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## Downey, firefighters' union reach \$3.7M settlement

**DOWNEY** – The city of Downey has settled a lawsuit from Downey firefighters for \$3.7 million.

City Council members approved the settlement on Feb. 14, seemingly bringing to an end a long and contentious battle between City Hall and the Downey firefighters.

The Downey Firemen's Association sued the city in 2014, alleging 14 firefighters were retaliated against after publicly expressing no confidence in then fire chief Lonnie Croom.

The fire union alleged that qualified firefighters were passed over for promotions and that the city suppressed their freedom of speech.

"The settlement of the lawsuit for \$3.7 million, the reinstatement of two firefighters to paramedic status with full pay, and the removal of all disciplinary files resulting from the retaliation against Association members is a tremendous vindication for our clients, who were the victims of a series of politically charged and vindictive actions by Downey and its officials," said Thomas M. Brown, managing partner of Brown White & Osborn, the law firm representing the 14 firefighters and fire union in the

lawsuit. "The City violated my clients' constitutional rights by retaliating against them for their speech, by denying them promotions to Battalion Chief, Captain, and Engineer, investigating and disciplining them for spurious allegations of misconduct, and holding up negotiations on their collective bargaining agreement," Brown added.

Caleb Mason, a Brown White & Osborn litigation partner, claimed the city's retaliation came after Downey firefighters questioned the City Council's decision not to contract with L.A. County Fire for fire services.

"This victory by the Downey Firemen's Association and 14 firefighters is well deserved," Mason said. "Downey's firefighters are dedicated professionals who risk their lives to ensure the safety of Downey residents. Our Constitution prohibits public entities from suppressing the free speech of their employees on matters of public interest. This settlement proves that public employees can stand up for their rights, and the law is on their side."

"These guys showed real guts in standing up for their rights, and I'm proud to represent them."

City officials said the decision to settle the lawsuit was made in a "good faith effort" to build a cooperative relationship with Downey firefighters.

"I am pleased that the litigation was settled to the mutual agreement of all parties," said Mayor Fernando Vasquez. "We certainly were willing to move forward in the courts to prove our case. However, we strongly believe that it is more beneficial for the community to spend taxpayer time and money on service rather than on litigation, and the costs and time associated with litigation."

"We look forward to getting back to cooperatively providing for the residents and businesses of Downey," the mayor added.

Councilman Alex Saab said it was "unfortunate that this exorbitant amount of money had to be paid as a result of the Downey Firemen's Association suing the city."

"However, I believe it's in the best interest of our residents to once and for all end their lawsuit and focus on a productive partnership with our fire department going forward to best serve our residents," Saab said.

"Ending this litigation has

been a goal of mine since being elected to Council, and I am looking forward to closing this chapter and moving on with our fire department in service to Downey residents," said Mayor Pro Tem Sean Ashton.

"Having grown up in Downey, as one of those kids who looked up to our firefighter heroes, I believe that the DFA's and the city's mutual willingness to end litigation shows that both parties are looking forward to a true collaboration in our community," added Councilmember Blanca Pacheco.

The Downey City Council briefly considered contracting with L.A. County for fire services in 2013, but abandoned the idea after receiving the results of a feasibility study.

"In a local approach, we benefit from an efficient use of institutional knowledge -- guys like me who've been here for over 25 years," Croom said at the time. "In the regional approach, you have access to 24 L.A. County fire stations in a five-mile radius -- the closest station responds to the call."

Dan Rasmussen, a Downey fire captain, had accused Croom of "knowingly and deliberately distort[ing] and misrepresent[ing]

the facts and figures contained in the feasibility study in his administrative report to the Downey City Council...to give council members reason to halt negotiations."

The following month, the fire association announced a 49-0 member vote expressing "no confidence" in Croom.

Croom retired in 2014.

In addition to the \$3.7 million payout, the city agreed to reinstate Jeff Simmons and Jose Garcia to paramedic status with full pay, and to destroy disciplinary records related to firefighters Dan Rasmussen, Steven Davis, Ryan Schleiger, Kevin Kim, Frank Culhno and Shawn Youngblood going back to June 1, 2013.

The city also agreed to delete files from a March 7, 2011 reprimand against firefighters Scott Devereux and Ryan Schleiger.

"As a longtime resident and supporter of our public safety professionals, I hope that the city's decision to take the high road instead of spending more time and money on this litigation would help the DFA and the city to move forward together," said Councilman Rick Rodriguez.

**Eric Pierce, editor**

### Weekend at a Glance

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### THINGS TO DO



#### Healthy Downey 5K

Saturday - Furman Park, 8 am

5K run/walk benefiting Downey's TLC Family Resource Center. Register at [dusd.net/tlc](http://dusd.net/tlc)



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Saturday - Bowers Museum, 1:30 pm

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**Sean Ashton: \$450**  
1.) Independent Cities Assoc. winter seminar

**Alex Saab: \$450**  
1.) Independent Cities Assoc. winter seminar

The figures above show reimbursements made to Downey councilmembers for the month of December 2016. Figures for January 2017 are not yet available.

### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@AE\_Media: American flags are flying off the poles on Firestone Blvd and landing in the streets while motorists are driving.

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## Planning Commission's extended scrutiny could damage Downey's reputation, critics fear

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Despite resulting in the approval of plans to bring a new hotel into Downey, last Wednesday's Planning Commission meeting raised several eyebrows due to its multiple hour duration.

The commission spent over three hours on the agenda item, eventually passing the plans unanimously with little to nothing changed from the report and plans as they were presented. The meeting in total spanned close to five hours.

Commission Chairman Jim Rodriguez said that some agenda items take longer to work through due to their size and scope, but admitted that Wednesday's meeting was a bit of an anomaly.

"The process when you include the staff report, when you include the applicant's statements - that was probably the longest part right there," said Rodriguez. "Then what happens

is you get to what is considered the Commissioner's deliberation. We didn't spend too much time on the deliberation. I mean, still probably a decent amount of time - maybe an hour - but yeah, the first part of that was a long process. There were a lot of things we had to consider."

While the commission's main concerns during the project's deliberation seemed to be traffic impact and parking spaces, the commission also discussed a myriad of minute details that some think shouldn't be of concern to them.

The commission wasn't alone in the City Hall chambers while they discussed topics ranging from parking spaces to plants; they were joined by a few attending community members, two police officers, and - perhaps even more substantial - an increasingly frustrated Mayor Fernando Vasquez.

Vasquez, who is a former planning commissioner himself, said he's never seen anything like what he saw on Wednesday.

"I've never seen anything be as exhaustive as what I witnessed," said Vasquez.

In an interview that took place a day after the meeting, Vasquez explained the role of the planning commission.

"Planning Commission's role is to make solely land use decisions," said Vasquez. "What's really concerning is asking applicants for additional requirements that are being brought up at the eleventh hour...trying to change the requirements at the eleventh hour, that's what's really difficult to understand what the thought process is behind that."

Rodriguez says that he wants to do his job well, and that a commissioner's role is not just a formality.

"Some people might think that their commissioner's job is to say 'Oh well, you guys [city staff] looked at it already and so why don't you guys just approve it,'" said Rodriguez. "Some commissions may just be, I guess you might want to call it a rubber

stamp or a passive body, that just accepts information and doesn't maybe [give] the thoughtful consideration that commissioners are to do."

According to Vasquez, the Planning Commission could rub businesses the wrong way by being so nitpicky.

"It took us so long to clear our reputation, to clean up our reputation of being anti-business. And now we've gone [on] to be pro-business; very supportive of business," said Vasquez. "My concern is what this message is sending to the business community."

Vasquez added that many of the added requirements that the Commission considered adding to the hotel project would have cost the applicant more time and resources.

It wasn't just the applicant's resources being spent on Wednesday, however.

Adding to the mayor's frustration was the presence of the two police offers, who

according to information provided from Vasquez via email, were there at the request of Community Development Director Aldo Schindler on behalf of commission members.

The officers sat through the entire hotel presentation and deliberation, only to speak for approximately one minute when their turn finally arrived. During this time, they accumulated a total of over \$875 in overtime pay.

Rodriguez said that he was not sure who requested the officers or why they were present. In hindsight, he said he would have moved the officers up in the calendar.

"To have them sit there for five or six hours, oh my goodness gracious," said Rodriguez. "I would think that was a complete waste of money and I would be the last person that would want that to occur."

"That seems completely unreasonable."

## Violent storm pummels Downey

**DOWNEY** – A violent storm slammed Southern California last week, flooding local streets, toppling trees, and knocking out power to an unspecified number of homes and businesses.

The storm was possibly the largest the local area has seen since 1995, officials with the National Weather Service said.

Five people throughout Southern California died as a result of the storm. No serious injuries were reported in Downey.

The downpour, combined with high winds that reached 70 miles per hour, toppled approximately 40-50 trees in Downey, city officials said.



Mayor Fernando Vasquez is briefed by Fire Chief Mark Gillaspie in advance of last week's record storm.

The falling trees brought down power lines, causing power outages throughout the city.

Downey activated its

emergency operations center early Friday, said mayor Fernando Vasquez.

### CRIME REPORT

#### FRIDAY, FEB. 10

At 8:50 p.m., officers responded to the 760 block of Stewart & Gray Rd. regarding a residential burglary. The resident advised that unknown suspects had entered through an open window and took approximately \$30,000 worth of misc. jewelry and an iPad. Detectives are investigating.

#### SUNDAY, FEB. 12

At 2:00 p.m., officers responded to the downtown area regarding shots fired. Witness advised a male suspect stood at the intersection of Downey Ave. and 3rd St. and fired a handgun into the air. The suspect then fled in a vehicle. Officers located several expended shell casings at the intersection. No one was injured as a result of this incident. Detectives are investigating.

# Downey wrestlers win CIF wrestling championship

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School wrestling team captured the 2017 C.I.F. Northern Division wrestling championship last weekend at Grand Terrace High School by scoring 191.5 points.

The Vikings outscored Righetti (181), Bloomington (151), Santa Fe (110.5) and cross-town rival Warren (108.5), respectively, to earn the coveted title. This was the first C.I.F. Individual Championship in school history.

Downey had eight wrestlers place and five advance to the Master's Meet competition this weekend at the Citizens Bank Arena in Ontario. The Vikings had four wrestlers claim C.I.F. individual champion honors.

Jonathan Prata (106) took first place and was selected lower weight M.V.P. after recording four pins. Dillon Ajtun (113), Roland Dominguez (120) and Armando Padilla (138) all claimed C.I.F. champion honors as well. Nick Arellano (160) finished third and also qualified for Master's Meet competition. The top five in each respective weight class advanced to the Master's Meet.

Downey had three other wrestlers place. Adrian Segovia (145) finished sixth, Daniel Martinez (195) finished eighth and Adrian Guerra (220) finished sixth. Sixth place finishers are alternates and can still wrestle if one of the other wrestlers at that weight class cannot compete for whatever reason.

Coach Soto, his staff and wrestlers are looking forward to competing at the Master's Meet this weekend. The state wrestling

meet will be held next weekend at the Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield.

Jonathan Prata was the only Downey wrestler who qualified for the state meet last season. There is a strong chance that will change this year.

■ The Warren High School wrestling team finished in fifth place at the C.I.F. Northern Division Wrestling championships at Grand Terrace High School last weekend.

The Bears finished with 108.5 points behind cross-town rival Downey (191.5), Righetti (181), Bloomington (151) and Santa Fe (110.5), respectively.

South Hills (108) finished sixth, San Jacinto (108) finished seventh, Hemet (107) finished eighth, Bonita (104.5) finished ninth and Paso Robles (85) finished tenth to round out the top ten. There were 36 high schools who scored points at this meet.

The Bears had seven wrestlers place and three advance to the Master's Meet competition this weekend at the Citizens Bank Arena in Ontario. Ismael Bautista (170) finished fourth, Kenneth Gonzalez (182) finished third and Alexis Galvan (220) finished fifth.

The top five in each weight class advanced to the Master's Meet with the sixth place finisher serving as an alternate if a wrestler at that weight cannot compete for whatever reason.

Carlos Vasquez (106) finished eighth, Matthew Lopez (120) finished seventh, Joshua Mendoza (126) finished eighth and Carlos Durazo (152) finished eighth to round out Warren's other placers.

Coach Brogden, his staff and wrestlers are looking forward to the Master's Meet competition this weekend. The state meet is next weekend at the Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield. Warren did not have a wrestler qualify for the state meet last year.

■ The Warren High School boys' soccer team was defeated by Edison at Edison 3-1 last Friday in the first round of the C.I.F. Division One playoffs. Warren finished their season with an overall record of 10-10-5 and a S.G.V.L. record of 6-3-2.

■ The Warren High School girls' soccer team defeated Newport Harbor at Warren 1-1 (advanced on PK's) last Thursday in the first round of the C.I.F. Division Two playoffs. The Lady Bears were then defeated by Moorpark at Moorpark (19-1-2, 8-0) 1-0 in their second round game on Tuesday.

Warren finished their season with an overall record of 13-9-3 and a S.G.V.L. record of 8-1-1. Warren is the 2017 S.G.V.L. champion.

■ The Warren High School boys' basketball team finished their season with an overall record of 10-16 and a S.G.V.L. record of 3-7. The Bears did not qualify for postseason play.

■ The Warren High School girls' basketball team was defeated by Carter at Carter 53-50 on Saturday night in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 2A playoffs.

The Lady Bears had defeated Garden Grove at Garden Grove 56-29 in their first round game to advance. Warren finished their season with an overall record of 15-13 and a S.G.V.L. record of 5-5.

■ The Warren High School girls' water polo team was defeated by Santiago at Santiago 9-6 in the second round of the C.I.F. Division Three playoffs.

The Lady Bears defeated Westridge at the Downey Aquatics Center 15-9 in their first round game last Wednesday to advance. Warren finished their season with an overall record of 16-13 and a S.G.V.L. record of 5-0. The Lady Bears are the 2017 S.G.V.L. champions.

■ The Downey High School boys' soccer team defeated Montebello at Montebello 3-0 last Friday in the first round of the C.I.F. Division One playoffs.

With the win, Downey improved to 17-6-2 overall and hosted Palos Verdes at Downey on Wednesday in the second round (score unavailable at press time). Palos Verdes defeated Millikan at Millikan 1-0 last Friday to advance to second round play.

■ The Downey High School girls' soccer team was defeated by El Modena at El Modena 2-1 in overtime last Thursday in the first round of the C.I.F. Division Three playoffs.

With the loss, Downey finished their season with an overall record of 10-11-2 and a S.G.V.L. record of 7-3.

■ The Downey High School boys' basketball team was defeated by San Clemente at San Clemente 68-63 last Wednesday in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 1A playoffs.

Downey finished their season with an overall record of 14-14 and a S.G.V.L. record of 3-7.

■ The Downey High School girls' basketball team defeated Arroyo Valley at Downey 54-35 last Saturday night in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 2AA playoffs.

Downey improved to 22-6 overall and hosted Camarillo (26-3, 8-0) on Wednesday in the third round (score unavailable at press time). Camarillo defeated Santa Margarita 50-40 at Camarillo last Saturday night to advance.

■ The Downey High School girls' water polo team defeated Hacienda Heights Wilson 11-6 last Thursday and defeated Garden Grove 11-8 last Saturday to advance to the third round of the C.I.F. Division Six playoffs.

Downey currently has an overall record of 16-9 and played Alta Loma (20-10, 8-1) on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time).

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# Lawmaker introduces bill to immediately shut down air pollution violators



**DOWNEY**—Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) last week introduced legislation allowing Air Quality Management Districts (AQMD's) to immediately cease operations that are causing "imminent and substantial endangerment" to the public's health or welfare or the environment through an order of temporary abatement.

"When it's determined an operator is polluting a community at toxic levels, immediate action is necessary to protect the public," said Garcia,

chair of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. "One day is a day too long to knowingly allow it to continue."

Existing law regulates the emission of air pollutants and authorizes the regional AQMD's and air pollution control districts to enforce those requirements. The law also allows the governing boards and the hearing boards of those AQMD's to issue an order for abatement, but only after notice is provided and a hearing is held which can take months while the harmful

pollution continues.

During the last five years, with authority to immediately cease pollution operations as proposed in this bill, scenarios like Hixson Metal Finishing in Newport Beach, Anaplex Corporation in Paramount, Exide Technologies in Vernon and Ridgeline Energy Services in Santa Fe Springs, would have been ceased immediately upon detection.

These industries are most likely to create a threat consistent with those who emit lead or toxic air contaminants such as hexavalent chromium, cadmium, arsenic, asbestos, and hydrogen sulfide as well as other harmful pollutants.

"This legislation will augment local air districts' existing authority and allow us to take immediate action to curtail a facility's emissions if it presents an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health," said Wayne Nastri, executive officer for the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Assembly Bill 1132 would allow AQMD's to issue temporary orders and cease those operations that are in violation of either federal or state air quality requirements through a notification to the violator outlining a pending hearing within a set timeframe and process.

The order could be rescinded prior to the hearing, which must be set within 15 days of the abatement notification and be held no more than 30 days from issuance, if the accused operator can demonstrate the endangerment situation no longer exists and has been permanently corrected.

"I've lived all my life in the shadows of these atrocities operating without regard for the people being poisoned," said Garcia. "I've lived through the unfairness based on my zip code and the inefficiencies that allow it to continue disproportionately in communities of color. It's past time we do something to address the injustice, and this bill is one step towards that challenge."

The bill is pending committee referral.

## POETRY MATTERS

Frederick Douglass

When it is finally ours, this freedom, this liberty, this beautiful and terrible thing, needful to man as air, usable as earth; when it belongs at last to all, when it is truly instinct, brain matter, diastole, systole, reflex action; when it is finally won; when it is more than the gaudy mumbo jumbo of politicians: this man, this Douglass, this former slave, this Negro beaten to his knees, exiled, visioning a world where none is lonely, none hunted, alien, this man, superb in love and logic, this man shall be remembered. Oh, not with statues' rhetoric, not with legends and poems and wreaths of bronze alone, but with the lives grown out of his life, the lives fleshing his dream of the beautiful, needful thing.

-Robert Hayden

Hayden was the first African American to be appointed as Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress. "Robert Hayden is now generally accepted," Frederick Glaysher states in Hayden's Collected Prose, "as the most outstanding craftsman of Afro-American poetry." So Hayden himself, not only his formal, elegant poems about the black historical experience, is the way Douglass's dream is remembered. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

# Pico Rivera kids chosen to perform at Carnegie Hall

**PICO RIVERA** – Students from a Pico Rivera public arts school have been invited to perform at New York's famed Carnegie Hall.

Students from North Park Academy of the Arts, under the direction of Ron Wakefield, will perform as part of an international concert on April 14.

Joining them will be students from Wakefield's music program in a Cuernavaca, Mexico orphanage, and children from his music program in a Tijuana housing project.

Two years of planning have gone into the concert, which is themed with a message of "peace."

The opening selection, "Peace is Such a Beautiful Word," with lyrics written by North Park students, and music by composer Joseph Larson, will receive its world premiere.

Eighth grade North Park student Alyssa Briseno will make her conducting debut, and 11-year-old Nubia Perez, from Tijuana, will perform a classical guitar solo.

This will be North Park's fifth concert in Carnegie Hall, having previously performed there in 2000, 2004, 2007 and 2010.

Developmental concerts that will include the children from Tijuana will take place at North Park Academy of the Arts on Feb. 25 and March 18, both starting at 6 p.m.

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## John Yeager, Korean War veteran, passes away

**DOWNEY** – Downey resident and Korean War veteran John Yeager passed away Feb. 8. He was 81.

He was born July 27, 1935 to John and Bessie (Stricklin), (Hubbs), Yeager. He was the 14th of 15 children, including seven brothers and seven sisters.

He is survived by his son and daughter and five grandchildren; two sisters; and many nephews and nieces.

Services will be held Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. at the Memorial Chapel, Rose Hills Memorial Park. Graveside services will follow.

## March for Jesus returns next week

**DOWNEY** – The seventh annual March for Jesus will take place Saturday, March 4, at 9 a.m.

The event's keynote speaker will be Pastor Otto of Llamada Final Church. Downey Police chaplain Mario Guerra will provide the invocation and opening remarks.

Participants should meet at First Baptist Church of Downey. After the march, there will be a light lunch, kids zone, live music from seven worship bands.

The annual march brings together congregations from numerous Downey churches. In the past, more than 800 walkers have participated in the march.

For more information, go to Facebook.com/DowneyMarch4Jesus or call (562) 923-1261.

## Downey Library announces February auction items

**DOWNEY** – The Friends of the Downey City Library holds monthly silent auctions to raise money for library programs. The February auction includes:

**"The Undersea World of Wyland"** (contains more than 100 full color reproductions of the artist's finest paintings, giving us a good look at the undersea world);

**"Swing and Jazz Collection"** (includes the Smithsonian collection of Classic Jazz-5CD's; Coltrane Legacy of 5 CD's; a VHS tape of Thelonious Monk; and Big Swings Classics on CD);

**"One Hour Garden-How You Can Have a No-Fus, No-Work Garden"** (shows you how to plan, create, plant and maintain our garden with a minimum of effort);

**"The Art of Andrew Wyeth"** (over 100 color plates, many never reproduced in color before);

**"Hollywood Costume-Glamour! Glitter! Romance!"** (dazzling, extravagant, costumes and the stars who wore them);

**"Just One Pot"** (a great cookbook from Readers Digest for the busy mom or the gourmet cook-lots of pictures and history);

**"Quilts"** (a lavishly illustrated edition that celebrates the beauty of antique quilts, with expert commentary on 70 masterworks of color and design gathered from museums and private collections);

**"Dali and Disney-Destino-The Story, Artwork, and Friendship Behind the Legendary Film"** (few people know that the two were lifelong friends, working on a short animated film together, which was brought out in 2004-includes the history of that endeavor with all its art work);

**"Love-A Century of Love and Passion"** (a walk through the 20th century with some of the most famous couples sharing how they see their relationships in light of today's new standards);

**"Remember-Recollections and Photographs of the Beatles"** (a book of rare photographs of the early Beatles by Paul McCartney's brother proving they did not just "arrive"-there was a lot of work involved);

**"American Speed-From Dirt Track to Indy to NASCAR"** (Life Magazine-intro by MarioAndretti-combines rare photos and vivid writing to capture the entire panorama of racing);

**"Dinosaurs-How They Lived and Evolved"** (lavishly illustrated with diagrams, charts, and artistic reconstruction);

Items have opening bids from \$6-\$8 and are on display in the library lobby. Bids can be made through noon, Saturday, Feb. 25, on cards in the Friend's Bookstore located in the young adult section of the library.

## Pancake breakfast Sunday

**DOWNEY** – The Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast this Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon at its facility located at 11231 Rives Ave.

Cost is \$5, with proceeds benefiting the Our Lady of Perpetual Help drum corp.

# Shared Stories: The Courtship of Juan and Ligaya

**Lisa Filler tells the dramatic story of how her mother and father met and married during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines in World War II. 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 Lisa Filler**

My mother Ligaya had suitors of different kinds: a doctor, a school supervisor and an engineer, but nobody really became her boyfriend.

In 1940 Ligaya got a teaching job near Manila in a village called Welfareville. This village was created for orphan children, children of parents with contagious diseases, and delinquent boys and girls. This is the place and time where my parents met.

Ligaya and all single employees were provided with lodging in the dormitory. The assistant principal, Julia Diokno, was assigned to lodge in the Home Economic building and take care of school supplies. Julia asked Ligaya to accompany her especially at night.

One day a young man came and introduced himself as Juan, the half-brother of Julia. Their mother, Pastora Banaag, had been left a widow with two daughters, Julia and Tentay.

Pastora had run away and left her two daughters with her strict brother who took care of her when her husband died. Nothing was known about how Pastora lived for 10 years, until she moved to Cavite City with a baby boy, Juan, who was born in Tuy Batangas.

Pastora had been earning her living by cooking and selling food. One day she asked her neighbors, an elderly couple, Leonida Ayroso and Mr. Filler, to watch Juan while she went to the market. She did not come back.

This elderly couple did not have any children and now they were left with a baby boy they hardly knew. Out of their own kindness they adopted the baby and named him Juan Ayroso Filler. Mr. Filler worked in the US Air Force in Subic Bay.

When Juan was 6 years old, Mr. Filler died. Leonida was elderly and did not have experience earning a living. The little boy Juan started to earn a living by carrying wood and water to neighbors and doing other errands.

When Juan enrolled to go to school, the teachers helped Leonida seek a pension from the US Air Force. Juan continued to earn a living by distributing newspapers before going to school. Leonida adopted a niece to take care of her.



Juan graduated Valedictorian from Cavite High School and got a scholarship to the University of the Philippines. He was one of the graduating classes of Mining Engineers in 1941 when the Japanese bombed and conquered the Philippines.

The university was closed and Juan looked for his half sister Julia to stay with and find a job. He got a job in Welfareville as a security guard and stayed in one of the storerooms of the school.

Juan, Ligaya and Julia practically lived in one household, sharing the kitchen, dining and bathroom. Juan would help Ligaya in washing dishes and clothes and at the same time try to hold her hand (chancing).

This continued and then later Juan would steal a kiss. Ligaya, who had never been kissed, liked it. One day a woman came looking for Juan. Juan took the woman to his room for several hours. Ligaya was hurt and told Julia that she will stop helping her since she has her brother to help her.

Ligaya went to her dormitory. Juan tried to talk to her but she did not want to talk to him and avoided him. Juan was so in love with Ligaya that he asked the help of Ligaya's brother Albert who was also working in Welfareville.

Ligaya refused Albert's help. When Ligaya was scheduled to visit her father in Pagsanjan, Juan asked Iking, a family friend of Ligaya, to help get him a chance to talk to Ligaya. They were able to visit Ligaya in her dormitory.

As soon as Ligaya met them Juan fell on his knees crying for a chance to court her. Ligaya said, "No. You will not even pass my father's criteria. You are not from the Pagsanjan and are eight years younger than me."

Juan said, "I will face your father and introduce myself. I will go with you to Pagsanjan." Juan asked Iking to introduce him to Ligaya's father. They took the same bus to Pagsanjan.

Ligaya went directly to her grandmother's house across from her father's house while Iking and Juan went to the house of Ligaya's father. Ligaya didn't know what happened there.

After several hours Juan and Iking came asking Ligaya to sign a marriage license. Ligaya was so surprised. Juan and Iking explained to Ligaya that her father asked questions about Juan and Iking's recommendation.

He asked Juan's intention. Juan said, "I love Ligaya and want to marry her". The father explained that with the war condition, it was scary to have a single daughter. He heard of single women raped by the Japanese. So if Juan was ready to marry Ligaya, he could marry her.

So Juan got the marriage license with the help of Iking. Everything was arranged. After Ligaya signed the marriage license, all the cousins started cooking and preparing an altar at the grandma's house and called a priest to celebrate the wedding.

After the wedding Ligaya stayed at the grandmother's house and Juan stayed at Iking's house. The following day they had to go back to Manila. Iking got a room in a hotel owned by Ligaya's cousin for Juan and Ligaya's one-night honeymoon.

Afraid that they may lose their jobs, they kept their marriage secret. Ligaya stayed in the dormitory, Juan continued staying in the school storeroom. When they told their secret to Julia, Julia said, "Do not be afraid to lose your job. You have to live together."

Juan and Ligaya announced their marriage and rented an apartment. They did not lose their jobs. And the rest is history.

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## 'Not My President's Day' protests fizzle

The following transcript was taken from a segment on Rush Limbaugh's talk radio show.

[Monday] was "Not My President's Day," right? It was Presidents' Day for most people, but then the left had planned gigantic mobilization of protests and riots against Trump called the "Not My President's Day."

Here's the headline of the Associated Press: "Thousands of Demonstrators Across U.S. Say 'Not My President.'" But! But! If you go to the individual locations in this same story. In Chicago, several hundred rallied. In Washington, D.C., several hundred rallied. In Atlanta, dozens marched. Hundreds of protesters in Salt Lake City. But wait a minute. The headline says "thousands." Why is this even a story? It was an abject failure! They didn't get what they thought. They wanted to replicate what happened on the weekend after Trump's travel ban was announced, that executive order.

They wanted to replicate that. Who told you they wouldn't be able to do it? Who told you that they wouldn't be able to keep this up? And who was it that mocked me for saying it on The View? That would have been the lovely and gracious (ahem) Joy Behar, asking that of Elizabeth Fauxcahontas Warren. You know what Fauxcahontas Warren said in response to the question? (screaming) "I'm gonna tell you what, Rush. We're not gonna get tired of it. There's no way we're gonna get tired. You better get used to it, Rush, because here we are and we're not gonna tire."

Well, the numbers are starting to deteriorate.

Either they ran out of money to pay 'em or the transportation system broke down to get 'em there or else it's just starting to lose a

little bit of its luster. And you know why it will? 'Cause it isn't affecting anything. Trump's not crying. Trump's not on TV begging them to stop. Trump's not promising to resign. Trump's out there trying to implement his agenda, which means he's not paying any attention. The worst thing that can happen to these people is to be ignored. They talk about Milo Yiannopoulos? Fine. These people on the left and these massive riots, half of that's "notice me."

Half of that's "I need my life to have meaning." Half of that is "I need to see myself on TV." Speaking of which, did you watch the Trump rally in Melbourne on Saturday? There were two guys sitting behind Trump's left shoulder, and these two guys figured out they were on TV. So they spent the whole time waving and jabbing each other with the elbows as how cool they are and they started taking selfies and other pictures, and they wouldn't stop laughing. I finally said, "I hope somebody realizes these guys are distracting everybody," but nobody did anything to 'em. They stayed there.

It was like a couple of frat boys that got in there. They were having the times of their lives. It was just they knew they were on TV, and they did whatever they could to get noticed, which they succeeded in doing. They got noticed. I'm sure people said, "I saw you on TV at the Trump rally!" "Yeah, man, wasn't I good? Wasn't I?" I know how the psychology of this stuff all works. And that's these protesters, half of them are doing this just to be noticed. But if the earth doesn't get cooler, if climate change doesn't change, if it doesn't add up to anything, I guarantee you the impetus dwindles, and it's clear that it's already begun to happen.

## To save Main Street, tax Wall Street

By Sarah Anderson

All too often these days, large U.S. corporations and Wall Street banks seem more interested in tapping overseas markets than in growing a customer base at home. When local communities in America's heartland suffer, it's no skin off their backs.

By contrast, our nation's small businesses depend on the health of their communities. When young people don't have the opportunity to get an education and a good job, these Main Street businesses take a direct hit.

Unfortunately, this up and coming generation is entering a job market with too few opportunities to earn enough money to make a down payment on a house, eat in restaurants, or support local merchants.

Times are especially hard for the millions of young people who are saddled with crushing student debt. Last year's college graduates owed an average of more than \$37,000, a historic high.

The lack of affordable education for middle-class families limits young Americans' prospects for the future and undermines the health of our economy. The small business sector, which needs local customers with strong buying power to survive, especially suffers.

For our long-term prosperity, it's critical that we help current student borrowers reduce their debts and start moving on a path towards debt-free college. The question is how we pay for it.

Many people claim our national coffers are empty. We have no choice, they say, but to accept that affordable higher education is simply beyond our means.

In reality, this country — the richest in the world — has abundant resources to ensure a world class college education for all. The problem is that too great a share of our resources is going into too few pockets.

Congress deserves much of the blame. Under pressure from lobbyists, lawmakers have filled the tax code with loopholes that benefit many of our country's wealthiest individuals and corporations. If we simply eliminated these perverse loopholes, we could raise massive revenues for

education and other urgent economic needs.

One of the most extreme examples of tax privilege is the so-called "carried interest" loophole. This allows private equity and hedge fund managers to claim the bulk of their income as capital gains, which is taxed at only 20 percent, instead of the top marginal income tax rate of 39.6 percent.

This means some of the wealthiest Americans pay a lower tax rate than millions of our country's teachers, firefighters, and nurses.

Getting rid of this unfair loophole would raise at least \$15.6 billion over 10 years, and some tax experts believe it could raise more than 10 times that amount. A strong majority of Americans are opposed to the carried interest loophole — by 68 percent to 17 percent, according to Bloomberg. On the campaign trail, Donald Trump also called for closing it.

In areas that are home to many Wall Street financiers, some elected officials are considering closing the carried interest loophole at the state level. Such proposals are moving forward in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Rhode Island as part of a regionally coordinated effort.

The carried interest loophole is just one example of a rampant tax avoidance problem among our wealthiest individuals and largest corporations. Their tax-dodging sucks wealth out of local communities, leaving the customers that are the lifeblood of small businesses to absorb a larger share of our mutual tax responsibility.

We need new rules that rein in the excesses of our financial industry and hold corporations and wealthy individuals accountable to pay their fair share in taxes. Only then can we create the opportunities our young people deserve and return community wealth to the hands of local consumers.

**Sarah Anderson directs the Global Economy Project at the Institute for Policy Studies and is a co-editor of Inequality.org.**

## Republicans are governing like their constituents don't breathe air or drink water

By Jill Richardson

In case you were wondering what Republicans have planned for the environment, it's now clear.

Some of the ideas aren't new — like mining and logging our national forests. Or giving the green light to controversial oil pipelines like the Dakota Access Pipeline, which threatens the drinking water and sacred sites of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe.

But apparently those ideas came from a more restrained Republican Party which still had to get its laws signed by Democrat Barack Obama. Now the gloves are off.

Why just mine and log our national forests when you can also drill for oil in our national parks, as one bill would allow? Parks at risk under the bill include the Everglades, the Grand Tetons, and the Flight 93 National Memorial.

Or, heck, just get rid of the whole Environmental Protection Agency. I mean, what was that hippie Richard Nixon doing establishing it in the

first place? Sure, the Cuyahoga River was so polluted with industrial waste that it literally caught fire — but what do we need rivers for, anyway?

Drinking water? Oh, wait.

On that note, the Republican Congress has already overturned an Obama-era rule that banned dumping coal mining waste in streams. Hope you didn't plan on drinking that water.

The only small victory so far came when Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT) withdrew his bill to sell off vast tracts of federal lands. It turned out that a key Republican constituency — hunters — opposed the measure.

We can only hope hunters convince Republicans to nix the other devastating ideas they've proposed so far. Because unfortunately, any desire by the rest of us for clean air, clean water, and preserving the most scenic landscapes in our country for recreation is only convincing to them if your preferred recreation involves a gun.

However, one of the best arguments for protecting the environment came recently from Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger's Facebook page.

Conceding that some Republicans do not and never will believe in climate change (until all of Florida is under water, at which point perhaps some will change their minds), the former California governor made the case that clean energy would be important even if climate change didn't exist.

"First," he began, "Do you believe it is acceptable that 7 million people die every year from pollution? That's more than murders, suicides, and car accidents — combined."

Arnold went on: "Do you believe coal and oil will be the fuels of the future? Besides the fact that fossil fuels destroy our lungs, everyone agrees that eventually they will run out. What's your plan then?"

What is our plan then? Do we keep drilling and mining until we've despoiled our national treasures and made our water too toxic to drink? Or can we find an alternative now, before some corporation gets a permit to drill in the Grand Tetons?

Obviously, even some Republicans — like the hunters that opposed the plan to sell off federal lands — aren't on board with plundering every square inch of our land until our newborn children come out radioactive.

But why are their leaders for that, then?

We need to send a message now that enough is enough. If Republicans can't remember that their constituents need to actually breathe the air and drink the water they're so eager to deregulate, those constituents had better do something about it.

Preferably before our nation turns into a post-apocalyptic hellscape.

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

## Planning Commission

Dear Editor:

After reading the article about the new Marriott hotel, I couldn't help but notice the hypocrisy of the Patriot journalist Alex Dominguez.

He started his article about saying Planning Commission Chairman Jim Rodriguez was nitpicking with minutia comments, then ended his article by stating that the project met "the official requirement."

That, in fact, was the whole point of the extended "nitpicking" deliberation. The city zoning parking requirement was 227 spaces and the city staff was asking the planning commission for an exception to reduce the number to 159. That's 68 less spaces than required.

Thank goodness someone is paying attention and nitpicking details. The Patriot reporter Alex certainly wasn't.

**Cheri Eads Downey**

Dear Editor:

I attended the planning commission meeting on February 15 on the Marriott Hotel.

I'd like to start out by thanking Planning Commissioner Chairman Jim Rodriguez for his diligence in looking out for people's safety (lights in back of hotel) and noise from the train. With social media, people may not want to stay there if safety and noise is a concern. Then we'll end up with another vacant building deteriorating and vandalized.

I'm glad that Commissioner Rodriguez has the time to dedicate to looking into "minute details" as he is looking out for the city and its residents instead of just accepting poor standards.

**Renee Mills Downey**

Dear Editor:

I attended this meeting and Jim Rodriguez was doing his diligence asking pertinent questions to the senior city planner about an important project in our city.

I was happy to see a planning chairman caring enough for his city to "drag out" the meeting while making sure our city gets the best possible outcome.

In the future please don't allow staff to write stupidly about important civic happenings. It cheapens your questionable value as a news organization.

**Doug Anderson Downey**

Dear Editor:

I support the newly constituted Planning Commission in exercising due diligence in the review of all agenda items which come before them, as this body has acted like a "rubber stamp" in the past.

This is how we ended up with the eyesore which is the KB Homes townhouse project on Paramount Blvd. that was approved by the Planning Commission with zero set back from the public way and hardly any landscape.

The new Planning Commission has made a mistake, however, by creating a private social media site apart from official City communications, which has the potential to cause a Brown Act Violation. Council should direct the Planning Commission to abandon this social media effort.

Finally, I question why Mayor Vasquez is so keenly interested in the new hotel project that he sat through the 5-hour long Planning Commission meeting, and has been critical of the process in an interview with the Patriot.

Does Mayor Vasquez have a stake in this project as well?

**Brian Heyman Downey**

## Pedestrian safety

Dear Editor:

On many occasions, while driving through Downey, I have noticed people walking, running, riding bicycles or just standing in a street wearing dark clothing. This is dangerous. They are difficult to see.

If you are going out in the evening and will be a pedestrian or riding a bicycle, please wear something that can be easily seen by motorists. This advice comes from a man whose daily clothing is nearly all black, as I am a Catholic priest.

I know this is ironic, but even I wear a bright jacket if I am going to be out at night and walking.

**Fr. John Higgins Downey**

## Preserve Medicare Advantage

Dear Editor:

I'm one of more than 2.3 million Californians who rely on Medicare Advantage, which is under attack by DC bureaucrats looking to balance the budget on the backs of senior citizens.

This will harm seniors. Medicare Advantage provides preventive screenings that don't cost additional money, a prescription drug program that covers medications at a low cost (far lower than that of a Medicare supplement), and it caps the out of pocket maximum, which is important for those of us on a fixed income.

But what I like most about it is Silver Sneakers, which provides me with access to a fitness club that offers therapeutic water treatments that for me, pre-Medicare Advantage, were debilitating.

Seniors deserve a fully-funded Advantage program, not annual budget cuts that endanger our wellbeing. I trust that Senator Kamala Harris will fight to support senior citizens and our need for premium, affordable healthcare coverage.

**Laura Stone Downey**

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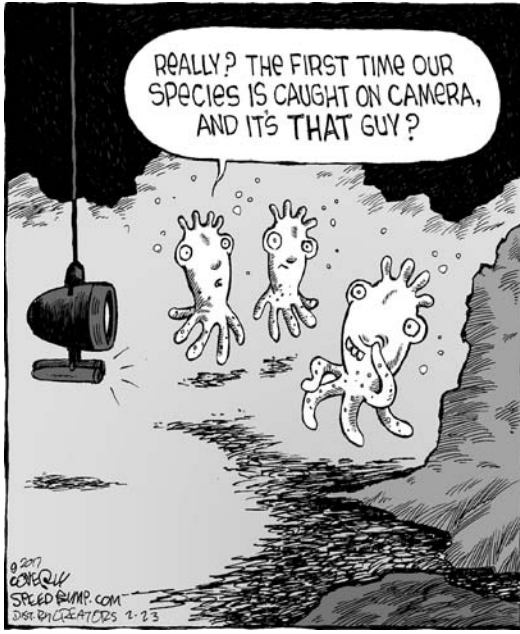
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# Downey Community Calendar

### EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Saturday, Feb. 25: Healthy Downey 5K, Furman Park, 8 a.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., 11:30 am: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Armida Lugo, (562) 715-6142.
- 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
- 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

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

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

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

### On This Day...

- Feb. 23, 1848:** John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, died at age 80 in Washington, D.C., two days after suffering a stroke on the floor of the House of Representatives.
- 1861:** President-elect Abraham Lincoln arrived secretly in Washington to take office after an assassination plot was foiled in Baltimore.
- 1965:** Stan Laurel of the comedy team Laurel and Hardy died at age 74.
- 2000:** Carlos Santana won eight Grammy Awards for his album "Supernatural," tying the record set by Michael Jackson in 1983 for "Thriller."

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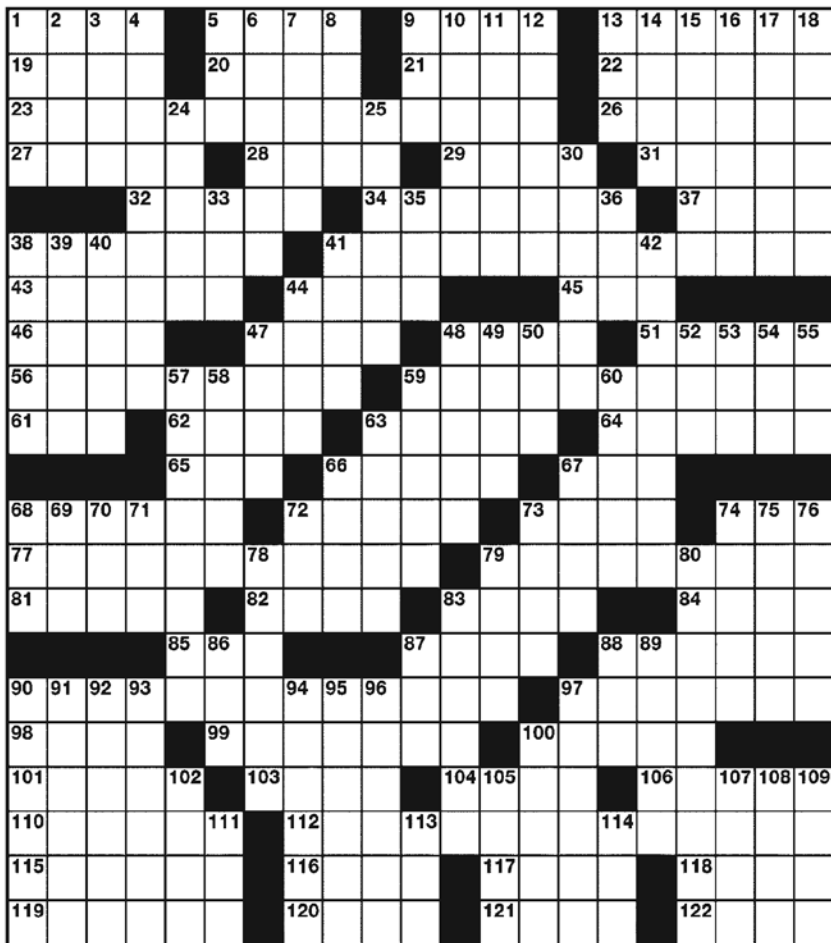
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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Fact is indeed stranger than fiction: picture a type of marine algae that tastes like bacon! It's high in fiber, vitamins, minerals, antioxidants, and protein...and is fat free.



It's called dulse (rhymes with pulse), and is available online (try Amazon) and at some Whole Foods markets. I bought this seaweed dried, in whole-leaf form, and fried it in a small amount of olive oil for about one minute on each side. The saltiness (it grows in salt water, after all), the nice crunch, the slight greasiness of the olive oil, and the flavor are definitely reminiscent of bacon.

My wife - let's just say that she was highly skeptical - shared it with me, and even she enjoyed it! My office staff, typically more interested in chocolate than in marine vegetation, was enthusiastic as well.

Dulse has been harvested and eaten, often in soups, in Northern Europe for hundreds of years or more. The earliest written accounts date back to the 15th century. Today, it is dried and sold for up to \$90 a pound as a cooking ingredient or nutritional supplement, often in powder or flake form.

Bon Appétit suggests: To achieve that bacon-like effect, pan-fry some dried whole-leaf dulse with oil over medium-high heat until crisp, then slap it between two slices of bread with lettuce, tomato, and mayonnaise for a DLT. Eat raw or cooked dulse as a snack, or add it to sandwiches and salads.

At Oregon State University, researchers who were originally developing a super-food for abalone developed a new strain of dulse that grows very quickly and can be farmed. Chefs working with it have come up with a long list of recipes ranging from crackers and salad dressing to beer and ice cream.

What makes this seaweed exciting is that it isn't difficult to produce, and the Oregon strain in particular could become an efficient and lucrative crop. Dulse has a shelf life of about ten days in the refrigerator, and can last a very long time in dried form.

My conclusion is that dulse is tasty, nourishing, and has the potential to be a pretty flexible ingredient in recipes. If you are choosing nutritionally between bacon and seaweed...seaweed wins!

## It's norovirus season: here's how to stay protected from the stomach bug

Norovirus causes many people to become ill with vomiting and diarrhea each year. You can help protect yourself and others by washing your hands often and following simple tips to stay healthy.

Noroviruses are a group of related viruses that can cause gastroenteritis (GAS-tro-en-ter-I-tis), which is inflammation of the stomach and intestines. This leads to cramping, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

CDC estimates that each year Norovirus causes 19 to 21 million illnesses, 56,000 to 71,000 hospitalizations and 570 to 800 deaths. Anyone can get infected with norovirus and you can get it more than once. It is estimated that a person will get norovirus about 5 times during their lifetime. Many people usually get sick with norovirus in cooler months, especially from November to April.

Norovirus spreads quickly. It is found in the vomit and stool of infected people. You can get it by:

- Eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminated with norovirus
- Touching surfaces or objects with norovirus on them and then putting your hand or fingers in your mouth
- Having direct contact with a person who is infected with norovirus, for example, when caring for someone with norovirus or sharing foods or eating utensils with them

People with norovirus illness are contagious from the moment they begin feeling sick and for the first few days after they recover. Some people may be contagious for even longer. There is no vaccine to prevent norovirus infection or drug to treat sick people. Learn how to protect yourself and others by following a few simple steps.

### Practice proper hand hygiene

Wash your hands carefully with soap and water, especially after using the toilet and changing diapers and always before eating or preparing food. If soap and water aren't available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. These alcohol-based products can help reduce the number of germs on your hands, but they are not a substitute for washing with soap and water.

### Take care in the kitchen

Carefully rinse fruits and vegetables, and cook oysters and other shellfish thoroughly before eating.

### Do not prepare food while infected

People with norovirus illness should not prepare food for others while they have symptoms and for at least 2 days after they recover from their illness. Also see For Food Workers: Norovirus and Working with Food.

### Clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces

After throwing up or having diarrhea, immediately clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces using a bleach-based household cleaner as directed on the product label. If no such cleaning product is available, you can use a solution made with 5 tablespoons to 1.5 cups of household bleach per 1 gallon of water.

### Wash laundry thoroughly

Immediately remove and wash clothing or linens that may be contaminated with vomit or stool. Handle soiled items carefully—try not to shake them—to avoid spreading virus. If available,



wear rubber or disposable gloves while handling soiled clothing or linens and wash your hands after handling. Wash soiled items with detergent at the maximum available cycle length and then machine dry.

Norovirus spreads quickly from person to person in enclosed places like nursing homes, daycare centers, schools, and cruise ships. It is also a major cause of outbreaks in restaurants and catered-meal settings if contaminated food is served.

You may hear norovirus illness called "food poisoning" or "stomach flu." Norovirus can cause foodborne illness, as can other germs and chemicals.

Norovirus illness is not related to the flu (influenza). Though they may share some of the same symptoms, the flu is a respiratory illness caused by influenza virus.

For most people norovirus illness is not serious and they get better in 1 to 3 days. But it can be serious in young children, the elderly, and people with other health conditions. It can lead to severe dehydration, hospitalization and even death.

There is no specific medicine to treat people with norovirus illness. Norovirus infection cannot be treated with antibiotics because it is a viral (not a bacterial) infection.

If you have norovirus illness, you should drink plenty of liquids to replace fluid lost from throwing up and diarrhea. This will help prevent dehydration.

Sports drinks and other drinks without caffeine or alcohol can help with mild dehydration. But, these drinks may not replace important nutrients and minerals. Oral rehydration fluids that you can get over the counter are most helpful for mild dehydration.

Dehydration can lead to serious problems. Severe dehydration may require hospitalization for treatment with fluids given through your vein (intravenous or IV fluids). If you think you or someone you are caring for is severely dehydrated, call the doctor.

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## Bicyclists would not be required to stop at intersections under proposed law

**SACRAMENTO** – Assemblyman Jay Obernolte (R-Hesperia) has introduced legislation that would allow bicyclists to travel through stop signs without stopping.

AB 1103 would allow bicyclists to slow as they approach a stop sign, assess the safety of proceeding, and “continue with caution” without making a full stop.

Obernolte said requiring bicyclists to make complete stops at stop signs “causes safety hazards for bicyclists since lost momentum results in more time spent in each intersection and greater potential for collision with vehicles.”

“This common sense bicycle law will increase safety by minimizing the potential for collision between cars and bicycles,” Obernolte said. “This measure will not only make bicyclists safer, but it will also protect motorists by diverting cyclists away from busy roadways.”

## Norwalk teen signs deal with L.A. Galaxy

**NORWALK** – The LA Galaxy signed Norwalk’s Hugo Arellano to a Homegrown Player deal in January. The 18-year-old defender is the youngest member of the team and the sixth current Homegrown Player on LA’s roster.

“I played in a Norwalk soccer league and at some indoor soccer facilities growing up and it was always very competitive,” said Arellano. “I could always see the players’ desire to win when I went to play. This competitiveness helped shape my style of play. This is what I always try to implement into my game. The competing and hunger to win is what revolves around my early success.”

Arellano joins the first team after making eight appearances for LA Galaxy II, also known as Los Dos, in the United Soccer League last season. He has represented the US internationally as a member of the Under-17 squad and currently as a member of the Under-20

team.

He is a product of the LA Galaxy Academy and a true testament of the soccer club’s local initiatives to bolster young talent.

“My personal goal this year is to make my MLS debut. Of course that is not guaranteed, but I will be working extremely hard for that opportunity. Another one of my goals for this season-- I would also love to help the LA Galaxy win their sixth MLS Championship.”

The last time the LA Galaxy won the MLS Championship was in 2014.

“I’m looking forward to this upcoming season and I’m very excited,” said Arellano. The upcoming season kicks off March 4 at 1 p.m. as the LA Galaxy hosts FC Dallas. – William Odis Martin, contributor

## Bell mayor appointed to rivers conservancy

**BELL** – Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon (D-Paramount) on Tuesday announced the appointment of Bell mayor Ali Saleh to serve on the board of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy was created by the California legislature in 1999. Its purpose includes acquiring and managing public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds as well as providing open space and recreational and educational uses.

“Mayor Saleh is one of the most dynamic leaders in the Southeast,” Rendon said. “He will provide a strong voice on the Conservancy, particularly in the effort to revitalize the L.A. River and

make it the resource that it can be.”

Saleh is Bell’s appointment to the AB 530 Working Group, which is tasked with creating a Lower L.A. River Master Plan.

“This is an exciting opportunity to represent the Gateway Cities and create recreational spaces for its residents. Our region is one of the densest lacking in useable open space,” Saleh said. “I’m humbled and grateful to Speaker Rendon for appointing me to this important Conservancy. I look forward to the partnership and ready for the work ahead.”

Mayor Saleh fills a vacant slot on the Conservancy reserved for a member of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

## DUI checkpoint in Downey planned

**DOWNEY** – Downey Police will be conducting a DUI and driver’s license checkpoint at an undisclosed location in Downey on Friday night.

The checkpoint will begin at 8 p.m. and wrap up by 2:30 a.m.

In California, alcohol involved collisions led to 1,155 deaths and nearly 24,000 serious injuries in 2014 because someone failed to designate a sober driver.

Over the course of the past three years Downey PD officers have investigated 461 DUI collisions which have claimed 2 lives and resulted in another 119 injuries.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment, with officers checking drivers for proper licensing, delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of

drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Studies of California drivers have shown that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems. A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol. Everyone should be mindful that if you’re taking medication – whether prescription or over-the-counter – drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

“DUI checkpoints like this one are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence,” Downey police officials said. “Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.”

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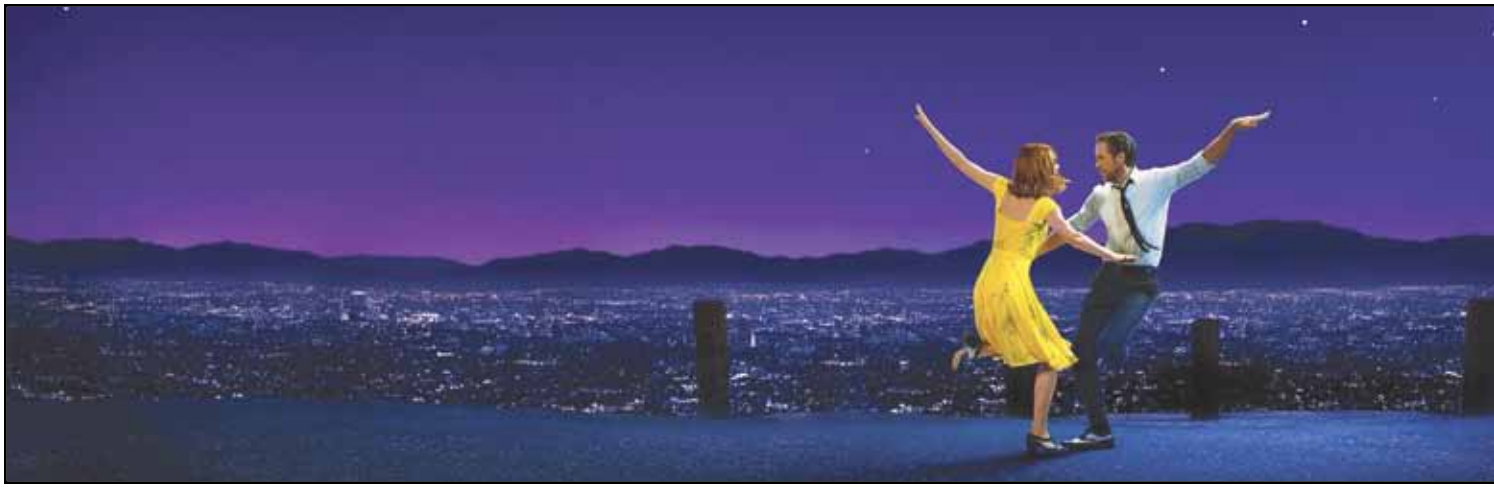
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Fences  
Hacksaw Ridge  
Hell or High Water  
Hidden Figures  
La La Land  
Lion  
Manchester by the Sea  
Moonlight

### ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

Casey Affleck, Manchester by the Sea  
Andrew Garfield, Hacksaw Ridge  
Ryan Gosling, La La Land  
Viggo Mortensen, Captain Fantastic  
Denzel Washington, Fences

### ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

Isabelle Huppert, Elle  
Ruth Negga, Loving  
Natalie Portman, Jackie  
Emma Stone, La La Land  
Meryl Streep, Florence Foster Jenkins

### ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

Mahershala Ali, Moonlight  
Jeff Bridges, Hell or High Water  
Lucas Hedges, Manchester by the Sea  
Dev Patel, Lion  
Michael Shannon, Nocturnal Animals

### ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

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Nicole Kidman, Lion  
Octavia Spencer, Hidden Figures  
Michelle Williams, Manchester by the Sea

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O.J.: Made in America  
13th

### WRITING (ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY)

Hell or High Water  
La La Land  
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20th Century Women

### VISUAL EFFECTS

Deepwater Horizon  
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Kubo and the Two Strings  
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### MUSIC (ORIGINAL SCORE)

Jackie  
La La Land  
Lion  
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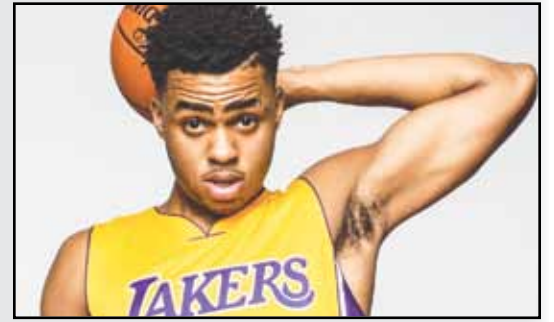
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Music and Lyric by Justin Timberlake, Max Martin and Karl Johan Schuster

"City Of Stars" from La La Land  
Music by Justin Hurwitz; Lyric by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

"The Empty Chair" from Jim: The James Foley Story  
Music and Lyric by J. Ralph and Sting

"How Far I'll Go" from Moana  
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## FEBRUARY 23 BIRTHDAYS



**D'Angelo Russell**, point guard for the L.A. Lakers, turns 21



**Daymond John**, entrepreneur, 48



**Niecy Nash**, actress, 47



**Aziz Ansari**, comedian, 34



**Emily Blunt**, actress, 34



**Skylar Grey**, singer, 31



**Dakota Fanning**, actress, 23



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### Downey's Bianca Salgado travels to UN headquarters

**DOWNEY** – Bianca Salgado, a Downey resident and student delegate from Cal State Long Beach, joined more than 1,200 people at the United Nations headquarters in New York City last week for the United Nations Association of the United States of America's annual Members's Day, the largest assembly ever of Americans gathered in support of the United Nations.

The convening takes place at a pivotal moment for the U.S.-UN relationship. American leaders are deliberating the nations' role at the global body, and several UN priorities are under threat both on Capitol Hill and at the White House.

While political leaders may be in disaccord, research shows that American voters registered in both major parties agree that sustained U.S. leadership at the UN is vital. A nationwide poll released last month by the Better World Campaign found that a vast majority of Americans—88 percent—believe it is important for the U.S. to maintain an active role at the UN.

Salgado joined others at the UN for a day of presentations, discussion and networking.

**Former Downey firefighter Joe Zaludek has been named fire chief for the city of Eugene Springfield, Oregon.**

**Zaludek was a Downey firefighter and paramedic for five years before relocating to Eugene, Oregon in 1990.**

**He is a graduate of Downey High School.**

**"Downey Fire Department is proud to see another DFD alumni doing great things within the fire service," Downey fire officials posted**



on Facebook. "Best of luck, Joe!"

### Downey Sister Cities seeks new members

**DOWNEY** – Downey Sister-Cities Association is holding its annual membership drive and is seeking residents interested in joining the organization.

"We are one of Downey's oldest organizations," said association president Denise Juarez. "We are looking for members who like to travel, and learn other country's cultures."

"People ask what our organization does? We were founded under President Dwight D. Eisenhower's "People to People Program." President Eisenhower felt if we're friends with other nations we are less likely to go to war.

"We work with our Sister-Cities learning about their cultures, and sharing ours, building bridges, and friendships that last a lifetime. With all the chaos in the world today, we need programs like ours.

"Last year we had a visitation to our Sister-City of Roscommon, Ireland. During this visitation we took two of our local youths, Alexandra Juarez and Emily Juarez; it was something they would never have gotten to do. They visited Parliament, local government, and numerous museums; they even got to visit the birth place of our own John Gately Downey.

"This year we will be traveling to Fresnillo, Zacatacas and hope to visit other of our sister cities."

Downey Sister Cities meets every third Wednesday of the month at Embassy Suites at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Denise Juarez at (562) 396-7551 or den0067@aol.com.

### Neighborhood Watch block captain meeting March 8

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Police Department Neighborhood Watch Program is hosting its 5th Annual Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Meeting on Wednesday, March 8, from 6-8 p.m.

The meeting will take place at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Downey Police Detective Ron Gee will be conducting a presentation on "Cyber Safety and Common Internet Scams" for all Neighborhood Watch block watch captains and residents.

Time will also be allowed for questions and answers.

Following the presentation, block captains will have an opportunity to discuss specific concerns related to their neighborhoods.

To R.S.V.P or to obtain more information, please contact Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Jennifer Burkhardt at (562) 904-2374 or email jpreda@downeyca.org

### Mystery author to speak at library

**DOWNEY** – Julie McElwain, author of the novel "A Murder in Time," will be at the Downey City Library this Saturday, Feb. 25, for an author talk from 12-2 p.m.

Admission is \$15 and includes a light lunch.

McElwain is a national award-winning journalist. She began her career working for a fashion trade newspaper in Los Angeles, and is currently a West Coast editor for "Soaps in Depth," a national soap opera magazine covering the daytime drama "The Young & The Restless."

Her first novel, "A Murder in Time," was one of the top 10 picks by the National Librarian Association for its April 2016 book list, and was selected as the mystery to read in 2016 by OverDrive, a digital distributor serving more than 34,000 libraries around the world.

The novel was also a finalist for the 2016 Goodreads' readers choice awards in the sci-fi category.

"A Murder in Time" tells the story of Kendra Donovan, a rising star at the FBI. Yet her path to professional success hits a speed bump during a disastrous raid where half her team is murdered, a mole in the FBI is uncovered and she herself is severely wounded. As soon as she recovers, she goes rogue and travels to England to assassinate the man responsible for the deaths of her teammates.

While fleeing from an unexpected assassin herself, Kendra escapes into a stairwell that promises sanctuary but when she stumbles out again, she is in the same place - Aldrich Castle - but in a different time: 1815, to be exact.

### Casino night fundraiser

**DOWNEY** – Soroptimist International of Downey will host a casino night fundraiser Friday, May 5, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The event will include casino gaming, opportunity drawings, food, entertainment, and numerous silent auction tables offering unique items.

For information on tickets, sponsorships or donations, contact Mia Vasquez at (949) 295-2910 or missaywelldowney@gmail.com.

### Christian club meeting

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Christian Women's Club will meet March 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Los Amigos Country Club. Men and women are invited.

The meeting's theme is "Welcome Spring." Barbara Whiteman is guest speaker and her topic is "What it Takes to be Good Enough."

Admission is \$15 and includes lunch. Reservations are requested by calling Helen at (562) 864-7319.

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# Downey space center to host 'City of STEM'

**DOWNEY** – Throughout the month of April, the Columbia Memorial Space Center will launch a month-long, community-focused celebration of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) called the City of STEM.

During April, the Space Center and its partner organizations will present STEM programming throughout the community, engaging diverse audiences at various locations around the greater Los Angeles area, becoming the regional hub of awesome science.

"We are working to inspire the entire L.A. region to support and celebrate science," city officials said. "From programs aimed at young families, like a science movie night, to an event geared specifically for young adults called Pub Science, to a concert featuring science-themed bands, the City of STEM aims to engage the whole community it serves." "This is L.A.'s most ambitious and most energized science festival with its main event taking place on Saturday, April 22, at the Space Center. That day, which will be free to the public, is our Big Science Fest, a high point of the month that brings together hands-on activities and over two dozen science partners to the Space Center like SpaceX, Natural History Museum, Cerritos College, Virgin Galactic and Aquarium of the Pacific.

"With the emerging Silicon Beach, aerospace leaders such as



SpaceX and world-class research institutions like Caltech and JPL in our community, Los Angeles is the perfect place for a big, month-long science party.

"City of STEM will work to attract students during various spring break holidays for local schools, become the "place to be" during the break. Be on the lookout for more details in the weeks leading up to the month of April, including a calendar of events that lists all of the happenings for the festival around LA."

# Cerritos newspaper erroneously reports on local election

**CERRITOS** – In response to an article published in the "Los Cerritos Community News" on Feb. 17, and a letter received by Cerritos' city clerk's office on the same date claiming that a Cerritos City Council candidate running in the current election has violated the City Charter's term limits, Cerritos City Attorney Mark Steres has issued the following statement:

"The exact question raised by the letter received by the City Clerk on February 17, 2017, and by the article on February 17, 2017, in the 'Los Cerritos Community News' has already been addressed by the California Attorney General in 2004 (Attorney General Opinion No. 04-907). The California Attorney General concluded that the Cerritos City Charter imposes only a two-year period of ineligibility prior to serving the next term of office.

The California Attorney General ruled that following two consecutive terms of office, a former council member may run for election at the next municipal election that follows in two years. As such, the former council member is eligible to run for City Council at the upcoming April 11, 2017 election. This interpretation of the Cerritos City Charter has been applied consistently by the City Clerk's office since the term limit proposition (Proposition H) was adopted by the voters in 1986.

# LEGAL NOTICES

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017022607

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **E&S CLEANING SERVICE, 7312 ROSEBERRY AVE, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SILVIA FREGOSO, 7312 ROSEBERRY AVE, 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 01/2017

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/ SILVIA FREGOSO, OWNER

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017019999

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **KALIS TRANSPORTATION, 9614 FLORPARK ST, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MELISSA LUEVANO, 9614 FLORPARK ST, PICO RIVERA CA 90660

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 01/2017

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/ MELISSA LUEVANO, OWNER

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017027374

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CAPITOL ROOFING, 3535 EAST 58TH STREET, MAYWOOD CA 90270, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADRIAN HORTA, 3535 EAST 58TH STREET, 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/ ADRIAN HORTA, OWNER

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The Downey Patriot 2/16/17, 2/23/17, 3/2/17, 3/9/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017006824

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MANUFACTURERS OUTLET, 12325 IMPERIAL HWY STE 64, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CARRICHS ACCESSORIES, LLC, 7545 ROSECRANS AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723

State of Incorporation: (1) CA 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 09/2014

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ CARRICHS ACCESSORIES, LLC, MANAGER, TIM NGUYEN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 10, 2017 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017027009

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **ALL FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SERVICES, 1156 N. GORDON ST., POMONA CA 91768, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRIAN LOPEZ, 1156 N. GORDON ST., POMONA CA 91768

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/ BRIAN LOPEZ, OWNER

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017039886

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **A. HERNANDEZ PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPING, 4338 E 54TH ST., MAYWOOD CA 90270, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALFONSO HERNANDEZ DIAZ, 4338 E 54TH ST, 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/ ALFONSO HERNANDEZ DIAZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 16, 2017 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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This business is conducted by an Individual

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 25, 2017 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017023086

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **JTC SERVICES AND MAINTENANCE, 9070 FLORENCE AVE #48, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 39235, DOWNEY CA 90239**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSHUA STANLEY PORTILLO, 9070 FLORENCE AVE #48, 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 01/2017

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/ JOSHUA STANLEY PORTILLO, OWNER

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017034348

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PARKVIEW REALTORS, 8361 E. FLORENCE AVE. #201, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARTURO BRAVO CRUZ, 8361 E. FLORENCE AVE. #201, DOWNEY CA 90240

State of Incorporation: (1) CA This business is conducted by an Individual

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

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

Professions Code).

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017023448

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PENATE TRUCKING, 2730 BUDAU AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90032, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) WILLIAM IGNACIO PENATE, 2730 BUDAU AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90032

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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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017031644

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **HOME ZONE, 353 W 46TH ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90037, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MIGUEL A MENDEZ, 323 W 46TH ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90037

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 02/2017

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/ MIGUEL A MENDEZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 7, 2017 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot 2/16/17, 2/23/17, 3/2/17, 3/9/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017034348

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PARKVIEW REALTORS, 8361 E. FLORENCE AVE. #201, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARTURO BRAVO CRUZ, 8361 E. FLORENCE AVE. #201, DOWNEY CA 90240

State of Incorporation: (1) CA This business is conducted by an Individual

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

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 9, 2017 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in

the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot 2/16/17, 2/23/17, 3/2/17, 3/9/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017028425

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **DREWS WINDOWS, 10111 WASHINGTON STREET, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANDREW MICHENER, 10111 WASHINGTON STREET, BELLFLOWER CA 90706

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2017

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/ ANDREW MICHENER, OWNER



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Present name (1) Eric Rangel Calderon to Proposed name (1) Eric Rangel  
**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: April 12, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, California 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**

without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: March 29, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, California 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT, 8301 FLORENCE AVE, SUITE #100, DOWNEY, CA 90240**  
January 24, 2017  
Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Alfred Anthony Carrera**  
16024 Sharonhill Dr.  
Whittier, CA 90604  
(562) 686-2634  
myson5510@gmail.com

waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 23, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, 90047.**  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
**Attorney for petitioner:**  
**VANESSA J. GREGOR ESQ**  
SBN 164196  
**BROWN & STREZA LLP**  
40 PACIFICA STE 1500  
IRVINE CA 92616  
CN933793 BSC214402  
Feb 9, 16, 23, 2017

address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8606 CHARLOMA DRIVE DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240  
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$1,290,650.69 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 on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed,

and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 038577-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (800) 280-2832 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117

February 6, 2017  
Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Eric Rangel Calderon**  
13651 Ruther Ave Apt A  
South Gate, CA 90280

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: VS029956

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Ritchell de Jesus Sy filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Ritchell de Jesus Sy to Proposed name (1) Ritchell Panglinan De Jesus  
**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**Attorney for petitioner:**  
**Dorian L. Jackson, Esq**  
21151 S. Western Ave.  
Torrance, CA 90501  
(310) 359-9201

**TRUSTEE SALES**

T.S. No. 038577-CA APN: 6363-008-013 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 5/5/2008. 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 3/16/2017 at 9:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 5/23/2008, as Instrument No. 20080917503, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MARIA TERESA FRANCO 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: 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: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street

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**FICT. BUS NAME**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2017017900  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MPV CONSTRUCTION, 1275 KENTON DRIVE, MONTEREY PARK CA 91755, LA COUNTY  
PRESIDENT/OWNER  
Number (if applicable): A1 #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARK PATRICK VASQUEZ, 1275 KENTON DRIVE, MONTEREY PARK CA 91755  
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/ MARK PATRICK VASQUEZ,  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 24, 2017  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: VS029889

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Peter Kim Geva filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Peter Kim Geva to Proposed name (1) Peter Julius Geba  
**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**Attorney for petitioner:**  
**Dorian L. Jackson, Esq**  
21151 S. Western Ave.  
Torrance, CA 90501  
(310) 359-9201

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BHAGABHAI NATHUBHAI PATEL**  
Case No. 17STPB00824  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BHAGABHAI N PATEL aka BHAGABHAI "BOB" PATEL aka BHAGABHAI NATHUBHAI PATEL  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jashvanti Patel in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jashvanti Patel be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 7, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SALVADOR WILLIAM VERDUZCO**  
Case No. 17STPB01387  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SALVADOR WILLIAM VERDUZCO  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CHEROKII VERDUZCO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CHEROKII VERDUZCO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: VS029935

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Alfred Anthony Carrera filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Alfred Anthony Carrera to Proposed name (1) David Anthony Mejia  
**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BHAGABHAI NATHUBHAI PATEL**  
Case No. 17STPB00824  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BHAGABHAI N PATEL aka BHAGABHAI "BOB" PATEL aka BHAGABHAI NATHUBHAI PATEL  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jashvanti Patel in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Alfred Anthony Carrera filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
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CASE NUMBER: VS029935

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Present name (1) Alfred Anthony Carrera to Proposed name (1) David Anthony Mejia  
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# Student's resiliency and maturity earn praise from school board



Pioneer High School senior Lazarus Casillas was recognized for his character and perseverance by the Whittier Union High School District Board of Trustees on Feb. 14. He is pictured with Pioneer High School Dean of Students Craig Fox, left, counselor Araceli Del Valle and Principal Lilia Bozigian.

his personal issues, he has continued to look for ways to keep himself motivated in school and fill the voids he was missing. His constant drive and dedication to self-improvement leaves us expecting great things from Lazarus."

The Whittier Union High School District Board of Trustees on Feb. 14 recognized Casillas for his character and perseverance, awarding him an Award of Merit.

"To me, resiliency means to stay strong even when things are tough," Casillas said. "Over time, we learn to get over those obstacles and make a decision of who we want to be in life. Pioneer has helped me in one way or another."

**WHITTIER** – Pioneer High School senior Lazarus Casillas endured great emotional hardship after the death of his mother six years ago, a struggle that spurred academic instability during his formative middle school years. Since finding a home at Pioneer, he has emerged as a student leader whose resilience and maturity serve as an inspiration to his schoolmates and the Titan faculty and staff.

Through his personal resolve and with copious assistance from the staff in the Student Well-Being Program – a District mental wellness program that provides students and their families with social emotional support – Casillas transformed himself into a model student.

"Lazarus Casillas is the epitome of the word resilience," Principal Lilia Bozigian said. "As Lazarus has worked through

Casillas, the second eldest of five siblings, credits the Student Well-Being Program for helping him through an especially rough period in his sophomore year when he struggled emotionally and was in much need of support. Casillas found a lifeline in the staff, who warmly welcomed him and lent a ready ear as he discussed his personal issues and received the professional care he needed.

Despite facing extreme challenges, Casillas rallied academically, pushing himself to enroll in honors and Advanced Placement classes. Building a connection with the Titan athletic staff, Casillas tried out for and made the varsity football team. Casillas was recently named "Most Inspirational Team Member" by the Titan football team.

Casillas expresses much gratitude for the Pioneer faculty and staff who provided him with a safe and secure environment that enabled him to realize a love for school. He called out his academic counselor, Araceli Del Valle, Dean of Students Craig

Fox and Titan football coach Chuck Willig for delivering the inspiration he needed to mature and grow as a person.

"The staff has always listened without judgment," Casillas said. "I've always thought of them as family."

Eager to continue his education, Casillas has applied to over a half-dozen universities, including UC Berkeley and UCLA, looking toward a future in law enforcement or family therapy.

The Student Well-Being Program was established in 2015 to assist in the total development of each student, incorporating emotional,

physical, social and intellectual well-being to increase their academic achievement and support families to help their children succeed. The program includes wellness centers, counseling services and referrals.

"Lazarus Casillas is a prime example of the students our District vows to help every day, instilling in them resiliency and a will to persevere in and out of the classroom," Superintendent Martin Plourde said. "The transformation Lazarus has made in his life in part speaks to the availability and dedication of our teachers and staff, who care deeply about our students."

# Bellflower adds second school for Spanish dual-immersion instruction

**BELLFLOWER** – Bellflower Unified will expand its highly popular Spanish dual-immersion program to a second elementary school in 2017-18, creating a convenient option for families living in the north end of the district to pursue the cutting-edge educational offering.

The new language program will be located at Washington Elementary School, where Bellflower Unified officials began providing dual-immersion preschool instruction in fall 2016.

The site will supplement the District's dual-immersion program at the Intensive Learning Center (ILC) in Lakewood. That program, launched with a kindergarten class in 2013-14, features instruction from preschool through third grade; fourth-

grade courses will begin in fall 2017.

"Our community has urged expansion of this program since we began the first classes at the ILC, recognizing the benefits of dual-language instruction in boosting academic performance, broadening career opportunities and deepening understanding of diverse communities," Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs said.

Families are invited to tours and informational meetings about both programs at 9 to 10 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27 at the ILC, 4718 Michelson St., Lakewood. Registration for kindergarten and preschool opens March 6.

Research shows dual-immersion students gain significant understanding

of cultures associated with the language, show overall cognitive advances and earn stronger grades. The program has been shown to help close the achievement gap between English learners and their peers.

Bellflower Unified's dual-immersion program follows a 90:10 model, with students receiving 90 percent of their instruction in Spanish during the early years, and gradually shifting to 50 percent instruction in each language.

Each class includes a mix of native English and Spanish speakers, who support each other as they learn the two languages while mastering Bellflower Unified's rigorous California Standards-driven curriculum.

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# What is a tankless water heater and should you buy one?

Tankless water heaters, also known as demand-type or instantaneous water heaters, provide hot water only as it is needed. They don't produce the standby energy losses associated with storage water heaters, which can save you money.

Here you'll find basic information about how they work, whether a tankless water heater might be right for your home, and what criteria to use when selecting the right model.

## HOW THEY WORK

Tankless water heaters heat water directly without the use of a storage tank. When a hot water tap is turned on, cold water travels through a pipe into the unit. Either a gas burner or an electric element heats the water.

As a result, tankless water heaters deliver a constant supply of hot water. You don't need to wait for a storage tank to fill up with enough hot water. However, a tankless water heater's output limits the flow rate.

Typically, tankless water heaters provide hot water at a rate of 2-5 gallons (7.6-15.2 liters) per minute. Gas-fired tankless water heaters produce higher flow rates than electric ones. Sometimes, however, even the largest, gas-fired model cannot supply enough hot water for simultaneous, multiple uses in large households.

For example, taking a shower and running the dishwasher at the same time can stretch a tankless water heater to its limit. To overcome this problem, you can install two or more tankless water heaters, connected in parallel for simultaneous demands of hot water.

You can also install separate tankless water heaters for appliances -- such as a clothes washer or dishwasher -- that use a lot of hot water in your home.

Other applications for demand water heaters include the following:

- Remote bathrooms or hot tubs

Booster for appliances, such as dishwashers or clothes washers  
Booster for a solar water heating system.

## ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

For homes that use 41 gallons or less of hot water daily, demand water heaters can be 24%-34% more energy efficient than conventional storage tank water heaters. They can be 8%-14% more energy efficient for homes that use a lot of hot water -- around 86 gallons per day.

You can achieve even greater energy savings of 27%-50% if you install a demand water heater at each hot water outlet. Energy Star estimates that a typical family can save \$100 or more per year with an Energy Star qualified tankless water heater.

The initial cost of a tankless water heater is greater than that of a conventional storage water heater, but tankless water heaters will typically last longer and have lower operating and energy costs, which could offset its higher purchase price. Most tankless water heaters have a life expectancy of more than 20 years. They also have easily replaceable parts that extend their life by many more years.

In contrast, storage water heaters last 10-15 years.

Tankless water heaters can avoid the standby heat losses associated with storage water heaters. However, although gas-fired tankless water heaters tend to have higher flow rates than electric ones, they can waste energy if they have a constantly burning pilot light. This can sometimes offset the elimination of standby energy losses when compared to a storage water heater.

In a gas-fired storage water heater, the pilot light heats the water in the tank so the energy isn't wasted.

The cost of operating a pilot light in a tankless water heater varies from model to model. Ask the manufacturer how much gas the pilot light uses for the model you're considering. If you purchase a model that uses a standing pilot light, you can always turn it off when it's not in use to save energy.

Also consider models that have an intermittent ignition device (IID) instead of a standing pilot light. This device resembles the spark ignition device on some gas kitchen ranges and ovens.

## INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

Proper installation and maintenance of your demand water heater can optimize its energy efficiency.

Proper installation depends on many factors. These factors include fuel type, climate, local building code requirements, and safety issues, especially concerning the combustion of gas-fired water heaters. Therefore, it's best to have a qualified plumbing and heating contractor install your demand water heater.

Do the following when selecting a contractor:

- Request cost estimates in writing
- Ask for references
- Check the company with your local Better Business Bureau
- See if the company will obtain a local permit if necessary and understands local building codes.

If you're determined to install your water heater yourself, first consult the manufacturer. Manufacturers usually have the necessary installation and instruction manuals. Also, contact your city or town for information about obtaining a permit, if necessary, and about local water heater installation codes.



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More often, inspections reveal less serious defects that aren't enough to warrant backing out of the transaction. However, knowing about these minor problems can prevent major disasters down the road. In addition, if specified in the inspection clause, the cost of the repairs can be at the seller's expense.

Another advantage to having a home inspection is it offers

buyers an opportunity to become familiar with their new home and learn about maintenance to help in its upkeep. Although not required, it's recommended that buyers be present during the inspection. This allows them to observe the inspection; ask questions about the condition of the home; and receive an objective opinion.

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For buyers, a home inspection clause in the written offer that makes the purchase contingent upon the findings can provide peace of mind. If a serious problem is found, it allows room to renegotiate the purchase price or "opt-out" of buying the home altogether. However, this is usually uncommon. Typically, the seller will already have told the buyer about any major problems.

## Downey Real Estate Market

In January, 2017 Downey had 50 new listings (up 2% from 2016) and 27 closed listings, (up 3.8% from 2016). The average sales price was \$611,159 which is up 22% from January of 2016. There is currently an inventory of 111 Downey homes for sale. Year to date, 27 homes averaging a selling price of \$611,159 have sold in the city of Downey.

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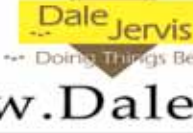
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