



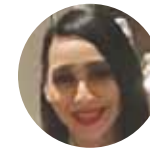
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DATE: Saturday, April 8  
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LOCATION: Chick-fil-A
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DATE: Saturday, April 8  
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DATE: Sunday, April 9  
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DATE: Friday, April 14  
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DATE: Friday, April 14  
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DATE: Saturday, April 22  
TIME: 9 am  
LOCATION: Columbia Memorial Space Center

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DATE: Friday, May 5  
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DATE: Sunday, May 7  
TIME: 10 am  
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TIME: 10 am  
LOCATION: Downey Avenue, between Phlox and Stewart & Gray

- JUNE 2-4**
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DATE: June 2-4  
TIME: 10 am  
LOCATION: St. George Greek Orthodox Church



## In Memoriam: Bob Miller, gentle giant

**DOWNEY** – Like most people who didn't know he was terminally ill, I was shocked to read of the death of Bob Miller. The picture that ran in the Patriot's obit section on March 31 showed the face of the Miller we knew: big, tough, direct, strong, someone you wouldn't want to mess with.

I'd known him from the Boot Camp fitness program he ran at the Downey Y, in which I briefly took part, and from a number of short conversations we had at the end of the day. His locker was in the same row as mine. The first time I noticed him, he was oiling down his powerfully muscled torso with some kind of cream to treat the autoimmune disease that covered his body with angry red splotches. His head was shaved. He looked in pain all over, but stoic, as though he'd learned to live with it. I took him for a combat veteran. I'm not sure how it came about, but somehow he implied, or I inferred—falsely, as it turned out—that he'd been a Navy SEAL. Or maybe it was the basis for his training program. He had the look of someone who'd been through some very bad scenes.

He was an imposing figure with a heavy, authoritative voice. As a former Marine, I knew the type. But I sensed other qualities in him too. He wasn't a hearty laugher, but he had a wry appreciation for the ridiculous. He was careful not to push his students beyond their limits. When I said to him, "Don't yell at me, Bob, I had my fill of that in real boot camp," he backed off in a way no one would notice while pushing me just as hard as the others. His encouragement was subtle, and quiet, and made you want to work harder.

The only time I socialized with him was for drinks at the Elephant Bar with some other people from his class at the Y, both male and female. He wasn't conspicuously ill at ease. He was in fact good-natured. But you could see he really wasn't in his element. It didn't surprise me—that's characteristic of full-time athletes and people who for one reason or another live by a Spartan code.

I caught glimpses of his private life, which seemed lonely, even stark. He mentioned sleeping on an Army cot in a sparse room. He mentioned his love of drawing. One night he asked me how to expedite the process of getting a passport. He'd met a ballerina somewhere. He was going to buy a new suit and fly to Rome to see her. It was the closest someone like him would ever confess to being in love. A couple of months later I saw him dressing at his locker and asked him how it went. The look on his face told me it had gone badly. There was no need to talk about it further.

When he left the Y to begin training football players at Downey High, I sometimes thought of looking him up. I felt a kinship with him, a male bond, if you will, hard to define in today's society in which men, particularly white men, are held in bad odor by the chattering class. The metrosexual appears the cool new prototype, "woke" the latest descriptive adjective of the gender-sensitive male who's as open to girl talk as he is to locker room braggadocio. I get tired of the female complaint

until I see us guys as predictable jerks—talking over women on dinner dates, not listening to them the way they listen to us, subtly bullying them. It's complex, this sexual tension that goes back to the beginning of time. The big difference in our post-industrial world is that male identity is harder to come by. This isn't something you'd talk over with Bob, but personally I felt comfortable around him.

As it turns out, so did hundreds of others. When I read of his death, I decided to go to his funeral, to pay my respects, to voice a silent regret over losing touch, to find out what felled this powerful figure (turns out it was, as a friend mentioned, bone and prostate cancer). I hoped at least a few people would show up.

The First Baptist Church of Downey was crowded front to back with mourners, friends, family, a wide variety of people whose lives he'd touched. City Councilman Rick Rodriguez officiated, telling the congregation that the entire City Council offered up a moment of silence over news of Robert "Bob" John Miller Jr.'s death. A room at the Chamber of Commerce had been named for him. Members of his family spoke, tearfully and movingly. Most people there, I discovered later, knew him from his role as a physical trainer.

This, to me, was remarkable. Bob trained people about to enter the military, or who just want to be physically fit. Around town I've noticed that a lot of people who do this stuff seem to enjoy being yelled at—the whole atmosphere at 24 Hour Fitness seems characterized by grim martyrdom; no pain, no gain.

"Imagine life conceived as a business of beautiful muscular organization," wrote F. Scott Fitzgerald in "The Crack-Up." "An arising, an effort, a good break, a sweat, a bath, a meal, a love, a sleep—imagine it achieved; then imagine trying to apply that standard to the horribly complicated mess of living..."

In the course of the funeral ceremony, we saw childhood and family photos, and as time went by, through boyhood, young adulthood, marriage and beyond, how Bob found his persona by building up his body. All this military deportment, including the way he dressed, was acquired to play a role. It troubled me a bit that he'd never been a real soldier.

But no one seemed to mind—even Rodriguez, who is a proud military father. On balance, I didn't mind either. What Bob seemed to offer everyone was a definition we all seem to be losing in a society whose rules, even the good ones, are in radical flux. He took control, but he offered us a modicum of self-control that seemed a lot more immediate and satisfying for the endless uncertainty that characterizes our lives. And he did it with warmth and gentleness.

"We grieve, but in our hearts is love," said the pastor, Greg Welch. That was a perfect description of knowing Bob Miller.

**By Lawrence Christon**

## Beethoven's 5th symphony highlight's Saturday concert

**DOWNEY** – This Saturday at the Downey Theatre, the Downey Symphony performs Beethoven's 5th symphony, Rossini's "William Tell" overture, and Tchaikovsky's "Variations on a Rococo Theme," featuring dazzling young cellist Benjamin Lash.

Downey resident Terry Wright, winner of the annual baton auction, will begin the concert with Bach's "Jesu, joy of man's desiring." The audience will have a chance to bid for the baton to conduct the opening selection at the April, 2018, concert.

The heart of the evening is the celebration of Sharon Lavery's 10th season as Music Director. A complimentary champagne reception for

the entire audience follows the concert, so guests can toast Maestra Lavery and mingle with the orchestra.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for "Earth Recycled," an art exhibit in the Theatre lobby. Pre-concert talk at 7:15 p.m. The concert begins at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 or \$30 depending on seating section (students are \$10) and are available at downeysymphony.org or by calling the Theatre Box Office at (562) 861-8211 or in person (open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and at 6:30 p.m. Saturday).

## Weekend at a Glance

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- Saturday 69°
- Sunday 72°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Color-A-Thon

Saturday - Columbus High School, 8 am

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#### Downey Symphony

Saturday - Downey Theatre, 8 pm

The Downey Symphonic Orchestra performs Beethoven's Symphony No. 5. Plus the annual baton auction.



#### L.A. Beer Fest

Saturday - L.A. Center Studios, 12 pm

Dozens of international and domestic beers. Plus food trucks, dueling pianos, and Power 106 DJ.



#### Night Run

Saturday - OC Fair, 7:30 pm

A nighttime music festival where participants run or walk with pulsating lights, lasers and electronic music.



#### Juno - Live Reading

Saturday - The Theatre at Ace Hotel DTLA, 7:30 pm

A live reading of the hit film "Juno." Presented by "Juno" director Jason Reitman, with proceeds benefiting Planned Parenthood.

### TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@Alexia: CVS calls me more than my parents do.

@ItsEmely: My little brother just told me he is happy that my reign as Miss Downey will be over next month bc now I'll be spending more time at home 🏠

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## Thousands march in support of Arc Walk

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Downey residents, families, and organizations took to the streets Saturday morning as The Arc hosted their 21st annual Walk for Independence.

The event was once again held at the Stonewood Center.

The event was emceed by ABC 7 news anchor Phillip Palmer, who took some time to reflect on the Arc and the walk itself.



Photo by Hans Fritz

"It started with a really small group of families who wanted a better life for their sons and their daughters with developmental disabilities. And then those sons and daughters have grown up and they've got jobs and they're out there representing not only the Arc, but their families," said Palmer. "It's just a wonderful opportunity for growth and also just to show our community what kids and young people are doing at the Arc and how they're growing up and growing as

people."

Palmer also said that the goal was to bring together those with and without developmental disabilities for a "morning of hope."

Donna Lindley, CEO for the Arc, says that the event is held for two primary reasons.

"One is for the community awareness; for people to get to know the people we serve. A person with a developmental

disability is really a person first. The disability is not what defines them," said Lindley. "The second thing is...we are here because we have to raise funds so we can keep the programs we have open and going."

The Arc currently offers 12 diverse programs for over 200 participants.

Over 125 Arc participants participated in Saturday's event, ranging from volunteering to walking themselves.

## Norwalk approves new freeway sign for McKenna Motors

**NORWALK** – Amidst a transition period of new leadership, the Norwalk Planning commission approved several modifications to local businesses at its last official meeting on March 22.

Change began relatively early in the meeting after the commission unanimously voted to decline a local gas station a permit for the sale of alcohol, when Commissioner Jennifer Perez – having recently been elected to Norwalk City Council – recused herself and exited the chambers to ensure that there will be no future conflicts of interest after she is sworn in April 11.

Before stepping down from

the evenings meeting, Perez took the opportunity to compliment her three fellow commission members on dedicating countless hours to the agendas and a "job well done," as well as thanking city staff.

Now down to three members, the commission approved several changes to local businesses.

First of which, a request for the removal and replacement of an 85-foot freeway oriented sign with a 100-foot freeway oriented sign by McKenna Motors was approved with a unanimous 3-0 vote.

A local Taco Bell - located at 12503 Alondra Boulevard – will also be seeing some changes to

its façade and interior after also receiving unanimous support from the commission.

Requests for reconstruction of a former neighborhood market were unanimously voted to be continued at a meeting in May, at the request of the applicant.

Lastly, Commission Chair Scott Collins acknowledged that this would be Commissioner Phyllis Barth's final meeting, stating that it was an honor to work with her.

Barth stated that it was an honor to be a part of the Commission and that she had learned a lot during her time.

By Alex Dominguez, staff writer

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All local community organizations, non-profits and churches are invited to attend.

**Reserve your spot today!**  
Please RSVP by calling 562-904-7284 or email at jmontenegro@downeyca.org. Deadline to RSVP is April 10, 2017



**Questions? Please call the City Manager's Office at 562-904-7284.**

# 'Tastes like home' at Downey's Tropicana Bakery

Melvyn Madrazo,  
owner of the  
Tropicana Bakery &  
Cuban Cafe.

Photo by Carol  
Kearns



By Carol Kearns  
Contributor

**Editor's note: This story originally appeared on Medium and is republished here with the author's permission.**

**DOWNEY** – "It's in my blood, I guess," muses Melvyn Madrazo about his most artful economic venture. "This business was always there."

Madrazo, a successful businessman in several fields, was nearing retirement age when he decided to act on a project that had long been dear to his heart.

The retired owner of a commercial embroidery firm, who also had founded a restaurant chain, decided to open an authentic Cuban café and bakery in Downey 18 years ago.

"My grandfather and uncle had a coffee shop and made pastry," he explains. "When I was a little boy, I remember running around the bakery and seeing my grandfather."

Since its opening in 1999, Madrazo's Tropicana Bakery and Cuban Café has grown from a small bakery serving traditional Cuban pastries to an enterprise with a specialty cake division, catering, and a full-service restaurant with an ambiance inspiring visions of Havana. Four of Madrazo's five grown children are involved with the business.

A distinct menu and vibe have enabled the eatery to retain and grow its customer base even after the more widely-known Porto's Bakery and Café opened a Downey location just a mile away in 2010.

"We've focused on having a boutique café," says son Michael, "a very intimate place where people can meet, and have a social time. With us, it's a Cuban tradition to have your coffee, have your pastries, and have a social hour where people mingle, people interact."

The sustained popularity of the Tropicana shows that there is a big market for Cuban delicacies among the multi-ethnic population of southern California. Counter lines at Madrazo's bakery can be long

as people wait to place various orders for pastry, take-out, catering, or specialty cakes.

The atmosphere is primed by Cuban music from outdoor speakers as customers approach the back entrance from the parking lot. Inside, the staff sport straw fedoras and the signature shirt of the tropics—the guayabera.

A collaborative family effort is behind the stylish décor with its distinctly personal touches. Cuban-themed murals, conga drums, and stylized tropical posters evoke days of sun and fun. A collage of island images on one wall flank the large picture of the Havana Cathedral. The photo of an infant grandson is mounted over the coffee area.

Carlos Dones not only likes the food and coffee at the Tropicana, he says that it is the kind of place that he was used to growing up in Puerto Rico.

"This is more of a family restaurant that makes me feel more comfortable here," says Dones, a real estate agent in Pico Rivera.

Gabriel Gil, a social services consultant, likes the food. "The picadillo tastes more like home, like my mom's." He adds, "The spiciness makes you want to lick your fingers."

Madrazo had been a businessman all his life when he bought a small bakery on Paramount Blvd., just south of Florence. He was retired from a large commercial firm that he had co-owned for thirty years.

The rotisserie chicken chain that he co-developed in 1990, Los Pollos, was thriving. The Downey location on Florence was the second branch to open, and his children had become involved as the chain grew. Its signature marinade reflected the influence of Madrazo's wife Adela with its blend of Mexican seasoning and Cuban citrus-

style mojo sauce.

"The kids were running Los Pollos," he recalls, "so I thought why not go into something I always wanted."

When Madrazo was ready to act on his dream and open a bakery, he says, "I got in touch with my aunt in Cuba and asked her for my uncle's recipes."

Madrazo put in large windows on the north side of the building, and expanded several times as adjacent business space became available. The restaurant area was made possible by the last expansion.

The goal of creating an authentic, if not exact, Cuban ambiance, prompted son Michael to make changes in his own life. While helping out at the bakery/café during breaks from his studies at Berkeley, he says, "I became captivated by it." He decided against law school in favor of working at the family business.

Tropicana customers entering from the back entrance are treated to a window view into the bakery area where they can watch the elaborate decoration of the specialty cakes. In the front, small café tables are available for customers who prefer ordering coffee, pastries or light sandwiches from the counter. The restaurant area is full-service for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Pastelitos of guava and cheese are one of their most popular bakery items, says Madrazo. Every Saturday the bakery sends a big supply of these favorites to their booth at the Downey farmers market.

One section of the bakery display case is reserved for the elegant pastries that Madrazo says reflect the French influence in the tropical isles. "We inherited these pastries," he explains. They are very popular in Cuba, along with traditional deserts such as bread pudding.

Madrazo left his home in Cardenas, Cuba, before the 1959 revolution and before he was 20 years old. He soon set aside his original goals when he got married and became a father. He named his first-born son Glenn, after the historic space mission of John Glenn.

As a U.S. citizen, Madrazo petitioned and received permission from Washington, D.C. to visit Cuba in the 1980's to see his family. Madrazo had not seen his family for 22 years, and he wanted his son to see his roots. .

Although Madrazo is well into his golden years, he still has the interests of a younger man. The large picture of a Harley motorcycle in the restaurant area is one of the personal decorating touches because both he and son Melvyn, Jr. own Harleys. Son Michael adds that his father converted his vehicle to three wheels so he could entice his wife into short rides around the block.

Even with sons Michael and Melvyn, J. sharing in the management of the Tropicana, Madrazo still gives regular attention to his restaurant.

He had a vision when he set out to recreate a bit of his homeland with the Tropicana, and it is the personal touch that has attracted so many fans.

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## PROMENADE

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## CRIME REPORT

### FRIDAY, MARCH 24

At 2:30 a.m., an officer conducted a vehicle stop at Florence Avenue and Studebaker Rd. for a traffic violation. The officer searched the vehicle and discovered a loaded handgun underneath one of the seats and illegal drugs in the vehicle. One passenger was arrested for being a felon in possession of a firearm and another passenger was arrested for being in possession of illegal drugs.

At 3:00 p.m., a male suspect entered the Arco Gas Station (8010 Imperial Hwy). The suspect brandished a handgun and demanded money from the clerk. When the clerk grabbed for the suspect's handgun, a round was discharged. The suspect fled in a white 4-door vehicle. There were no injuries and the Detective Bureau is investigating.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 25

At 2:00 p.m., a potential buyer (suspect) of a vehicle, contacted the victim from a Craigslist add. During the test drive, the suspect brandished a handgun, and assaulted the victim. The suspect was unsuccessful in stealing the vehicle, however, he fled with the certificate of title for the vehicle. Detectives are investigating.

At 8:00 a.m., two suspects were in an altercation with the victim at the CVS parking lot (7915 Florence Avenue) and stole the victim's vehicle. Officers located the suspects and arrested them for robbery/carjacking.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 1

The Annual ARC Walk was held from 7 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Participants began and ended at the Stonewood Mall.

At 1:25 p.m., a Downey High School employee heard a noise coming from the physical education rooms and discovered three suspects inside. One suspect fled prior to police arrival. The other two suspects were arrested for burglary and later released to their parents.

At 11:15 p.m., an officer conducted a traffic stop on a stolen vehicle near Lakewood Blvd and the 105 freeway overpass. Three juvenile suspects were arrested.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2

At 1:30 a.m., the victim was involved in a fight with three suspects at the DB Lounge (8206 Firestone Blvd.) The victim was struck on the head with a beer bottle. The victim sustained a laceration to the back of his head and was transported to the hospital. Detectives are investigating.

### MONDAY, APRIL 3

At 2:00 a.m., officers responded to 12415 Paramount Blvd. regarding a vehicle burglary in progress. The officers detained four suspects and discovered loss from the victim's vehicles inside the suspects' vehicle. The four suspects were arrested for vehicle burglary.

## 12-year-old student shot walking home from school

**DOWNEY** – A local father is distraught after he says his son was shot on his way home from school last week.

Francisco Lopez says that his 12-year old son was hit with a projectile while walking southbound on Paramount Boulevard at the corner of Farm Avenue, shortly after school released last Monday afternoon.

"He was walking home from school and someone shot him," said Lopez. "They're not sure if it was one shot or two shots, but there's two projectiles – or fragments I should say – in him."

According to Lopez, the fragments – lodged in his hand and skull – seem too big to be from a bb gun, and resemble what might be found in a shotgun shell.

Lopez claims that his son, a seventh grader at Griffiths Middle School, was alone during the time of the alleged incident, and that currently there are no witnesses. Lopez and his son live about a mile away from the school.

"He walked home after that. He still continued walking home," said Lopez. "When he got home, he called and said 'Dad, I got shot.'"

Lopez says he called his neighbor who then went to check on his son. His neighbor reported that his son was covered in blood.

Lopez's son has since gone into shock over the incident, and does not recall many details.

"He doesn't remember walking home. He remembers calling me, and after that he doesn't remember too much about it," said Lopez. "He was interviewed by Downey Police, and he didn't have too much information for them either."

According to Lopez, detectives are currently investigating. However he says he was told that their hands were tied due to the lack of information.

Detectives did not return a phone call seeking comment.

A representative from Downey Unified School District said that DUSD is distraught that the incident occurred, and that they are fully cooperating with DPD. All district schools have also been alerted to the incident and have been cautioned to be on the lookout for any suspicious activity during the hours of student release.

By Alex Dominguez, staff writer



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# Liberals and conservatives don't agree on much, but we all want money out of politics

By Razan Azzarkani

In today's polarized political climate, it seems like there's no issue that people can agree on — except for maybe one.

Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives, and people on all parts of the spectrum largely agree on one thing: There's too much money in politics. And it's only getting worse.

For me, this goes beyond numbers on a page.

I've been active in the political process for years, and I've campaigned hard for candidates I support. But I can't help but feel more disenfranchised than ever by wealthy donors who can give their hand-picked candidates hundreds of thousands of dollars with a single check.

I'm hardly alone. Recently I was telling my brother about my efforts trying to get signatures for a candidate here in Virginia. He replied with something that touched on doubts I was too fearful to voice.

"Money is more influential than campaigning and votes," he said. "So why are you wasting your time bothering to even campaign?"

Is he right? Let's look at those numbers after all.

\$6.9 billion: That's how much money was spent during the 2016 election cycle — over a third of that on the presidential race alone. Just the top 10 individual donors together donated more than \$300 million to Super PACs, many of which don't have to disclose their donors at all.

So it's no surprise that in a recent poll, three-quarters of respondents believed that elected officials put their own interests first. A similar number said politicians don't care what "regular people" think.

Another less than surprising result? About 40 percent of eligible voters abstained from voting last year.

Like my brother, many people I've spoken to while campaigning say they choose not to vote because they don't see a point. They believe, not implausibly, that our political system is being taken over by a small number of wealthy people.

After all, Trump and his cabinet picks now make up the wealthiest administration in U.S. history. And Trump's Supreme Court pick Neil Gorsuch has sided with big donors over and over again, cynically believing that donors are just exercising their right to "free speech." On the bench, he could well vote to dismantle the few remaining campaign finance restrictions in place today.

Is all hope lost, then? Are we stuck with representatives who don't truly represent us anymore?

Not necessarily.

Represent.Us and Wolf PAC are two grassroots organizations that are working to pass laws and constitutional amendments to stop political bribery and get big money out of politics. They're working in red states and blue, and in local communities all over. Represent.Us has already helped pass anti-corruption laws in Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Oregon, and beyond.

Since the recent election, more and more people have felt a drive for civic engagement. To effectively capitalize on this newfound movement, we need to talk about the source of what drives most of the issues in our country: the few, but powerful, who are able to get their way in politics through their money and influence.

This country is for all of us, not just the top few who are able to buy their member of Congress. But there's a catch for them: They'll always be few.

The power is with us to get big money out of politics.

**Razan Azzarkani is a Next Leader at the Institute for Policy Studies.**

# The Obama administration lied before, casting doubt on its credibility

By Rush Limbaugh

The original tweet that Donald Trump stated that Trump Tower was being surveilled, wiretapped and so forth by President Obama, with this Susan Rice stuff it's beginning to look more and more like there is something to that. And Trump is, as time passes, generally proved correct in these allegations, predictions, accusations that he makes.

The Susan Rice story continues, it builds and so forth, and a lot of people are trying to make her actions criminal when they may not be per se. Clearly you have abuses of power here. And I must point out that my friend Andy McCarthy just published a post at National Review making this point. Now, that doesn't mean that if, for example, she is called to testify before a committee or two or if she has to do an FBI interview — and she's been there before — what if they could get her on a process crime? What if she has lied?

Look, this woman lies repeatedly. She lied to Andrea Mitchell, NBC News, Washington, or she lied to whoever she spoke to prior to Andrea Mitchell or she lied about Benghazi. The woman lies. The odds are if she testifies, she might make herself vulnerable to one of these famous Martha Stewart process crimes in which it would become criminal.

So it is clear that there is something highly irregular here. It is very clear that the Obama administration was surveilling the Trump people. It is very clear that the purpose of the surveillance was to undermine the Trump campaign. And then it becomes very clear that the purpose of the surveillance was to undermine the presidency once Trump won it. When I say "very clear," I'm saying to me. I don't have any doubts about what went on here, and I think it's splitting hairs to say, "Well, they weren't really targeting Trump officials." How do you know?

Look, Obama owes electoral victories to this exact kind of thing. Look at all these sealed divorce decrees that Obama succeeded in getting unsealed about his opponents running for state senate and then United States senator. We know that Obama wiretapped and spied on Angela Merkel. We already know that this is a pattern of behavior by Obama and his presidency and his White House.

So why is it difficult to assume — it seems to me it's intelligence guided by experience, or experience guided by intelligence — that if Obama wanted to find out and get dirt on Trump people, he knows how to do it. He's done it before. Angela Merkel, the prime minister of Germany, or president, whatever, chancellor, whatever her title is.

So none of this is something that hasn't happened before. All of it

has happened before. And in the famous linear thinking, philosophical thinking of Blaise Pascal, it's much easier to believe that something that has happened could happen again or will happen again. In fact, it's much harder to believe that something that hasn't happened will happen. Did you follow that? It's very straightforward. And in the case of Obama, it's all happened before. Every bit of this has happened before.

The way this would happen, on purpose, you knowingly surveil foreign targets who you know are gonna be talking to members of the Trump transition people. You knowingly surveil people that are gonna be targeting, listening, talking to Trump campaign officials, transition officials, administration officials. And you can then say, "We weren't targeting Trump people." We were targeting, say, the Russian ambassador, or whoever else, the Turkish ambassador, whoever it might have been.

But the real purpose of it was to get the American side of the conversation. You'd never be able to go to a FISA court and get a warrant for that, but you will always be able to get permission and a warrant to surveil foreign actors, so you target the ones you know are gonna be talking to people you want to eavesdrop on or surveil. It wouldn't be difficult to do at all. And it looks like that's exactly what's happened.

You throw Evelyn Farkas into this in terms of the leaking. You know, Rice has maintained she didn't leak anything. Here's a question. And it wasn't political. She said it wasn't political, what she did. Really? Was there any unmasking of Hillary Clinton campaign officials? Was there any surveillance of Hillary Clinton campaign officials? I mean, the Russians are talking to her too, the Turks and everybody else. Remember, they think Hillary's gonna win the election, and so you don't think that ground building was going on during the campaign, Hillary making contact or representatives of hers making contact with these foreign actors that she's going to be dealing with.

Hell, she already knows 'em because they've been donating to her website, donating to her foundation, donating to her campaign, paying her \$250,000 to do 20-minute meaningless speeches. Why wasn't any of that unmasked? And if it was, why do we not know it? If Hillary Clinton campaign officials were surveilled in the same way Trump's people were, then maybe they could say that this wasn't political. Maybe they could say, "Nope, we were simply engaging in what we have to do to protect the national security of the United States."

But if they were making no effort to find out who Hillary's people were talking to and what they were saying to foreign actors, and if there was no leakage, and if there was no unmasking of anything to do with Hillary, wouldn't that kind of indicate that that same action against Trump was and had to be political? It seems to me to be the case.

**This is an excerpt from Rush Limbaugh's nationally syndicated radio program.**

## Pineapple on pizza

Dear Editor:

Back in the 50's, pizza was delivered to Downey homes in a small 3-wheeler delivery cycle, with a hot oven in the rear of the motorcycle. ("Does Pineapple Belong on Pizza? Downey's Pizza Experts Say Yes," 3/30/17)

Pineapple was an option, along with chopped hot dogs and some little fishes; they were all good.

Furthermore, Silver Saddle restaurant served custom pizza wedges, part of their buffet weekend luncheons. I think they might have been created by Granada Pizza, which was adjacent to Silver Saddle, when George Putnman of TV news frequented. Mike and Marie Granada were my class mates at St Raymond's.

During that time, there was another pizza in town, San Fran style, deep dish, stuffed pizza. I think it had mushrooms and Spanish style quiche.

**Jim McMahon  
Downey**

## Other viewpoints

Dear Editor:

I guess on the subject of Rush Limbaugh, we can mark Guillermo Tejada, Guido Rivero, and Anita Rivero, down as "Undecided/To Be Determined". (Letters to the Editor: 3/30/17)

I would hope that the Op/Ed penned by Rush was not their first exposure to his personal philosophy that he's been publicly espousing since the late-70's via his syndicated radio show (with the largest listener-ship in radio-history BTW), but that they have actually taken the trouble to listen to his show (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon, at 1150AM). They may learn that he's not quite what his detractors say, and entertaining - which, of course, is the secret to a multi-decade record of success in radio.

You know, many of us don't particularly care for the almost weekly column by Lee Hamilton - the retired Congressman from Indiana (D). But we certainly don't go ballistic over what he pens, even though in his career in Congress, he gladly voted for virtually every Big Government program that came down the pike - programs that increased the taxes and regulatory costs (by the way, Jorge Montereio, it is the cost of government regulations that has driven the scarcity and resulting cost increases of housing in California, not the numbers of new residents. We used to be able to accommodate the influx handily until the Regulatory Costs composed over 1/3 of the price of new housing) of all residents and citizens of the USA.

And the same holds true for Mr. Jim Hightower of Texas, whose political experience was as an aide to Senator Ralph Yarborough (D-TX), one of the strangest Senators to come out of the Lone Star State; and as a two-term elected Agricultural Commissioner in TX - regulating tumbleweeds is tough work, isn't it Jim?

**Drew Kelley  
Downey**

Dear Editor:

After reading the responses to your publication of the Rush Limbaugh article, I needed to write in.

I think a large part of our problems come from not hearing and considering other peoples points of view equally. I do not consider myself a "liberal" or "conservative" and think a middle ground is the only sensible choice.

Thank you for printing something that may not align with everyone's beliefs but could offer some new points to think about. Thank you.

**Danny Barajas  
Downey**

Dear Editor

The purpose of the newspaper is to inform the population of past, current and future events. An opinion section is for the healthy debate between opposing views. Debates are vital so the informed and uninformed can decide what stand they will take. The Downey Patriot should live up to its name.

College campuses are running amok. If your views differ from the majority, you are shouted down, harassed, and assaulted. Downey does not need this insanity!

One writer to the Editor stated "Our local newspaper should get with the program and represent the majority of the people who live in our beautiful city of Downey." Regardless of the Democrat / Republican population of Downey, healthy debate should always be allowed in the Downey Patriot.

Regardless of your political views, no American should be silenced. No shouting match is required. An exchange of views is all that is needed. That is why we vote.

**Bob Rodriguez  
Downey**

## Moon hoax

Dear Editor:

The 2018 NASA budget is about \$19.1 billion and President Trump is calling for more exploration missions.

The most important exploration mission that should be done is a visual of our six moon landers and the three solar rovers. This is way overdue.

It has been 48 years now and the closest NASA shows the area of the landings is 75 miles high with no zoom lens of any kind.

It is time to show the world we really did go to the moon. Seeing is believing.

**Mike Sandoval  
Downey**

## Coyotes' right to live

Dear Editor:

Are we going to police the jungle or the forest because animals are trying to survive? Why don't we just kill all other species of animals so we can stop crying about the circle of life that we've been gifted in this world. ("Learn to Coexist with Coyotes, Wildlife Officials Say," (3/16/17)

Yes, it's sad that another animal (your pet) was killed. But it's part of life and coyotes have just as much right to be here as anybody else.

The question is why can't people adapt to wildlife, rather than the wild having to adapt to us? The loss of a pet is a tragedy but one that can be avoided if pet owners take better precautionary measures.

Leave the wildlife alone and put the blame on whom it belongs: ourselves. That's the problem we need to deal with.

**Jason Schmidt  
Downey**

## Love thy neighbor

Dear Editor:

Concerning our immigration problem, here is a direct quote from the Bible: "When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the citizen as yourself."

As the song goes, "What the world needs now is love," not hatred and bigotry.

Please, God, soften our hearts and replace the hate with understanding, caring and compassion.

**Harold Houglund  
Downey**

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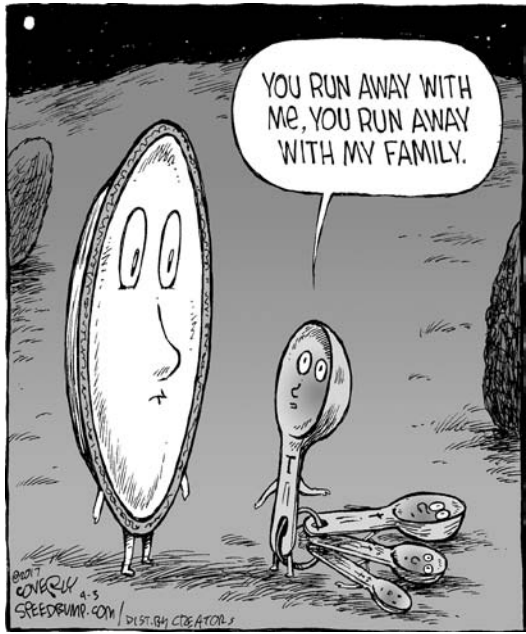
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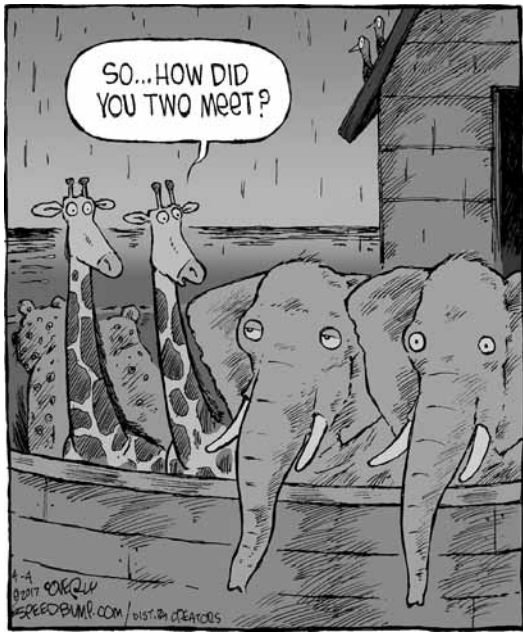
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# Downey Community Calendar

### CITY MEETINGS

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

- 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
- 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.
- 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Nancy 806-1782.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### TUESDAYS

- 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
- 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Russell Skersick 929-3710.
- 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
- 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
- 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 905-7103.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
- 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Helen 864-7319.
- 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
- 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Paula Mayfield, (562) 923-3518.
- 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
- 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
- 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
- Wed.& Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

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

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

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

### On This Day...

- April 6, 1981:** The first modern Olympic Games opened in Athens, Greece. The Olympics did not return to Greece until the 2004 Summer Olympics, 108 years later.
- 1909:** Explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson became the first men to reach the North Pole. The claim, disputed by skeptics, was upheld in 1989 by the Navigation Foundation.
- 1983:** Interior Secretary James Watt banned the Beach Boys from the 4th of July celebration on the Washington Mall, saying rock 'n' roll bands attract the "wrong element."

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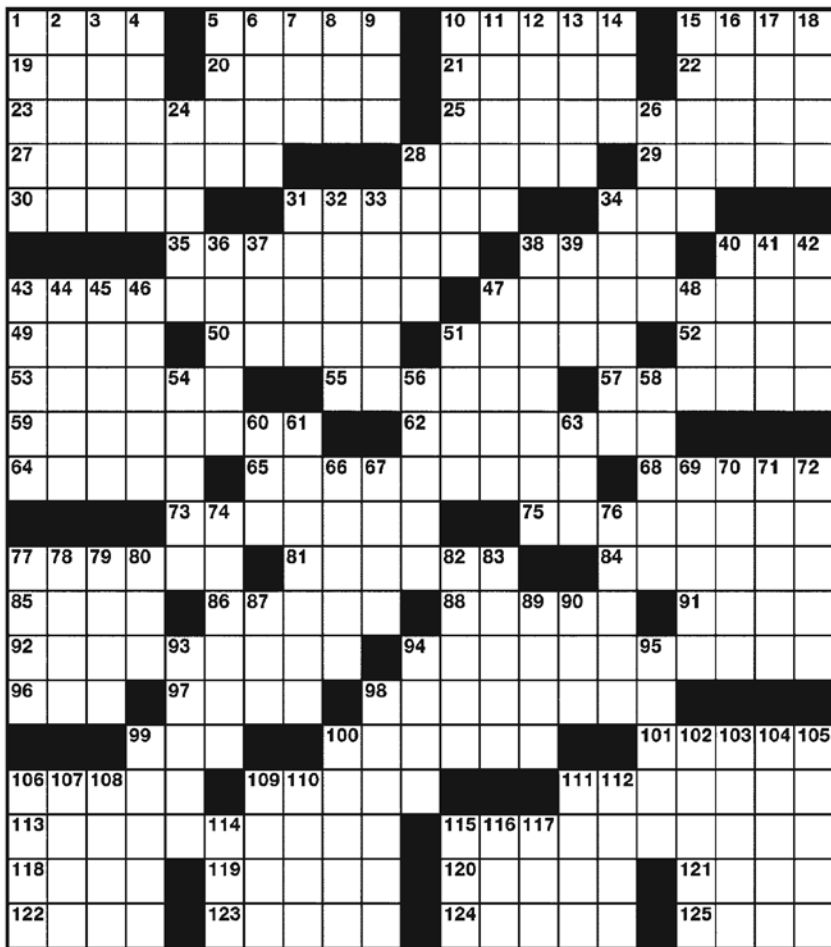
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## Downey police officer, firefighter of the year to be honored

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Police and Fire Foundation will host its third annual Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year award luncheon Tuesday, April 11, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Honorees includes Cpl. Sean Penrose as Police Officer of the Year and Captain Pete Browne as Firefighter of the Year.

Honorees are selected after consideration of a variety of criteria including, but not limited to, outstanding acts of kindness, compassion, courage, attitude, professional work ethic, and devotion to duty.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25 prepaid or \$30 at the door.

Sponsorships are also available, ranging from \$500 to \$2,500. Donations are tax deductible.

To RSVP for the ceremony, contact Yvonne Blumberg at (562) 904-2301 or yblumberg@downeyca.org.

## Free park programs during spring break

**DOWNEY** – The city of Downey is offering free park programs for kids during spring break.

The "Spring Spectacular" program is for children ages 6-12 and operates April 17-21. Registration opens April 13 at the Parks and Recreation office at 7850 Quill Dr.

The program will operate daily from 12-5 p.m. with outdoor activities at Apollo, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel parks.

The program will not operate during inclement weather.

Participation in the program is free but registration is required. For more details, call (562) 904-7238.

## Downey poets to read from new anthology

**DOWNEY** – April is National Poetry Month, and to celebrate Poetry Matters is hosting a stageful of poets.

On April 20, 18 poets who have read at Stay Gallery in the last two years are re-joining Poetry Matters to read their poem in a new anthology, "Poets' Calendar," plus a surprise poem of their choosing.

Downey poets such as Frank Kearns, Roy Anthony Shabla, Conney Williams, Rosalie Sciortino, Trista Dominqu, Steve Gross and Lorine Parks will be featured.

"Poets' Calendar" is the third book in a series produced by the Downey Arts Coalition, and will be available for autographing.

The public is invited.

## Razorbacks taking 2017 sign-ups

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Razorbacks are holding registration for the 2017 season every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Furman Park.

The league offers flag football, tackle football and cheerleading for kids ages 5-14.

The registration fee includes trophy, league picture package, yearbook and game socks. All equipment is provided on loan.

Payment plans are available and kids can also sell raffle tickets to off-set the cost of registration. No kids are turned away due to inability to pay.

Practice starts July 31 at Rio San Gabriel Park. The first game is Sept. 9 with home games played at Downey and Warren high schools.

For more information, call Louis Morales at (310) 350-0220 or go online to downeyrazorbacks.com.

## Children's choir performing free concert in Bellflower

**BELLFLOWER** – Acclaimed Children of the World International Children's Choir will perform a free concert this Sunday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m. at Bellflower's Calvary Baptist Church.

The concert is part of the choir's "Rescue Tour," a national tour to raise awareness about the challenges faced by millions of orphaned and disadvantaged children around the world.

Through song, dance, spoken word, and creative media, the choir presents the reality of poverty, but also the hope of change through advocacy, investment, and compassion.

The choir — which represents a rich and culturally diverse set of backgrounds and experiences — includes children from World Help's Child Sponsorship Programs in Uganda, Nepal, Honduras, and the Philippines. The children have performed at venues including Focus on the Family, Brooklyn Tabernacle, Disney World, and Shadow Mountain Community Church.

The church is located at 14722 Clark Ave., two blocks south of the Kaiser Permanente medical facility.

## Business women's meeting April 19

**DOWNEY** – MyChelle Andrews, a corporate leader and entrepreneur, will be guest speaker at the Eldorado Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meeting Wednesday, April 19, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Andrews is a member of the ABWA's La Luz chapter in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

She served on the board of directors for ABWA and as a trustee from 2011-13. In 2010, she was selected as one of the 2011 Top Ten Business Women in ABWA.

The meeting begins with networking at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7. Cost is \$35.

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The program is free, open to the public, and takes place Monday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the library's Cormack Room.

Register at the library or call (562) 904-7364.

## New exhibit celebrates Long Beach writers

**LONG BEACH** – A new exhibit, "Literary Lives of the Bixbys: An Exhibition Honoring the Writers of the Ranchos" will highlight work by five Long Beach women.

The exhibit opens April 7 with a reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Site Visitor Center. The reception is free and open to the public.

The featured writers:

**Sarah Bixby Smith** (1871-1935) spent a great deal of time at Rancho Los Cerritos, which she later chronicled in her 1925 memoir Adobe Days. Smith was also a poet, with many volumes to her name, and was in demand as a public speaker.

**Fanny Bixby Spencer** (1879-1930) was an activist who was deeply involved with social causes, including pacifism, philanthropy, and equal rights for women. This commitment was reflected in her poetry, collected in Within and Without, The Voices of the Counter-Current and others. Spencer also published social tracts and a play, and wrote an unpublished novel.

**Martha Nichols Hathaway** (1846-1928) was a teacher, abolitionist, suffragist, and advocate for Native American rights. Her writings include sermons, pamphlets, and Reminiscences of My Father, a memoir published posthumously.

**Florence Green Bixby** (1876-1961) owned and operated Rancho Los Alamitos. Bixby was both a rancher and a philanthropist, and she devoted her energy and resources to the Tichenor Orthopedic Community Hospital for Children, the Ebell Club, the Long Beach Day Nursery, and many other organizations. In 1936 her poems and "jottings" were collected into the book Is There a Thing Called Spring.

**Katharine Bixby Hotchkis** (1899-1979) authored two memoirs about growing up at Rancho Los Alamitos: Christmas Eve at Rancho Los Alamitos and Trip with Father. Both books are regarded for their attention to detail and vivid accuracy of early 20th century ranch life.

The exhibit will be on display through spring and summer. For more details, visit [www.rancholoscerritos.org](http://www.rancholoscerritos.org).

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Cerritos College's Talon Marks newspaper team recently won awards at the annual California College Media Association banquet in San Francisco. The event was attended by more than 200 students and faculty from community colleges and universities throughout California.

The Talon Marks staff competed with 1,200 community colleges and universities from all over the state.

Students Terrel Emerson, Karla Enriquez, Briana Hicks and Bianca Martinez represented the Talon Marks team at the banquet.

Emerson won first place for best podcast in the community college division.

Enriquez, Hicks, Martinez, and David Jenkins won first place for best blog in the community college division, while Carlos Marquez, took home fourth place for best editorial cartoon in the community college division.

Lastly, the entire Talon Marks crew was recognized as an honorable mention for best newspaper website

# Warren High career fair draws 700 students, parents

**DOWNEY** – With the district's vision to graduate all students both college and career ready, Warren High School hosted a Career Fair last Thursday, where over 60 different industry professionals were in attendance.

These professionals represented various fields and were accessible to the nearly 700 students and parents who attended, providing them an opportunity for face-to-face interaction with each.

The career fields present ranged from engineering and construction, to advertising and fashion design.

Some of the organizations in attendance included: Boeing Company, Chevron, Century 21: My Real Estate Co., CA Department of Conservation, California Highway Patrol, Couture Salon & Spa, Art Institute of California, RPA Advertising, LA County Public Health Laboratory, Bigge Crane & Rigging Co., Helix Electric Inc., Ironworkers Local 416, and Cummins Sales & Services.

"This event was a great opportunity for Downey Unified students to interact with industry professionals on a one-on-one basis," expressed Downey Unified Board of Education member, Willie Gutierrez. "Students were able to obtain key information and ask industry specific questions as they begin to narrow down the variety of pathways that we have to offer through our MADE: A Career Initiative program [formerly CTE] and as they structure their respective futures post-graduation."



Hundreds of students and their parents attended a career fair at Warren High last month. Future fairs are planned. Photo courtesy DUSD

Previously held last year during the afternoon hours, this year's event took place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Warren High School plans to hold future Career Fairs in the coming years in the evening hours similar to this year's fair in an effort to accommodate both the industry professionals and Downey Unified parents.

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# Downey Symphony treats students to free concert

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Symphony Orchestra treated over 1,625 Downey Unified students and their teachers to a performance at the Downey Theatre on April 6.

The "Music in the Schools" outreach concert has been made possible by donated funds from the Downey Kiwanis Foundation, the Music Performance Trust Fund (MPTF) and support from Downey Unified.

During this concert, the conductor Sharon Lavery and various members of the Downey Symphony Orchestra, will explain musical terms and concepts before playing the pieces of music to the students. Each piece will include an exciting story.

"We would really like to thank the Downey Kiwanis

Foundation and MPFT, this will truly be a thrilling experience for all of our fifth-grade students," stated Downey Unified's Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Wayne Shannon. "We know there may be future symphony musicians in the audience who will be very inspired by such an enriching opportunity."

The Downey Kiwanis Foundation was created in 1985 to provide a vehicle to benefit the youth of the community. Since its inception, they have contributed approximately \$1.6 million to the children of Downey.

This school year alone, the Foundation donated \$24,000 to support Downey Unified's middle school music programs; contributing to the purchase of numerous high cost musical



instruments at all four middle schools.

Established in 1948, MPTF is a nonprofit independent public service organization whose mission includes contributing to the public knowledge and appreciation of music, as well as making music a part of every child's life experience.

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## Art and music: Saturday concert to feature best of local art scene



"Fifth House of the Moon," a prism of cast glass by Matthew Vinci, is one of several pieces of art that will be on display at Saturday's Downey Symphony concert at the Downey Theatre.

**DOWNEY** – So what will it be this weekend? A stylish art opening? Or a great concert with beautiful music? With the Downey Symphony, you can have both.

The Symphony season closes Saturday in the Downey Theatre with classics everybody loves: Rossini's "William Tell" overture (remember the Long Ranger? "Hi, ho, Silver, away!"); Beethoven's powerful "Symphony no. 5"; Tchaikovsky's "Variations on a Rococo Theme" for orchestra and cello, featuring a brilliant young virtuoso, Benjamin Lash; and Bach's "Jesu, joy of man's desiring."

But wait—there's more.

Pat Gil and Andrew Hernandez have organized an art show,

partnering the Symphony with the Downey Arts Coalition, on the theme "Earth Recycled." Some 20 artists, most of them local, will be presenting works that transform recycled materials into beautiful art or powerfully call on viewers to help preserve our planet.

Lindsay Yost's colorful mosaics have been favorites at previous shows, and she will present a mosaic of Yosemite's Half Dome. Matthew Vinci's "Fifth House of the Moon" is a tall prism of cast glass. Amelie Simmons' pieces are unique for inviting viewers to experience their texture by touching as well as looking.

A special feature of the art show is that most of the pieces are for sale, so you can return home with a unique and stunning piece that will enhance your home and your family's life for many years to come. Moreover, artist Peter Arpesella will be donating any proceeds from his art to environmental protection organizations, and Annie Wood will donate part of her sales to CARE NOW, an LA organization that brings the arts to underserved children.

The artists will be present, so you can meet and talk with them and ask questions.

Almost everyone could point to a work of art or a piece of music that has had a special meaning in their lives and given them an irreplaceable and memorable experience. Audience members at the Downey Symphony's April 8 concert will have great art to fill their eyes and their ears.

And they'll be celebrating Sharon Lavery's 10th season as music director and conductor at a complimentary champagne reception following the concert. It will be the kind of fabulous and varied evening the Symphony has become known for.

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-Aimee Nezhukumatathil

April is Poetry Month, and this poet gets right to its defining quality, the subjective nature of metaphor. Her poems are ripe, funny and fresh, and she has won many awards, as well as fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts. She teaches creative writing and environmental literature at State University of New York-Fredonia. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



The inaugural Young Latinas Empowerment Conference was held March 24 at Cerritos College.

Many high schools from the local area participated, including students from Warren and Downey high schools had who an opportunity "to be part of a historical event to empower young Latinas to make a difference in the world." Marcelena Vazquez Funk from Warren High and counselors Mrs. Loyarte and Ms. Curiel of Downey High were among those in attendance.

Mayor Fernando Vasquez and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia also attended, helping serve lunch to the young Latinas.

"It was a great event," said Paula Mejia, an ambassador and member of the Cerritos College Task Force.

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# Bears, Vikings hopeful as baseball season gets into full swing

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNY** – The Downey High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 4-8 and a league record of 1-0.

The Vikings were defeated by Bellflower 15-7 on April 3 in a final tune-up game before the start of league play. Downey defeated Dominguez at Downey 13-0 on Tuesday and will travel to play the Dons later today in the away part of the home and away series. Downey looks to stay unbeaten against Dominguez.

The Vikings began the St. Paul Tournament against La Salle of Pasadena on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time). The St. Paul Tournament will last the better part of two weeks and will run through April 19.

Downey will continue league play when they travel to Lynwood next Tuesday and when they host the Knights next Friday. The Vikings will return from Easter Break and resume league play when they host cross-town rival Warren on April 25 in the first game and when they travel to play the Bears on April 28 in their second game.

Downey will continue their regular season when they host Gahr on May 2 and when they travel to Gahr on May 5. The Vikings will conclude their regular season when they travel to Paramount on May 11 and when they host the Pirates on May 13.

Gahr, Paramount and Warren will once again be the teams to beat in league play. Coach Gonzalez, his staff and players are all looking forward to league play and competing for a league title.

■ The Warren High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 9-4 and began league play this week when the Bears traveled to Paramount on Tuesday and when they host the Pirates later today (scores unavailable at press time).

Warren just finished competing in the Beaumont Tournament last week where they finished with a record of 2-2. The Bears defeated Aquinas of San Bernardino 11-1 on 3/29, defeated Jurupa Hills of Fontana 8-2 on 3/30, were defeated by Royal of Simi Valley 4-1 on 3/31 and were defeated by La Quinta 11-1 on 4/1.

The Bears will continue league play next week when they host Gahr on Tuesday and when they travel to play the Gladiators next Thursday. Warren will not play any league games over Easter Break. The Bears will travel to cross-town rival Downey on April 25 and will then host the Vikings on April 28 to complete the away and home series. The Bears will then host Dominguez on May 2 and will travel to play the Dons on May 5.

Warren will host Hemet in a non-league double header on May 6 and will return to league play when they travel to Lynwood on May 9 and when they host the Knights on May 11.

It has been a busy preseason thus far and league play is just

beginning. Coach Pearson, his staff and players are all looking to compete for a league title. Downey, Gahr and Paramount will once again be the teams to beat in San Gabriel Valley League play.

■ The Downey High School softball team currently has an overall record of 7-9 and a S.G.V.L. record of 1-0.

The Lady Vikings were defeated by California at California 9-5 on April 3 in a final tune-up game before the start of league play. Downey defeated Dominguez at Downey 17-0 on Tuesday to earn their first league win.

The Lady Vikings traveled to Lynwood yesterday (score unavailable at press time) and will host cross-town rival Warren on April 11. Downey will host Gahr on April 13 after they begin competing in the Whittier Christian Tournament against Duarte on April 12. Gahr currently has an overall record of 13-0 and is the reigning 2016 S.G.V.L. champion.

The Lady Vikings will be competing in the Whittier Christian Tournament this weekend and are scheduled to play Duarte on April 12, Palos Verdes on April 14 and Royal of Simi Valley on April 15.

Coach Karzen, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of league play. The Lady Vikings missed postseason play last season after losing a heartbreaker to Paramount in their final league game. Downey finished last season with an overall record of 16-15 and a S.G.V.L. record of 5-5. Gahr and Warren will once again be the teams to beat in league play.

■ The Warren High School softball team currently has an overall record of 7-5 and a league record of 1-0. The Bears are currently competing in the La Mirada Showcase Tournament where they are 1-1.

The Bears were defeated by Chino 2-0 on April 1 and defeated Montebello 12-1, also on April 1. The Bears will continue with the La Mirada Showcase Tournament this weekend when they play Kaiser of Fontana and a to-be-determined opponent the same day based on the result of the Kaiser game.

The Bears defeated Paramount at Paramount 8-1 in their league opener on Tuesday and hosted Gahr yesterday (score unavailable at press time). Gahr is the returning league champion and is currently 13-0 in preseason play. Warren will travel to cross-town rival Downey next Tuesday and will host the Dominguez Lady Dons next Wednesday.

Warren is scheduled to compete in the Diamond Bar Tournament April 13-15 against opponents who have yet to be determined. The Bears will resume league play when they travel to Lynwood on April 25 and when they host Paramount on April 27.

Gahr is the team to beat in league play and have looked very good in preseason play. The rivalry games with Downey tend to be highly entertaining as well. Coach Starksen, her staff and players are all looking forward to league play and challenging for a league title.

Michael Chirco, president of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, presents a donation on behalf of the club to Gangs Out of Downey.



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*In Memory of*

**Mary M. Grobaty**

September 6, 1926 - April 3, 2017



Mary M. Grobaty, 90, passed away peacefully on April 3, 2017. Born to George and Margaret O'Hara on September 6, 1926, Mary grew up in cities throughout the east coast and ultimately Long Beach, California where she taught kindergarten in the Long Beach school district after graduating from Buffalo State Teacher's

College. She then moved to Downey with her husband Jack to start a family and lived there for almost sixty years.

Mary is survived by her beloved husband Jack, her two children Margaret and Michael, her son-in-law Todd, daughter-in-law Jeanette, her siblings Ann, Henry, and Denise, and her four grandchildren Andrew, Molly, Timothy and Lauren. Known for her years of dedication and service to the community, Mary generously gave her time to the Rio Hondo PTA, Downey Unified School District, American Red Cross, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Her true passion however was spending time with her husband Jack, and their children and grandchildren. A beautiful, kind, and nurturing wife and mother, Mary touched the lives of many and will be missed.

In celebration of her wonderful life, a Rosary will be held for Mary at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey, CA at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 10, 2017, to be followed by a funeral Mass at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor to her favorite charity, AbilityFirst Long Beach, 3770 E. Willow St. Long Beach, CA 90815. This organization provides programs for children and adults with disabilities which includes her granddaughter Molly.

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*In Memory of*

**Evangelina Vazquez**

July 23, 1950 - March 25, 2017



Evangelina (Angie) Soto Vazquez, a longtime resident of Downey, passed away at her home surrounded by family March 25, 2017 at age 66.

She was born July 23, 1950 in El Paso, Texas to Jovita Soto, the fourth youngest of six children. They later moved to California settling in the Los Angeles area.

She was a 1968 graduate from Lynwood High School. She married Niceforo Vazquez on June 6, 1987 in South Gate.

During the span of her career, she worked at various companies primarily consisting of data entry and accounts payable. She was indisputably a hard worker, dedicated to her employers, but more importantly, her family.

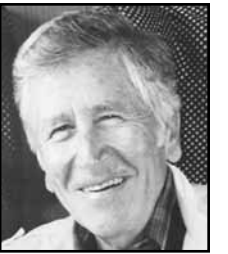
Angie lived her life to the fullest through simple pleasures; traveling, playing penny slots in Vegas, reading, watching television, listening to music, and caring for her beloved pets. Angie's generosity was her greatest prowess, never hesitating to help others in distress; opening her home and sharing meals to anyone in need.

She is survived by her husband Niceforo (Raul); her brothers Samuel (Sam) and Felipe (Phil); her sisters Adelina (Linda), Guadalupe (Lupe), and Margarita (Maggie); her children Ismael (Ishie), Miguel (Mike), Katrina (Katy), Guillermo (Memo), and Gabriel (Gabe); and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and grandchildren. Memorial services will be held on Friday April 7, 2017 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm at Douglass Family Mortuary in Lynwood, CA.

**Don Correa, retired military pilot and engineer, passes away**

**DOWNEY** – Donald W. Correa died peacefully March 30 after contracting pneumonia. He was 94.

Born in Los Angeles on January 7, 1923, to Louis M. and Emily (Strobel) Correa, Don was the younger of two children. Always an avid athlete and sportsman, Don played tennis at Los Angeles High School, boated on Lake Arrowhead, skied Mt. Baldy, and was an original member of the San Onofre Surfing Club.



In 1942, as a 19-year-old, Don enlisted in the US Army Air Corps, hoping to become a pilot. He earned his pilot's wings on March 12, 1944, and was assigned to fly the Lockheed P-38 Lightning. Don joined the 82nd Fighter Group, based in Foggia, Italy, and flew 46 combat missions over Eastern Europe.

Upon leaving military service, and while body-building and working for Vic Tanny, the first big gym chain developer, near Santa Monica's fabled Muscle Beach, Don attended the University of Southern California on the GI Bill, where he studied for a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering.

It was at USC where he met his future bride, the vivacious art student, Elizabeth (Betsy) Hagerty. Married in 1952, Don and Betsy would have celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in June.

Don worked as a Design Engineer at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, while Betsy taught in the Downey Unified School District. They had two daughters.

After retirement, Don and Betsy relocated from Downey to Groveland, Calif. and lived in the Pine Mountain Lake community. In 2004, they moved once again, this time to Roseville, Calif.

Don leaves behind his wife, Betsy, daughters Cindy Correa-Liebo and Kitt Barkley Gauthier, sons-in-law, Mike Liebo and Peter Gauthier, granddaughters, Kathryn and Emily Liebo and many other friends and family members.

**Philip Carr, Bellflower civic leader, dies of cancer**

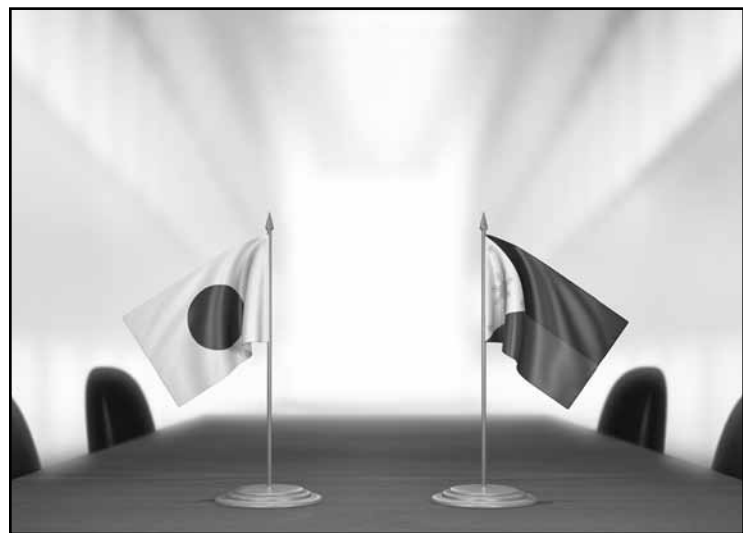
**BELLFLOWER** – Philip Shelton Carr, born June 15, 1943 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Los Angeles, died March 29 peacefully at home from cancer.

Phil grew up in Glendale, attending Glendale High School and Glendale College. He dabbled with a few jewelry store jobs before his longtime career of 55 years at Avalon Jewelers in Bellflower.

He started as an employee and became self-employed in the same location, which accounts as an ongoing third generation family business and the oldest jewelry store in Bellflower to this day.

Phil was a Bellflower Kiwanis member for 21 years, active in city business including the Merchants Assoc. and annual car show planning. He would drive sports legends and dignitaries in his red convertible Corvette at the annual Bellflower Parade.

**Shared Stories: 1943-49, starting a family**



This is Lisa Filler's second installment of the story of her mother and father who were married and started their family during the Japanese invasion of the Philippines in World War II. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns.

By Lisa Filler

The Philippines were governed by Japan during World War II. American soldiers left with the promise of General McArthur, "I shall return."

Ligaya and Juan, my mother and father, continued working and learned the Japanese National Anthem, numbers and some Japanese words. In October 1943 Juan Alberto (nicknamed Jubert) was born, the first child of Juan and Ligaya.

He was so cute with light and smooth complexion. Co-teachers and neighbors liked to take care of him. Ligaya breast feed Jubert while she was on maternity leave. When she went back to work she asked her friend and neighbor, Nan Abarquez, who also gave birth to a son (Teddy), to take care of Jubert while she was at work. Jubert and Teddy were breastfed by Nan, one on each

town of Pagsanjan was bombed by American airplanes.

When the Japanese surrendered, they went back to the town and most of the houses were gone, including their house. The Filler family went back to their jobs in Welfareville.

In 1945 Ligaya got pregnant but had a miscarriage. In January 1947 she gave birth to a second son who was named Jose. Jose was cuter than Jubert, also with light and smooth complexion. Juan was so proud of Jose because he was allowed inside the delivery room with Ligaya.

In 1948 Ligaya was pregnant again, and this time she was already 40 years old. Teresa and cousins suggested having an abortion. Modern women at that time were having abortions. Ligaya and Juan said no. They wanted to have a girl; and no matter what gender, they wanted this baby.

In February 1949, I was borne and was named Lisa. Because Ligaya was 41 years old she was given a Twilight medication that put her to sleep while delivering the baby. I was borne asleep and had to be in an incubator.

When Ligaya woke up she asked for her baby. My father explained that there was some complication that I had to be in an incubator. They went immediately to see me.

Ligaya was so happy to see her baby girl but so sad that she could not hold her. I was not looking good. I had to stay in the incubator for weeks. Ligaya was released from the hospital without me but they visited every day.

When I was released from the hospital I was not as cute as my two brothers. I was skinny with dark skin and cried a lot. To Ligaya and Juan I was the answer to their prayers; their precious daughter. Ligaya was so happy to hold her baby girl.

I was so close to my mother that we were inseparable. People called me the shadow of my mother. I cried until I fell asleep whenever my mother went to work. Sometimes she would take me to her classroom. Co-teachers and even the principal took turns watching me.

However, some people were wondering if I was switched in the hospital because I have dark complexion and don't look like my cute brothers.

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**CASE NUMBER: VS029944**  
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Rebekah Arce filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Andrew Junior Villalobos Arce to Proposed name (1) Ajay Junior Espinoza Arce  
 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: May 10, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C**  
**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, Norwalk, California 90650**  
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT**  
 March 25, 2017  
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Rebekah Arce**  
**7810 Wilcox Avenue**  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS029874**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Dolores Contreras filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Leonardo Guzman Contreras to Proposed name (1) Leonardo Contreras  
 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: SE-C**  
**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**  
 January 10, 2017  
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Dolores Contreras**  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS030235**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Corina Franco-De La Torre on behalf of Sebastian De La Torre filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Sebastian De La Torre to Proposed name (1) Sebastian Franco De La Torre  
 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: June 07, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C**  
**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, California 90650**  
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT**  
 April 04, 2017  
 Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Corina Franco-De La Torre**  
**9020 Julius Avenue**  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS030138**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner John Dean Ignar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) John Dean Ignar to Proposed name (1) John Dean Rose  
 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

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**Date: May 17, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C**  
**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 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**  
 March 14, 2017  
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**John Dean Ignar**  
**9947 Foster Road**  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS030077**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Geraldine Felix Rivera filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Olinsse Ortega to Proposed name (1) Anthony Olinsse Ortega  
 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: May 03, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312**  
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 Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS030110**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Brandi Garcias filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Brandi Garcias to Proposed name (1) Brandi Bobadilla  
 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: May 10, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C**  
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 Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Brandi Garcias**  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS030143**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Veronica M. Arreola filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Hennessee Alize Rodriguez to Proposed name (1) Hennessee Alize Rodriguez  
 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: May 17, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C**  
**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk CA 90650**  
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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**  
 March 14, 2017  
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Veronica M. Arreola**  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS030108**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Zenaida Sandoval filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Zenaida Sandoval to Proposed name (1) Naya Sandoval  
 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.  
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**Date: May 10, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C**  
**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**  
 March 8, 2017  
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Zenaida Sandoval**  
**7642 Bright Ave Apt B**  
**Whittier, CA 90602**  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS030112**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Alicia Garcias filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Alicia Garcias to Proposed name (1) Alicia Bobadilla  
 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.  
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 March 09, 2017  
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Alicia Garcias**  
**9460 Townley Dr.**  
**Pico Rivera, CA 90660**  
**(562) 715-1866**  
**Alicia27225@aol.com**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS030126**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Elsie Valeria Flores Aguirre filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Elsie Valeria Flores Aguirre to Proposed name (1) Elsie Valeria Flores  
 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: May 17, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C**  
**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 NEWSPAPER**  
 March 13, 2017  
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Elsie Valeria Flores Aguirre**  
**5462 Cadbury Avenue**  
**Whittier CA 90601**  
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### PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEVEN C. FELDMAN aka STEVEN CARL FELDMAN**

**Case No. 17STPB02357**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of STEVEN C. FELDMAN aka STEVEN CARL FELDMAN: A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Richard Feldman in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Richard Feldman be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
 THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
 A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 20, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
**Attorney for petitioner:**  
**JOHN A BUNNETT ESQ**  
**SNB 107960**  
**LAW OFFICE OF JOHN A BUNNETT**  
**8136 2ND ST**  
**DOWNEY CA 90241-3624**  
**CN935278 FELDMAN**  
**Mar 30, Apr 6, 13, 2017**

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### TRUSTEE SALES

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** Trustee Sale No. 201600271-135. Trust Order No. 74161-FIN-VAPM-10 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/03/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE FORECLOSURE AND YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 04/10/2007 as Instrument No. 20070854550 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: SERGIO S CORTEZ, AN UNMARRIED MAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), DATE OF SALE: 05/08/2017. TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 8423 EVEREST ST, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242. APN#: 6261-002-018. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without liability for any incorrectness, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of a Trustee and of the Trustor, and the cost of advertising. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$15,251.22. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY. YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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# Buying a house? Don't make these mistakes during a home inspection

A home inspection is a mainly visual evaluation of a home's condition. Home inspectors typically provide inspection services to determine the performance of the home. The inspection isn't just about identifying problems with the house. A thorough inspector considers the appointment a master class in your new home.

"We want to teach them how to maintain the property, because it's the biggest investment they'll ever make," says Alden E. Gibson, ACEI and RHI, president of the American Society of Home Inspectors and president of Inspections by Gibson.

Getting a home inspection? Here are the 5 mistakes to avoid.

**1. Not researching the inspector:** Too many buyers and sellers take whatever name is recommended without doing research. The inspection is only as good as the inspector doing it, says Troy Bloxom, president of the National Association of Home Inspectors and owner of Home Inspections Plus, near Anchorage, Alaska.

A few questions to ask: How long have you been inspecting homes? How many inspections have you done? What are your qualifications, certifications and training? What was your job before you were a home inspector? (Ideally, your pro was in contracting or building.)

**2. Not attending the inspection:** Attendance may not be mandatory, but it's a good idea.

Just reading that inspection report isn't enough for most homeowners to get the full picture, Gibson says. "If they don't see it, they don't understand it."

Gibson adds that he turns down 50 inspections a year "because people can't be there or don't want to be there."

Mitenbuler says, "Any home inspector who doesn't let you follow him around? That's weird. Ask me any question you want."

Set aside enough time for the whole thing, Gibson says. The inspection will take an entire morning or an afternoon. Some inspectors will sit with you after the inspection to explain things and answer questions, he says.

Many localities don't allow inspectors to offer advice on whether to buy the home, Mitenbuler says. But a good inspector can give you an estimate of how much money you'll need to put into repairs and upgrades and talk about how well that fits your budget.

**3. Not reading the inspection report:** Too many buyers and sellers just glance at the inspection report, Gibson says.

You need someone who uses "clear, concise" language in person and in written reports, says Mitenbuler.

One clue: Scan a few inspection reports, he says. Either check the website or ask for a sample.

A knowledgeable pro will state simply what's wrong with the house and what it will take to fix, Mitenbuler says.

Reports are often in digital format, with photos to illustrate the home's strengths and weaknesses, Gibson says.

**4. Not getting a presale inspection:** Many sellers elect to leave the presale inspection to the buyers, says Bloxom.

But that's a mistake.

When the buyers get an inspection (and if they're smart, they will), the sellers will have little time to complete repairs and keep the sale on track, says Bloxom.

But if sellers have the home inspected before putting it on the market, they have more time to get repairs done, he says. With the extra time, they can shop around and control costs.

Both buyers and sellers often wait too long to engage an inspector, Gibson says. You should find an inspector long before you have (or make) an offer, he says. Some buyers and sellers will wait for the second-to-last day before they even call, Gibson says: "Any good inspector will be booked out."

**5. Not prepping the home:** Inspectors are peeved when homeowners don't prepare the house.

"Don't force the home inspector to empty the closet to get into the attic," Mitenbuler says. If you have a crawl-space hatch, move anything sitting on top of it.

Got a lock on a utility closet, basement or shed? The inspector needs access. So open it or provide keys.

For a seller, the best tack is to be at home to meet the inspector, introduce yourself, provide your cell number — and then you can take off, Mitenbuler says.

To reduce the need for repeat inspections, hire professionals to do repairs, Bloxom says.

Courtesy BankRate.com



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**JUST LISTED**  
The Right House For YOU!  
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LIST PRICE: \$649,950

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**JUST LISTED**  
A Tropical Paradise!  
Upgraded 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with master bedroom, large family room, remodeled kitchen and a great backyard with pool and patio!  
LIST PRICE: \$549,950



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3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, remodeled kitchen, master bathroom, step-down den, corner house near cul-de-sac location in Northwest Downey.  
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**Near Downey Landing and New Promenade!**  
3 BD, 2 BA, open floorplan with bright kitchen, one bedroom has its own bathroom, eating area, covered patio and kids play area. Combo of hardwood floors & tile in interior.  
LIST PRICE: \$525,000



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This One Won't Last!  
3 BD, 2 BA home featuring living room & dining area, master bedroom, & large family room with fireplace & vaulted ceilings, central A/C, inside laundry room, covered patio and large yard.  
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