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## CRIME REPORT

### FRIDAY, FEB. 17

Officers responded on numerous traffic hazards, (downed power lines, fallen trees), due to the heavy rain and winds. The Downey Fire Department and the City Yards also responded to assist.

At 9:30 p.m., officers responded to the 7100 block of Stewart & Gray Rd regarding a possible vehicle burglary in progress. The officers detained a male and female at the location and determined they broke into the vehicle in an attempt to steal it. Both suspects were arrested for grand theft auto.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 19

At 1:40 a.m., a Downey officer located an abandoned vehicle blocking traffic on Lakewood Blvd and Margaret St. While the officer was outside of his vehicle waiting for a tow truck to arrive, a drunk driver crashed into the rear of his police car. The drunk driver fled, but was located and arrested for drunk driving.

### MONDAY, FEB. 20

Downey Officers assisted the Whittier Police Department by patrolling their city in the hours following the murder of Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 24

At 9:30 a.m. an officer located a stolen vehicle parked at the Downey Promenade. When the driver returned to the vehicle, he was arrested for grand theft auto.

Officers conducted a DUI/CDL checkpoint in the 9700 block of Firestone Blvd., which resulted in numerous citations being issued for a variety of violations, including six subjects arrested for DUI.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 25

At 2:30 a.m., a group of individuals were involved in a fight at Tacos El Gavilan (7947 Florence Ave) A suspect then fired a gun at the subjects as they were driving away from the location. The male fled in a dark colored vehicle. There were no injuries. Detectives are investigating.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 26

At 1:30 a.m., an officer located a stolen vehicle traveling on Downey Ave. at 3rd St. Officers stopped the vehicle and the driver was arrested for grand theft auto.

## Downey school district honored in Washington, D.C.



From left: Roger Brossmer, Nancy Swenson, a P21 official, Martha Sodemani, Phil Davis and Dr. John Garcia.

### DUSD lauded for graduating students who are college and/or career ready

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Unified School District was honored on Capitol Hill this week for its work in preparing students for life after high school, whether in college or in the workforce.

The event was hosted by the Partnership for 21st Century Learning (P21) and titled "Closing the Skills Gap: Stories from the Field."

DUSD was recognized for receiving the distinct P21 Exemplar District designation. The event featured remarks from U.S. representatives Ryan Costello and Dave Loebsack, co-chairs of the Congressional 21st Century Skills Caucus.

Along with Downey Unified, P21 recognized the remaining members of the newest cohort of 21st Century Learning Exemplars, an assortment of schools and districts with programs that demonstrate what successful 21st century learning looks like in practice.

The P21 Exemplar Program, instituted in 2013, identifies and showcases schools that are equipping students with the 21st century skills they will need to succeed in college, career and life. Educators from these Exemplars also led a panel discussion, leveraging their experiences and strategies to operationalize the policies that ensure success for all learners.

"Our exemplars have transformed how our students learn and can excel during college and career, ensuring that critical

21st century skills are a staple of the classroom," said Dave Ross, CEO of P21. "The discussion led by our Exemplars and the leaders of our caucus will inspire other schools across the country to bring 21st century learning to their classrooms."

Selected through a rigorous application process that includes site visits, which occurred last June for Downey Unified, each Exemplar joins a national network that shares best practices to further hone their practice of 21st century teaching and learning. Through the Exemplar program, schools and districts have the opportunity to gain national visibility as a leader in 21st century learning.

Case studies on select Exemplars can be found at P21.org/2016Exemplars.

"It is Downey Unified's vision to have all students graduate with a 21st Century education that ensures they are college and career ready, globally competitive and citizens of strong character," expressed Board of Education President Martha Sodemani, who traveled to Washington for the event with fellow board member Nancy Swenson, superintendent Dr. John Garcia, assistant superintendent Roger Brossmer, and Career Technical Education director Phil Davis.

"Being named a 21st Century Learning Exemplar through P21 authenticates the fact that in Downey Unified we are achieving this goal."

## L.A. County files lawsuit to block redistricting law

**LOS ANGELES** – The County of Los Angeles filed suit Monday against the State of California seeking to invalidate a new law that the county alleges discriminates against independent voters, strips local control from local voters concerning the process of re-drawing the county's supervisorial districts, and makes that process much more political, not less.

The complaint, filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court, seeks an order declaring that the law created by State Senate Bill 958 last year is unconstitutional, and seeks a permanent injunction barring its implementation.

The county contends that the law is "patently unworkable and unconstitutional. It is being unfairly and unnecessarily forced on the residents of Los Angeles County and over the objections of their duly elected representatives."

Specifically, L.A. County contends that the new law violates two sections of the State Constitution, one that prohibits the legislature from imposing special laws on particular counties; the other requires county offices to be nonpartisan. SB 958 also contradicts the voter-approved County Charter, which assigns the job of re-districting to the Board of Supervisors.

The new law creates a commission whose membership is based on political party registration, which discriminates

against independent voters (those who register to vote with no party preference), county officials said. These voters make up 25% of the registered voters in the County – more than 1 million in total. The new 14-member Citizen Redistricting Committee is to be responsible for creating County Supervisor district boundaries after each U.S. Census every 10 years.

Based on current registration numbers, 70% of the commission members would be Democrats, 25% Republicans, and 5% would be from other, smaller political parties. Voters who registered without a party preference – the fastest-growing segment of newly registered voters – will not be given equal consideration.

According to the suit, this new law imposes on the citizens of Los Angeles County an experimental system to select a citizen redistricting commission based on luck and chance, not proper public deliberation. County voters cannot change the law if they are dissatisfied.

By contrast, the last apportionment, which was based on the 2010 Census, included extensive input from County voters and was never challenged in court.

Supporters of SB 958 pushed the measure through the state Legislature in Sacramento without holding any meetings in Los Angeles County and over the objection of County



**State Sen. Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens) authored SB 958.**

Supervisors. Also opposed to the measure were the California State Association of Counties, the Urban Counties of California, the County of Riverside, Common Cause and the Los Angeles Times editorial board.

SB 958 was authored by state Sen. Ricardo Lara, of Bell Gardens.

"In small legislative bodies like county boards of supervisors, it is too easy for a majority of the five incumbents in drawing district lines to agree to protect each other to the detriment of fair representation for growing communities," said Thomas A. Saenz, MALDEF President and General Counsel, in support of the legislation. "SB 958 will ensure that community interests will outweigh the interests of the powerful incumbent supervisors, and we congratulate the governor and Senator Lara for this big step forward."

## Neighborhood Watch block captain meeting Wednesday

**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](mailto:jpreda@downeyca.org)

## Florence Avenue reduced to 1 lane

**DOWNEY** – Caltrans will reduce the Florence Avenue Bridge over I-5 within the cities of Downey and Santa Fe Springs to one lane in each direction starting this weekend.

Starting this Sunday, crews will begin two weeks of nighttime work to demolish half of the Florence Avenue Bridge at the I-5 Freeway. The northbound and southbound I-5 will also be closed between I-605 and Norwalk Boulevard every night from 11 p.m.-5 a.m.

Florence Avenue will be closed to all traffic in both directions, between Studebaker Road and Orr and Day Road, from Sunday, March 5 at 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Monday, March 6.

Starting on Monday, the street will close nightly between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. for approximately two weeks.

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 81°

Saturday 67°

Sunday 61°

### THINGS TO DO



#### March 4 Jesus

Saturday - First Baptist Church of Downey, 9 am

Hundreds of marchers are expected for a peaceful demonstration. Plus live bands and a community festival.



#### DTLA tour

Sunday - Union Station, 11 am

Charles Phoenix gives a final walking/bus tour of Downtown L.A. Buy tickets online.



#### Innovation Fair

Sunday - Santa Monica Pier, 11 am

A public celebration of STEAM, with exhibits, contests, robots, guest speaker panels, and more.



#### Tater Tots & Beer Festival

Saturday - Elysian Park, 3 pm

Beer tastings and tater tot samplings. 21 and over, buy tickets online.

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

**Ruby's Diner now open at the Promenade**

**Carol Berkeley:** Too bad it's being buried back in the rear behind Gaucho with no close up parking. Needed to be out and accessible like Panera, Lazy Dog and others. Not worth the walk.

**Godfrey Barcelon:** Now let's bring Whole Food's to Downey at Paramount and Florence!

**Aleyshka Anguiano:** Not excited. Bring a "Steak 'n Shake" instead! Quality menu, service & food!

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### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@CityofDowney: We are very excited to announce that the annual Ride & Stride will be on Sunday, May 7

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## Downey, Warren have mixed results in playoff competition

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School girls' water polo team was defeated by Alta Loma at Alta Loma, 7-6, last Wednesday in the semifinals of the C.I.F. Division 6 playoffs.

The Lady Vikings finished their season with an overall record of 16-10 and a S.G.V.L. record of 4-1.

Alta Loma, the team that defeated Downey in the semifinals, defeated Redlands East Valley 6-5 last Saturday in the C.I.F. Division 6 championship game.

■ The Downey High School boys' soccer team was defeated by Palos Verdes at Downey 2-0 last Wednesday night in the second round of the C.I.F. Division One playoffs.

The Vikings finished their season with an overall record of 17-7-2 and a S.G.V.L. record of 7-1-2.

Downey was the number two entry from the San Gabriel Valley League behind top seeded Paramount. Cross-town rival Warren was the third league entry, respectively.

■ The Downey High School girls' basketball team was defeated by Camarillo at Camarillo 57-39 last Wednesday night in the third round of the C.I.F. Division 2AA playoffs.

The Lady Vikings finished their season with an overall record 22-7 and a S.G.V.L. record of 9-1. Downey is the 2017 S.G.V.L. co-champion with Lynwood.

The Lady Vikings were the top seed from the San Gabriel Valley League due to their second round win against Lynwood at Downey.

Camarillo, the team who defeated Downey, will play Rosary Academy in the C.I.F. 2AA championship game tomorrow at Azusa Pacific University.

■ The Warren High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 1-0 and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they travel to Paramount on April 4.

The Bears defeated Bell at Bell 4-0 on Monday and will host Hoover later today at Warren.

The Bears will be competing in the Quartz Hill Tournament next weekend. Warren is scheduled to play Canyon on 3/9, Eastside on 3/11, Quartz Hill on 3/14 and Lancaster on 3/15.

Warren finished last season with an overall record of 16-14 and a S.G.V.L. record of 5-5. Gahr, Paramount and cross-town rival Downey will once again be the teams to beat in league play.

■ The Warren High School softball team currently has an overall record of 1-1 and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they travel to Paramount on April 4.

The Bears defeated Harvard-Westlake 13-1 in last Saturday's first game and were defeated by Mira Costa 4-3 in their second game at the Redondo Union Tournament.

Warren will continue competing in the Redondo Union Tournament this week. The Bears have games scheduled for today and tomorrow. The Bears have a TBD game later today and are scheduled to play Bishop Montgomery tomorrow.

Warren finished last season with an overall record of 21-9 and a S.G.V.L. record of 8-2. The Bears were the number two entry from the San Gabriel Valley league behind league champion Gahr and were eliminated by Don Lugo 3-1 in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs. Cross-town rival Downey and Gahr will once again be the teams to beat in league play.

■ The Warren High School wrestling team will send one wrestler to the state meet this weekend at Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield.

Alexis Galvan (220) finished in seventh place after he defeated Luis Garcia of Norte Vista by default in his final scheduled match. Galvan finished in fifth place the previous week at the Master's Meet in Ontario.

Warren, as a team, finished in a three way tie for 41st place with Rowland and Etiwanda with 21 points, respectively. There were 172 high schools represented at the Master's Meet.

Galvan battled his way through the consolation bracket after being pinned in his first match by Ethan Bakker of Los Alamitos at the 3:18 mark of the second period. Galvan pinned Gabor Nemeth of Peninsula at the 2:27 mark of the second period in his second match, pinned Jaden Soto of Excelsior at the 3:49 mark of the second period in his third match, pinned Austin Moore of San Clemente at the 2:14 mark of the second period in his fourth match and was finally defeated by Erich Osteen of Chaminade 5-1 in his fifth match.

The three straight wins by Galvan advanced him to the state qualifying round.

Coach Brogden, his staff and Alexis are all looking forward to competing at the state meet this weekend at the Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield.

■ The Downey High School wrestling team sent five wrestlers to the C.I.F. Master's Meet last weekend at the Citizens Bank Arena in Ontario.

Four wrestlers finished in the top nine of their respective weight classes and advanced to the state meet this weekend at the Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield. The Vikings finished ninth overall with 67.5 points.

St. John Bosco took first place with 155.5 points, Northview finished second with 142 points, Sultana finished third with 136 points, Alta Loma finished fourth with 91.5 points and Palm Desert finished fifth with 88.5 points.

Santa Ana Calvary Chapel finished sixth with 72 points, Santiago finished seventh with 69 points, Yucaipa finished eighth with 68.5 points, Downey finished ninth with 67.5 points and Esperanza finished tenth with 67 points to round out the top ten. The Master's Meet had 172 high schools represented.

Jonathan Prata (106) finished in second place after being defeated by Eddie Flores of Northview 7-2 in the championship final. Dillon Ajtun (113) finished in sixth place after being pinned by Zane Romney of Simi Valley at the 1:50 mark of the first period.

Roland Dominguez (120) finished in sixth place after defaulting his last match against Chance Rich of Valley View. Armando Padilla (138) finished in ninth place after defeating Jacob Tessandore of La Quinta 19-8. Padilla would not be qualified for the state meet if he had lost this match.

Downey has never sent four wrestlers to the state meet in the same year. This is the first time in school history this has happened. Downey also won the C.I.F. Individual title two weeks ago at Grand Terrace High School by having eight wrestlers place in the top eight of their respective weight classes.

Coach Soto, his staff and four wrestlers are all looking forward to the state meet this weekend.

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# Downey officials regroup after 'busiest day in history of fire department'



City employees undergo training at Downey's Emergency Operations Center, located at Fire Station No. 1.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Mayor Fernando Vasquez and Councilman Rick Rodriguez met with Downey Fire Department last week in the wake of the violent Lucifer Storm that struck Southern California on Feb. 17.

While many citizens braved the severe storm as it passed through Downey, DFD was hard at work – and that may be an

understatement.

Battalion Chief Michael Whitney described it as "call wise, the busiest day in the history of the department." Members of dispatch described it as "controlled chaos."

The Lucifer storm caused flooding throughout the region, and Downey did not go untouched.

A city wide warning was issued for residents to avoid

driving as much as possible during the storm's duration. The storm itself caused property damage and knocked over 70 trees, according to Mayor Vasquez.

With Lucifer in hindsight, Vasquez and Rodriguez joined Fire Chief Mark Gillaspie and fire staff to brainstorm ideas on how to be prepared come the next big storm.

One of the challenges DFD faced while taking Lucifer head-on was the distribution of their resources.

According to Whitney, one of DFD's engines got tied up "babysitting" downed powerlines for ten hours. Firefighters also expended resources chasing teenagers that took a raft into the Los Angeles River.

"We couldn't keep up," he said.

One solution that was discussed was the activation and utilization of Downey's Community Emergency

Response Team (CERT) to free up DFD in order to respond to more critical emergencies.

"It's predictable. Every time you get any kind of rain event, let alone what happened Friday – that was extreme – you're going to get power lines down," said Whitney. "We have so many people who want to do this, we just need to coordinate them."

"They could relieve the crews out there, and make them available for another call," said Chief Gillaspie. "That's stuff that we're talking about now – for the first time really utilizing them locally on these types of incidents."

Mayor Vasquez stressed, however, that residents should still take some matters into their own hands.

"The expectation of the public is that the government will be with you in an emergency right away," said Rodriguez. "Realistically, a household needs to be prepared for 72 hours on their own without aid."

# Downey Calvary Chapel to host services for slain Whittier police officer

**DOWNEY** – Calvary Chapel Downey will host a public funeral service Friday for Keith Boyer, the Whittier police officer shot and killed in the line of duty last week.

Services begin at 10 a.m., followed by a procession to Rose Hills Memorial Park for burial.

Boyer was fatally shot Feb. 20 while responding to a crash near Colima Road and Mar Vista Street.

Michael Christopher Mejia, 26, was charged with two counts of murder and one count each of attempted murder, carjacking

and possession of a firearm by a felon.

On Feb. 20, Mejia is accused of fatally shooting his 47-year-old cousin, Roy Torres, in East Los Angeles. He allegedly took the victim's car and later crashed the vehicle into two other cars in Whittier.

Police responded to the crash and when they ordered Mejia to get out of his car the defendant is accused of pulling out a semiautomatic handgun and firing at two officers.

Boyer, 53, was killed and Officer Patrick Hazell was

wounded in the shootout. Mejia also was wounded.

Mejia has prior convictions for second-degree robbery in 2010 and grand theft auto in 2014.

If convicted as charged, Mejia faces the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

A decision on whether to seek capital punishment will be made at a later date.

The Whittier Police Officers Association has created a fund for people to make donations on

behalf of Boyer and his family.

Donations to the WPOA Benevolent Fund can be made in person at the Whittier branch of the Credit Union of Southern California, 8028 Greenleaf Ave. Checks should be made out to WPOA Benevolent Fund and reference account number 488879.

Checks can also be mailed to Credit Union of Southern California, WPOA Benevolent Fund, P.O. Box 200, Whittier, CA, 90608, Attn: David Valencia.

## Attorneys available for free advice, document review

**BELL** – Residents are invited to a free legal fair Saturday, March 11, at the El-Hussein Community Center in Bell.

Thirty lawyers in different areas of law are expected to be present, reviewing documents and offering legal advice at no cost.

"We have attorneys who speak Spanish, Vietnamese, Arabic, and of course English," said attorney Dennis Saab, who is helping organize the event.

The legal fair is being offered by Assemblymember Anthony Rendon in conjunction with the Southeast District Bar Association.

No appointments are necessary, but RSVP is strongly encouraged by calling (562) 529-3250. El-Hussein Community Center is located at 4313 Gage Ave.

## St. Joseph's Table returns to St. Raymond's Church

**DOWNEY** – For the 35th year, St. Raymond's Catholic Church will host a St. Joseph's Table sponsored by the Italian Catholic Federation.

The celebration will take place March 19 with a viewing from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is also a 9 a.m. Mass with Bishop Dave O'Connell presiding. A blessing will follow.

A pasta and meatball meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; take-out meals are also available.

The church is accepting donations of bread, assorted baked goods, and money to make the celebration possible. Baked goods must be delivered no later than 11 a.m. on March 18 to the Msgr. Gipson Hall.

To make a donation, or for more information, call Christine Ragusa at (562) 869-6882.

## Ex-Lynwood city employee pleads guilty to embezzlement

**LYNWOOD** – A former Lynwood city employee pleaded guilty Wednesday to embezzling more than \$27,000 from an employees' union, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Eric Gonzalez, 35, entered his plea to one count of felony grand theft.

He was immediately sentenced to two days in county jail, placed on formal probation for three years and ordered to complete 240 days of community service.

He also must pay \$27,735 in restitution and can no longer be employed by the city of Lynwood. Gonzalez paid \$20,000 Wednesday toward the restitution.

Between 2011 and 2012, Gonzalez served as president of the Lynwood Employees Association, a nonprofit union representing all city employees. During that period, the civil engineering technician made four unauthorized cash withdrawals totaling \$27,735.

The withdrawals were later discovered by other board members who contacted the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which launched an investigation.

# Stroke Foundation returns with free health clinics April 25

**DOWNEY** – The RTH Stroke Foundation will be bringing its stroke education back to the Rio Hondo Event Center, Tuesday, April 25, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

This event will be a free blood pressure clinic and health fair, presented by the "Diane Manarino Memorial Fund". To register, call (888) 794-9466 or sign-up online at [www.rthfoundation.org](http://www.rthfoundation.org). Early registrants will have the opportunity of receiving additional free health screenings.

Diane Manarino (1957-2016) unexpectedly suffered a major hemorrhagic stroke which ultimately caused her passing on June 30, 2016. Diane was 59 years old at the time of her passing.

She was an avid runner and in great shape, but she ignored the challenge of managing her stress and high blood pressure. Diane lost her life to a senseless death that could have been prevented. It's reported that 83 million Americans have been diagnosed with high blood pressure, and that number continues to rise.

The "Diane Manarino Memorial Fund" has been set-up by the RTH Stroke Foundation to raise awareness of the serious threat that high blood pressure and stress can pose. The fund has enabled the foundation to reach out and educate the

public while offering medical support and advice to those that may not have access to health care or means to control this preventable disease.

This free event will spotlight maintaining and controlling blood pressure. There will be a presentation given by Dr. Nerses Sanossian, Clinical Scholar of the University of Southern California's KECK Medical Center.

Following the presentation, free blood pressure screenings will be given to all attendees, and those who register early will have the opportunity to receive additional cholesterol/glucose or carotid artery screenings.

Medical professionals will also be available to meet with attendees one-on-one to discuss screenings results, medication and treatment options, and

follow-up care.

This event is in partnership with the RTH Stroke Foundation, The Roxanna Todd Hodges Comprehensive Stroke Clinic and TIA Program of USC, Diane Manarino Memorial Fund, The Downey Patriot, PIH Downey, and the Rio Hondo Event Center.

## LANE REDUCTION AND RAMP CLOSURE I-5 FLORENCE AVENUE PROJECT

**WHAT** Caltrans will reduce lanes on the Florence Avenue Bridge over I-5 within the cities of Downey and Santa Fe Springs to one lane in each direction for an extended period of time. The Florence Avenue on-ramp to northbound I-5 will also be closed. Avoid delays by taking alternative routes.

**WHEN** Starting March 6, 2017. Please be advised, schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather.

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## Norwalk candidates make final pitches at meet-and-greet

**NORWALK** – Norwalk business members and community members were able to get up close and personal with their potential future City Council members at a meet and greet event last week.

The event was hosted on Feb. 23 by the Chamber of Commerce at the Norwalk Arts and Sports Complex.

Each candidate was given two minutes to speak to the crowd, before attendees were allowed to approach each individual on a more personal, one on one setting.

According to Chamber director Caren Spilsbury, the event was aimed more at business owners and employees within the city.

"We wanted people to be able to hear from them..." said Spilsbury. "Two minutes is plenty of time for them to share their vision, but also to get to know them in a more personal way, and maybe ask them questions specifically about their vision for the business community here in Norwalk because that's what's vital to our members."

This upcoming election could prove extremely significant for the city and its business owners, as the council is guaranteed three fresh faces.

Each candidate was invited to the meet and greet via mail and email ahead of time. All of the candidates – with the exception of Debbie Martinez – participated.

The remaining eleven candidates all used their two minute time to speak in different ways, some touching on business more than others.

Marcel Mercado voiced a concern that businesses are currently too constricted.

"We need to lessen restrictions," said Mercado. "...We should be promoting all new businesses like a birth announcement. These are new entities growing into your community. With the Chamber of Commerce, we've got to institute a mentorship program for those long lasting businesses in Norwalk – such as yourselves – that you're able to mentor the new, younger generation coming up behind you."

Candy Martinez focused on safety, but slanted her argument to appeal to business.

"If I'm going to go ahead and put a physical business in the city, I'm going to go ahead and I'm going to want my employees to live here," said Martinez. "I'm gonna look at the safety...the safety is bad; we have crime everywhere...how many have you have been a victim of crime? ... My biggest point right here: we need to take care of Norwalk."

Jennifer Perez, who currently sits as a planning commissioner, used her time to announce the approval for recommendation of a new entertainment and shopping center that had been passed the previous day.

"As a planning Commissioner for the city, I am excited to say change is coming; new businesses are coming to Norwalk now," said Perez. . .

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

## Funeral services Saturday for Downey resident Georgia Dominguez

**DOWNEY** – Georgia Lee Ellen Dominguez passed away surrounded by family and friends in the morning hours Tuesday, February 28. She was 85.

Dominguez was born November 18, 1931 in Waynesville, Missouri – the second of four children – to Ula S Weir and Amy Cordry.

As a young girl, she and her family moved to Elsinore, California, where she would eventually meet her husband, Jose Dominguez, after his service in World War 2.

They were married May 23, 1950 in Yuma, Arizona, and were married for 60 years. They moved to Bell Gardens in 1952, then to Commerce in 1959 where they lived for nearly 40 years. They moved to Downey to be closer to family in the mid 1990's after her husband suffered a heart attack, where they lived until his passing in 2010. She was a Downey resident for 20 years.

Dominguez was a firm believer in education, having dropped out of school in the eleventh grade. She returned to night school after all of her children had finished their schooling, and earned her diploma in 1981 – an accomplishment she was very proud of.

Dominguez worked as an instructional aide for Montebello Unified School District for over 20 years until she retired in the 90's. Even after retirement, however, she continued to volunteer at Maude Price in her grandson's 2nd grade class, and for several years still after he had moved on. Until her health began to fade, she kept contact with many that she had interacted with in the classroom.

Dominguez was also a faithful Christian her entire life, and was a member of the Imperial Highway Church of Christ congregation. During her young adult life, she was active with church youth and taught Bible Class.

In her later years, Dominguez enjoyed reading, watching classic Wild West television shows, being driven around town for short outings, and interacting with the family dog, Fiona.



Dominguez was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, by her brother Kyle Weir, and her sister Laura LeMons. She is survived by her brothers Verne Weir and wife Ernestine, Rick Weir and wife Donna, sisters Jody Sturgess and husband Bob, and Nancy Kerr. She is also survived by children and grandchildren Fred Dominguez and wife Nyla and sons David, Daniel and Samuel and spouses, Ramona Dominguez and son Alex, Charlotte Widdis and husband Larry and daughter Laura and spouse, and Charles Dominguez and wife Anna, as well as by eight great-grandchildren and numerous nephews, nieces, and friends.

A viewing will be held at Miller Mies Mortuary on Friday from 4:00 – 8:00pm. Services will be held at the Imperial Highway Church of Christ the following day at 10 am, with a graveside service to follow at Rose Hills at noon. She will be interred beside her father and husband.

## Paramount partners with Boeing for classroom instruction



Paramount Park Middle School sixth-graders display their airplane wing prototypes after working with Boeing engineers to construct the project.

**PARAMOUNT** – Using only four common household items, Paramount Unified sixth-graders let their imaginations soar, designing and constructing airplane wing prototypes under the guidance of Boeing engineers, who visited all five PUSD middle school campuses on Feb. 6 in celebration of National Engineer's Week.

As Paramount Unified looks to expand its Project Lead the Way (PLTW) engineering curriculum to include middle schools, Boeing engineers made in-classroom presentations and prepared activities to spur interest in the program and acquaint students to the wide range of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) courses

available to them.

Over 100 Hollydale School science students undertook the design challenge with little input from the engineers, who preferred to let the students collaborate and experience a process of trial and error through their shared knowledge, while exhibiting critical thinking.

"Boeing engineers came to our classrooms and explained to the students that scientific advances don't come with instructions attached, that engineers must come up with solutions on their own," Hollydale science teacher Christine Bakkers said. "This really resonated with the kids, who appreciated the opportunity to channel what they have already learned and match that with their own creative contributions."

During two separate 50-minute presentations, Boeing engineers provided science students with index cards, string, tape and scissors, then stepped back to allow the students the space they needed to experiment and trouble-shoot their designs, consulting the engineers only when they had difficulty in implementing their design.

Beginning in the 2017-18 school year, PLTW will be available at all five District middle schools, with five engineering and one photography elective courses. PLTW is already available for all students in grades 9-12 and is being piloted for Alondra Middle School sixth-graders this year.

"Project Lead the Way has been a tremendous success at the high school level and we want to expand the opportunities for our younger students who want to pursue STEM subjects," PUSD Director for Secondary Education Dr. Greg Francois said. "Thanks to our dedicated faculty and staff, as well as strong community partnerships with Boeing and Cerritos College, we are providing our students with the high-quality instruction necessary to prepare them for the careers of the future."

In 2016, PUSD began an articulation agreement with Cerritos College, where students earning a "B" grade or higher in PLTW courses receive college credits. Additionally, PUSD students have the option of taking summer school courses at Cerritos, and can receive a certification from the school by the time they graduate from high school.

"Paramount Unified students are extraordinary thinkers who are eager to tackle the challenges and share the rewards provided by 21st-century technology," PUSD Superintendent Dr. Ruth Perez said. "To ensure our students are able to pursue their dreams, we are committed to making all resources available to each and every student, to prepare them for college and career."

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Save the date:  
Dia de los Muertos  
returns Oct. 29

**DOWNEY** – Downey's Dia de los Muertos Art Festival returns to the Downey Theatre on Sunday, Oct. 29, theater officials announced this week.

Now in its fifth year, the festival features film screenings, live dance performances, art exhibits, vendor booths, food trucks, and musical performances.

For information how to participate in the festival as an exhibitor or sponsor, contact theater manager Amber Vogel at (562) 904-7230 or avogel@downeyca.org.

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## Reaction to President's Congressional address

**Lucille Roybal-Allard (Democratic congressmember):** In tonight's speech, President Trump talked about unity, but unfortunately, so much of what he said was divisive and destructive. His demonization of immigrants and his continued assault on the Affordable Care Act continue a pattern of moving our nation down the wrong path. And after 40 days of hateful rhetoric and destructive actions, the words of consensus and conciliation he offered tonight were just that – words.

The eyes of the nation, and of the world, are upon this president. Will he move us toward fact-based, bipartisan policies that make our country greater? Or will he keep working to divide our people, to put Wall Street ahead of working families, and to turn his back on immigrants and refugees? The choice is his.

**Paul Ryan (Republican house speaker):** That was a home run. President Trump delivered a bold, optimistic message to the American people. We now have a government unified around a simple, but important principle: Empowering the people—not Washington—is the way to build a better future for our country. This is a president who is serious about tackling our biggest challenges and improving people's lives.

Obamacare is one of the biggest challenges that the American people face. Congress and the White House are united in our promise to repeal Obamacare and replace it with a patient-centered system. Tonight, we made progress on that pledge as President Trump demonstrated that he and the House are coalescing around a particular replacement plan, including a tax credit to help individuals buy a health plan that fits their needs.

From repealing and replacing Obamacare to revamping our outdated tax code and keeping our country safe from the threat of radical Islam, we are committed to working with the Trump administration to deliver results. In fact, we have already delivered results on multiple fronts—including repealing harmful regulations that have hamstrung our economy. There is a lot more work to do, and we are ready to keep working for the American people. I want to thank President Trump for putting us on a path to a better future.

**Dan Rather (retired journalist):** We've seen this before. After a period of sustained chaos, Donald Trump ascends a podium, and for a moment at least, reads a relatively measured speech from a teleprompter. For the most part, in tone and temperament it is a world away from the Tweets, and the press conferences. In many ways it was standard conservative Republican fare on such topics as tax cuts, although watching Paul Ryan stand and applaud lines calling into question free trade and major spending on infrastructure shows how much the GOP elite has swung behind President Trump.

The President's call for economic populism is a popular instinct in the country, that I think cuts across party lines. If that was the centerpiece of his agenda, I suspect his poll numbers would be much higher. But of course there is so much more we have seen over the past several weeks that show how the most controversial rhetoric of the campaign has continued from the President in office. Tonight, Mr. Trump referenced history on many occasions, seeking to give his very unconventional administration the trappings of its place in sustained American values. There were many lines that will be seen as smoothing out the edges. But bubbling beneath the surface was still a President who is stoking division. I think the most noteworthy section, and one that history will mark, was his focus on crimes from immigrants. It is a dangerous and disingenuous strawman. Yes illegal immigrants have committed crimes. But what about the Indian worker who was just murdered in Kansas? Or the little children and teachers in Connecticut? Or African Americans in prayer in South Carolina?

Nevertheless, I think that this is a speech that will play well with the President's base. If Democrats or Independents hope that Republicans in Congress will challenge the Administration, the numerous standing ovations show how faint that expectation currently is. Democrats will read between the lines on health care, the President's language on "law and order," his framing of foreign policy. They will claim rampant disingenuity and a glaring lack of specifics. And some may sense the low rumblings of a demagogue. But that is not how most people watching speeches judge them. Overall, I think the effect was more successful than many had expected, perhaps because of the low bar of expectation.

**Rahm Emanuel (Chicago mayor):** We have repeatedly made specific requests of the administration for greater law enforcement integration and resources; a higher priority placed on federal gun prosecutions; and funds restored toward mentoring and after-school and summer jobs programs that have proven to be positive alternatives for our young people.

Because this is so important, I'll always be ready with this list whenever the President asks. The better question, I'd suggest, is whether the President cares enough about violence in our city to do more than talk or tweet about it.

**Marco Rubio (Republican senator from Florida):** Last night was the best speech [Donald Trump] has ever given. It was Presidential. Exactly what he needed to do & country needed to hear

**Bernie Sanders (Vermont Democratic senator):** In Trump's speech I did not hear one word about climate change – the single biggest threat facing our planet.

I did not hear Trump mention the fact that the U.S. is the only major country on earth that does not guarantee health care as a right.

I didn't hear Trump mention the words "income and wealth inequality" or the fact that we now have the widest wealth gap since the 1920s.

When Trump said we need to promote clean air and clean water, I had a hard time not laughing. Today he rolled back clean water rules.

Trump said corporations pay the highest tax rates in the world. Not true. 1 in 5 large profitable companies pay \$0 in federal income taxes.

Those of you who attended rallies or town hall meetings, keep showing up, keep calling Congress, and continue to fight.

If you haven't taken action yet, we need your voice. Only together can we create a political revolution that will turn this country around.

**Lindsey Graham (Republican senator from South Carolina):** Very much appreciate [President's] call for unity and bipartisanship. Looking forward to working with him to rebuild military, grow economy, fix broken immigration system & confirm conservative judges to the bench.

**Linda Sanchez (Democratic Congressmember):** The president's address tonight was simply surreal. The rhetoric does not match reality. Instead of uniting our country, since the first day of his Presidency, Donald Trump has used fear and mistrust to divide this country. What we have seen from this president is one divisive and destructive executive order after another. Not a single one will actually help Americans get a job or make more money.

**Robert Aderholt (Republican Congressmember):** As I expected and hoped for, President Trump gave a message to Congress that he is committed to making sure Washington is no longer 'business as usual.' After eight years of a White House that took a passive, apologetic approach to America and the world, we finally have a President who has announced America is back and literally wants it to be great again.

I am also glad to hear that the President will put forth a plan to rein in the Federal bureaucracy. For example, the EPA has run amok with a busy-body attitude with farmers that literally tried to regulate mud puddles on their farms, not to mention the 'War on Coal.'

However, President Trump has now passed the baton to Congress. It is now up to us. We must get to work to accomplish the mandate voters sent in November or Congress will face the people's wrath next year.

**Van Jones (political commentator):** He became president of the United States in that moment, period. [Referencing when the President directly addressed the widow of a slain Navy SEAL.] That was one of the most extraordinary moments you have ever seen in American politics. Period.

For people who had been hoping he would become unifying, hoping that he might find some way to become presidential, they should be happy with that moment. For people who have been hoping that maybe he would remain a divisive cartoon, which he often finds a way to do, they should be a little bit worried tonight. Because that thing you just saw him do, if he finds a way to do that over and over again, he's going to be there for eight years.

**Cory Booker (Democratic senator from New Jersey):** Donald Trump is hurting the working class people he tried so hard to lure to vote for him. We have work to do. His rhetoric demands our action.

My job in Congress is to check and balance our president and find ways to serve the American people's true economic and security interests. But all of us have a responsibility to match Donald Trump's rhetoric with our activism. I hope you'll join me in the coming days ahead.

## What about the drought?

Dear Editor:

After a wonderful rainy season (so far) I wonder: "Where we are, in terms of water?"

I guess the answer is, what do you mean by "we"?

In terms of surface water? Great! Our lawns (those of us who have them) are lush. Not only are our California farmers happy, but so is the California wildland. Trees will re-green. We may see lupines again. River are full, and salmon will spawn. The land has been blessed.

But in terms of groundwater? Not so great. Emblematic of the southern Central Valley and Southern California, LA County has accumulated three feet of rainfall deficit in the past six years. The last above-average rainfall year—ending Oct 2011 – wasn't much of a drought-buster, at only five inches above normal.

In fact, you would have to go back to 2005 to see a real drought-busting 38 inches of rain, and all the way back to 1992, 1993, 1995, and 1998- when we got 21, 27, 24, and 31 inches of rain, respectively - to wipe out the rainfall deficit. No matter how much rain we see this season, groundwater won't recover in Southern California.

That's because, in reality, Southern California is in permanent drought. Our natural water supply will never match our water use. This makes Southern California a water-limited lifeboat. There are simply too many people, too much agriculture, and too much industry no matter how frugal we are with water.

The imported or recycled water that we use to make up the difference vulnerable to interruption...power failures that halt reverse osmosis and idle pumps, earthquakes that crack aqueducts and water mains. Climate change models indicate that the southern half of California will get, on average, 25% less rain than before, so the time to start thinking about groundwater, conservation, and the limits of development is now.

So while I bask in the thought of this terrific rainy season, we need to pay attention to sustainability because the next drought isn't just around the corner, it never really left.

**Joan Niertit Downey**

## Coyote attack

Dear Editor:

I'm writing so hopefully you can alert the city -- my dog was viciously killed by a coyote this morning. We live on the corner of Florence and La Reina. This was my Facebook post:

"I'm writing this only to warn those in our community. Maggie, our dog of nearly 16 years, was viciously killed by a coyote this morning around 3:30 a.m.

"Although our dogs were inside, they had the liberty of going outside as they wish. Maggie knew how to open the door (not kidding). She would open it to go outside with our other dog (Max) so they could go to the restroom. We didn't leave food outside and we have brick walls encompassing our entire property.

"This happened extremely fast.

"Maggie was given to me by a U.S. Marine who was being deployed to Afghanistan during 9/11. He wanted Maggie to be in a loving home with a big yard since she was such an active dog. I promised that he could come see her after he returned... he never did. They're finally together now once again.

"We are currently figuring out how to protect our home even more. Please be vigilant especially with your loved ones. Coyotes can dig their way under fences, they can jump walls, they're quiet and swift, and they're pretty fearless. We are located in Downey on Florence.

Maggie put up a good fight. We will miss her terribly. We are all extremely heartbroken (especially my mom)."

Thank you.  
**Michelle Mac-Lean Downey**

## Downed trees

Dear Editor:

Last week's storm blew down 45-50 trees.

I live near Rio San Gabriel park. A huge tree went down into the street. Fallen power lines, telephone poles. There is a bigger tree next to that one.

I'm wondering why the city doesn't trim them. I can't remember the last time that was done. The basketball court is next to it. Kids play, people walk their dogs and cars constantly pass in front of it to make the light on Firestone. Next time someone could be seriously injured or even killed.

Wake up, Public Works. Time for spring trimming.  
**Katy Fields Downey**

## Air pollution legislation

Dear Editor:

First I would like to say thank you to Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia for bringing up an important topic about the efficiency of the government when it comes to things like air pollution and the environment.

The government has strict policies in order to control the amount of air pollution and different associations in place to make sure those policies are followed. However, as Cristina Garcia has pointed out, some companies do in fact break those rules and because of the steps currently set in place by the government, by the time the issue gets resolved irreparable damage has been done.

I believe that introducing this new piece of legislation, which gives the AQMD the ability to cease the dangerous operations through temporary abatement, is a good start to ensure not only the health of the public and the health of the environment.

However, I also believe that this is only a small component of a bigger issue that also needs to be brought to attention both locally and by our government. The way our industry is currently structured is not sustainable and is in fact causing harm to both the environment and the people.

Even if operations are kept within a "safe interval of air pollution" our air is still being polluted and that is not something that goes away instead it just keeps growing and adding to the problem.

**Elva Moran Bell Gardens**

## Medicare Advantage

Dear Editor:

Like more than 2 million Californians, my husband and I are on Medicare Advantage. It is a fantastic healthcare program that we want to preserve.

Many doctors will only accept Medicare Advantage, and continuity in doctors and specialists is especially important for seniors. Despite the great coverage it gives us, policymakers in Washington, D.C. want to cut its funding. That's simply not good enough and we need our elected officials like Senator Kamala Harris to stand up for senior citizens and take our fight to D.C.

The federal budget cannot be balanced on the backs of seniors.  
**Rev. Elbert and Mrs. Audie Derryberry Downey**

Dear Editor:

The letter from the Derryberry's was spot-on and I thank the Patriot for running their letter.

I, too, am a Medicare Advantage beneficiary. I face difficult health challenges that require treatment that regular Medicare failed to provide. Medicare Advantage provides a program called Silver Sneakers that has literally saved my life.

My Advantage plan didn't leave me behind and it cares for me while capping out of pocket expenses. I hope that my Congresswoman will be as strong a supporter as Senator Harris, who I too believe is a champion in the fight to support senior citizens and our requirement for premium coverage at affordable rates.

It's not just about me though – it's about all the senior citizens locally and across the country who depend on our coverage. Don't cut Medicare Advantage funding.

**Laura Stone Downey**

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## Nokia bringing back iconic 3310 brick phone

Snake, anyone?

Nokia announced this week that it is reviving the Nokia 3310, a mobile phone originally released in 2000 and still widely acclaimed for its ease of use and durability.

The new model was reintroduced at a Barcelona expo. It will be sold by HMD Global at a price point of about \$50.

The device will be a "feature phone," meaning it will not be a smart phone like iPhone and Android devices. It will, however, have a camera, color screen and mp3 player (along with a headphone jack).

It will also come pre-loaded with Snake, a popular game on the original Nokia 3310. This new version will be in color.

The original 3130 phone was manufactured until 2005, with 126 million units sold.

"But a few die-hard fans refused to retire their devices, noting the convenience of a battery that lasts for days," Nokia said in a statement. "And even those who moved on to shinier smartphones still fondly remembered the 3310 — and as touchscreen after touchscreen shattered, they thought back wistfully to the old phone's near-indestructibility.

"The phone eventually gained a legendary reputation on the internet as the 'Chuck Norris' of phones, with an everlasting battery and supernatural strength, destined to survive the apocalypse and capable of standing in for hammers when necessary."

The new Nokia 3310 will come in four colors (black, orange, silver and yellow).

On a full charge, the phone's battery will last up to a month on standby -- or 22 hours under normal use.

## iPhone 8 may ditch lightning port

The iPhone 8, expected to be released in September, may feature a curved, all-glass enclosure and ditch its lightning connect in favor of a USB port, the Wall Street Journal reported this week.

The move to a USB type-c connector "would be an unusual move for Apple, which has never been afraid of pushing its own connection standards, but not completely inexplicable," reported The Verge.

"[Apple] has already adopted USB-C on its MacBook line, and the two standards share some key features, including reversibility," the tech blog noted.

# County considers program to expedite recovery of Alzheimer's patients who wander

**LOS ANGELES** – On Tuesday, L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn launched the "Bringing Our Loved Ones Home Task Force," to explore options for establishing a county-wide program aimed at expediting the recovery time of individuals who often wander from their families and caregivers such as individuals with dementia, Alzheimer's disease, or autism.

Wandering is a common problem associated with dementia, Alzheimer's, and autism. According to the Alzheimer's Association, 60% of people with dementia will wander at some point while a study by the Interactive Autism Network found that 49% of children with autism will engage in wandering behavior.

While the vast majority of these individuals are recovered, wandering cases can end in tragedy.

Hahn developed this idea after becoming involved with the search for Nancy Paulikas, a Manhattan Beach resident who suffers from early-onset Alzheimer's and has been missing since she wandered away from her family while visiting LACMA in October 2016.

Another District 4 resident, Sun Ja Choi, of La Mirada went missing 5 days ago and suffers from dementia.

"I continue to worry about the whereabouts and safety of Nancy Paulikas and now of Sun Ja Choi," said Hahn. "Families across LA County struggle to keep their loved ones with dementia and autism safe. We need proactive Countywide approach to helping these families to locate and recover their loved ones should they wander."

Hahn's motion, which was co-authored by Supervisor Kathryn Barger received unanimous support from the Board of Supervisors, establishes a task force made up of key stakeholders from County departments, representatives from the Sheriff's department, and members of the Alzheimer's Association of Greater LA. The task force will report back to Board within 60 days with their findings including the best available devices to be implemented, guidance and a timeline for comprehensive training, and the estimated cost of such a program.

### Success in Glendale

One model the task force may consider is the program established in Glendale. Glendale uses Project Lifesaver International, a system of wristband distributed to interested families through the Glendale Police Department.

Each wristband contains a transmitter that can send signals to a handheld receiver. The wristband is not under constant monitoring by the police department but once a caregiver notifies police that their loved one is missing, receivers are activated connected to that wristband's frequency code.

Officers can then locate the missing person using multiple receivers to triangulate their wristband's signal. There are currently 19 individuals enrolled in the Glendale Police Department program.

"Out of our 19 clients on the program we have had 7 go missing while wearing this device," said Glendale Sergeant Traci Fox who testified at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting. "In all of these incidents the clients were located because of this device. The time it took to locate these clients was significantly reduced in comparison to incidents where the individual was not on the program. In some cases the clients were located within minutes of being reported missing.

"Worthy of specific notation is our success in locating a client who was riding a city bus. This location would have never occurred using

traditional searching techniques without any tracking equipment."

### Support for Taskforce At Meeting

Several experts and individuals with personal experience with a family member who wanders were at the Board of Supervisors meeting to offer testimony to the importance of this task force.

Kirk Moody, whose wife Nancy Paulikas has early-onset Alzheimer's and has been missing since October, attending the meeting to endorse the motion. While his wife was wearing a Medi-Alert bracelet, this bracelet contains no active tracking mechanism.

"My frustration in finding my wife is a situation that promises to repeat with increasing frequency as the overall population ages and Alzheimer's disease, other forms of dementia, and conditions such as autism become more prevalent," said Moody.

## POETRY MATTERS

Fox

I heard a cough  
as if a thief was there  
outside my sleep  
a sharp intake of air

a fox in her fox-fur  
stepping across  
the grass in her black gloves  
barked at my house

just so abrupt and odd  
the way she went  
hungrily asking  
in the heart's thick accent

in such serious sleepless  
trespass she came  
a woman with a man's voice  
but no name

as if to say: it's midnight  
and my life  
is laid beneath my children  
like gold leaf

-Alice Oswald

On one level Oswald's poem is an uncanny encounter with the wild, but the surprise is in the gender of the fox. Her "hungrily asking," sets up the vulnerability of the last stanza. Off- rhymes are part of the fox-speaker's "thick accent." She is a sinuous survivor. Oswald has won the T. S. Eliot Prize and the Ted Hughes Award. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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## Whittier student receives early acceptance into Harvard

**WHITTIER** – When California High School senior Lauren Anderson opened a letter from Harvard University, she was on the school's track preparing for practice. Only two words – "congratulations" and "accepted" – sunk in before she ran across the field to her coach.

During what she described as a surreal moment, Anderson's track and field coach read the letter for her, which stated she was accepted to the Ivy League school for the 2017-18 academic year as part of its early admission program. Only 14.5 percent of early applicants – or 938 out of 6,473 students – were admitted to Harvard's class of 2021. The overall acceptance rate is 5.4 percent.

"It feels like a dream to get accepted already and know where I will be in the fall," said Anderson, who will be one of two valedictorians for Cal High's 2017 graduation ceremony. "This truly shows that hard work can pay off."

Described by her teachers as "equally extraordinary in her intellect and work ethic," Anderson's ambition in both her academic and extracurricular endeavors have made her a standout student.

Anderson, who holds a 4.53 GPA, earned a five out of five score on all six of her Advanced Placement exams, which test students on college-level coursework and offer college credit for passing scores. While this feat is impressive on its own, Sean Reagan, her history teacher at Cal High, said the scores alone do not encapsulate Anderson's work ethic.

"She is a phenomenal student who displays a rare combination of great ambition tempered with extreme maturity, care and humility, which has earned her the respect of all who know her," Reagan said. "Lauren is a confident young woman whose accomplishments in high school speak volumes about what she is capable of achieving in her future."

Last year, Anderson approached her counselor about taking the test for AP Art History. Cal High had not offered the class in several years, but Anderson had a simple solution: she would teach herself the material through independent study. With minimal guidance from her teachers, Anderson managed to ace the class and earn a 5 on the AP exam.

Anderson also earned a 5 on the AP Human Geography test without ever enrolling in the class, placing her among the 11 percent of test-takers to receive a top score on the 2016 exam.

These feats were accomplished while juggling a daunting schedule of extracurricular activities, including track and field and Model United Nations, and keeping up with her regular coursework.

Described by Reagan as "tremendously motivated in all aspects of her life," Anderson's excellence also extends to her athletic pursuits. Talented in shot put and discus, she advanced to the California State Championship Track and Field Meet last year and was named the Whittier Daily News 2016 Athlete of the Year.

Anderson's most avid interests, however, are in history and politics. These passions led her to join Cal High's Model United Nations team when she was just a freshman. The Model U.N. program teaches students about international issues and builds their research, negotiation and speaking skills by sending them to local, national and international conferences.

As a freshman, she attended the Berkeley Model U.N. Conference, the most competitive event of its kind in the Western United States, and won an award often reserved for junior and senior participants. Reagan, who advises Cal High's Model U.N. program, said Anderson's leadership was instantly palpable when she joined. He knew she would become an influential member of the team.

"When she was only a freshman, Lauren's writing and speaking abilities already displayed the academic and personal maturity of a college graduate," Reagan said. "Our only other award from that conference came from our team president, a senior in his fourth year of Model U.N. who became valedictorian that year. Lauren equaled him when she was a freshman."

Anderson hopes to continue pursuing her passions this fall at Harvard, where she plans to major in government and minor in English or art history.

"Lauren is an ambitious student with an unparalleled motivation to make a difference in the world," Cal High Principal Bill Schloss said. "Her leadership and spirit will be missed at California High School, but we are thrilled to see what the future holds for one of our school's brightest young minds. There is no doubt she will continue to astound us."



Lauren Anderson will attend Harvard University in the fall.

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 Angry Birds: Season 2  
 Blazing Saddles  
 Chicago  
 Deep Run  
 Dirt Every Day: Season 1  
 Epic Drives: Season 2  
 Friday After Next  
 Head 2 Head: Season 2  
 Hot Rod Unlimited: Season 1  
 Ignition: Season 1  
 Impossible Dreamers  
 Jurassic Park  
 Jurassic Park III  
 Kate and Mim-Mim: Season 2  
 Know Your Enemy - Japan  
 Kung Fu Panda  
 Let There Be Light  
 Memento  
 Midnight in Paris  
 Nacho Libre  
 Nazi Concentration Camps  
 Roadkill: Season 2  
 Rolling Stones: Crossfire Hurricane  
 San Pietro  
 Singing with Angels  
 Sustainable  
 Slums of Beverly Hills  
 The Craft  
 This Is Spinal Tap  
 Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny  
 The Lost World: Jurassic Park  
 The Memphis Belle: A Story of a Flying Fortress  
 The Negro Soldier  
 Thunderbolt  
 Tunisian Victory

**March 3-9**  
 Greenleaf: Season 1  
 Safe Haven  
 Señora Acero: Season 3  
 Amy Schumer: The Leather Special  
 Hands of Stone  
 The Waterboy Thithi

**March 10-17**  
 Buddy Thunderstruck: Season 1  
 Burning Sands  
 Love: Season 2  
 One More Time: Season 1  
 The Boss' Daughter  
 Must Love Dogs

Million Dollar Baby  
 Disney's Pete's Dragon (2016)  
 Jim Norton: Mouthful of Shame  
 Disney's The BFG  
 Lucha Underground: Seasons 1-2  
 Notes on Blindness  
 Beau Sejour: Season 1  
 Coraline  
 Deidra & Laney Rob a Train  
 Julie's Greenroom: Season 1  
 Marvel's Iron Fist: Season 1  
 Naledi: A Baby Elephant's Tale  
 Pandora  
 Samurai Gourmet: Season 1

**March 18-31**  
 Come and Find Me  
 The Vampire Diaries: Season 8  
 El Reemplazante: Season 1-2  
 Ali & Nino  
 Another Forever  
 Evolution  
 Fire at the Sea (Fuocoammare)  
 How to Get Away with Murder: Season 3  
 Welcome to New York  
 Battersnikes & Gumbles: Season 2  
 Déjà Vu  
 Felipe Neto: My Life Makes No Sense  
 Grace and Frankie: Season 3  
 Ingobernable: Season 1  
 Spider  
 The Square  
 The Most Hated Woman in America  
 Who Framed Roger Rabbit  
 The Student Body  
 USS Indianapolis: Men of Courage  
 The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou  
 Better Call Saul: Season 2  
 Archer: Season 7  
 Jo Koy: Live from Seattle  
 Life in Pieces: Season 1 (2015)  
 13 Reasons Why: Season 1  
 Bordertown: Season 1  
 Cooper Barrett's Guide to Surviving Life: Season 1  
 Dinotrux: Season 4  
 FirstBorn  
 Five Came Back  
 GLOW: The Story of the Gorgeous Ladies of Wrestling  
 Rosewood: Season 1  
 The Carmichael Show: Season 1-2  
 The Discovery  
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## MARCH 2 BIRTHDAYS

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49



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40



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35



Reggie Bush  
running back  
32



Becky G  
singer  
20

## NEW ON HBO

**March 1**  
 American Psycho  
 American Psycho II: All American Girl  
 Bullet to the Head  
 The Cider House Rules  
 Closed Circuit  
 Cocoon  
 Cocoon: The Return  
 Dagnet (1987)  
 End of Days  
 The Green Inferno  
 Grumpier Old Men  
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 Hairspray (2007)  
 Live Free or Die Hard  
 M\*A\*S\*H (1970)  
 Marley & Me  
 The Mothman Prophecies  
 Nights in Rodanthe  
 Parenthood (1989)  
 Powder  
 Rabbit Hole  
 Resident Evil  
 The Secret Life of Bees  
 The Tuxedo  
 Under Siege

**March 2-27**  
 UConn: The March to Madness  
 X-Men: Apocalypse  
 The Music of Strangers:  
 Yo-Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble  
 Jerrod Carmichael: 8  
 Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising  
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 Jaws 2  
 Jaws 3  
 Jaws: The Revenge  
 Justice League: The Flashpoint Paradox  
 Justice League: War  
 Keeping Up Appearances  
 National Lampoon's Animal House

**March 2-7**  
 Black or White  
 Sweetwater  
 Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey  
 Misfire  
 Web Junkie  
 Entertainment  
 I Dream of Wires  
 Otto the Rhino  
 Seashore  
 The Discoverers

The Nanny Diaries  
 Food Chains  
 Jail Caesar  
 The Days to Come  
 Two Hundred Thousand Dirty  
 Pit Stop  
 Rigor Mortis  
 Hansel vs. Gretel



'Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey' is leaving Netflix.

**March 8-29**  
 Love at First Fight  
 The Starving Games  
 Boy  
 B for Boy  
 My Girlfriend's Boyfriend  
 Sushi: The Global Catch  
 American Dreamz  
 Love Me  
 The Invincible Iron Man  
 All Stars Pup  
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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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot 2/16/17, 2/23/17, 3/2/17, 3/9/17**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2017015741**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HITNESS APPAREL & MERCHANDISE, 5600 ORANGETHORPE AVE APT 2803, LA PALMA CA 90623, ORANGE COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CRYSTAL SOLORZANO, 5600 ORANGETHORPE AVE APT 2803, LA PALMA CA 90623 State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 20, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot 2/9/17, 2/16/17, 2/23/17, 3/2/17**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2017031361**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EC INSURANCE, 9314 VIA AMORITA, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ENA CASTANEDA, 9314 VIA AMORITA, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 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/ ENA CASTANEDA, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot 2/16/17, 2/23/17, 3/2/17, 3/9/17**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2017044620**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JS FREIGHT TRUCKING, 11236 ELMCROFT AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE ERNESTO FERNANDEZ, 11236 ELMCROFT AVE, NORWALK CA 90650 State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ JOSE ERNESTO FERNANDEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 22, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot 3/2/17, 3/9/17, 3/16/17, 3/23/17**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2017028067**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GUINCAENARA SPACE 6341 AJAX AVE, BELL GARDENS CA 90201, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BLANCA E VALDEZ DE ROMERO, 6341 AJAX AVE, BELL GARDENS CA 90201 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 01/20/17 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/ BLANCA E VALDEZ DE ROMERO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 2, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot 2/9/17, 2/16/17, 2/23/17, 3/2/17**  
**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2017044914**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) UNIQUE LANDSCAPE SERVICES, 7530 ADWEN ST., DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CESAR RODRIGUEZ FREGOSO, 7530 ADWEN ST., DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: (1) N/A

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 02/20/17 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/ CESAR RODRIGUEZ FREGOSO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 22, 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. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (see Section 14411 et. seq., Business Professions Code).

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

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Downey Unified School District ("District") of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board ("Board"), will receive up to, but not later than, **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2017**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

**DENTAL LAB CONVERSION**  
**Bid #16/17-05**

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids shall be received in the office of the Director, Purchasing and Warehouse and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Each bid must conform with and be responsive to the contract documents, copies of which are on file and may be obtained electronically on or after **March 2, 2017** - Contact Andrew Ulmen at [aulmen@rachlinpartners.com](mailto:aulmen@rachlinpartners.com)

**A mandatory bidder's conference and job-walk will be conducted at Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave, Downey, CA 90241 on March 16th, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.** No bid shall be accepted from any bidder failing to comply with attending the mandatory bidder's conference.

The District has obtained from the Department of Industrial Relations the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and overtime work for the Los Angeles County area for each trade, craft, classification, or type of work needed to execute the contract. Holiday rates shall be paid as specified in the collective bargaining agreement applicable to each particular trade, craft, classification, or type of work employed on the project.

Copies of schedules of rates so determined are available on the Internet at ([http://www.dir.ca.gov/DIR/S&R/statistics\\_research.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/DIR/S&R/statistics_research.html)) and are on file and available at the District Office address noted above. In accordance with Section 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, the Contractor shall post a copy of the determination of prevailing rate of wages at each jobsite. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight (8) hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at time plus one-half. The Contractor and any subcontractor(s) shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. In accordance with provisions of the Public Contract Code Section 22300, substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld to ensure performance under this contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor.

No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date for the opening of bids.

All bidders and their subcontractors **MUST** be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and possess a current and valid DIR registration number at the time of bid submission.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive irregularities in any bid.

The Downey Unified School District is an "Equal Opportunity" employer. Qualified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) are encouraged to participate in this project.

**Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.**  
 Darren Purselglove  
 Director, Purchasing and Warehouse  
 Downey Unified School District  
 Los Angeles, County, State of California  
 Downey Patriot Ad Dates: **March 2, 2017 and March 9, 2017.**

**The Downey Patriot 3/2/17, 3/9/17**  
**CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 17-16 TRUE AVENUE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (BLANDWOOD ROAD TO METRO STREET)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until **11:00 AM on Thursday, March 23, 2017** which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 17-16 True Avenue Water System Improvement Project (Blandwood Road to Metro Street).**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of the reconstruction of water system improvements on True Avenue from Blandwood Road to Metro Street, as shown on the contract plans. The work to be performed generally consists of potable water main improvements including the installation of new main, fire hydrant assembly, water service lines, meters and boxes; installation of gate valve, bends, thrust blocks, and fittings; abandoning of existing water mains, service lines, and other associated facilities; removal and salvaging of existing fire hydrant and water service lines, meters, and boxes; trenching, backfilling and compacting; asphalt concrete (AC) pavement reconstruction; reconstruction of miscellaneous PCC improvements, landscaping, irrigation, and other existing improvements disturbed during the course of construction; traffic control; and all labor, tools, materials, equipment, and appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements. In accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 17-16.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$35.00 per set**. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

**BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 17-16.** Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him/her in accordance with the terms of his/her bid: promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory performance and Payment Bonds as required for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday rates for the Los Angeles County area in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any bidder upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him/her, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20102.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of **Class A, "General Engineering Contractor" or C34, "Pipeline Contractor."**

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid opposite on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his/her work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

The City of Downey reserves the right,

after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his/her sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

**Mrs. Lorena Powell, Assistant Civil Engineer**  
**E-Mail: [lpowell@downeyca.org](mailto:lpowell@downeyca.org)**  
**Tel: (562) 904-7110**  
**Fax: (562) 904-7276**

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would allow time to respond to bid plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA**  
 Adria M. Jimenez, MMC  
 City Clerk

**The Downey Patriot 3/2/17, 3/9/17**  
**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Downey Unified School District ("District") of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board ("Board") will receive up to, but not later than, **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2017**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

**AUTOMOTIVE BUILDING MODIFICATIONS**  
**Bid #16/17-06**

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids shall be received in the office of the Director, Purchasing and Warehouse and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Each bid must conform with and be responsive to the contract documents, copies of which are on file and may be obtained electronically on or after **March 2, 2017** - Contact Andrew Ulmen at [aulmen@rachlinpartners.com](mailto:aulmen@rachlinpartners.com)

**A mandatory bidder's conference and job-walk will be conducted at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave, Downey, CA 90241 on March 14th, 2017 at 7:00 a.m.** No bid shall be accepted from any bidder failing to comply with attending the mandatory bidder's conference.

The District has obtained from the Department of Industrial Relations the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work for the Los Angeles County area for each trade, craft, classification, or type of work needed to execute the contract. Holiday rates shall be paid as specified in the collective bargaining agreement applicable to each particular trade, craft, classification, or type of work employed on the project.

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 Downey Unified School District  
 Los Angeles, County, State of California

Downey Patriot Ad Dates: **March 2, 2017 and March 9, 2017.**

**The Downey Patriot 3/2/17, 3/9/17**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A ZONE CHANGE**  
**PLN-16-00295**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the **DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL on the 14th day of March, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.,** in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to

the following:

**PLN-16-00295 (Zone Change)** - A request to change the existing zoning designation from C-2 (General Commercial) & P-B (Parking Buffer) to C-2, for property located at 9041 Imperial Highway.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15332 (Class 32, In-Fill Development Projects).

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**9380 Appleby St, Downey**

**YARD SALE**

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3/4 - 3/5, Antique items and furniture. Garden goods, BBQ and swimming pool Intex.  
House furniture decoration including kitchen goods and essential items. Clothes, games like monopoly, chess etc. Paint and drawing items etc.  
**11832 Salford Avenue, 90241**

this project.

**Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.**  
Darren Purselglove  
Director, Purchasing and Warehouse  
Downey Unified School District

competitive bidding on **Wednesday the 15th day of March, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.**, on the premises where said property including: household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at **Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, County of Los Angeles**, State of California, the following:

Customer Name	Unit#
Rocio Rodriguez	1036
Alexis Rodriguez	1305
Lakeisha Parker	1405
Jim Nehi	1414
Christina Rincon	1460
Stephen Cagliari	1553
Daisy Gutierrez	1574
Kenshlay Holde	2042
Alejandro Ramirez	2074
Mary Rodgers	2077
Drew Fishbein	2079
Fatima Romero	2167
Kimberly Steele	2274
Joanelle Dela Cruz	2452
Foberto B Campo	2490
Patricia Aguilar	2818
Amanda Guadalajara	2910

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is and must be taken away at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Dated this 23rd Day of February 2017 and 2nd day of March 2017.  
Self Storage Management Co. Bond #: **WL11254152**

**The Downey Patriot 2/23/17, 3/2/17**

**NOTICES**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS030032**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Maria Louisa Galvez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Maria Louisa Galvez to Proposed name (1) Mallory Lauryn Galvez 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 26, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 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** February 17, 2017

Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Maria Louisa Galvez**  
8963 #A Annetta Ave.  
South Gate CA, 90280  
(323) 205-0593

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

**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.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: March 22, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 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** January 13, 2017  
Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Peter Kim Geva**  
16858 Judy Way  
Burbank, CA 91703  
(626) 755-0752  
bsgeba@gmail.com

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

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS029976**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Eric Rangel Calderon filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: 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** February 6, 2017  
Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Eric Rangel Calderon**

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

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS029976**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Eric Rangel Calderon filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: 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** February 6, 2017  
Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Eric Rangel Calderon**

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**LIEN SALES**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to sections 21700 - 21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, CA Commercial Code Section 2328, Section 1812.600 - 1812.609 and Section 1986 of CA Civil Code, 353 of the Penal Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by

**13651 Ruther Ave Apt A South Gate, CA 90280**

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**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 CHEROKIL VERDUZCO in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CHEROKIL VERDUZCO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and any codicils, 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 subject to the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

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 this 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.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the estate. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-134) of the filing of the petition and of the date of the hearing 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: Dorlan L. Jackson, Esq 21151 S. Western Ave Torrance, CA 90501 (310) 359-9201**

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**TRUSTEE SALES**

T.S. No.: CR16-1129 AP.N. 6254-001-008, 6254-001-003, 6254-001-009 Order No: 8681730 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/15/2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below at the time and place specified, conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the debt secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount of the unpaid balance of the debt secured by the Deed of Trust, as reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustee: Yang Soon Kang, An Unmarried Woman Duly Appointed Trustee: County Records Research, Inc. Recorded 4/18/2016 as Instrument No. 20160432530 in book of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 11/14/2016 in Book Page as Instrument No. 20161420812 of said Official Records. Date of Sale: 3/23/2017 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: Near the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, California 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$2,304,113.76 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8130 2ND STREET, DOWNEY CALIFORNIA 90241, 8129 FIRESTONE BOULEVARD, UNITS A, B & C, DOWNEY CALIFORNIA 90241, 8131 FIRESTONE BOULEVARD, DOWNEY CALIFORNIA 90241 AND 8135 FIRESTONE BOULEVARD, DOWNEY CALIFORNIA 90241 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. 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## Carmen Mir passes away just shy of 100th birthday

**DOWNEY** – Carmen Mir, 99, peacefully passed away on Feb. 13. She had lived in Downey for over 15 years.

Carmen was born on July 10, 1917 passing away a few short months of her 100th birthday. She was born in Guantanamo Cuba as Carmen Diaz Cisneros, daughter of Carlos Manuel Diaz and Maria Cisneros.



She emigrated to the United States in April 1945 to New York City. In New York, she reconnected with a friend, Jorge Enrique Mir, from Banes and were married on November 22, 1946. Jorge passed away in 1983. They had four sons together.

She migrated to New York and lived in the states of Connecticut and Pennsylvania before moving to California in December 1970. In California, she lived in Huntington Park, Santa Fe Springs, and finally settling in Downey over 20 years ago.

She never learned to drive but was ambitious and independent that she would hop on the bus to downtown Los Angeles or the Greyhound to either Connecticut or Florida.

She is predeceased by her husband, Jorge Enrique, her eldest son, Jorge Enrique Jr. and grandson, Marcel Adrian Mir. She is survived by her other 3 sons Louis Carlo (Sonia), Carl Jessie (Norma), and James Eric (Lisa) and her son's widow, Gloria. Carmen's other grandchildren, Alyda, Louis (Monica), Jorge (Jen), Amanda, Carissa (Brandon), Ashley, Natalie and Christopher. And her great-grandchildren, Monique, Jazmine, Jacob, Liam, Brooklyn, Evan, Zander and Kryztof.

A rosary was held at the home of the Maleski's on Feb. 26. A special intention mass will be held in the near future.

## Senior dance planned March 18 with free transportation

**DOWNEY** – Downey's Department of Parks and Recreation is selling tickets to an "Oscar Night Senior Dance" on Saturday, March 18.

The event is free but availability is limited. Seniors should RSVP at the Barbara J. Riley Community Center front desk.

The dance will be held at the South Gate Community Center. The city of Downey is providing transportation to and from the event.

Check-in begins at 1:15 p.m. and a bus will depart from the Barbara Riley Center at 1:30. A signed waiver will be required; formal attire is encouraged.

A \$5 deposit is required to ensure your spot.

For additional information, call the Barbara Riley Center at (562) 904-7223.

## Razorbacks sign-ups begin Wednesday

**DOWNEY** – Downey Youth Football will kick off registration for its 57th season at a Back-to-School night event Wednesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The league offers flag football, tackle football and cheerleading to boys and girls and is open to all participants ages 5-14. Registration includes trophy, league picture package, yearbook, and game socks. All equipment is provided on loan to the participants.

Payment plans are available and you may pay with check or credit card. Raffle tickets are available to off-set the cost of registration. At the Razorbacks no participant is turned away due to cost.

Practice starts July 31 and are held at Rio San Gabriel Park under real sports lights.

First game is Sept. 9 and all Home games hosted at Downey and Warren High Schools.

The Downey Razorbacks are part of the Pacific Coast Conference, which is a member of American Youth Football, the largest youth football organization in America with teams in all 50 States and 13 countries.

For more information, or if you are interested in coaching, please call Louis Morales, President at (310) 350-0220 or go online to downeyrazorbacks.com.



## Court reporting students qualify for state exam

**DOWNEY** – Downey Adult School students Clara Hyun and Marissa Holt qualified recently to take the California Shorthand Reporters Examination to be held on Friday, March 10, at the Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles.

The examination is given three times a year and is the equivalent to a bar exam. It is a two-day test, with academic subjects tested on one day and machine dictation a different day.

To be eligible to take the state test, students must have completed 660 hours of academic training in English, legal studies, medical terminology, court procedures, California codes, and computer training.

Students also must pass all speed tests up to and including a 200 word per minute Qualifier test with four live readers. All speeds tests must be passed with 97.5% accuracy – near perfect!

Downey Adult School's Court Reporting/Captioning Program has been in existence since 1972 and is approved by the California Shorthand Reporters Board.

## New buildings open at Cerritos College

**NORWALK** – Two new classroom buildings opened at Cerritos College last week.

The mathematics and computer information science building cost \$22 million and is located near the Technology Building. The 33,000 sq. ft. facility is two stories and was built using Measure CC bond funds, approved by voters in 2004.

The Fine Arts Complex is approximately 55,000 sq. ft. and also two stories. It cost \$33.5 million to build and was financed by Measure G, approved in a 2012 election.

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