares about my antagonist.

I think we have two lessons to learn from my experience and from the recent Trump tape.

First of all, victims of bullies often aren't believed. The bullies are smooth operators. They deny everything and choose their victims well. It can take a leaked video before a bully is caught.

Second, it's not just bad to put a bully in charge at work — whether in the White House or any other job — because they're mean to their subordinates. It's also bad for the company — or, in this case, the country.

My bully put the work we were doing together in jeopardy in order to terrorize me. No company — or nation — can afford to have an employee sabotaging their project.

But workplace bullying is legal, and companies tend to promote bullies, not fire them.

My bully still holds his job. And although the odds aren't in his favor, Trump isn't out of the race just yet.

If Trump can give one gift to this nation, it's shining a light on these oppressors and the danger of tolerating them.

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

Roybal-Allard: Share your Hispanic heritage

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40), the first Mexican-American woman elected to Congress and a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, released a video last week in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Below is a copy of Rep. Roybal-Allard's statement:

"Hello, I'm Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard. Each year, from September 15th to October 15th, we gather as a nation to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by highlighting the many contributions our Latino communities have made to our country. These include enriching our arts and sciences, defending our country by bravely serving in our Armed Forces, creating millions of small businesses and jobs through our entrepreneurial spirit, and serving our communities as teachers, doctors, nurses, and law enforcement officers. These and many more contributions are cause for celebration, not only by Latinos, but by all Americans.

"Unfortunately, the full potential of Latinos to contribute to our nation is hampered by America's broken immigration system. That is why we must never give up our fight to pass a fair and comprehensive immigration bill.

"In the meantime, I am pleased that President Obama has taken some very positive steps. In 2012, the president used his executive authority to address weaknesses in our immigration system by initiating DACA, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. This order has helped over 728,000 DREAMers to live without the fear of deportation.

Public has little confidence in Congress, poll shows

The good news for Congress is that Americans understand that legislators in Washington have a tough job trying to make laws for a diverse and polarized nation. The bad news for Congress is that Americans still expect the national legislature to tackle that challenge, and most in the public believe Congress is failing to do the hard work necessary to bridge differences and achieve results.

That's the key finding of the latest survey of public attitudes about Congress conducted by the Indiana University Center on Representative Government. The annual survey is overseen by Edward G. Carmines, Distinguished Professor, Warner O. Chapman Professor of Political Science and Rudy Professor at IU.

"When we asked, 'How would you compare the polarization of members of Congress to the polarization among the American public?' 63 percent responded that they see the public as either just about as polarized as Congress, or even more polarized," Carmines said. "And when we asked, 'Would you say that most Americans typically agree on what Congress should do, or are there usually wide differences of opinion?' 83 percent said there are 'wide differences.'"

But while it's evident that Congress faces a high degree of difficulty, Americans still come down hard on the legislators for failing to find a way forward. To the question, "Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Congress is handling its job?" 81 percent disapprove. When asked, "Who do you think is more responsible for the policymaking gridlock in Washington?" almost two times as many people say Congress is the primary culprit than blame solely President Obama.

"Americans recognize there are a lot of diverse opinions in the country, and that those opinions are often reflected in Congress," said Carmines. "But they do expect Congress to make some progress. It's policymaking capacity is just not very evident. When Congress seems to be immobilized, playing politics so much of the time, unable to address the country's problems, there's a diffuse disappointment and even anger that attends to the institution. Congress doesn't seem to be operating in a way that reflects the interests of the American people."

What to do? In a word, the survey says, compromise. "Should members of Congress stand up for their principles no matter what, or compromise with their opponents in order to get something done?" the survey asked. Fifty-five percent of the public said, "Compromise to get something done."

Those polled acknowledge that on certain issues, finding common ground to make law is especially difficult: On abortion and gun control, for instance, less than half the public expected members of Congress to compromise. But by contrast, solid majorities said that compromise should be possible on national security (55 percent), immigration (57 percent), health care (59 percent), and taxes (63 percent).

"Americans recognize that trying to get agreement in Congress is not easy. It's very difficult. There are lots of different solutions, lots of different priorities. But they expect Congress to at least work at it, and not to simply exacerbate differences on major problems facing the country," Carmines said.

Longtime U.S. Rep. Lee Hamilton, now senior advisor to the IU Center on Representative Government, frames the challenge this way: "Can Congress develop a reputation as an institution that seeks out ways to find agreement — within each chamber, between the two chambers, and with the president?"

If Congress fails to answer that call, the consequence is likely to be continued bottom-scraping ratings from the public.

More than three-fourths of those surveyed said that either special interests or personal self-interest are the main influences on members of Congress. Asked if "information from my members of Congress is trustworthy," 54 percent either somewhat disagreed, or strongly disagreed. To the question, "Do members of Congress listen and care about what people like you think?" 62 percent said, no, not most of the time.

Asked to grade Congress on a scale of A to F, the public slapped Congress with low marks on a series of performance measures: Grades of D on "keeping excessive partisanship in check" and "controlling the influence of special interest groups"; D-plus grades on "dealing with key issues facing the country" and "holding its members to high standards of ethical conduct" and "conducting its business in a careful, deliberate way."

Overall, says Carmines, "this is a pretty dim view of Congress. There is not a lot of confidence in our most representative institution."

An obvious choice for President

Dear Editor:

I am horrified that Donald Trump is running as a candidate for President of the United States.

His behavior is disgusting and embarrassing. He has no respect for anyone, he cares only about himself. He is a sexual predator who says that he can do anything to women because he is rich and famous. He is a pathological liar who denies global warming, unless it is convenient to raise the seawall for his golf course.

His hateful rhetoric towards anyone who dares to criticize him and his willingness to say or do anything to get his way puts him beyond being in a league with Fidel Castro or Hugo Chavez. There is only one other head of state he could be compared to: Adolf Hitler.

He degrades the United States around the world, making us look like a third-world dictatorship where the winner promises to put his opponents in jail. He is tearing this country apart and he makes me sick to my stomach every time I hear or see him.

Let's unite and vote on November 8 for the only decent, qualified candidate to lead this country: Hillary Clinton.

**Anito Rivero
Downey**

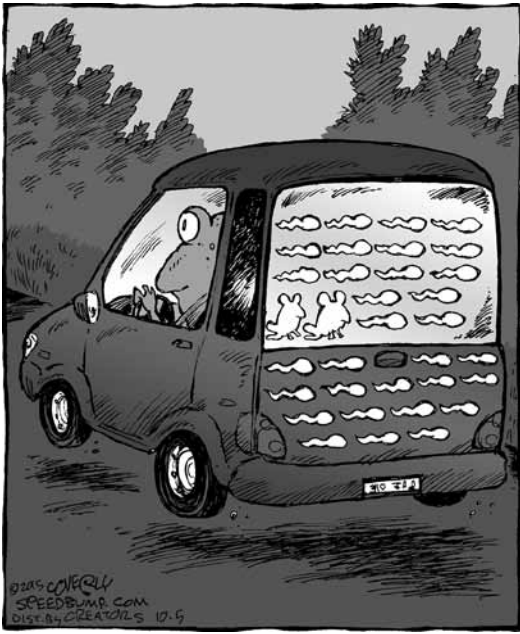
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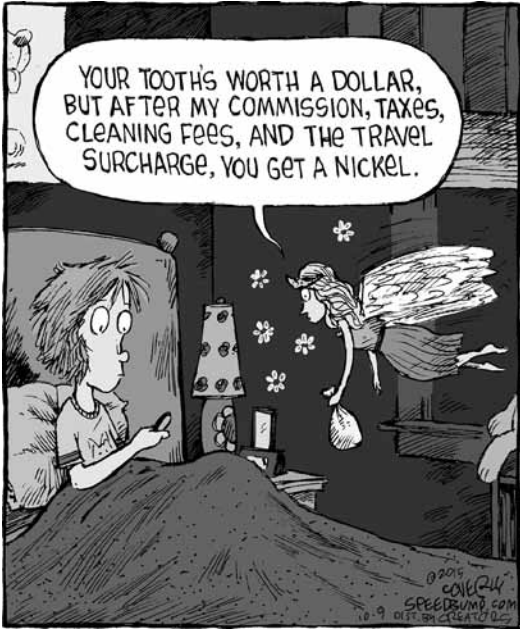
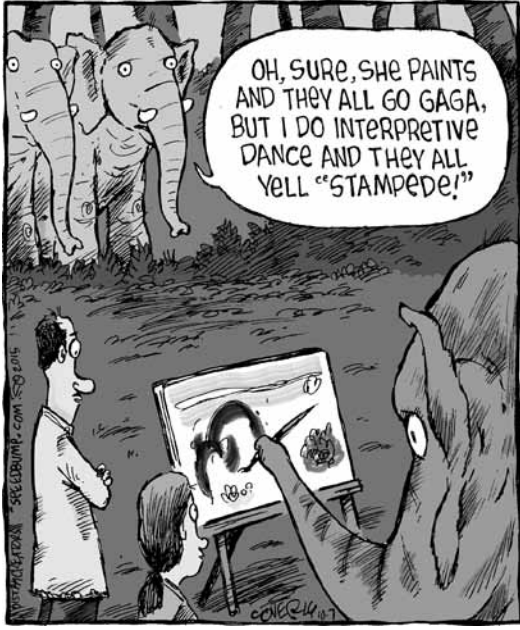
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Downey Community Calendar

EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 22: Downey Symphony, Downey Civic Theatre, 8 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.
- 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Nancy 806-1782.
- 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 Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
- 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 Russell Skersick 929-3710.
- 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
- 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.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
- 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 Rio Hondo Event Center, 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 Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
- 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 Helen 864-7319.
- 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
- 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
- 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

On This Day...

October 20, 1947: The House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence in the motion picture industry.

1968: Former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

1977: Three members of the rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd were killed in the crash of a chartered plane near McComb, Miss.

BIRTHDAYS: Rock singer Tom Petty (66), wrestler Scott Hall (58), California attorney general Kamala Harris (52), rapper Snoop Dogg (45), former Lakers shooting guard Eddie Jones (45) and actor John Krasinski (36).

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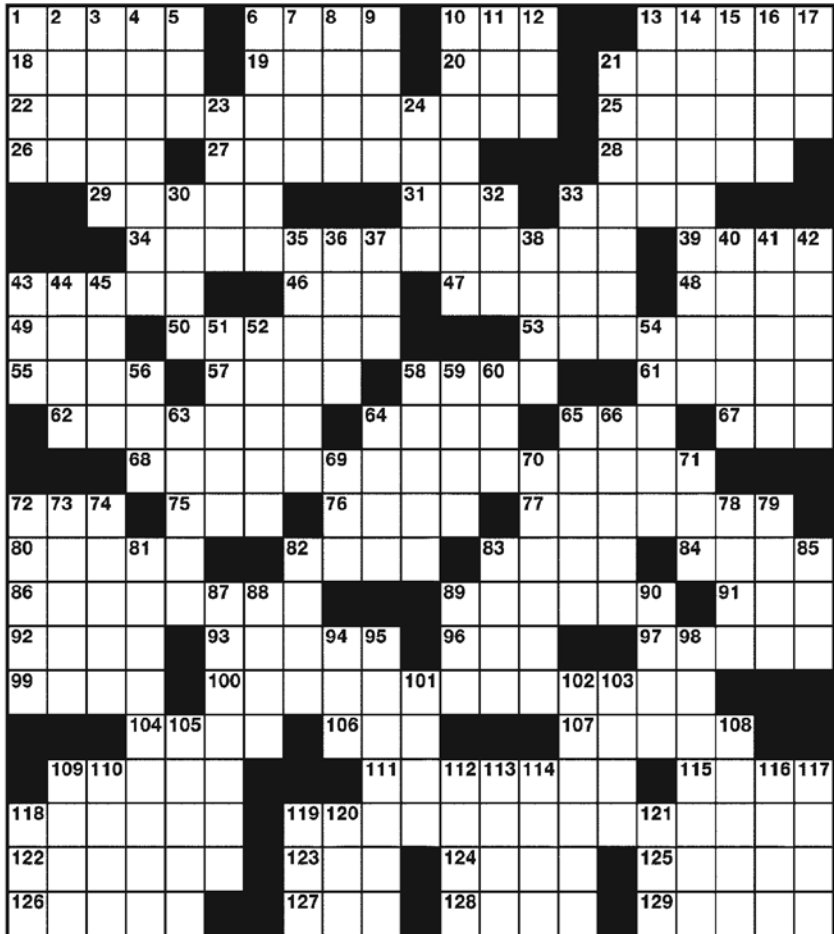
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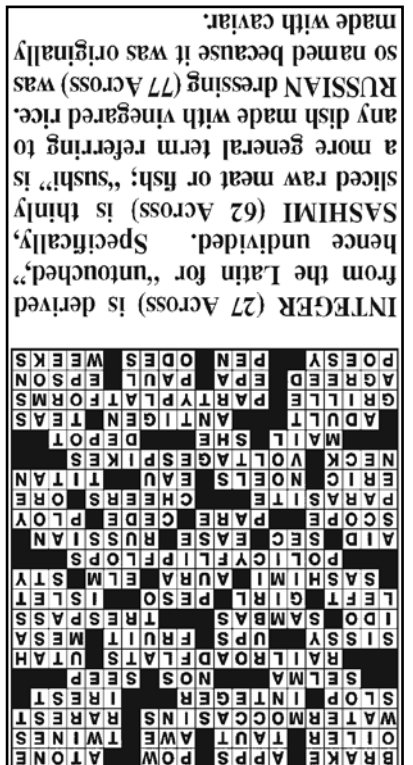


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SHARED STORIES: HERE I AM, READY OR NOT

Mervin Chantland wore a body cast for eight years of his childhood as treatment for a severe case of tuberculosis diagnosed when he was two. His loving family found medical help in Iowa City, over 200 miles from their family farm, and every few months Mervin made the journey to have the cast replaced on his growing body.

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 Mervin Chantland

I was born December 13, 1934, on a small farm just outside Badger, Iowa, and was given the name Mervin Darvin Chantland. I was the ninth of Carl and Cora Chantland's 11 children. My claim to fame in my first year of life was related to be by my sister Jeanette. She said I walked at a younger age than any of the other children – in my crib at seven and one-half months and on my own at nine months.

Mom had been so lonesome for her life in Battle Lake, Minnesota, that Dad said she should go back and visit. My sisters offered to take care of me, only two years old at the time, but Mom said she wouldn't go without her baby. Jeanette tells the story of how she and the other girls went into town and bought me "the cutest coat and cap set" to wear on the trip. It was dark blue.

Dad took the two of us off by first driving us to Minneapolis where we took the train to Dalton, Minnesota to stay with Mom's relatives, the Fashaugs. All this time I had been fussing and crying that my hip hurt every time I walked.

Mom couldn't figure out why I was so fretful. This just wasn't like me. And Mom wasn't able to get very much rest as she tried everything she could think of to make me comfortable. From Dalton, we took the train to Duluth, and went from there to visit Mom's brothers and sisters in Mahtawa, Minnesota.

After our trip, when Dad came to pick up us, Mom said, "I never

wanted to go back to Battle Lake again. It is not what it used to be." Mom was exhausted, and Jeanette says she believes Mom was pregnant with my sister Doris at the time.

"Walking at nine months!" That turned out to be pretty ironic, considering the rest of my story.

Dad took me to a doctor right away, determined to find out why I had seemed to be in such pain during the Minnesota trip. The doctor moved my leg and I cried out. An x-ray of my hip showed I had Tuberculosis (TB) of the hip bone.

I was taken for treatment to Iowa City University Hospital. Jeanette remembers that when they took me there and left me, I cried so loudly they could hear me from out in the street. Mom was so thankful to soon receive a letter from a nurse informing her that I had settled down all right and that they loved me very much.

When my mother was tested, she was found to have TB as well, so she had to leave her family and go to live in Oakdale Sanitarium near Iowa City. All of our family members were tested, checking to see if they reacted to a patch test on the arm. Older members were also given x-rays. They all turned out to be fine. Even Dad had escaped the infection, thank God.

All of our family members had to take cod liver oil – to make sure everyone remained healthy. Even all of the children who attended school with my brothers and sisters had to take the terrible-tasting stuff. According to Jeanette, this brought a lot of criticism on our family. My siblings were called "TB kids" and were teased and avoided in school.

That's how it was back then. TB was very contagious, could cause a lot of complications, and often required harsh treatment. My family stood it as best they could. They didn't have a choice.

When I finally came home from the hospital, I was in a body cast. This covered my entire right leg, went up under my arms, and then went down to my left knee. A bar was attached between my legs, to keep my legs separated and the hip stable. It was believed that I had

contracted the TB from my mother, from having been a nursing baby.

With our mother away, it fell to Dad and Jeanette, the oldest girl at home, to take care of me on the farm. It was very hard on them. Since someone had to be up with me most of the time, Dad and Jeanette had to take turns every other night. I had to be carried everywhere, and the cast made me very heavy and clumsy to handle. I was basically a cheerful child, but I couldn't understand why I was suddenly not able to get down and play and walk around like I wanted. And it was hard for me to rest comfortably for very long at a time.

In nice weather I was placed on the cellar lid outside so I could lie there and watch the other kids play. They tried to include me and make my life as normal as possible. Being in a cast during the summer was really miserable. It was very hot; but to make things even worse, I would itch everywhere under the cast and couldn't scratch myself. Back in those days, the women wore corsets made with "stays," long, flat metal pieces that kept the garments stiff. Jeanette took one of the stays from a corset and slid it up and down inside my cast to attack the itchy spots. It's unbelievable how good that felt.

Eventually Dad decided that they couldn't continue to provide me with the constant care I needed. It was very hard on Dad and Jeanette to let me go, but they had become so worn down that they were afraid they were putting the health, and maybe even the lives, of all three of us in jeopardy. Jeanette still gets tears in her eyes when she says she was afraid I was not going to live.

I was three years old when Dad hired Lou and Prof Knoll in Gilmore City, Iowa, to take me into their home and care for me. This was over 20 miles from our farm in Badger. Dad paid the Knolls \$39 a month for my care and took them meat, eggs, and milk from the farm to help out.

The above chapter has been reprinted with the author's permission from his book, "Can't: No Such Word," available on Amazon.com.

Norwalk approves 21-unit townhome development on former church site

NORWALK – The Norwalk Planning Commission has approved a new housing development by Brandywine Homes, which plans to replace the former Excelsior Drive Baptist Church with 21 townhomes.

Brandywine Homes will construct six, two-story buildings on the rectangular lot just adjacent the Norwalk Church of the Nazarene. According to the staff report, future tenants will choose between four different floor plans, varying from a 2-bedroom, 2-bath option at 1,108 sq. ft. to a 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath option at 1,491 sq. ft.

Each unit will consist of an open floor plan "great room," comprising a kitchen, dining room, and living room.

Brandywine Homes has proposed site amenities to include individual pre-wired security systems, a laundry in each unit, as well as a covered patio and BBQ in the common

open space area. Additionally, each townhome will have a form of private space such as separate entry areas, side yards, rear yards, or a balcony.

The exterior of the townhomes will mix both French and Craftsman design styles, highlighted by varied paint colors, decorative eaves and shutters, stucco finish, recessed windows, window trims, brick trims, and vinyl fences.

The housing tract will have one main entry and exit off of Excelsior Drive with a 3-foot-high, 8-foot-long monument sign made of concrete and smooth colored stucco.

The new development will incorporate 64 parking spaces in total for all units, including 42 spaces in garages, 15 uncovered spaces, and 7 guest parking spots.

"Staff believes that the proposed 21-unit townhome

project is a quality project with a strong design component," said Norwalk Assistant Planner Monica Rodriguez. "All sides of the buildings offer varying and interesting architecture. The proposed development will have a positive effect on the appearance of the surrounding areas."

The Planning Commission approved the development on Sept. 28 in a 3-0 vote with commissioners Phyllis Barth, Jennifer Perez, and Victor Juan Jr. voting in favor.

This latest project, located at 11042 Excelsior Dr., marks Brandywine Homes' third housing development in Norwalk. Currently, the Irvine-based company owns a 16-unit townhome development on 11433 Excelsior Dr. and a 31-unit community at 11009 Pioneer Blvd.

The Norwalk Planning Commission also approved an

updated drive-thru layout for the McDonald's near the intersection of Rosecrans Avenue and Studebaker Road.

Beleagued by a cramped drive-thru lane, the McDonald's site, located at 11053 Rosecrans Ave., requested to modify its existing drive-thru by providing two lanes, which separate the menu boards from the order points, according to city staff reports.

In order to accommodate the larger drive-thru, McDonald's will eliminate six parking spaces, bringing the number of spaces at the site down from 42 to 38. Currently, the Norwalk Municipal Code requires a building this size to have 96 spaces, however, a parking analysis by the city found only 34 spaces were needed even during this location's peak hours.


With the proposed modifications, approximately 28 vehicles will fit within the two-

lane drive-thru, up from the 14 possible before, city staff said.

McDonald's will also update the exterior of the building by painting it an earth-toned color, removing the existing red, tile roof, and replacing the reddish tile base.

The Planning Commission also approved new drive-thru signage and internally-illuminated wall signs, which McDonald's will install.

**Please join us for Environmental Scoping Meetings
I-605 Corridor Improvement Project**



The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7, in collaboration with the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, are proposing improvements on Interstate 605 (I-605) between Interstate 10 (I-10) and Interstate 105 (I-105) as part of the I-605 Corridor Improvement Project. In addition to improving I-605, the proposed project includes related improvements on State Route 60 (SR-60) from Santa Anita Ave to east of Turnbull Canyon Rd and on Interstate 5 (I-5) from Florence Ave to Paramount Bl. The proposed project is intended to ease traffic, congestion and improve public safety.

Metro and Caltrans are formally initiating public scoping meetings which will better inform the evaluation of possible improvements and the Project's environmental studies. Scoping meetings are an important step in the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) in accordance with State and Federal requirements.

We will be accepting comments to help shape the studies through December 1, 2016. There will be additional opportunities to provide input as the studies progress.



We welcome you to attend the meeting that is most convenient to you. Agenda and presentation materials will be exactly the same for all meetings.

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In Lynwood, students navigate democratic process through mock presidential elections

LYNWOOD – Shouting campaign slogans and hoisting life-size cardboard replicas of presidential candidates Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, more than 1,000 Lynwood High School students on Oct. 11 received an up-close glimpse of the democratic process during a mock presidential election inside the school's gymnasium.

The participatory lesson in civics was designed to teach Lynwood students about the real-life issues confronting voters on Nov. 8, with booths and placards for not just the presidential contenders, but also California's U.S. Senate seat and the myriad propositions and initiatives on the 2016 California ballot.

"The Lynwood staff is to be commended for putting together such an elaborate, detailed and engaging event," LUSD Superintendent Paul Gothold said. "It's a proactive approach that really resonates with the students, enabling them to immerse themselves in the democratic process and debate freely with each other."

The mock election was jointly organized by Social Studies Department Chairperson and AP Government teacher Claudia Alfaro, Economics teacher Lorraine Abbass and Honors Government teacher Sheila Ingram. U.S. History teacher Nicholas Koza provided authentic campaign signs he collected while attending the Republican and Democratic conventions earlier this summer.

"We have over 250 students who have researched candidates and propositions and are prepared to argue their case," Alfaro said. "The rest of the student body comes to listen, make an informed choice and vote."

Students chosen as advocates relished their roles, shouting and screaming, holding signs aloft and engaging in boisterous dialogues as classmates worked their way through a horseshoe-shaped gauntlet of candidate and ballot measure booths in shifts throughout the day.

Though they were role-playing, many students chose

positions that allowed them to express their own views.

"I've been interested in politics since Barack Obama was elected in 2008," Lynwood senior and Trump advocate Luis Pescador said. "Our foreign and economic policies need to be changed. That is why I am supporting Donald Trump."

Lynwood senior and Clinton advocate Daniela Penalzo vociferously disagreed.

"I am a firm believer in education and Clinton wants to provide quality education for all students," Penalzo said. "We need Hillary. She is the only candidate who can lead us through these tough times."

Preparations for the mock election have been ongoing since the start of fall term. In Alfaro's AP Government class, students have been studying the issues, watching television ads, and researching their positions, often coming to class early and staying late, and even working through their lunch periods.

In Abbass' Economics class,



Shouting and chanting to better emphasize their positions, Lynwood High School students participate in a mock presidential election on Oct. 11.

students reviewed and critiqued the debates and identified the impact of each presidential candidate's economic plan.

The mock election had a light side to it, as students dressed as Republican nominees Trump and Mike Pence were shadowed by students acting as Secret Service agents.

And, as in a real-life convention, there was much shouting and chanting, with students using their debating skills to better emphasize their position.

"Lynwood's mock election provides our students with civic education that develops their critical thinking and collaborative learning," LUSD Board of

Education President Alma-Delia Renteria said. "It goes beyond what they can learn in a textbook and speaks to issues that greatly affect them in the present day. They will become better citizens and will hopefully stay engaged in the political process after they graduate."

Non-profit group planting 150 trees in Bellflower Saturday

BELLFLOWER – Invest from the Ground Up is planting 150 trees this Saturday at 9 a.m. in the city of Bellflower as part of a California initiative to reduce carbon by bringing trees to disadvantaged communities.

The city of Bellflower will join community volunteers at Simms Park, located at 16614 Clark Ave., to plant trees as a part of the California Initiative to Reduce Carbon and Limit Emissions (CIRCLE) program in reducing the carbon emissions to make the community a healthier environment to live in.

Trees have a direct effect on reducing heat island effect, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, saving energy, cleaning water and air,

providing aesthetic and habitat value, which improves public health.

"I enjoy events like this, surrounded by volunteers and the community, collaborating together in making a difference for the environment. Today's efforts will create a better tomorrow for the next generation of Bellflower residents. On behalf of the City Council, I commend the efforts of local volunteers and residents participating in CIRCLE program," says Bellflower Mayor Dan Koops.

Funding for this project comes from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) Urban and Community Forestry Program Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) grants. CIRCLE grant partners include the California Urban Forests Council, West

Coast Arborists, Inc., and the Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture.

Invest from the Ground Up is planting 1,350 trees in nine cities across California, including Bellflower. The group's CIRCLE program, the California Initiative to Reduce Carbon and Limit Emissions, will be planting trees in or near disadvantaged communities, as identified by the state's CalEnviroScreen 2.0.

For more information or to volunteer, visit <http://investfromthegroundup.org/CIRCLE> or contact Penny Augustine at (562) 925-9003 or paugustine@bellflower.org.

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Seeing a need, volunteers make blankets for local children



WHITTIER – Over the last three years, Santa Fe High School students, staff and community members have gathered once a month to create handmade fleece blankets that are donated

to local organizations serving children in need.

Since then, the school has thus far donated more than 700 blankets, inspiring more students to partake in the ongoing

community service project, called the Gratitude Project.

“By bringing together students, staff and community, we are demonstrating to students that we are a stronger force together than by ourselves,” said counselor Cheryl Redgate, who launched the program along with the counseling team in 2013. “We really can do something to impact the lives of others who need help and this is just one way to reach out.”

When the program first started, the Santa Fe counseling team held a letter campaign to raise donations of money, time and material from local businesses and organizations. The school’s PTA, staff and 15 businesses and organizations

donated nearly \$3,000 to the cause.

Approximately 45 to 75 students, individually and from a variety of campus service clubs, gather over their lunchtime to cut and knot the blankets, producing 20 to 40 blankets each session. District retiree Sue Caldera then sews individual labels that read: “Made for you with love by the Santa Fe High School family of students, staff, parents and neighbors.”

“I think our kids are empowered by the knowledge of what they can do for other people,” Redgate said. “No matter what may be happening in our students’ lives, we hope that they are learning that they can make a difference to others.”

By working together for this cause, we will touch people we don’t know as well as people who are close to us. We’re a family at Santa Fe and feel it is important to reach out in our world.”

Blankets are donated to the PIH Health Hospital in Whittier, Long Beach Memorial Children’s Hospital, Ronald McDonald House in Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs Relay for Life Cancer Society, and staff, children and students who are hospitalized or critically ill.

“While we always focus on providing our students with rigorous academics, we also want to instill in them a sense of community service that helps

them be the best people they can be,” Principal Craig Campbell said. “I want to thank our counseling team for providing this opportunity to our students and the community. We always strive to make a difference in the lives of others.”

Students and community members are invited to make blankets on Wednesdays, Nov. 16, Dec. 14, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 15, April 12 and May 17 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more information, call Cheryl Redgate at (562) 698-8121, ext. 4033.

Paramount forms task force to help students post graduation



WHITTIER – Paramount Unified has assembled a team of 29 teachers, staff, parents and community members to expand learning opportunities for the district’s nearly 5,000 high school students.

representatives from the district and El Camino Compton College Center, met Sept. 15 for its first strategy session.

“We want to find new ways to challenge our students and prepare them for a changing economy,” said Ryan D. Smith, Paramount’s assistant

superintendent and a team member.


High School Promise will pull from a variety of resources to find innovative curriculum to inspire college and career preparedness. At the Sept. 15 meeting, members analyzed data on the fastest-growing jobs for graduates and the skills employers covet. They also shared a TED Talk from late educator Rita F. Pierson, who stressed the need to reach and engage underserved students.

The team will visit schools across the state to glean ideas. Later this month, members will visit High Tech High in San Diego and Del Lago Academy in Escondido. In November, the team will drop in at Da Vinci Schools in El Segundo and McBride High School in Long Beach.

“We’re building partnerships throughout the state with groups that share a common goal of creating the best future for our students,” Superintendent Ruth Pérez said. “An educator’s most important role is to first be a learner.”

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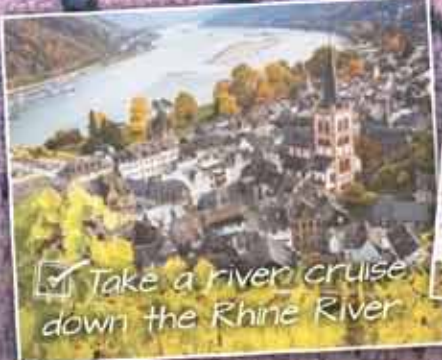


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Warren High students rally to elect their homecoming king

■ **WARREN HIGH:** Victor Tellez voted homecoming king after classmates launch social media campaign.

By Alex Dominguez
Contributor

DOWNEY – In a rousing group effort, the Warren High School Bears came together to help a very special young man take his seat as king of Homecoming Court.

Victor Tellez is a senior at Warren, part of the special education program. Tellez, who has Down syndrome, often spends many of his days socializing with members of the campus Teen Connect Club.

According to club advisor Christine Spino, the purpose of the club is to build a bridge between special education and general education students.

"I have about 250 general ed students who come to the club," said Spino. "They're the most amazing kids ever. They plan all these activities weekly, and it gives my kids an opportunity to have every high school experience."

With homecoming just around the corner, several club members took it upon themselves to try and give one particular student – Tellez – one of the ultimate high school experiences.

"My leadership team came to me and asked if they could do it," said Spino. "...they all just got on their Twitter and sent his picture out and asked [all the students] to nominate him..."

Stephanie Errichetto, who was also a member of the homecoming court, was one of the students who helped plant the seeds of Tellez's nomination.

"He's really sweet," said Errichetto. "He would always talk about the dances...he had told me last week, when everything started and he found out he was running, he came up to me and said 'Thank you for Homecoming.' It was really sweet."

Prior to the game, Tellez, an avid sports fan, had said that he was most excited about watching the football game and for his part of the Homecoming festivities during halftime. When the special moment came, Tellez was escorted out in front of the Justice Stadium crowd by his brother Rudy.

The excitement only grew as Tellez was then crowned the Homecoming King.

"Everyone just loves Victor," said Spino, "and they just did it..."



Professor recognized for hybrid vehicle degree program

WHITTIER – Rio Hondo College and automotive technology professor John Frala have received the 2016 Award for Clean Air Education and Outreach in recognition of the College's groundbreaking Associate of Science degree in hybrid/electric vehicle/fuel-cell technology.

The degree is California's first to serve the growing market in advanced alternative-fuel technology, part of a suite of complementary majors in the College's innovative automotive technology program. Frala, who is a leader in a statewide effort to create a Hydrogen Highway to support expanded use of alternative-fuel vehicles, designed the degree.

The award was presented earlier this month by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which honored a handful of businesses, individuals and public agencies for contributing to cleaner air in the region.

"We are extraordinarily proud of John and his team in the Automotive Technology Department," Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said. "Their impressive work on the cutting edge of

this technology creates opportunities for our students to explore an exciting and lucrative new career field."

Rio Hondo College's Associate of Science in hybrid/electric vehicle/fuel-cell technology, approved in April, teaches students about electrical systems, chemistry, physics and applied mathematics, demonstrating the growing slate of academic skills required by today's automotive repair industry. Students who receive degrees are trained to safely handle high-voltage vehicles.

"I'm excited to be a part of such a dynamic faculty at Rio Hondo College and pleased to share this award with my colleagues who are dedicated to opening new career vistas for our students as a result of our creative curriculum," Frala said.

Frala sits on the Green Team, a state advisory group dedicated to creating a series of hydrogen refueling stations known as the California Hydrogen Highway. He began developing the concept for the new AS degree four years ago.

Progress on the AS degree received a boost when Frala's team

led Rio Hondo College in securing a \$200,000 National Science Foundation grant in May 2015 to develop alternative-fuels training.

Frala said Rio Hondo College's automotive programs are quickly gaining recognition across the state and nation for their innovative and forward-looking approaches. He said companies began inquiring about graduates from the AS program almost as soon as it was approved.

This fall, the College also launched a Bachelor of Science program in automotive technology as part of a historic state initiative to provide four-year degrees at a select few community college campuses. The auto tech major is unique to Southern California.

"This award recognizes Rio Hondo College's talented and dedicated faculty, who are a linchpin in our mission to provide students with a strong array of academic and career-oriented programs," Board of Trustees President Mary Ann Pacheco said.

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The significance behind Saturday's Downey Symphony concert



By Lars Clutterham
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey Symphony Orchestra will be performing a momentous, historic concert this coming Saturday evening at the Civic Theatre. It will be noteworthy, not only because of a program uniquely designed for the occasion, but more significantly, thanks to its role in a singular celebration of the City of Downey's 60th anniversary.

And while these statements may seem self-serving coming from the pen of one of the two composers to be represented in the program, they are merely intended as an introduction to a perspective I'd like to share – as a contributing composer who's also a Downey resident – on why this program is so special.

Its very title, "The Stars Align," points not only to the positive, fortuitous influences that have brought Downey throughout its history to the present day, but more specifically – and more poetically – to the impact of the

early U.S. space industry on that very history.

The primary offering of the concert will be British composer Gustav Holst's iconic and ground-breaking multi-movement work, appropriately titled, "The Planets."

"The Planets" – completed exactly 100 years ago, in 1916 – is a classic example of what's broadly described as "program" music, or music with "programmatic" content. These terms describe music that is written to take on extra-musical significance related to stories, images, or sentiments which the music endeavors to evoke or describe.

While its seven movements, each one named for one of the planets in Earth's solar system, specifically correspond to their eponymous Greco-Roman gods, the visceral, energetic, dramatic music that Holst has created for each movement perfectly depicts the human characteristics attributed to each of these imaginary, yet somehow profoundly real, divine

personalities. Here are their titles:

- I Mars, the Bringer of War
- II Venus, the Bringer of Peace
- III Mercury, the Winged Messenger
- IV Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity
- V Saturn, the Bringer of Old Age
- VI Uranus, the Magician
- VII Neptune, the Mystic

Likewise, the 3-movement composition I have written – titled "Downey Celebration Suite" – is meant to portray images of Downey, its character, and its natural and cultural history. The first movement is called "Sanguine Scherzo." It features a lilting, cheerful theme, as suggested by the astrologically optimistic title of the entire program.

The second movement – "Sunrise Serenade" – is intended to conjure up the experience of daybreak as it would have arisen over the orange groves and open fields of mostly rural Downey in the 1950's and '60's. (It also sneakily references another 'planet,' beyond the seven invoked by Holst.)

One last – almost hidden – programmatic element of this second movement is that its melody is based on the lyrical rhythm suggested by spelling aloud the letters of the city: "D-O-dou-ble-u-N-E-Y."

The third movement finally breaks from the alliterative titles of the first two movements in

order to celebrate the advent of a new cultural influence in Downey, and that is the growth of a flourishing Latino community. This closing movement is entitled "Salsa Caliente."

It begins with a high-energy opening motif utilizing Latin hand percussion, which transitions into a mariachi trumpet duet as a second theme. That melody ultimately combines with the opening theme for an upbeat, celebratory conclusion.

Conductor Sharon Lavery designed the program beginning with the Holst, which at about 50 minutes in length, can be seen as the concert's main course.

The shorter opening suite, which she graciously commissioned to this writer, serves as an appetizer to that world-famous entrée (hopefully a tasty one).

Even beyond its unique two-work, intermission-free program, this upcoming concert is significant to the history of Downey in that the Downey Symphony Orchestra is almost as old as the City itself. According to the American Federation of Musicians' online listing, of 35 affiliated symphony orchestras in the region, the Downey Symphony Orchestra ranks as tied for ninth oldest, including such iconic orchestras as the Los

Angeles Philharmonic and the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra.

Further, in order to help fund the large orchestra called for by the Holst, the DSO was the beneficiary of a grant from the prestigious National Endowment for the Arts.

It's an honor for me as a resident to participate in this musical celebration of Downey's history, and I hope as many of the Patriot's readers as possible will make time to attend the concert this Saturday at the Downey Civic Theatre at 8 p.m., preceded by a pre-concert lecture-discussion at 7:15.

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Q&A: A conversation with Downey's Carlos Martinez

DOWNEY – With the grand opening of MARCAR Real Estate Brokers Corp taking place this week, Downey's newest broker Carlos Martinez is anxious to secure his spot in the community. Downey Patriot Contributor Alex Dominguez sat down with Martinez to discuss his business, personal life, goals, and vision for the future.

AD: For people who don't know you – if someone were to walk up to you in the middle of Downey and say "Who are you?" – What would you say?

CM: I'm a real estate broker. Also a MLO. That's my profession. A person that just started in the community of Downey. Probably about a year and a half ago I started trying to get closer to the community. I have a two year old son. Married to my wife – she's also here, a partner of mine. She's able to balance our lives together so we can kind of make sure we still give the quality time to my son and be able to take care of the business.

AD: Tell me a little bit

about your background in your business.

CM: I'm second generation. My parents both – my dad did the lending side, and my mother was in real estate. Since I was nine years old it's been real estate – passing out flyers, being able to communicate – that was pretty much my job as a young child. As I grew into the business...I went to college out at North Western out in Iowa. It was a very different experience coming from California and going to a completely different state. But doing the school there I always had the passion of real estate...

AD: I've noticed a very strong family trend. Strong family ties?

CM: Yes. I think it's important. I get wrapped up, don't get me wrong, you know? I get in my zone. But then always at the end of the day you just gotta put your feet on the ground and touch what's real. So that's something that I try personally to keep in the back of my mind at all times. Family.

AD: What brought you to Downey specifically?

CM: My wife...she's [been] raised here since '91, '92. I'm from Ontario so when I met my wife we got married, and it's always good to be close to family. Her parents are here in Downey; they've been here also since the 90's. So it's something where we felt it was the best thing...We have an office in Los Angeles, and then I said 'OK, between her and I, we have to be close.' We have a two year old, we're going to take him to school. Let's be close and let's build a community...

AD: So coming to Downey was more of a family decision to stay close?

CM: Stay close with the community. We realized that we were Monday through Sunday just business. I feel like with our son especially he needs to go to school here, we need to build some kind of bond with more people so that at any moment you never know what we can offer, and what they can also assist us or help us with.

AD: I understand you're looking to get more involved in the community. How are you looking to do that? Is it

through your business, or more personally?

CM: Right now, for example, our main focus is reaching out to people of our church. We're here at OLPH. We were able to get married through that church, and build a bond. Right now we're focusing on Wednesdays we do Church activities for younger children, trying to get their first communion. Trying to get involved with that...After meeting more people in the area they offered me the opportunity to be able to join Kiwanis. Meeting Eric [Pierce], it was awesome the way he described it, it sounds like it's a great opportunity to give back. Without just being corny or anything, I truly feel giving – at one point God will return, will give back without you even expecting it...

AD: You're still pretty new to the city of Downey. What are some first impressions?

CM: I love it, man. I mean it's something where you just see the potential...you can see what's expanding...when I go around the neighborhood here or just in an event, people

actually acknowledge you...very welcoming, they make you feel at home, the community as itself...I think it's a great opportunity and experience.

AD: Do you think that's what also brings other people looking to either move or bring their business here? Is that what draws them? The great relationships that everyone seems to have?

CM: I honestly think so...it's getting to a point where we're able to experience getting to know other business minded. They're establishing here, their homes are here. More people than I ever thought! It's just crazy...

AD: What do you see coming down in the future for yourself, your family, your business etc.?

CM: I honestly see it as being a base to build a lot more relationships and business as a whole. It's very competitive; I know I'm another real estate broker and there's many here. But hopefully we can show the difference...

AD: You mentioned that it's

very competitive here in real estate, and it is. There's a lot of real estate agencies and brokers here. Is that intimidating coming into this market?

CM: It's intimidating. It gets to a point where at the end competition is everywhere...I think that's what makes me want to strive and push for more. If the big guys are here, then we who are starting can also find growth. Intimidating but in a good way.

AD: Intimidating but motivating as well...

CM: Exactly! To know that you're located in a place where it's known for real estate... because of so many different types of entrepreneurs, they see different opportunities in real estate...We're looking forward to it. We're excited with our grand opening Thursday...it's something where we're hopeful that the community gets to know a little bit more about us...

Pilot effort teaches STEAM through arts and crafts

BELLFLOWER – Frank E Woodruff Elementary third-grader Amani Cobb slid the quarter-sized magnet along the back of the cardboard page, using its power to swiftly guide a paper clip on the front side through the twists of a brightly hued maze she designed in a special lesson meshing science, math and art.

"You go from the beginning through to the end," Amani, 8 said. "Look at how it moves."

At tables across the room, classmates raced their paper clips through a variety of crayon-crafted mazes – some using attraction, others repulsion – as they brought to life lessons on

magnetism taught by Dramatic Results, a nonprofit agency that uses arts and crafts to provide gripping lessons on science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) to students in grades three through five.

Dramatic Results, which has worked with students at more than 40 public schools in California, Alaska and Oregon since 1992, has started an informal trial of its program at Bellflower Unified's Frank E Woodruff Elementary School funded through grants from the Ahmanson Foundation and Hitachi, Ltd.

"We are so excited to have the Dramatic Results team being

piloted on campus," Principal Beverly Swanson said. "Their lessons are full of energy and the students seem to really respond to their creative approach."

If the pilot effort proves successful, District leaders may consider expanding the program to additional campuses, using the same pilot process.

Dramatic Results teaching artist Maryam Husain said students respond strongly to the combination of science and art lessons based on the California Standards for each grade level.

"The goal is to bring not only science standards but also to incorporate arts as well," Husain

said. "We use multiple standards per lesson."

The magnet lesson, for example, combined science lessons on attraction, repulsion and identifying a magnet's "north" and "south" orientations with art lessons on use of color and lines.

For Woodruff's fourth-graders, Dramatic Results is providing one of its most popular STEAM programs – "Math in a Basket" – in which students plan, design and create colorful reed baskets from scratch.

"We teach the art of basketry and basket weaving while utilizing math and engineering,"

Husain said. "The students learn perimeter, surface area, volume, tools to use for accurately measuring certain objects, and then they create a basket."

The program also teaches students about the cultural and functional history of basketry. The program even incorporates iPads to provide students an opportunity to experience 3D computer design effects.

Later this year, fifth-graders will get a chance to explore math concepts while learning the art of origami.

in nearby Signal Hill, has won four Arts in Education Model Development and Dissemination grants from the U.S. Dept. of Education, one of only four groups in California to do so.

"We're excited to be working with a group of the caliber of Dramatic Results," Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs said. "It's critical to be able to convey these important lessons in STEAM subjects to students at the elementary level, and their program provides a fun and engaging way to do so."

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Free legal fair Saturday in Norwalk



NORWALK – Assembly member Cristina Garcia will be co-hosting a community legal fair with the organization Ferias Legales this Saturday, Oct. 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the auditorium at the Norwalk-La Mirada (Excelsior) Adult School located at 15711 Pioneer Blvd. in Norwalk.

Volunteer attorneys will provide legal workshops and free

consultations in different areas of law including employment, criminal, family law, personal injury, estate planning, civil, Mexican law, immigration, DACA, Citizenship, and others.

People are encouraged to bring any legal documentation that they would like reviewed.

Ferias Legales is a community organization consisting of

attorneys and community leaders which aims to provide free legal resources to the community.

"Ferias Legales has and continues to provide access to legal services to empower the community, especially by helping them know their rights,"

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Lynwood Unified wins two Golden Bells for mental health, CTE programs

LYNWOOD – The Lynwood Unified School District has been awarded two 2016 Golden Bell Awards for an initiative that promotes career exploration and college preparation and one that supports the emotional and mental well-being of students for a brighter future.

Of the almost 300 entries submitted for the award, now in its 37th year, Lynwood Unified's Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathways program and Health Collaborative initiative were selected to win the most prestigious honor awarded to California school districts by the California School Boards Association (CSBA).

"It is a great achievement for our District to be recognized for cultivating an environment that is conducive to student achievement," Superintendent Paul Gothold said. "It wouldn't be possible without the dedication and support of our amazing staff, teachers and community partners."

"I'm filled with pride to see how many kids not only pursue college, but discover what they want to study through our programs. We want to spark that passion in every one of our students by providing them the services they need to be emotionally and physically healthy, we are setting them up for success in high school and beyond," Gothold added.

Lynwood Unified's CTE Pathways include manufacturing and engineering, biomedical and nursing, media and design arts (film), performing arts, photography, culinary arts and automotive.

The District has earned \$1.6

million in grants to expand CTE course options in high school and extend them to the middle schools, where in seventh grade, students begin exploring careers and college majors through the use of the web-based software, Naviance.

Thanks to innovative partnerships with higher education institutions – including Cerritos College, El Camino College and Cal State Dominguez Hills – Lynwood students earn college credit, professional certifications, college scholarships and internships.

"The students who are enrolled in Lynwood Unified pathways benefit because they not only get career technical education, but they are also prepared to go on to the university since these are university-level courses," said Deena Smith, a teacher in the biomedical pathway.

The District's Health Collaborative connects students and families to medical and mental health services that remove barriers to academic achievement and well-being, and equip scholars with the tools needed to succeed.

The District partners with nearly 30 agencies – including Anthem Blue Cross, El Nido Family Center, Mother's Nutritional Center, Vision to Learn and the Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services, among others – to create the Health Collaborative.

Families and students receive health screenings, meet with therapists and are cared for through every step of treatment. The District reports rising student achievement and graduation



rates.

"We understand that as educators, we can't begin to teach without having well bodies, sound minds and students who are physically fit to come to school," said Director of Student Services Kavin Dotson, who explained that over the last year, the District has helped enroll more than 700 families in health insurance. "This Health Collaborative is essential to helping our Lynwood families succeed."

The District will receive the awards at a recognition ceremony on Dec. 3 at CSBA's annual Educational Conference

Community health fair Saturday

NORWALK – Cerritos College's Adult Education and Diversity Programs will host the annual Community Health Fair on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m..

The event will feature free health screenings including anemia, mammograms, cholesterol, glucose, osteoporosis, STD, blood pressure and BMI (body mass index), and free flu shots. Booths offering legal information about immigration, criminal, civil and labor rights will also be available.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is offered in collaboration with the Mexican Consulate Binational Health Month. For more details about this event, call (562) 467-5098.

in San Francisco.

"I want to thank our LUSD administrative team, teachers and staff for bringing to fruition these programs that not only prepare our students for their futures in whatever career they choose, but take care of their minds, bodies and hearts," Board President Alma-Delia Renteria said. "We are incredibly proud of what we have built at Lynwood Unified and are confident that these programs will serve as stellar examples to school districts across the state of what collaborative work can do for student achievement."

POETRY MATTERS

Come writers and critics
And keep your eyes wide
The chance won't come again
And don't speak too soon
For the wheel's still in spin

--"The Times They Are A-Changin'"

Bob Dylan has won the Nobel Prize and everybody's gonna jump for joy. If there ever was a true and right decision made by a Committee, this is it. Poetry as an art form predates literacy, so poems were joined with music when they were presented. Today, the page is Dylan's lyre.

Everyone has their favorite vintage Dylan song going around in their head. Does the prize goes to Dylan the hilarious, the weird surrealist, the score-keeping lover, the angry fighter the outlaw? Or the mystic musician, the shaman, the wise, the foolish, the Chaplinesque the rabbinical, the goofy prankster, the lounge singer, the holy roller Dylan: that's how David Remnick described him in Rolling Stone. The Nashville Dylan wrote folk music and hillbilly and country western and blues and peopled them with characters from history, literature, legend, the Bible, the Greeks, the Elizabethans. Here's one of his proto-heroes:

Everybody's building ships and boats
Some are building monuments
Others jotting down notes
Everybody's in despair
Every girl and boy
But when Quinn the Eskimo gets here
Everybody's gonna jump for joy.

Come all without, come all within
You'll not see nothing like the mighty Quinn

Everyone's beneath the trees feeding pigeons on a limb
But when Quinn the Eskimo gets here
All the pigeons gonna run to him

Come all without, come all within
You'll not see nothing like the mighty Quinn

--Bob Dylan, from "Self Portrait" album 1970

Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

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There will be three entry categories, Catrina (female), Catrin (male) and Las Bebés. Winners will be presented with a title sash, a certificate signed by the Mayor and prizes valued at up to \$200!

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LEGAL NOTICES

FICT. BUS NAME

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number 2016235664 DATE FILED: JUNE 15, 2016

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): JOYFUL LIVING HOME CARE, INCORPORATED, JOYFUL LIVING HOME CARE, YORBA LINDA # 4, JOYFUL LIVING HOME CARE, DOWNEY #1, JOYFUL LIVING HOME CARE, DOWNEY #2, JOYFUL LIVING HOME CARE, DOWNEY #3

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 9821-B DOWNEY AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90240

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOYFUL LIVING HOME CARE, INCORPORATED, 9821-B DOWNEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240

State of Incorporation: CA

This business is conducted by a Corporation 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/ JOYFUL LIVING HOME CARE, PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

The Downey Patriot 10/20/16, 10/27/16, 11/3/16, 11/10/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016248648

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALL-MED MEDICAL SUPPLIES (2) ALL-MED MEDICAL SUPPLY (3) BSD CARE (4) BSD CARE DME (5) DAY NAR MEDICAL PRODUCTS, 11333 GREENSTONE AVE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 200407310036

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TWIN MED, LLC, CFO, DAVID KLARNER, 11333 GREENSTONE AVE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670

State of Incorporation: (1) DE

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/20/15

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/ TWIN MED, LLC, CFO, DAVID KLARNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 11, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 10/13/16, 10/20/16, 10/27/16, 11/3/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016236234

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SAY INSTALLATION AND REPAIR, 2340 THOMAS ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90031, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization

Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HUGO APACAJA SAY, 2340 THOMAS ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90031

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 08/2016

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/ HUGO APACAJA SAY, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 10/20/16, 10/27/16, 11/3/16, 11/10/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016241793

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JR MEAT MARKET, 616 W. ALONDRA BLVD, COMPTON CA 90220, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3450699

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DJANE MEAT MARKET, 616 W. ALONDRA BLVD, E. LOS ANGELES CA 90220

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 09/2016

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/ DJANE MEAT MARKET, PRESIDENT, ALBA RAMIREZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 10/13/16, 10/20/16, 10/27/16, 11/3/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016250004

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FEARLESS GAL CLOTHING, 431 S. FETTERLY AVE., LOS ANGELES CA 90022, LA COUNTY, 15665 YORBA AVE., CHINO HILLS CA 91709

Articles of Incorporation or Organization

Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ERIKA ALVAREZ CARDENAS, 15665 YORBA AVE., CHINO HILLS CA 91709

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 10/2016

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/ ERIKA ALVAREZ CARDENAS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 12, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 10/20/16, 10/27/16, 11/3/16, 11/10/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016234648

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) 21ST CENTURY FOOD CONSULTING, 7950 DEVENIR AVE., DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MAURIE THOMAS, 7950 DEVENIR AVE., DOWNEY CA 90242

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 09/2016

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/ JESUS M OTERO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 9/29/16, 10/6/16, 10/13/16, 10/20/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016244545

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE CRYSTAL EXPRESS, 10637 SPRY STREET, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDUARDO CENTENO, 10637 SPRY STREET, NORWALK CA 90650

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/ EDUARDO CENTENO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 5, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 10/20/16, 10/27/16, 11/3/16, 11/10/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016236386

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EL LIDERATO, 9260 ELM VISTA DR UNIT D, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JESUS M OTERO, 9260 ELM VISTA DR UNIT D, DOWNEY CA 90242

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/ JESUS M OTERO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 10/6/16, 10/13/16, 10/20/16, 10/27/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016240161

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GENESIS DIGITAL PRINTING, 8361 FLORENCE AVE SUITE 101, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EVELYN CERVANTES, 8361 FLORENCE AVE SUITE 101, DOWNEY CA 90240

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 09/2016

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/ EVELYN CERVANTES, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 10/6/16, 10/13/16, 10/20/16, 10/27/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016228772

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE CRUNCHY TACO, 11934 HERITAGE CIRCLE, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TIFFANEE DEE CERDA, 2115 GRANDEUR DR., SAN PEDRO CA 90732 (2) SIMON CARPIO, 11934 HERITAGE CIRCLE, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by a General Partnership

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

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 9/29/16, 10/6/16, 10/13/16, 10/20/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016229743

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AMERICAN QUALITY CARE FOR ELDERLY, 13113 CARAVEL ST, CERRITOS CA 90703, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ISABEL M MILLARES, 13113 CARAVEL ST, 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/ ISABEL M MILLARES, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 18, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 10/20/16, 10/27/16, 11/3/16, 11/10/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016254440

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FA STRAPPER SERVICE, 7118 SEVILLE AVE, APT. F, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRANCISCO AVILA, 7118 SEVILLE AVE, APT. F, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255

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/ FRANCISCO AVILA, OWNER

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The Downey Patriot 10/20/16, 10/27/16, 11/3/16, 11/10/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016229742

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) 562 COMICS, 13728 OAK ST., WHITTIER CA 90605, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) XAVIER GUTIERREZ, 13728 OAK ST., WHITTIER CA 90605

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 09/2016

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION The California Attorney General's Public Meeting on PIH Health Hospital - Downey's Request For Modification of Condition VII, scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2016, has been cancelled.

The Downey Patriot 10/20/16

PROBATE NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CARLA ANN WHEELER Case No. 16STPB04638 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CARLA ANN WHEELER...

grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 18, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 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...

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERTA ANN CENDEJAS aka ROBERTA A. CENDEJAS Case No. 16STPB05111

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERTA ANN CENDEJAS aka ROBERTA A. CENDEJAS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Anthony L. Cendejas in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

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Alleged mistress claims Downey councilman Luis Marquez and wife intimidated her to keep baby a secret

■ **ELECTION:** Maribel Zavala is suing Downey council member for custody and child support.

By Alex Dominguez
Contributor

DOWNEY – A mere week after a potential baby scandal involving Councilman Luis Marquez came to light, the child's mother has come forward with official documents confirming that the alleged out-of-wedlock child is indeed his.

Both council member Marquez and his wife, city council hopeful Alma Marquez, have been in the center of controversy since news broke that Marquez may have fathered a child during an affair, and that he and his wife both may have used their political position to intimidate and quiet the mother during the current election.

Up to this point, Maribel Zavala, who claims to have had an extramarital relationship with Marquez, has been extraordinarily silent about the situation concerning her child, even after the Downey Patriot published an article and explanation of publication last week.

However, Zavala has now come forward with official court documents filed with the Superior Court of Los Angeles, as well as the official results of the court mandated paternity test.

The documents, provided to the Downey Patriot by Zavala, appear to confirm that Marquez is the father of Zavala's child.

Zavala released a statement along with the documents, saying:

"It is with a sad heart that I publicly knowledge and affirm

that I have been involved with Downey City Council Member Luis Marquez and that we had a son together. We are currently in legal proceedings to establish paternity, custody, and child support.

"At the time of our relationship, Mr. Marquez assured me he was divorced. When I informed him that I was pregnant, he was happy but asked that I keep my pregnancy discreet due to his political position. He said he would recognize our son after his term in the Downey city council was over. Soon afterwards, I found out Luis was still married to Alma Marquez, but he insisted that they were separated.

"By the time our son was born, I no longer had a relationship with Luis, but he had a relationship with our son for a whole year until Alma found out about our child. Afterwards, Luis ceased all emotional and financial support for our son.

"In June of this year, Luis requested that I meet with them at their home to discuss our family situation; I agreed but requested a public location. At the meeting, Alma Marquez shared that her husband was planning to run for a local water board, she was going to run for Downey City Council, and it was

my best interest to remain silent about our child.

"I decline their offer and asked both that Luis legally acknowledges that he is the father of our son as a responsible father not as a negligent one. I was then intimidated and threaten that bad things will happen to me and my son and that I would regret it if I go public to acknowledge Luis as the father of my son.

"After the meeting, I did not hear from Luis and he has not seen our son for over six months now. I decided to put the intimidation and fear aside and do what is right for my child and moved forward with legal proceedings. After I filed, Luis got served with two months of anticipation and he still did not file a response nor attended family mediation.

"On 10/04/2016 at our court hearing, Luis stated that he was not sure he was the father and the judge ordered a paternity test. I personally schedule the paternity test for the following day, and he did not show up therefore it had



Luis Marquez and his wife, Alma. A woman named Maribel Zavala claims to have had a child with Luis and is suing him for custody and child support.

to be rescheduled. He finally took the paternity test on 10/10/2016.

"The test results confirmed he is the father of my son. Unfortunately, he continues to deny our son believing that I would stay quiet as he and his wife Alma Marquez asked me to.

"I share this personal story

because it is a shame that an elected official is using his public office not only for personal gain, but also to intimidate the mother of his child. I am sad that I had to take the legal route to defend our son, who is the only victim here neglected by Luis for so long."

Norwalk's Excelsior High auditorium may be renamed

By Raul Samaniego
Contributor

NORWALK – At the Oct.10 meeting of the Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District Board of Education, a proposal from Board Member Darryl Adams to rename the Excelsior High School Auditorium was introduced.

Adams' recommendation was to rename the auditorium after former educator and Norwalk All City Band Director, Mr. Lee Mitchell.

With over 40 years commitment to students, families and people of the communities of Norwalk, La Mirada, Bellflower and surrounding areas, Mitchell stated in a 2015 interview as to his reasons for coming to the district.

"I just wanted to teach music," he said.

The process for renaming

a school district facility is not a simple one. Many guidelines are in place.

Adams recited his reluctance to rename school properties, but in this case, he feels Mitchell is deserving of the honor and came forth with the proposal after contemplating the idea for several years.

The naming guidelines of school properties states, "Names proposed for district facilities or properties shall have significance for the students who will attend the site, and should not cause confusion with the names of other sites in the district."

A proposal must be made in writing with a supporting statement. The guidelines also state:

"Facilities or properties of existing sites may be named after an employee of the NLMUSD

provided that at least two years have elapsed since the employees relationship with the district has been severed by retirement or death. Normally, an employee to be honored should have had an association with the district which was of substantial length and characterized by distinguished service."

"An ad hoc Facility or Property-name screening committee," must be established by the superintendent. In this case, that would be Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian.

Currently, the name on the building is "Excelsior Union High School Auditorium."

The bronzed lettering was painted over during the last major refurbishment effort.

The auditorium is hosting religious services weekly and is available for special events, such as this past June's open house at the All-Class (Excelsior) picnic.

The Excelsior High School campus closed in 1982, but has been the site for the Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District Adult School for many years since.

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First-time homebuyers boost home sales in September

Existing-home sales rebounded strongly in September and were propelled by sales from first-time buyers reaching a 34 percent share, which is a high not seen in over four years, according to the National Association of Realtors. All major regions saw an increase in closings last month, and distressed sales fell to a new low of 4 percent of the market.

Total existing-home sales, which are completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, hiked 3.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.47 million in September from a downwardly revised 5.30 million in August. After last month's gain, sales are at their highest pace since June (5.57 million) and are 0.6 percent above a year ago (5.44 million).

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says the two-month slump in existing sales reversed course convincingly in September. "The home search over the past several months for a lot of prospective buyers, and especially for first-time buyers, took longer than usual because of the competition for the minimal amount of homes for sale," he said. "Most families and move-up buyers look to close before the new school year starts. Their diminishing presence from the market

towards the end of summer created more opportunities for aspiring first-time homeowners to buy last month."

The median existing-home price for all housing types in September was \$234,200, up 5.6 percent from September 2015 (\$221,700). September's price increase marks the 55th consecutive month of year-over-year gains.

Total housing inventory at the end of September rose 1.5 percent to 2.04 million existing homes available for sale, but is still 6.8 percent lower than a year ago (2.19 million) and has now fallen year-over-year for 16 straight months. Unsold inventory is at a 4.5-month supply at the current sales pace, which is down from 4.6 months in August.

"Inventory has been extremely tight all year and is unlikely to improve now that the seasonal decline in listings is about to kick in," added Yun. "Unfortunately, there won't be much relief from new home construction, which continues to be grossly inadequate in relation to demand."

Matching the highest share since July 2012, first-time buyers were 34 percent of sales in September, which is up from 31 percent in

August and 29 percent a year ago. First-time buyers represented 30 percent of sales in all of 2015.

"There's hope the leap in sales to first-time buyers can stick through the rest of the year and into next spring," explained Yun. "The market fundamentals — primarily consistent job gains and affordable mortgage rates — are there for the steady rise in first-timers needed to finally reverse the decline in the homeownership rate."

On the topic of first-time buyers, NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Florida said government-sponsored enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have a duty to ensure there's access to mortgage credit for creditworthy borrowers wanting to buy a home.

"Unfortunately, overly burdensome fees at the GSEs are making homeownership difficult for moderate-income buyers. Fannie and Freddie can reduce the cost of borrowing while still protecting taxpayers, and we're hopeful they'll take these steps to ensure prospective buyers are able to enter the market," he said.

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 - Wrapped toothpicks • Mini Slim Jims • Individual Powdered Drink Mix (Kool-Aid, Crystal Light, etc.) • Tea packets • Hot Chocolate or Apple Cider Packs • Individual coffee packets
 - 5 stick packs of gum • Individual packets of condiments
 - 1 oz. packages of Planters peanuts • Factory sealed candy • Snacks- granola bars etc. • Handwritten Notes

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