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An open letter to Downey's newest council members

As Downey's city council receives a fresh update, now is the time to discuss Downey's future

By Lawrence Christon
Contributor

Dear Blanca Pacheco, Rick Rodriguez and Alex Saab:

Congratulations on your election—and in Alex Saab's case, reelection—to the Downey City Council. You've waged successful campaigns against an unusually large field of opponents, and all honors are due your having won the preference and confidence of your district voters. You carry their hopes, and the hopes of the entire city, into the future.

As a journalist and Downey resident, I've been a city-watcher for decades, and became more than casually impressed when I first saw the level of professionalism and competency with which city staff conducted a public hearing at the Downey Theater on the McMansionization issue; and at the colorful, varied, sometimes near-rowdy meetings of the Community Redevelopment Agency at the Downey Library, where people of almost every conceivable age, background, occupation and income level met to discuss the future of the city. This was democracy in action!

The CRA is now defunct, not as a fault of the city (funding was cancelled by the state). But the absence of any of those kinds of meetings is symptomatic of what's been happening to Downey ever since the local aerospace industry collapsed, and with it, the cultural and civic amenities that came with the residential life of a largely professional and management class—elements that produced a robust sense of community.

This is where you come in, to a job that's more difficult than ever. What's becoming clear over time is that prior councilmen, aside from performing perfunctory duties or using their office for personal and political gain, have been more or less kicking the can down the road when it comes to visionary leadership. To go to city council meetings now is to see a group dealing with everyday, largely utilitarian issues—road repair, underground gas pipes, signage—the more bureaucratized, the safer they feel. Audiences show up to hear their specific agendas hashed out; once the discussion is over, they get up and leave. Hardly anyone stays around to see how the democratic process of city government works on a scale that's supposed to include everyone.

In a way, you can't blame them. The leadership has become a technocracy. The minutiae it has to deal with is both crucial—particularly with the threat of litigation looming behind every decision—and stupefyingly boring. No wonder they have no mental energy to deal with larger, more ambiguous issues, like those forms of heritage crucial to



What will the City Council do to protect Downey's remaining cultural assets? Photo by Pam Lane, DowneyDailyPhotos.com

identity; culture and the arts; and the use of space when it comes available. When they come up with an issue that requires thought and reflection rather than numbers and specs, they punt. When there's something specific and measurable, they turn it over to consultants and developers without asking what the self-interest of those people may be, or their track record in keeping promises. Or the unexpected results of their projects, as in the near-elimination of sidewalk space outside the KB townhouse development on 5th and Paramount.

I'm generalizing, but the trend is unmistakable. The developer who is still building The Promenade long after its proposed completion date never mentioned how sterile and dreary all that uniformly boxy architecture stretched over a vast dystopic terrain would be—even Benihana's lacks traditional character. And you know that promised four-star hotel will never materialize.

As for the Avenue Theater, in which the city has now officially lost a half-million dollars, more mid-level restaurants and food outlets, in a street already loaded with them, will not take the meaningful place over a cultural center proposed by local arts leader Lorine Parks, among others.

While on the subject, Downey's 2005 Master Plan for the future, mandated by the state, mentioned the Downey Symphony, The Civic Light Opera, the Downey Art Museum and the Downey Civic Theater itself as the city's prime cultural attractions. The DCLO is gone; the Symphony can barely cover a tenth of its operating cost; VenueTech, the management firm that runs the Downey Theater, is virtually fleeing the city while staging one-and-done events that contribute nothing to Downey's cultural identity; and the art museum, which preceded LACMA as L.A. County's first of its kind, has fallen to the blowhard vindictiveness of a former mayor who wouldn't heed state attorney, now state senator, Kamala Harris' appeal to reopen it (this while the arts are exploding twelve miles up the road, making L.A. an international arts capitol).

Clearly the city has been unable or unwilling to deal with these issues. I'd recommend forming an advisory arts council consisting of locals who have proven themselves vital to the community. They would include Frank Kearns, Lorene Parks, Andrew Wahlquist, Carolina del Toro, Pat Gil, Valentine Flores, Harold Tseklenis, Donald Marshall, Roy Shabla and Marsha Moode. Singly and as a group, they've all met with the city to try and figure out the next step, but like the rest of us, they need official leadership to find a new direction.

Another issue you'll have to deal with is the economy. Downey's unemployment rate is slightly higher than both the California and national levels, but more to the point, the city's average per capita income is \$23,216 and its household \$60,374. (The generally agreed on number for a representative middle class income is now \$125,000.) Over 11% of Downey's residents live below the federal poverty line. At the same time, the lowest price of new housing (including the townhouses going up on 3rd and La Reina) begins at \$400,000. This does not include mortgage interest, insurance, utilities, food, clothing and transportation. At the pre-election candidates' debate, someone mentioned the need for financial subsidies for increasingly unaffordable housing. But the city is not equipped to offer them, and in any case they wouldn't serve as a long-term solution to a place whose new jobs are mainly in the service sector and therefore low-paying. This is one of the most crucial and demanding issues you'll be dealing with. Downey has had a magnificent past, and its residential designs, schools, its much-heralded fire and police services, and the more intangible element of community spirit are legitimate sources of pride. But all this has been under duress over the past decades. It won't take much more to make Downey lose the quality that's made it Downey. Particularly with technology and globalization crowding the mid-foreground of our lives.

What we need from you is critical thinking, an almost reflexive mode of saying to yourself and the rest of us, "Is this the only way? Is there a better alternative? What's at stake in the larger community?" For example, a number of studies, including the California Air Resources Board, have published the health results of prolonged noise and air pollution, which include stress, neurological disorders, asthma, heart disease, arteriosclerosis, low birth weight and premature birth. I recently asked a councilman if he'd ever considered these factors in approving residential development like KB on the heavily traveled Paramount Blvd.

His answer: "No. We've never thought of it. No one brought it to our attention."

I know you have an orientation process to familiarize yourself with city government, but I'm hoping you take to heart the work of the late Jane Jacobs, still America's premiere urbanist, who wrote, "When we deal with cities, we are dealing with life at its most intense and complex. Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody."

To which a writer for The Atlantic added, "When cities succeed, they represent the purest manifestation of democratic ideals. When cities fail, they fail for the same reasons democracies fail: corruption, tyranny, homogenization, overspecialization, cultural drift and atrophy."

The above mentioned Master Plan sent out 40,000 inquiries to the citizens of Downey. One hundred and ninety-three responded. I also made an unofficial and loose tally of the percentage of people who voted in the council election. The number barely broke double digits. Alex Saab told me that when he went door-to-door on his first term campaign, he was shocked to hear how many people didn't know that a city council existed, let alone who represented them.

This isn't good enough. When VenueTech president John Lind came to town to size up the theater, he observed, "The city isn't responsive to the people, so the people feel they have no part in what goes on."

I'm hoping you'll change that. For starters, either you can add more content to the Discover Downey newsletter, or resume publication of the Downey Communicator, in which city news on issues and developments, and invitations to comment, went to every household in the city.

I'm glad that you, Ms. Pacheco, are willing to address the neglected tensions of South Downey; that you, Mr. Rodriguez, are interested in making city government more transparent (as in Where did the \$650,000 go that was earmarked for parks and bike lanes three years ago?); and that you, Mr. Saab, can further articulate what exactly are those "values and priorities," as you put it, that truly make Downey unique.

I often play tennis afternoons at Furman Park, which is next to Rio Hondo Elementary School. Sometimes I pause to watch when the kids are released into recess, swooping over the large playing field like flocks of joyous songbirds. When your first terms are up, the fifth graders will be in high school. If you earn second terms, they'll be starting their lives as young adults. Who'll look out for them in their formative years, I wonder? Who'll enable them to develop the civic and social consciousness integral to living good lives?

Never underestimate your role, both in act and example, in shaping what they become.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday	66°	
Saturday	67°	
Sunday	68°	

THINGS TO DO



Holiday Boutique

Saturday - Downey Christ Lutheran Church, 9 am to 3 pm

Shop homemade gifts, origami owls, Scentsy candles, caramel apples, jewelry, and more.



Old Time Christmas Festival

Saturday - Rancho Los Cerritos in Long Beach, 1-4 pm

A Victorian Christmas with crafts, museum tours, holiday music, and shopping.



Holiday Boat Parade

Saturday - King Harbor Yacht Club in Redondo Beach, 4 to 10 pm

30 power boats and sailboats, plus 75 paddle craft, circle the marina while brightly decorated.



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday - Paramount Park in Paramount, 8 am to noon

Snow play, sled runs, kiddie trains, prizes, and pictures and breakfast with Santa Claus for \$5.



Cuellar vs Mares

Saturday - Galen Center, 7 pm

Jesus Cuellar makes the third defense of his WBA 126-pound title against three-division champ Abner Mares.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@SussmanPioneers: DHS & SMS Marching Bands combined at Downey Xmas Parade on Sun. Kids had great time & the city loved the collaboration between our schools!

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CRIME REPORT

THURSDAY, NOV. 24 (THANKSGIVING)

No newsworthy incidents.

FRIDAY, NOV. 25

At 12:45 p.m., officers responded to the 12500 block of Bellder Drive regarding a possible burglary. The homeowner had returned home and discovered a couple on his property and notified police. Upon arrival, officers determined the suspects had made entry into the victim's residence through a window. Both suspects were arrested for burglary.

At 8:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to the area of Stonewood Mall regarding a possible stolen vehicle. Officers located the car in the Stonewood Shopping Center parking lot and detained the two occupants. The driver was arrested for grand theft auto and the passenger was arrested for a weapons charge.

SATURDAY, NOV. 26

Officers extra patrolled the downtown area on Saturday night. During this time, they issued four citations for alcohol related incidents and one traffic citation.

SUNDAY, NOV. 27

At 7:00 a.m., an officer was assaulted while attempting to arrest an intoxicated man outside the laundromat at 11839 Lakewood. The officer was not injured and the suspect was arrested for assaulting a police officer and public drunkenness.

At 6:54 p.m., officers responded to Wyman's liquor (9300 Firestone Blvd), regarding the store clerk detaining a female for shoplifting. During the arrest, the suspect kicked an officer in his chest. The officer was not injured and the suspect was arrested for the theft and assaulting a police officer.

At 10:00 p.m., officers responded to the 8100 block of 7th Street regarding a suspicious male possibly stealing gas from a parked vehicle. When officers arrived and attempted to pat-down the suspect for weapons, the suspect assaulted the officer and attempted to run. A good Samaritan assisted the officer in subduing the suspect until additional officers could arrive. During the altercation, the officer broke a bone in his hand. The suspect was arrested for the theft and assaulting a police officer.

"Elfie," an 8-month-old male kitten, is SEACA's Pet of the Week.

Elfie (ID No. 17-07094) is active and loves to socialize and play. He is already neutered.

To adopt Elfie, visit SEACA during animal viewing hours, which are Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Departing message from Mayor Saab

Hello Downey,

It has been an incredible honor to represent our families and businesses as Mayor of the City of Downey. Together, we had an incredible year and were able to accomplish so much as a community. We have furthered the momentum of our great City and continued to pave the way for a promising future as a community and as one large Downey family.

2016 was particularly special because we celebrated our City's 60th anniversary of incorporation and thus we were able to reflect about our City and plan ahead for the next 60 years. Exactly 60 years ago, a group of civic minded visionaries succeeded on a narrow vote to incorporate an area of Los Angeles County with the hopes of creating a city less dependant on the county and to be able to control our own destiny. From this idea and vision, Downey was born.

The population of Downey was much smaller then and there were different kinds of challenges. However, the goals and values of our city remain the same now as they did then. We continue to demand that our local government never becomes stale, that we provide a safe environment for our family's, and that City Hall works hard to provide the best quality service for our residents and businesses.

Being Mayor has been one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences in my life. Working at the local level, I am appreciative and mindful that the decisions we make have a quick and deliberate effect on our very neighborhoods. With that comes great responsibility. Given the opportunity to address real community issues and to help shape our city's future is an awesome experience. As an elected official, one is often scrutinized for decisions and policies, but one of the things I am most proud of and can assure you is that I have never lost focus of my ethics and the main goal of why I ran for office; to make Downey a better place for my family and for yours.

I am proud of the many accomplishments in Downey this year. We initiated a bio-medical planning assessment to facilitate the growth of Downey's existing medical industry in order to attract medical related jobs. One of the solutions to growing our local economy is to continue to be a medical hub in our region. We saw the completion of the incredible Knabe Wellness Center and the \$414 million project at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital. After over 25 years, we are finally seeing some activity and planning at the Rancho South Campus on Imperial Highway. Thanks to much hard work, we proudly secured funding and dedicated space to create a new park at the South Rancho property to better serve our residents.

I am also very grateful that the Council supported my proposal that all Downey students be admitted free year-round to the Columbia Memorial Space Center. This has resulted in over a 30% increase in visitors and, most importantly, greater exposure of our youth to the sciences.

We brought back the Special Olympics sports program at Apollo Park and hope to continue to expand this to better serve those residents that need us the most. The Downey Theatre underwent a much needed facelift in anticipation of the 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration in August. A packed house celebrated all things Downey including a Karen Carpenter tribute.

We saw the greatest amount of street upgrades in more than 50 years. Projects on Firestone, Lakewood, Telegraph and Gardendale and others were all completed, some of which include new bike lanes. Orange Estates was officially dedicated this year with new unique signage and a renewed sense of pride for residents living in that area.

Public safety continued to be our top priority. The City Council approved the passage of the Downey Police Civilian Volunteer Patrol Program this year which will be beneficial to both the police department and the community. Interested residents will be trained to help patrol our streets to be an added set of eyes and ears for our department.

Another program approved this year is the Park Ranger program. In the next few months, you will see dedicated Downey Park Rangers solely patrolling our parks to ensure the safety of all. We also approved 25 new license plate readers which will assist our excellent Police Department with added technology to combat crime. A new, state of the art fire engine went into service to further protect our residents as well.

This week, we will roll out our new and improved Downey City Website to provide easier access to City Hall at your fingertips. We expanded the City of Downey App and approved a new iPad kiosk system at City Hall which allows visitors to provide input on how we can improve service. One of my goals as Mayor was to do an Independent Audit of the building and permit process. This was recently completed and has provided valuable information on how to more efficiently and effectively serve the public and our businesses at City Hall.

With the grand opening of the Downey Promenade and the expansion of Downtown Downey, we saw unprecedented growth in new businesses opening and building permits issued. It seemed like I was attending ribbon cuttings every other day. As you see, much was accomplished this year and I am just as excited for 2017 and what lies ahead.

Finally, I would like to thank each of my City Council colleagues for serving our community, our incredible City staff for their hard work day in and day out, and all the service groups and volunteers who make a difference in our Community every single day. Each of us individually makes a difference, but working together is what makes Downey the best it can be.

Thank you to my beautiful and incredibly supportive wife Giggy, my 3 children Dominic, Gianna and Alexander, my mother Elsa, as well as my brothers Sammy, Dennis and Andy for supporting me this year along with all my friends and Downey family. It has been my honor to serve you and thank you for allowing me to be the Mayor of my hometown.

I look forward to continuing to serve you for another 4 years. I continue to believe in Downey and know that if we work together, the best days are ahead of us.

Mayor Alex Saab

WINTER WORSHIP GUIDE

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Garcia continues push to repeal tampon tax



hygiene products are a basic necessity and should be free instead of taxed.

"Every month, for 40 years of our lives, we are still being taxed for being born women," said Garcia. "Every month of our adult life we are taxed for our biology. Every month we are told our periods are a luxury, while also being told they are something to be ashamed of and we must hide."

"It's not enough to make these products more affordable, we have to make them free to the women and girls who struggle to get access to these products," she added.

Last year New York, Connecticut and Illinois passed legislation to make menstrual products exempt from the sales tax, bringing the total number of states exempting the products to eight. Meanwhile, in California the tax remains and there is now a case before the California Superior Court, on the basis that tampons and sanitary

napkins are not luxuries, but basic medical necessities.

The complaint states that the current tax violates the 14th amendment's equal protection clause.

"We shouldn't have to wait for a court case to strike down this unlawful tax. I am committed to working with the Governor to end this unfair tax on women whether it's through legislation or the budget and also to find ways to make these products free where they are needed," Garcia said.

Currently, California law exempts health items like walkers, medical identification tags, and prescription medication, including Viagra. Tampons and sanitary napkins are not exempt.

"If you look at other items that are tax exempt, I think it is only fair that these essential products for women be included," she said. "When I carried this legislation last year, I kept hearing stories of girls missing school because they didn't have access to these products. In New York City when they provided the products for free, they saw a 2.4% increase in attendance in their pilot school. I knew that as a state we couldn't just stop at getting rid of the tax. We have to make the products free in schools in and shelters.

"This is about gender equity and social justice."

DOWNEY – Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) kicked off her first day of the 2016 legislative session Monday by introducing AB 9 and AB 10, two measures that would not only remove the tax on menstrual products, but make them free in schools and shelters.

Currently, due to Gov. Jerry Brown's veto of similar legislation last year, women in California still pay over \$20 million annually in taxes on tampons and sanitary napkins, paying on average \$7 a month for 40 years.

Garcia feels that feminine



Parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, visiting the Western Wall Jerusalem on Sept. 25.

Pictured is Pete Pelayo, Bishop Joe Sartoris, Wayne Hahner, Angela Murray, Louis Acquistapace, Theresa Marie Donahue and Diana Lynn Cierpich.



"My mother went to China this year, a dream come true for her, and she took this picture with the Terracotta warriors in China with the Downey Patriot.

"Honestly I was more impressed that she flew all the way to China with the Downey Patriot newspaper and took it everywhere. When I asked her why she did this, she said, "I wanted to have a little piece of home with me."

"My response was that she could have taken me!"

5 Freeway construction in Downey slated to start next month

■ **TRAFFIC:** Construction on 5 Freeway in Downey anticipated to last through 2019.

By Alex Dominguez Contributor

DOWNEY – The I-5 intersection at Florence Avenue is scheduled to undergo long-term construction beginning as early as January of next year.

The Santa Ana Freeway Florence Avenue Interchange Project aims to bring several benefits to the highly traveled freeway corridor which extends through Downey and Santa Fe Springs to just north of the 605

bridge.

Improvements include the addition of a high occupancy vehicle lane in both directions, interchange improvements, pavement replacement and pedestrian overcrossings.

The Florence Avenue overcrossing will also be widened from four to six lanes.

Several closures have also taken place due to the project. Dollison Drive (between Quinn Street and the southbound I-5 on ramp) and the southbound I-5 Dollison Drive have been permanently closed. The southbound I-5 Florence Avenue on ramp long-term closure will continue through early 2018.

Project cost is \$215.4 million. The anticipated traffic opening is late 2019.

A representative of Caltrans was on hand at City Hall Tuesday evening to give a presentation about the project at a special meeting called for city residents who may have had questions concerning the upcoming construction.

Traffic on the affected parts of Florence is expected to get extremely congested, so commuters are encouraged to find alternate routes and detours during the project's duration.

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Pleasant Holidays.

SPORTS: Bosco wins Div. 1 championship

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – Last weekend C.I.F. crowned 13 divisional football champions. It was certainly an exciting weekend with several close games.

In Division One, St. John Bosco defeated Mater Dei 42-28. St. John Bosco will now play Concord De La Salle on December 17th in the state title game. In Division Two, San Clemente defeated Murrieta Valley 45-35 and Edison defeated La Mirada 44-24 in Division Three.

In Division Four, Sierra Canyon defeated Corona del Mar 36-35 and in Division Five Calabasas defeated Capistrano Valley 35-14. In Division Six, Paraclete defeated Los Altos 21-14 and in Division Seven San Geronio defeated Norte Vista 27-21.

In Division Eight, Yorba Linda defeated Burbank 31-21 and in Division Nine Valley Christian defeated Silverado 59-13. In Division Ten, St. Anthony defeated Aquinas 33-32 and in Division 11 Valley View defeated Quartz Hill by the same 33-32 score.

In Division 12, Arroyo defeated Rancho Mirage 35-34 and in Division 13 Rancho Christian defeated Santa Ana 52-14.

C.I.F. Division champions will play again this weekend against various opponents. Division Two champion San Clemente will travel to Division Three champion Edison tomorrow. Division Four champion Sierra Canyon will host Los Angeles at Granada Hills High School tomorrow.

Division Five champion Calabasas will travel to Madison of San Diego later today and Division Six champion Paraclete will travel to Mater Dei Catholic of San Diego later today as well. Division Seven champion San Geronio will travel to Division 11 champion Valley view later today and Division Eight champion Yorba Linda will travel to Division Ten champion St. Anthony of Long Beach tomorrow.

Division Nine champion Valley Christian will host Bishop of San Diego tomorrow, Division 12 champion Arroyo will travel to La Jolla Country Day tomorrow and Division 13 champion Rancho Christian of Temecula will travel to Franklin of Los Angeles later today.

■ The Warren High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 2-0 and have not started S.G.V.L. play.

The Lady Bears defeated Santa Fe 63-46 at Warren on 11/30 and defeated Dana Hills 38-32 on Tuesday at the Ocean View Tournament.

Warren played Los Alamitos on Wednesday in the same tournament (score unavailable at press time) and will play North Torrance tomorrow. The Lady Bears are scheduled to play Whittier next Tuesday at Warren in a non-tournament game.

The Lady Bears will be busy over the Christmas Break with scheduled games against Cerritos on 12/26, Orange Lutheran on 1/4 and El Rancho on 1/6. Warren will begin S.G.V.L. play when they travel to Paramount on 1/11. The Lady Bears will travel to cross-town rival Downey on 1/18 for the first of their two much anticipated and hotly contested city rivalry games against the Lady Vikings.

The Lady Bears finished last season with an overall record of 4-22 and a S.G.V.L. record of 4-6. Warren finished league play tied for fourth place

with Paramount, respectively. Warren was eliminated by Millikan 90-57 in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 1AA playoffs.

Coach Palmer, her staff and players are looking forward to the start of the 2016-17 basketball season. The Lynwood Lady Knights will once again be the team to beat in league play.

■ The Warren High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 3-3 and have not started S.G.V.L. play. The Bears competed in the Ocean View Tournament of Champions where they went 2-2.

At the Ocean View Tournament, Warren was defeated by Lakewood 75-70 on 11/29 in their first game, was defeated by Saddleback Valley Christian of San Juan Capistrano 73-49 on 11/30 in their second game, defeated Rialto 67-45 on 12/1 in their third game and defeated Central City Value of Los Angeles 65-54 on 12/2 in their fourth game.

The Bears were defeated by Compton 49-48 on 12/5 in their first game of the El Segundo Tournament and defeated Palos Verdes on Tuesday 58-57. Warren played tournament host El Segundo yesterday (score unavailable at press time) and will play a TBA game later today.

The Bears will travel to St. Anthony of Long Beach on 12/16 and will be competing in the Rancho Mirage Holiday Invitational over the Christmas Break. Warren will begin league play when they travel to Paramount on 1/11. The Bears will travel to cross-town rival Downey on 1/18 for the first of their two much anticipated city rivalry games.

The Bears finished last season with an overall record of 13-14 and were 3-7 in S.G.V.L. play. Warren finished in a three-way tie for fourth place with Downey and Paramount, respectively. Head Coach Zaiid Leflore, his staff and players are looking forward to the start of the 2016-17 basketball season.

■ The Downey High School boys' soccer team currently has an overall record of 3-1 and have not started S.G.V.L. play.

The Vikings have been competing in the Aliso Cup Tournament to begin their 2016-17 season. Downey defeated Corona del Mar 1-0 on 11/30, defeated Century 3-2 on 12/2, were defeated by Los Alamitos 2-1 on 12/3 and defeated Yorba Linda 3-2 on 12/3. The Vikings hosted Clovis yesterday (score unavailable at press time).

Downey will continue with their busy preseason schedule as they will host Artesia later today, travel to Bell Gardens tomorrow, will host Lakewood on 12/14 and will host Whittier on 12/21. The Vikings will be busy over the Christmas Break and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they travel to Lynwood to face the Knights on 1/11. Downey will play Warren on 1/17 in the first of two of their much anticipated city rivalry games.

The Vikings finished last season with an overall record of 12-10-2 and were 6-3-1 in S.G.V.L. play. Downey finished S.G.V.L. play in third place and qualified for postseason play, respectively. Downey was eliminated by Royal at Royal 1-0 in the first round of the C.I.F. Division One playoffs.

Coach Mires, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2016-17 season. Paramount and Warren will once again be the teams to beat in league play.

In Loving Memory

Idamae Ann Vega

March 29, 1927 - December 5, 2016



Our Mamae will be greatly missed by many, including her 12 children, 33 grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren.

God gained a beautiful angel as she joined him and her husband Paul to rest in paradise.

You will be forever loved within our hearts.

Holiday activities at Downey parks

DOWNEY – Downey parks are offering activities for children ages 6-12 during winter break, Dec. 27 through Jan. 6.

The drop-in program operates from 12-5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, at Apollo, Brookshire, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel parks. At Brookshire Park, the program operates from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Programs will not be held Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, or during inclement weather.

The program is free but registration is required. Registration can be completed at Downey's Parks and Recreation office at 7850 Quill Drive.

Downey residents can register starting Dec. 13. Registration for non-residents begin Dec. 19.

For questions, call (562) 904-7238.

Space center hosts 'Star Wars Night'

DOWNEY – Downey's Columbia Memorial Space Center will host a "Star Wars Family Night" on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

There will be space-related activities, games and demonstrations.

"We hope the force brings you to the [Columbia Memorial Space Center] for this exciting event," city officials said. "Come or do not, there is no try."

Admission is \$5 (free for space center members).

Warren High yearbooks on sale

DOWNEY – Warren High School is selling old yearbooks dating to the 1950s.

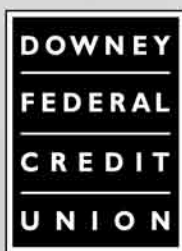
Prices are \$100 for yearbooks between 1959-1979; \$30 for years 1980-2000; \$40 for years 2001-06; \$75 for years 2007-2013; and \$95 for years 2014-16.

The sale will take place Dec. 14 from 2:45-4 p.m. in front of the main office.

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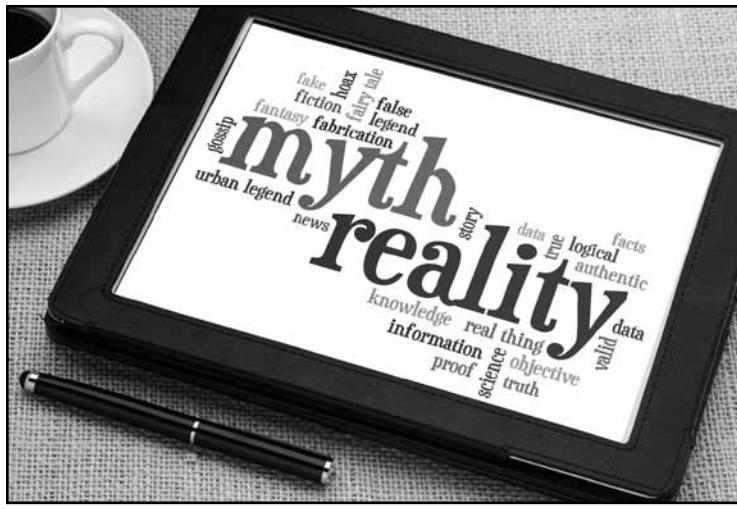
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Why fake news is dangerous



By Lee H. Hamilton

Franklin Roosevelt once said, "Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely." He was talking about why education matters in a representative democracy, but it's a safe bet that had he known about fake internet news, he'd have said the same thing — except maybe with more pointed words.

Our representative democracy depends on ordinary people making sound judgments about politicians and policy. This is hard to do at the best of times. Issues are complex. Being able to sort out what matters and what's a diversion takes knowledge and judgment. Being a full citizen in a representative democracy depends on accurate information — and the ability to discern what's reliable and what's not.

To fold into that mix deliberately false news makes the citizen's task much more difficult — maybe even impossible. Yet astoundingly, that's where we find ourselves now. Millions of people see patently false stories about undocumented workers pouring across the border or Hillary Clinton being involved in the assassination of JFK — and some number of them believe it. Meanwhile, people across the globe — teenagers in the Balkans, disinformation specialists in Russia, entrepreneurs in the U.S. — all seem to be cashing in.

I'm well aware that some critics argue that "fake news" is nothing new. They cite such well-known fabricators as Jayson Blair at The New York Times and Janet Cooke at The Washington Post. Fair enough. But when Blair, Cooke and others like them were caught, they were fired and drummed out of journalism.

These days, purveyors of fake news get paid to mislead the public. This is new. These are fantasies masquerading as "news" — misleading, disingenuous

and removed from context. They're outright lies generated without regard for the commitment to accuracy that real journalism strives for. This is very, very dangerous. Outside of criminal activities like bribery, it's hard for me to imagine a greater disservice to our country.

Americans care about being informed. When I'm in front of an audience, invariably someone asks me to recommend the most reliable source of information I know — because there are a lot of choices out there. People know that they have political decisions to make, that their votes matter, and that they shouldn't make them in a vacuum. False news makes the basic responsibilities of citizenship much harder.

On the positive side, responsible media outlets are increasingly aware of the problem and are seeking ways to counteract it — as well as to call out politicians who blatantly traffic in misrepresentation. There is no question that in the coming years, real journalists' ability to identify bogus stories, rebut ignorant claims that go viral, and stymie efforts at misinformation will be a vital part of their responsibilities. Similarly, the platforms that have given an outlet to fake news — Facebook and other social media — are recognizing their obligation to fight it without compromising users' access to the real stuff.

Which, of course, is what makes what to do about false news so devilishly difficult. As a nation, we thrive on a multitude of voices and news sources. We don't want to discourage the sharing of information or opinions, nor do we want to restrict Americans' access to it.

When misinformation has spread in the past, we've always been able to depend on the truth catching up and eventually prevailing. Now, however, the circuits are being overloaded — not just by the proliferation of platforms and sources of information, but by people who are using the tools of democracy to undermine it. We must strive for an environment in which truth wins the day in the war over information.

I can't pretend to know how we will ultimately help Americans sort through what's truth and untruth, what's serious argument and what's propaganda, but I do know that this is one of the key battles of our time. Fake news is a threat to our system, a land mine that can cripple representative democracy by making a mockery of its most basic tenet: that the people will make the right decisions. This is a challenge we need to address head on and without delay — the future of our representative democracy is at stake.

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Who voted for Wall Street?

By Josh Hoxie

During the campaign, Donald Trump said he wanted to fix our rigged economic system. And we can't do that, he said, by counting on the people who rigged it in the first place.

He talked a big game about Wall Street and the big banks. He repeatedly called out Goldman Sachs, the Wall Street behemoth, by name in ads and speeches, characterizing the firm as controlling his rivals Hillary Clinton and Ted Cruz.

So it should come with some shock, at least to Trump voters, that now President-elect Trump has chosen a consummate Wall Street insider, Steve Mnuchin, for treasury secretary.

Mnuchin spent 17 years as an executive at Goldman Sachs before continuing his lucrative career as a banker and investor. Is this not the swampiest of characters that Trump vowed to drain away?

Trump's anti-Wall Street messaging resonated with millions of voters. A poll taken just before the election showed that nearly 70 percent of undecided voters in key swing states wanted to break up the big banks and cap their size to avoid another financial crisis.

The same proportion wanted to close the "carried-interest loophole," an insidious provision that enables hedge fund managers to pay lower taxes than nurses.

It's unclear whether Trump's anti-Wall Street messaging made the difference for these voters. But it's abundantly clear that he didn't mean a word of it.

In Washington, personnel is policy. And Mnuchin's appointment casts serious doubt that Trump will follow through with any of his bluster on Wall Street.

Mnuchin isn't just any Goldman Sachs alumnus: He oversaw one of the largest foreclosure operations in the country. Mnuchin bought mortgage lender IndyMac in 2009, renamed it OneWest, and continued on as its chair through 2015 — a period in which OneWest foreclosed on more than 36,000 families.

What exactly does Mnuchin want to do while in power?

In his first announcement, Mnuchin exclaimed his "number one priority is tax reform," promising to work with Congress to pass the "biggest tax cut since

Reagan." He claims the benefits of this tax cut will go to middle class families, rather than the upper class.

Fortunately, tax plans, unlike campaign promises, can be easily and quickly fact checked. Unfortunately, Mnuchin's statement comes back pants-on-fire false.

Over half of the cuts in Trump's proposed tax plan would exclusively benefit the top 1 percent, according to the non-partisan Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. The plan would increase their after-tax income by 14 percent, 10 times more than for middle-income earners.

Mnuchin won't be the only Wall Streeter in the Trump administration. Steve Bannon, the chief strategist for the president-elect and former head of the white supremacist news outlet Breitbart, is a fellow former Goldman Sachs employee.

The Wall Street swampiness of both Mnuchin and Bannon, however, pales in comparison to that of Wilbur Ross, the billionaire investor selected by Trump to lead the Commerce Department. The 79-year-old investor built a career on greed, exploitation, and apparent tone deafness. Ross infamously whined in 2014, "The 1 percent is being picked on for political reasons."

These former Wall Streeters will have serious power overseeing major parts of the government and the overall economy.

It's been just eight years since Wall Street bankers had to come to Washington, hat in hand and utterly humbled, to ask for a taxpayer funded bailout. The reforms put in place to prevent a repeat of the 2008 crisis are tenuous at best — and now they're under serious threat from the same people they were designed to rein in.

Josh Hoxie directs the Project on Taxation and Opportunity at the Institute for Policy Studies.

ISIS vs. the U.S.

Dear Editor:

Elsa Van Leuven's assertion (Letters to the Editor, 12/1/16) that President Obama's policies vis-a-vis ISIS have put the United States in increased danger is the height of absurdity.

Granted, ISIS is a tough foe, with their ideological hatred of the western world. Their members are sprinkled throughout the Middle East like so many raisins in a fruit cake, and our military is given the almost impossible task of rooting out the raisins without damaging the cake.

With that said, however, ISIS and indeed the Taliban, and Al Qaeda, are no more military threat to this country than your average pet Airedale. They have zero air force, zero navy, zero marines, and, for the most part, very little mechanized army.

President Obama has taken a sensible and measured approach to fighting ISIS, but some Republicans, most notably Ted Cruz on the campaign trail, suggest bombing them until the "sands glow." Hot lead has been whizzing through the air of the Middle East for 15 years now, and what has it gotten us? Practically nothing.

All these terrorist groups have a predilection for violence, but realistically, are they a military threat to the United States? Most emphatically not.

So I don't think Ms. Van Leuven needs to be quaking in her Gucci tennis shoes. I doubt that ISIS is going to be attacking Downey any time soon.

**Jack Russell
Downey**

Letters to the Editor

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Please keep letters as brief as possible and include a full name and address.

Christmas Parade

Dear Editor:

Who is responsible for the (lack of) planning for this event on the same day as our Christmas parade?

I, as well as many others, were effectively cut off from leaving or returning to our homes. I have lived in Downey for 35+ years (within the parade zone) and every year have planned my parade day errands around this event always knowing that I could make it in and out, although with some difficulty. Not this year.

I was out and about early and was trying to return home at 10:30 a.m. when I found that I was absolutely not allowed to drive to my home. The only option was to find parking and walk. OK, so this was not the end of the world for me. But what if I had a passenger with disabilities or a carload of perishable groceries?

The impact of this additional same day event was not thought out and adequate information was not given. I could have planned my day around this had I known. Everyone in the affected areas should have been given proper individual written notice of the closures that would occur including the advisory that no access in or out would be allowed during specified hours. I encountered many angry residents on my walk home.

The City of Downey and the Downey Chamber of Commerce owe us an apology.

**Cathy Harman
Downey**

Dear Editor:

In the future, perhaps it would be a good idea to check with the churches near the parade route and arrange to block their access after worship services!

Anyone who needed to use Downey Avenue or Brookshire Avenue or to even cross them to get to church after 9:45 am was out of luck today. Until this year, that has never happened.

Several people were undoubtedly prohibited from exercising their religious freedom by prematurely blocking access to these churches.

**Pat Ray
Downey**

Dear Editor:

I am very disappointed with how the city of Downey handled the 5K and Christmas parade. The total incompetence and mismanagement of city officials to plan street closures was incredible.

Residents who live on Downey Avenue or Brookshire Avenue were not able to access their typical parking spots. My building has a gated lot for residents, and we were not even able to access said lot, and forced to park blocks away. I also noted how residents were not even able to leave the area due to the street closures and the run.

When I asked when the run was over, I was told that there is no set time, therefore the city didn't even know when residents would be able to park back in their usual spots. I could only imagine what would happen if a family emergency were to happen, or if someone tried to leave for work around the time of these closures.

I know the city is better than this. I surely hope we get some answers.

**John J.
Downey**

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, I would like to thank the citizens of Downey that participated in our Elf Run, watched the 65th Annual Christmas Parade, and ate and relaxed at our Winter Wonderland Food Festival. It was an amazing day for the Chamber and we really appreciate the numerous volunteers and the public that came out and supported our events.

The inaugural Elf Run attracted over 200 runners. Nearly 80% of those who ran were youth from DUSD. Entrance fees for these young runners were generously donated by PIH Health and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia.

The Christmas Parade, themed "Coming Home for Christmas", was viewed by thousands of Downey residents. We picked that in an effort to showcase groups and organization within Downey and give them a chance to be "center stage" while hearing the applause and cheers from the entire community!

We also initiated the Winter Wonderland Food Festival for families to enjoy some treats while the children visited Santa. The goal of the Chamber was to create some great family memories, and, based on the comments I've received, that was exactly what we did. For 2017, with some improved planning, we hope these events will become part of Downey's holiday traditions for years to come.

Even though the majority of comments have been very supportive of our events, I do not live in a cave and I am very aware of several concerns that have appeared on social media. First off, regarding the 5K run, I am aware that the earlier than expected street closures negatively impacted some areas surrounding the course. There were over 450 homes and businesses impacted by the road closures on Sunday morning, though the Chamber did distribute a door hanger detailing the streets closures, alternative parking options to minimize any inconvenience, along with a phone number to our office should you need transportation between your home/office and where your car was parked.

I know now that effort was not enough. For any personal inconvenience, I am truly sorry and will work hard in 2017 to make sure that everyone in the area is not only aware of these events but to ensure that these events will have a minimal impact on your Sunday morning.

There has also been some negative "chatter" regarding the parade entries chosen this year. The Christmas Parade Committee takes very seriously those who represent our local organizations navigating Downey Avenue. Each entry has either a history with our event or, if in the case of a new applicant, they are fully vetted and must be approved weeks prior to the parade.

With our theme "Coming Home for Christmas", we are proud that over 86% of the entries in our parade came from the City of Downey. Dance teams, marching bands, scout troops, and local sports teams were all a part of Sunday afternoon and the Chamber was so happy to see much support for these groups and many of them have already asked to be part of next year.

The parade committee does its best to provide a wide variety of entries that will represent the diversity and inclusiveness of the Downey community

As was the case in 2016, the Chamber's Parade Committee will once again make preparations for 2017. The Chamber truly appreciates hearing from anyone about the parade, the Elf Run and the food festival. If you would like to assist in next year's planning, I invite you to contact us and be a part of these amazing events. Call the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191.

**Michael Calvert
Executive Director
Downey Chamber of Commerce**

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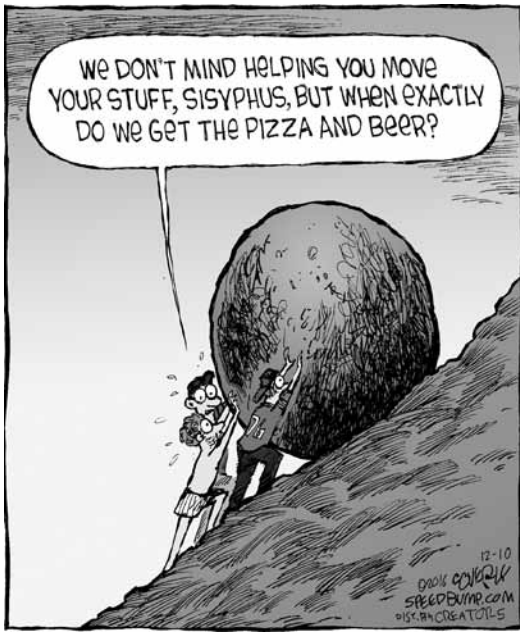
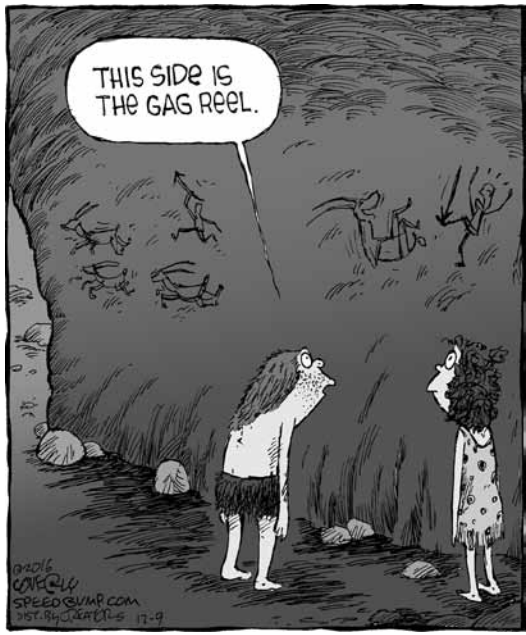
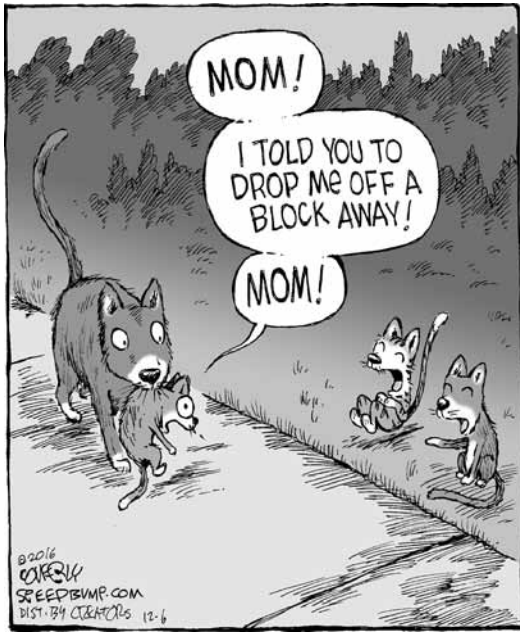
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Downey Community Calendar

EVENTS FOR DECMEBER

Saturday, Dec. 3: [Apollo space capsule lighting](#), Columbia Memorial Space Center, 4:30 p.m.

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.
 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., Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Armida Lugo, (562) 715-6142.
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed.& Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
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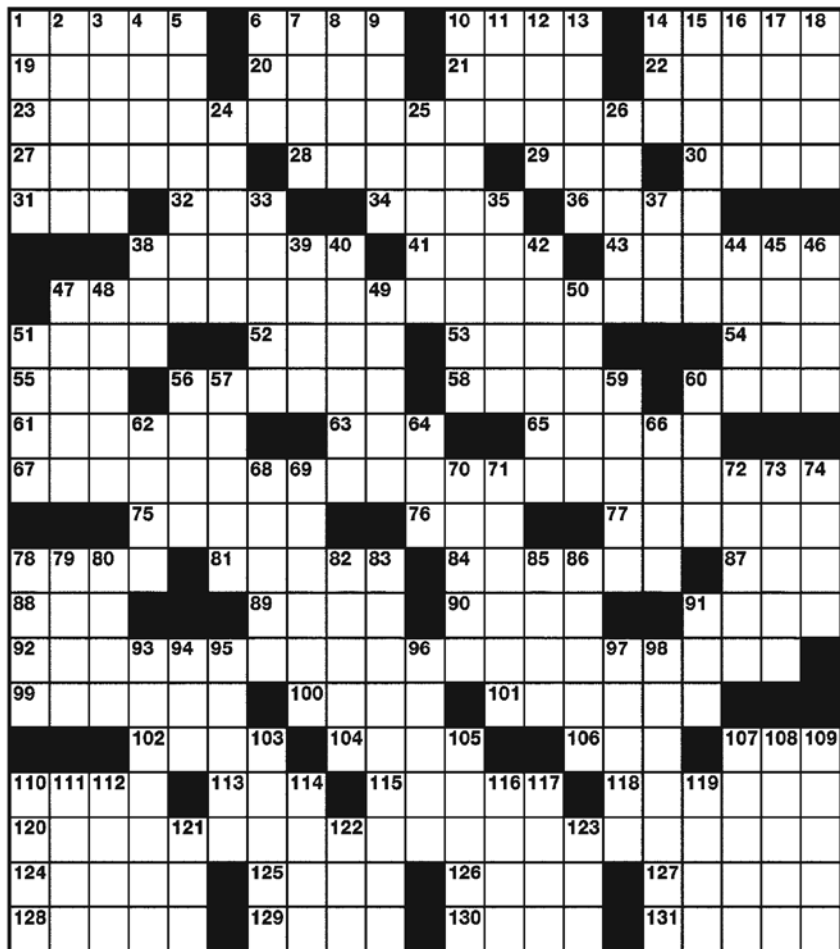
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Many years ago during my medical residency training at UCLA, I spent time in the emergency room. You can imagine how interesting it could be to work a graveyard shift, and that seemed especially true if it happened to fall on a night with a full moon.



Nurses warned me to be ready for anything on those nights. Even today, there are times when my receptionist will look at me, raise her eyebrows, and suggest that there must be a full moon.

Could the phase of the moon alter our physical or mental state? Ancient Assyrian and Babylonian discuss this. Note that the word "lunatic" was derived from the Latin word "luna", meaning moon.

The human body is made up of about 75% water. The moon (along with the sun) causes the tides. Could these gravitational tides affect our body? The effect of gravity diminishes with distance but never goes away; in theory everything is always tugging on everything else. Do note that the highest tides occur both on full and new moons - yet no one seems to connect strange behaviors or events to new moons!

Over the years, researchers have searched for any statistical connection between the moon and human biology or behavior. Reliable studies comparing the lunar phases to births, deaths, heart attacks, suicides, violence, psychiatric hospital admissions, emergency room visits, epileptic seizures, surgical outcomes, menstruation, and sleep habits (to list just a few) have simply found no

significant correlation. Many studies that claimed to find connections turned out to have used flawed methods, or have not been able to be reproduced.

A frequently quoted study was performed by an international group of scientists, who examined the sleep patterns of children and differences in their daily activities. The findings revealed that during full and new moons, the children in the study slept five fewer minutes. The change in sleep represented about a 1% decrease, with no noticeable change in daily activity.

One statistically significant study performed by the Colorado State University Veterinary Medicine Center involved almost 12,000 participants: dogs and cats. During a full moon, emergency room visits increased by 28% for dogs and increased by 23% for cats. How this single study would relate to human behavior is unclear.

Certainly there are creatures that shape their lives around the tides. The behavior of coastal wading birds and the breeding of the California Grunion (fish) are good examples of that.

So, why does this myth persist so stubbornly? Perhaps when I was a resident in that UCLA emergency room, knowing that it was a full moon, I interpreted traumas and crises as more extreme or bizarre. Perhaps when strange things happen during astronomical events. Perhaps, before electricity, the light of the full moon kept people up at night, causing sleep deprivation and associated psychological issues.

Whatever the reason, I think that we can comfortably discard this very old myth!

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

40% of new cancer cases linked to tobacco



Forty percent of cancers diagnosed in the U.S. may have a link to tobacco use, according to this month's Vital Signs Report published by the Centers for Disease Control.

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of cancer and cancer deaths. It causes more than lung cancer — based on current evidence, it can cause cancers of the mouth and throat, voice box, esophagus, stomach, kidney, pancreas, liver, bladder, cervix, colon and rectum, and a type of leukemia (acute myeloid leukemia).

Each year between 2009 and 2013, about 660,000 people in the U.S. were diagnosed with, and about 343,000 people died from, a cancer related to tobacco use, according to a new report by CDC. Three in ten cancer deaths were due to cigarette smoking, but progress has been made. Since 1990, about 1.3 million tobacco-related cancer deaths have been avoided.

"There are more than 36 million smokers in the U.S.," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "Sadly, nearly half could die prematurely from tobacco-related illnesses, including 6 million from cancer, unless we implement the programs that will help smokers quit."

National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) data released today in a separate article in the same MMWR show that current cigarette smoking among U.S. adults declined from 20.9 percent (45.1 million) in 2005 to 15.1 percent (36.5 million) in 2015. During 2014-2015 alone, there was a 1.7 percentage point decline, resulting in the lowest prevalence of adult cigarette smoking since the CDC's NHIS began collecting such data in 1965.

"When states invest in comprehensive cancer control programs—including tobacco control—we see greater benefits for everyone and fewer deaths from tobacco-related cancers. We have made progress, but our work is not done," said Lisa C. Richardson, M.D., M.P.H., director of CDC's Division of Cancer Prevention and Control.

Comprehensive cancer control programs are focused on reducing cancer risk, detecting cancer early, improving cancer treatments, helping more people survive cancer, improving cancer survivors' quality of life, and better assisting communities disproportionately impacted by cancer. Comprehensive tobacco control programs coordinate efforts to implement proven strategies to prevent tobacco use initiation among youth and young adults, to promote tobacco users to quit, to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure, and to identify and eliminate tobacco-related disparities. However, not all states or all people have experienced the benefits of these efforts; tobacco prevention and control resources, along with access to medical care and cancer treatment, vary widely across the U.S. The Vital Signs report on tobacco-related cancers shows that:

Incidence and death rates were highest among African-Americans compared with other races or ethnicities, people who live in counties with a low proportion of college graduates, and people who live in counties with high poverty levels.

By region, incidence rates were highest in the Northeast (202 per 100,000 persons) and lowest in the West (170 per 100,000 persons).

Incidence rates for tobacco-related cancers are still higher among men (250 per 100,000 persons) than women (148 per 100,000 persons).

Preventing and reducing tobacco use and tobacco-related cancers take comprehensive approaches

Quitting smoking at any age has health benefits, including reducing the risk of getting or dying from cancer. Quitting smoking improves the prognosis of cancer patients and reduces the risk of getting a secondary cancer (a cancer that occurs in a different organ) in cancer patients and cancer survivors.

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BOXING: Getting to know Abner Mares and Jesus Cuellar



Featherweight world champion Jesus Cuellar and former three-division world champion Abner Mares will meet in a long-awaited world championship showdown this Saturday, December 10 at Galen Center at USC in Los Angeles and live on Showtime.

The telecast begins at 7 p.m. PT with junior middleweight world champion Jermall Charlo and top-rated challenger Julian Williams in a battle of undefeated rising stars in their prime.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by Ringstar Sports and TGB Promotions, are on sale now and are priced at \$35, \$50, \$75, \$150 and \$200. To purchase tickets go to www.galentix.com.

The hard-hitting Cuellar of Argentina and the decorated Mares of Southern California shared some fun facts and spoke about their interests outside of boxing before they lace up the gloves and meet in the center of the ring on December 10.

Read below to learn more about the two fighters before their main event showdown:

JESUS CUELLAR

If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

It would be super strength. My nephew already calls me The Incredible Hulk.

What is something that people would be surprised to know about you?

I'm a very good cook. I can cook lots of things for myself. I love cooking for my family.

What is your favorite snack?

A torta dulce, a sweet sandwich served in Latin American countries throughout the world.

Least favorite food?

I hate pickles.

What do you do for extra motivation?

I watch the movie "300" during training and before fights.

What is your favorite book?

My favorite book is "Martin Fierro," a 2316-line poem written by Argentina's Jose Hernandez.

If you weren't a boxer, what would you be doing?

I would want to be a horse jockey. Their job is very interesting. My body would look a lot different, but I think I could be good at it.

What is one of your most impressive physical feats?

I've done as many as 1,200 sit-ups in a day.

Do you have any fight night superstitions?

It's not really a superstition, but I wear red and white in the ring during every fight.

If you could have dinner with one historical figure who would it be?

It would be former unified middleweight world champion and Argentine legend Carlos Monzon.

ABNER MARES

What's something people might be surprised to learn about you?

I'm a 'dance dad.' My oldest daughter Emily is on a dance team that went to the national championship in Connecticut when I fought Leo Santa Cruz. We stopped the workout at the track and the entire team huddled around my iPhone to watch her. It made me really proud – she did really well! She has her winter recital on the night of the fight, but I'm hoping to watch part of it on Facetime while I'm in the locker room.

What is a guilty pleasure you have?

It's definitely my collection of sports cars. I call it my 'auto wardrobe.' My favorites are the different Mercedes I have. .

What's the most extravagant thing you own?

I wrapped one of my Mercedes in pure gold. That would have to be it.

Do you have any business endeavors outside of boxing?

My wife and I just opened up "Nathalie's Essence of Beauty." It's a full service makeup salon in Downey that I'm excited to see grow.

What is a food you hate?

Olives. I've never liked them and I never will.

Who's your favorite musician?

My favorite music is from Ariel Camacho. He was a regional Mexican singer who died in a car accident in 2015 in Sinaloa, Mexico. He walked me out for my fight against Oquendo and then the band walked me out for my fight against Santa Cruz after Ariel had passed. The band is called Los Plebes de Rancho and "El Karma" is a must-have CD.

What is your ideal birthday present?

The one thing my friends always get me that I love is cologne. I have cologne from all different brands from all over the world. I like smelling good.

What is your favorite snack?

Definitely a Snickers bar. They're another guilty pleasure, but not during training camp.

If you could have dinner with one historical figure, who would it be?

I would say Pablo Escobar. He's a guy I couldn't pass up meeting.

If you weren't a boxer, what would you be doing?

I would want to be an architect. I love the art, structure and function of buildings – homes and offices. From the design, to the way it's used, it's something I'm very interested in.



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DECEMBER 8 BIRTHDAYS

"You've got to figure out what they want out there and give it to them."

Corey Taylor, lead singer of the band Slipknot, turns 43 today



Paul Anka performing this weekend at the Saban Theatre

recorded his first single, "I Confess", when he was 14. In 1957 he went to New York City where he auditioned for Don Costa at ABC, singing what was widely believed to be a lovestruck verse he had written to a former babysitter. In an interview with NPR's Terry Gross in 2005, he stated that it was to a girl at his church whom he hardly knew.

up with Odia Coates to record the #1 hit, "(You're) Having My Baby", exposing Anka to a new generation of fans and proved his staying power among his original fan base that was now maturing.



Anka and Coates would record two more duets that made it into the Top 10, "One Man Woman/One Woman Man" (#7) and "I Don't Like to Sleep Alone" (#8), and the #15 duet "(I Believe) There's Nothing Stronger Than Our Love".

In 1975 he recorded a jingle for Kodak written by Bill Lane (lyrics) and Roger Nichols (melody) called "Times of Your Life". It became so popular Anka recorded it as a full song, which peaked at #7 in the U.S. pop chart in 1976.

The follow-up was another hit that Anka wrote for Sinatra, "Anytime (I'll Be There)", peaking at #33. Anka's last Top 40 hit in the U.S. was in the summer of 1983: "Hold Me 'Til The Mornin' Comes", which included backing vocals from then-Chicago frontman Peter Cetera; it hit #2 on the Hot Adult Contemporary chart.

His 1998 album A Body of Work was his first new U.S. studio release since Walk a Fine Line in 1983; vocalists and performers included Celine Dion, Kenny G, Patti LaBelle, and Skyler Jett. The album included a new version of "Hold Me 'Til the Morning Comes", once again performed

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Pop star Paul Anka, who transformed himself from a teenage heartthrob to successful adult singer, will perform this weekend at the Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills.

Anka will be singing hits from his extensive catalog along with holiday favorites.

Tickets start at \$68 and can be purchased online at sabanconcerts.com. There are two scheduled concerts: Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m.

World renown singer/songwriter/actor Paul Anka first became famous in the late 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s with hit songs like "Diana," "Lonely Boy," "Put Your Head On My Shoulder," and "(You're) Having My Baby." He also wrote such well-known music as the theme for The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson, and one of Tom Jones's biggest hits, "She's A Lady," as well as the English lyrics for Frank Sinatra's signature song, "My Way". He's worked with a diverse band of acclaimed artists, including Peter Cetera, Celine Dion, Kenny G, Patti LaBelle, and the late Michael Jackson. In fact, Anka co-wrote Jackson's posthumous #1 worldwide hit, "This Is It."

Early Success: Paul Anka



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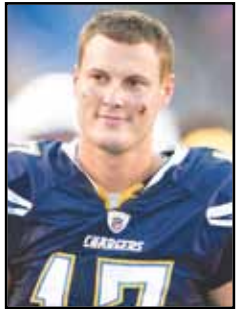
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SHARED STORIES: My love for synchronized swimming

For those who are familiar with Brooklyn and Queens, New York, Daniela Kanz offers a fascinating description of Jones Beach in the summertime and the all-day trek required to get there. Live musicians played for the water ballet show in the bay. 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 Daniela Kanz

My interest in the Summer Olympics mainly evolved from my enjoyment of synchronized swimming.

One of my all-time favorite movie stars as a child was Esther Williams in the aqua-musical Million Dollar Mermaid (the 1952 biographical movie about Australian swimmer Annette Kellerman).

This movie led to my love of swimming and eventually water ballet. I have borrowed the DVD from the library several times to enjoy watching it yet again.

Esther Williams was an advisor to the International Olympic Committee at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles for the new sport of synchronized swimming. Not only was Esther Williams a film star, she was a businesswoman – being first to endorse a product – swimwear. She later was involved in selling swimming pools.

I became enchanted with water ballet before I knew about America's Mermaid, as Esther Williams was nicknamed. I have fond memories of the water ballet shows put on at Jones Beach out on Long Island, New York. Going to the beach from Jackson Heights without a car was quite a journey. My Dad and I would take a bus to the subway to the Long Island Railroad, and then another bus to the beach. It seemed like we would never get there to this ten-year old.

I fondly remember my Dad playing the Why Game with me to help pass the travel time. He would mention something, and I would respond "Why?" – And he would come up with another answer and I again would reply "Why?"

It never ceased to amaze me how far and how long he could play this game without running out of things to tell me. My memory does not serve me well enough to tell you what some of these tales were, but I can still feel that amazement and wonder that this interaction with my Dad provided.

Once we arrived at Jones Beach, the first stop was to the umbrella rental stand. My Dad felt we needed that protection from the sun.

Then I would finally be allowed to get in the water with the admonishment – You must come out when your fingertips start to shrivel. He also went in the ocean water a few times and only did the breaststroke. He never did the crawl stroke the way I learned to swim.

Jones Beach has a boardwalk with many vendors. Every time I eat pizza, I think about the time my poor Dad burned his lips so badly with some melting cheese from a slice of pizza we had purchased on the boardwalk.

I also recall being amazed at his eating clams on the half shell with just a bit of lemon juice squeezed on them. I refused to try them when he offered some to me. I have since tried them and can tolerate this delicacy, but just as soon pass when offered.

One of the best things about Jones Beach was not only the ocean to swim in and that wonderful clean white sand to play in – there was also a swimming pool and the very odd thing was that the pool was filled with salty seawater rather than chlorinated water.

When evening came, the best was yet to come - the water ballet show in the bay. There was huge stadium seating in a horseshoe around the water and several feet across the water was a stage with a live band to accompany the water ballet performers.

After the show, it was all I could do to get to the bus with my Dad. I slept on the bus – was awakened to get on the train – was awakened again to get on the subway – and awakened yet again to get on the last bus to our street. I struggled to the house from the last bus stop and was asleep before my head hit the pillow dreaming about being a water ballet artist one day.

Super Storm Sandy hit my beloved Jones Beach hard in October of 2012, but the needed repairs were complete by May of 2013. Maybe one day I shall return.

For those who would like to see Esther Williams, there is an interview available on YouTube. In November 2007 Good Morning America's Diane Sawyer interviewed her childhood hero Esther Williams and both spent time in the pool together. The film clip is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQ3vAF815ZE>.

Here's a list of the best Christmas decorations in Downey

DOWNEY – The winners of Downey's 2016 Holiday Home Decorating Contest were announced Monday evening at City Hall following the city's tree lighting ceremony.

All winners were awarded festive lawn signs proclaiming their achievement in their respective categories. Mayor's Award recipients also received a trophy. Awards were presented by City Council and Council Members Elect Rick Rodriguez and Blanca Pacheco.

Below is a full list of winners, or visit a custom Google Map page posted on the Patriot's Facebook page to find winners near you.

Area 1 Winners

Hartini and Larry Cruz – 9006 Margaret Street – Best Overall – Christmas Tree Window Display

Steve Jones and LindaSue Taylor-Jones – 12246 Eastbrook Avenue – Mayor's Award

Area 2 Winners

Luis and Lorena Carillo – 12023 Morning Avenue – Mayor's Award
Raquel Avila – 7453 Benares Street – Honorable Mention – Most Original Holiday Display

Omar Mairena – 8260 Arnett Street – Best Overall – Most Original Holiday Display

The Gilbert Family – 7614 Yankey Street - Best Overall Religious Display
The Guzman Family – 7826 Devenir Avenue – Best Overall – Best Use of Lights

Lary Osterhoudt – 7920 Melva Street – Best Overall – Christmas Tree Window Display

Veronica Hernandez – 12065 Gurley Avenue – Best Overall Winter Wonderland

Cindy Corral - 8134 Cheyenne Avenue – Best Overall – Best Lawn Display
Eric Silva – 8252 De Palma Street – Best Overall Santa's Workshop

Area 3 Winners

The Cuevas Family – 9833 Guatemala Avenue - Mayor's Award
Dan Lorenzetti and Family – 9922 Norlain Avenue - Best Overall Winter Wonderland

Joey and Joshua Herrera – 10438 Western Avenue – Best Overall – Santa's Workshop

The Tapanes Family – 7630 4th Place – Honorable Mention – Best use of Lights

Ronaldo Serna - 7721 Botany Street – Best Overall Best Use of Lights
The Torres Family – 10324 Pomeroy Avenue – Honorable Mention Winter Wonderland

Ruben and Annie Rojas – 7827 8th Street – Best Overall – Best Religious Display

Area 4 Winners

John Grzebyk – 8358 Lubec Street – Best Overall – Most Original Holiday Display

Vincente and Silva Marino - 9203 Eglise Street – Best Overall Best Lawn Display

Mikle Boyd and Family – 10945 Hasty Avenue – Mayor's Award

–Alex Dominguez

Lynwood becomes first city to regulate marijuana manufacturing in L.A. County

LYNWOOD – On a 3-1 vote, Lynwood's City Council this week approved on first reading an ordinance that would regulate businesses that grow and manufacture medical cannabis within city limits. The ordinance would allow up to 5 such businesses.

The ordinance will need to have at least one more reading before it passes which will take place on December 20, 2016.

Council members José-Luis Solache, Aide Castro and Maria Teresa Santillan-Beas voted in support of the resolution, while Salvador Alatorre was the dissenting vote and Edwin Hernandez was not present.

If passed, the Lynwood ordinance would allow the licensing of up to five

properties to grow or manufacture marijuana at any given time.

Those properties could not be within 600 feet of a school or day care center or within 50 feet of a residential zone.

Aaron Herzberg of CalCann Holdings, a marijuana real estate company, said Lynwood is actually the first city in Los Angeles County to explicitly license the growing, manufacture and extraction of cannabis.

By Herzberg's estimates this ordinance could generate as much as \$5 million in tax revenue for the city per year.

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Downey High's Winter Concert

DOWNEY – The Downey High School Music Department presents their annual Winter Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Downey Civic Theater, featuring the concert band, jazz band, choirs and drama.

Roy Anthony Shabla featured at Stay Gallery

DOWNEY – Stay Gallery has announced its first Artist-in-Residence, Downey's own Roy Anthony Shabla -- painter, poet, filmmaker -- from Dec. 5 to Jan. 28, 2017.

He will be painting large eighteen-foot abstractions, the largest the gallery has shown.

Shabla will also be hosting community days where the public is encouraged to participate through painting, and film nights where the public can watch films about art with the artist.

Downey-area teachers are encouraged to sign up for field trips for their students at staygallery.org. Shabla will construct junk sculptures and have smaller activities for students during the field trips and community days.

Come visit Stay Gallery and see Shabla at work during his two-month residency. Follow Stay Gallery on Instagram and Facebook to be the first to hear about these community days, film nights, and field trips.

Registration opens for Downey 5K

DOWNEY – Early registration for Downey Unified's True Lasting Connections Family Resource Center (TLC) fifth annual Stay Healthy Downey 5K Run/Walk has officially opened.

The 5K, which raises funds that allow TLC to provide health and human services to Downey students and their families, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 8 a.m. at Apollo Park.

"TLC is a place where our community unites, a place where the community helps the community. It's a great program," said Luz Perez, TLC coordinator. "Our annual Stay Healthy Downey 5K is an incredible opportunity for members of the community to support our efforts."

Early registration through Jan. 31 is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth and includes a commemorative TLC 5K 2017 T-shirt. Registration from Feb. 1-20 is \$30 for adults and \$20 for kids. Same day registration is \$40 for adults and \$30 for youth.

Participants who register after the early registration deadline will not receive a commemorative t-shirt.

Same-day registration is from 6 - 7 a.m. and participants may pick up their bibs from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Opening remarks and warm-up exercises are at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 8 a.m. The event will conclude with an award ceremony at 9:30 a.m.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, ranging from \$50-\$1,000 or above. Information booth spaces are available for \$30 and include a reserved table and two chairs. Sponsorship donations and information booth registration applications must be received by Feb. 1.

For more information regarding 5K registration, information booths, and sponsorship opportunities, visitdusd.net/tlc or contact TLC at 562-904-3577.

Columbus High wins yearbook award

DOWNEY – Entourage Yearbooks announced their 6th Annual National Yearbook Competition awards, recognizing Downey Unified's Columbus High School (CHS) with the distinctive First Place High School Cover Design award.

The nationally sponsored contest, conducted by Entourage Yearbooks, judged school yearbooks in many facets including creativity, originality, and journalistic relevance. Hundreds of schools entered across all 50 states at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

CHS's entry was submitted at the end of June 2016 and was officially awarded on November 1, 2016. The CHS yearbook was selected from hundreds of schools who submitted entries from around the country and this triumph recognized CHS for putting together a notable yearbook in comparison to all those entered at the high school level.

"I am so proud of the Columbus High School yearbook staff. These kids work hard to create a professional product each year and for their work to be recognized by professional graphic artists is a real confidence booster," expressed Ms. Rooney, CHS Yearbook Advisor. "Continuation high school students are often very talented and only lack confidence in their abilities. This type of recognition can give our students the validation they need to believe in themselves and their talents. Perhaps some of them will take their passion for the visual arts and make it a career path. Congrats to the 2016 Columbus yearbook staff and to Kevin Ortega, Class of 2016, who created the award winning cover design!"

Judging of the contest entries was based on a balanced rating across the dimensions of creativity, originality and journalistic relevance.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016273602
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) R-ZONE WORKS (2) R-ZONE PROS, 4629 E. 59TH PLACE, MAYWOOD CA 90270, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LIZETH SANDOVAL, 4629 E. 59TH PLACE, MAYWOOD CA 90270 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/ LIZETH SANDOVAL, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 8, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 11/17/16, 11/24/16, 12/1/16, 12/8/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016273609
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BEAUTY FAUX (2) BEAUTY FAUX COSMETICS (3) BEAUTY FAUX INK, 4629 E. 59TH PLACE, MAYWOOD CA 90270, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LIZETH SANDOVAL, 4629 E. 59TH PLACE, MAYWOOD CA 90270 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

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The Downey Patriot 11/17/16, 11/24/16, 12/1/16, 12/8/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016275593
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SKY GROUP MANAGEMENT (2) SKY MANAGEMENT (3) SGM (4) SKY GROUP PROJECT MANAGEMENT, 9602 ORIZABA AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) UMAIR MASROOR SHEIKH, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 10, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16, 12/22/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016282618
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HUE OI (2) PHO HUE OI, 4051 INGLEWOOD AVE #101, REDONDO BEACH CA 90278, LA COUNTY, 16537 BROOKHURST ST, FOUNTAIN VALLEY CA 92708

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KENNETH NGUYEN, OWNER This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2016

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/ KENNETH NGUYEN, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 21, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 11/24/16, 12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016274632
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HAIRTOPIA, 2340 EAST PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY SUITE C, LONG BEACH CA 90804, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BELLA KHIN, 1050 EAST 19TH STREET, LONG BEACH CA 90806 (2) REAKSA KHIN, 1050 EAST 19TH STREET, LONG BEACH CA 90806

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by Copartners The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2016

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/ BELLA KHIN, PARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 9, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16, 12/22/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016276873
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FLORAL MARKET, 4323 FLORAL DR, LOS ANGELES CA 90022, LA COUNTY, 4336 FLORAL DR, LOS ANGELES CA 90022

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MIRIAM HERNANDEZ, 4336 FLORAL DR, LOS ANGELES CA 90022

State of Incorporation: (1) CA This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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/ MIRIAM HERNANDEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 14, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 12/1/16, 12/8/16, 12/15/16, 12/22/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016292500
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GO THE DISTANCE SPORTS, 8428 LYNDORA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VA EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, 8428 LYNDORA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242

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 12/1996

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/ VA EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, PRESIDENT, ADELO ANUNCIADO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 2, 2016

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The Downey Patriot 12/8/16, 12/15/16, 12/22/16, 12/29/16

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016262463
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) US CARE SERVICES, 701 E. 46TH ST APT01, LONG BEACH CA 90807, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUNNEL SANTIAGO, 701 E. 46TH ST APT01, LONG BEACH CA 90807

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 07/2016

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/ JUNNEL SANTIAGO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 26, 2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016274309
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ALLIANCE, 7136 PACIFIC BLVD SUITE 230, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 9, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CARMEN IVETTE ARCE, 7136 PACIFIC BOULEVARD SUITE 230, 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 11/2016

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/ RICHARD CARLOS JR, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 9, 2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016277220
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BEAR STATE MOTORSPORTS, 8141 2ND ST, SUITE 400, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICHARD CARLOS JR, 8141 2ND ST, SUITE 400, DOWNEY CA 90241

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 11/2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016289587
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LAZCON TRUCKING, 9659 GLANDON ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HECTOR LAZCON, 9659 GLANDON ST, BELLFLOWER CA 90706

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2016

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/ HECTOR LAZCON, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 30, 2016

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

2016274034
File Number 2016041687 DATE FILED: FEBRUARY 22, 2016

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): WEST COAST FIREPLACE STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 12025 E. FLORENCE #103, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JERRY HINES, 9835 TRISTAN DR., 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 11/2016

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/ JERRY HINES, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on NOVEMBER 9, 2016

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016273556
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HYPE & HOMAGE (2) HYPE AND HOMAGE, 9102 FIRESTONE BLVD #H, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DANIEL SANTANA, 9102 FIRESTONE BLVD #H, DOWNEY CA 90241 (2) KELLIE CALZADAZ, 9102 FIRESTONE BLVD #H, DOWNEY CA 90241 (3) MARK STANSELL, 9102 FIRESTONE BLVD #H, 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/ DANIEL SANTANA, PARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 1, 2016

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016266297
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DRIVETIME, 9262 FIRESTONE BLVD., DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY, 1720 W. RIO SALADO PARKWAY, TEMPE AZ 85281

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICHARD CARLOS JR, 1720 W. RIO SALADO PARKWAY, TEMPE AZ 85281

State of Incorporation: (1) AZ 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 01/2004

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Attorney for petitioner:
CATHERINE GRANT WIEDER, ESQ.
SBN 105714
LAW OFFICES OF CATHERINE GRANT WIEDER
3223 E BROADWAY
LONG BEACH CA 90803
CN931648 HICKS
Dec 8, 15, 22, 2016

the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this Internet Web www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case CA1600275526 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 1500 Solana Blvd Bldg 6 Ste 6100 Westlake, TX 76262 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 800-280-2832NPP0296861 To: DOWNEY PATRIOT 12/08/2016, 12/15/2016, 12/22/2016

undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county wherein the real property is located and more than three (3) months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this Internet Web www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 14-0847 Loan No. *****979 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/14/2007 AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States (payable to Attorney Lender Services, Inc.) will be held by the duly appointed Trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: SHARON HEIDECKER AND DREW K. HEIDECKER Trustee: ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. Recorded 12/31/2007 as Instrument No. 20072864165 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 12/22/2016 at 10:00AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$692,777.20 The purported property address is: 10619 NEDRA AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90241 A.P.N.: 6253-011-028 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the

Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by OLIMPIA REYES & JOSE M. REYES, HUSBAND & WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9040 BROCK AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90240 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown hereon. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the

note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$404,720.16 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by

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TRUSTEE SALES

TSG No.: 8664407 TS No.: CA1600275526 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN: 6245-014-047 Property Address: 7520 HONDO STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90242 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/21/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01/05/2017 at 09:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/23/2007, as Instrument No. 20072849384, in book, page _____ of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: BEATRIZ GRACIANO, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(hb). (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 6245-014-047 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7520 HONDO STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90242 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown hereon. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$380,305.40. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to

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undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county wherein the real property is located and more than three (3) months have elapsed since such recordation. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this Internet Web www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case, 14-0847. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 11/17/2016 ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. DIANE WEIFENBACH, TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER 5120 E. La Palma Avenue, #209 Anaheim, CA 92807 Telephone: 714-695-6637 Sales Line: (916)939-0772 Sales Website: www.nationwideposting.com This office is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. NPP0296848 To: DOWNEY PATRIOT 12/01/2016, 12/08/2016, 12/15/2016

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note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$404,720.16 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 14-0847 Loan No. ***979 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/14/2007 AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED BELOW, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States (payable to Attorney Lender Services, Inc.) will be held by the duly appointed Trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: SHARON HEIDECKER AND DREW K. HEIDECKER Trustee: ATTORNEY LENDER SERVICES, INC. Recorded 12/31/2007 as Instrument No. 20072864165 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, Date of Sale: 12/22/2016 at 10:00AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$692,777.20 The purported property address is: 10619 NEDRA AVE, DOWNEY, CA 90241 A.P.N.: 6253-011-028 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the**

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