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## In south Downey, officials see potential for economic growth

**JUNE 10**  
**Relay for Life**  
DATE: Saturday, June 10  
TIME: 9 am  
LOCATION: Downey Adult School

**JUNE 17**  
**Smart Gardening workshop**  
DATE: Saturday, June 17  
TIME: 9:30 am  
LOCATION: Wilderness Park

**JUNE 21**  
**Chamber of Commerce installation**  
DATE: Wednesday, June 21  
TIME: 12 pm  
LOCATION: Embassy Suites

**Town Hall meeting**  
DATE: Wednesday, June 21  
TIME: 6 pm  
LOCATION: Barbara J. Riley Center

**Concerts in the Park: Suave**  
DATE: Wednesday, June 21  
TIME: 7 pm  
LOCATION: Furman Park

**JUNE 28**  
**Concerts in the Park: Pickleback Shine**  
DATE: Wednesday, June 28  
TIME: 7 pm  
LOCATION: Furman Park

**JULY 4**  
**Downey Fireworks Show**  
DATE: Tuesday, July 4  
TIME: 9 pm  
LOCATION: Downey High

**JULY 12**  
**Concerts in the Park: 3rd Marine Aircraft Wingband**  
DATE: Wednesday, July 12  
TIME: 7 pm  
LOCATION: Furman Park

**JULY 15**  
**Author talk with Janet Tronstad**  
DATE: Saturday, July 15  
TIME: 12 pm  
LOCATION: Downey City Library

**JULY 19**  
**Concerts in the Park: The Wiseguys**  
DATE: Wednesday, July 19  
TIME: 7 pm  
LOCATION: Furman Park

**JULY 26**  
**Concerts in the Park: Downey Symphony**  
DATE: Wednesday, July 26  
TIME: 7 pm  
LOCATION: Furman Park

**AUGUST 5**  
**Concerts in the Park: A Salute to Santana**  
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 5  
TIME: 5 pm  
LOCATION: Golden Park

**Hot Havana Nights**  
DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 5  
TIME: 6:30 pm  
LOCATION: Elks Lodge

**AUGUST 12**  
**Smart Gardening workshop**  
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 12  
TIME: 9:30 am  
LOCATION: Wilderness Park

**OCTOBER 29**  
**Dia de los Muertos**  
DATE: Sunday, Oct. 29  
TIME: 11 am  
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

■ **SOUTH DOWNEY:** Redevelopment of south Rancho campus could transform south Downey.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – After significant progress in breathing life into downtown Downey, city officials are now hoping for equal success in another part of town: south Downey.

Planning commissioners on Wednesday will hear a report on the Imperial Highway Economic Development Strategic Action Plan, a 68-page document that outlines the city's strategy to revitalize Downey south of Imperial Highway.

The plan relies heavily on a proposed \$468 million redevelopment of the abandoned south campus of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. If the project comes to fruition, officials hope the 70-acre property could prove a catalyst to economic development in south Downey.

Preliminary plans call for a Metro Green Line station at the site, connecting Downey and the Los Angeles region via light rail. Several L.A. County agencies currently scattered along Imperial Highway would be consolidated onto the south Rancho campus, including a Sheriff's Department crime lab and the L.A. County Probation Department.

Those consolidations would create more opportunities for

redevelopment on Imperial Highway, officials said.

"Imperial Highway is poised to [become] a new, grand thoroughfare in Downey," the report states. However, "the future development pattern, type, and intensity that may occur along Imperial Highway will, in large part, be influenced by the disposition of the county facilities."

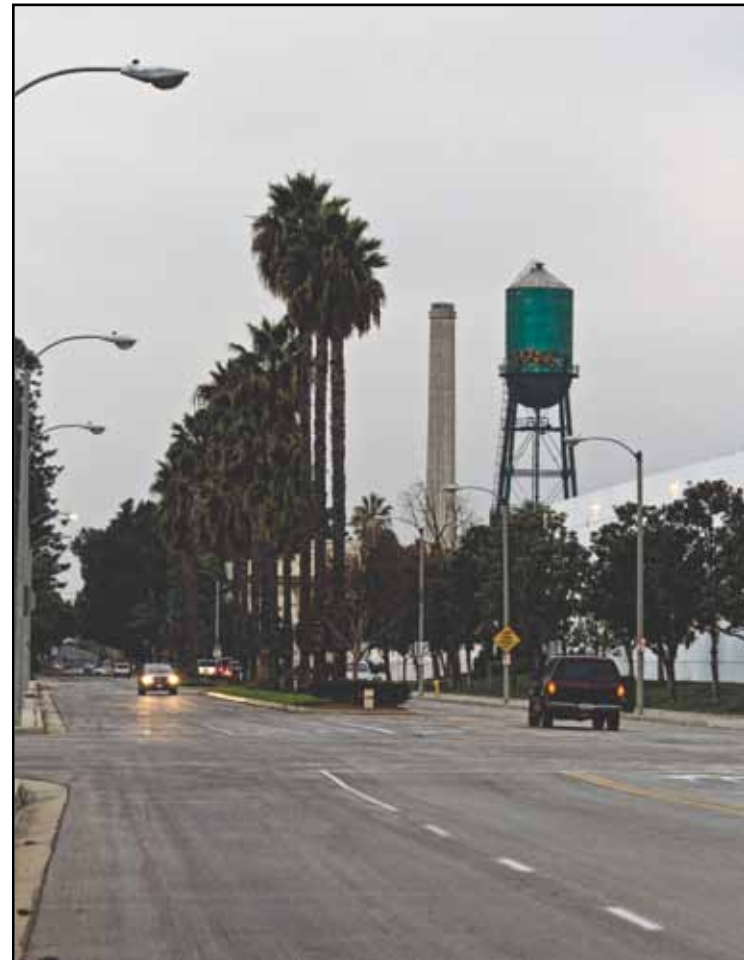
The project appears to be moving forward, with the L.A. County Board of Supervisors agreeing last August to spend \$17 million on architectural plans and an environmental impact report.

Meanwhile, the strategic plan also encourages a partnership with Kaiser Permanente, which is reportedly looking to expand its medical facilities in Downey.

"By working closely with Kaiser Permanente and the County of Los Angeles, the city will be able to forge strong partnerships that can influence the development process, leading to mutually beneficial projects," according to the report. Councilman Alex Saab has been vocal in his desires to see more attention paid to south Downey.

"I see a great level of potential in the south part of the city," he said. "I think we need to get ahead of the curve because in the next 5-10 years, we're going to see a great amount of growth there precipitated by the south Rancho campus."

Saab said he recently met with "a large business" that was



The redevelopment of the south Rancho Los Amigos campus could spur development on Downey's Imperial Highway corridor, officials said. Photo by Joan Anderson, DowneyDailyPhotos.com

interested in Downey, but would only consider a location on Firestone Boulevard.

"It made me think to myself that we haven't done a good job in marketing our south side of the city," he said.

There are other challenges to

overcome as well, according to the report, including unattractive older storefronts, apartment buildings awkwardly located next to retail strips, and vehicle traffic that travels too fast to notice entrances to local businesses.

## Downey, Norwalk promise aid after report reveals drastic spike in homelessness



Photo by Pam Lane  
DowneyDailyPhotos.com

of Downey and Norwalk – saw a 5,189 person and 50% increase.

Of that number, 3,442 were male and 1,730 female; a 66% and 33% increase respectively.

Only 17 transgender individuals were counted, a 76% decrease from last year.

The bulk of these stats seem to be made up of individuals of Hispanic / Latino descent.

Hispanics / Latinos were the only race within SPA7 to see an increase in population, counted at 3,666 for 71% of the tally – a staggering 148% increase from last year.

White individuals took a far distant second at 885 counted; an 8% decrease from 2016.

■ **NEW NUMBERS: L.A. County** homelessness went up 23% in 2017 -- but twice that much locally.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) released their results of their annual homeless count for 2017, reporting a 23% increase in people experiencing homelessness from 2016.

According to the results of the count - which took place in January this year – 57,794 people experience homelessness in LA County on a given night; 46,874 more than the previous year's count.

LA County's Service Planning Area 7 – which includes the cities

responding to the currently available results.

"While the reported numbers indicate a 50% increase for SPA 7 and a 23% increase throughout Los Angeles County, we don't yet know the specific details for the city of Norwalk itself. The increase is concerning for us, as it is for other cities in the county, and counties statewide," said Norwalk Social Services Director Veronica Garcia.

"We have heard from our residents, have been addressing this regional issue with the help of Social Services, Public Safety and Sheriff's Department staff, and we've added to our homeless outreach program."

Garcia continued: "We will continue to do what we can, including partnering with local assistance organizations, counselors and faith-based groups to reach out to affected individuals who are receptive to our efforts. With the passing of Measure H we look forward to

additional resources becoming available to help decrease the number of people living on the streets."

Downey Councilman Rick Rodriguez has long voiced his intent to work together with local organizations, charities, and religious groups in a combined effort.

"With the encouragement of Downey Mayor Fernando Vasquez, I have been continuing my prior work with community members, organizing our dedicated church members, nonprofits and volunteers to coordinate a local support system that will help our homeless neighbors secure permanent housing," he said.

"I am also working with the Mayor on his local mental health roundtable, and just convened the first meeting with healthcare providers and other stakeholders to address the root causes of homelessness," Rodriguez said.

**Melina M. Escobedo Flores, a 2017 graduate of Downey High School, has graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.**



**She is the daughter of Juan P. Escobedo of Huntington Park, and Claudia M. Flores of South Gate.**

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday 78°

Saturday 69°

Sunday 71°

### THINGS TO DO



**Relay for Life**  
Saturday - Downey Adult School, 9 am  
A 24-hour fundraiser benefiting the American Cancer Society.



**SoCal Brewfest**  
Saturday - Phoenix Club in Anaheim, 1 pm  
Unlimited tastings of over 100 craft beers. Plus food trucks, live music and vendors.



**Glendora Wine Walk**  
Saturday - Downtown Glendora, 6 pm  
Live music, food, outdoor lounges, raffles and 30 wine stops.



**Martini Madness**  
Sunday - The Cliff Restaurant in Laguna Beach, 4 pm  
Sample signature martinis and house wines, with proceeds benefiting Pacific Marine Mammal Center.

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

#### South Downey redevelopment plans

**Myrna Aguilar:** Leave South Downey alone. It's a great place to walk, bike and exercise without traffic.

**Rockie Orozco:** No more blue light posts, please

**Angeline Deo:** Please no more malls/shopping complexes - We have enough

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### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@AE\_Media: When is the @CityofDowney going to do something about the trucks that block Stewart and Gray Rd?

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# Stauffer Foundation issues \$320K in scholarships, awards

**DOWNEY** – Nine hundred and thirty Downey Unified middle and high school students have received nearly \$320,000 in various scholarships and awards from the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation.

These scholarships and awards were presented to students during the 2016-17 school year.

Stauffer Scholar Awards selections were made based on the applicant's resume and essay. Announcement of the Stauffer Scholars of the Year was made at the award presentations held in the gym of the high school to which the middle school matriculates. The names of the Stauffer Scholar of the Year awardees are added to a plaque that is prominently displayed in the office at each middle school.

The following eight students were awarded the Stauffer Scholar of the Year, from Doty Middle School: Madison Oliver and Rachel Spinosa; from Griffiths Middle School: Hauze Fragoso and Briana Mercado; from Stauffer Middle School: Matthew Largo and Emily Brent and from Sussman Middle School Ashley Hurtado, and Aaron Macias.

The Mary R. Stauffer Foundation also presented nearly 600 awards to Downey Unified high school students in the following areas: Community College Scholarship, Junior 4.0 Award and Scholar-Athlete Award.

The Junior 4.0 Award, valued at \$100, was given to 161 high school juniors who maintained cumulative 4.0 GPA or higher. This has been awarded since 1992, before the foundation was formally established.

The Scholar-Athlete Award was presented to 348 high school student athletes from various grade levels. This \$100 award was given to high school students who have lettered in at least one sport and have maintained at least a cumulative 3.5 GPA. In conjunction with the Scholar-Athlete Award, seniors were given the opportunity to apply for the Senior Scholar-Athlete Award which is presented to students based on GPA, team captain leadership, individual or team awards, and participation in multiple or community sports. This award was presented to seniors in increments up to \$500.

The Scholar-Athlete Award is in honor of Dr. Stauffer's late husband who was both a scholar and an athlete.

These awards reflect part of the foundation's mission that states, "to motivate students to reach their scholastic, athletic, and artistic potential."

The students who received the Community College Scholarship were:

Nicholas Acosta, Sergio Acosta, Susana Ahumada, Marcus Alaniz, Janeysi Alfonso, Alexandra Alvarado, Denisse Alvarado, André Alvarenga, Stefani Aquino, Anthony Balderamos, Eugene Bernard, Lizbeth Borrayo, Eri-Daniel Bourgeault, Christina Brewer, Karen Cabrera, Selene Caro, Magdalena Castillo, Maria Castillo, Andrea Chavira, Helen Claros, Jazlyn Contreras, Caleb Corral, Francisco Correa, Jesse Cruz, Milton Cruz, Michelle Danilo, Martha De La Cruz, Erin Delgado, Juan Delgado, Alyssa Escarcega, Tania Estrada, Katie Estrada, Susanna Fiala, Sara Flores, Emily Foley, Julie Galicia, Anthony Garcia, Leslie Garcia, Anthony Gil, Daniel Gonzalez, Esmeralda Gonzalez, Yahri Gordiano, Tyler Griffin, Sharon Griss, Delany Guajardo, Yesenia Gutierrez, Tatiana Hernandez, Maria Hernandez, Ryan Hinostrza, Nathaniel Koepp, Rajan Layugan, Ben Luevano, Jaqueline Luján, Juan Luna, Maria Lutin, Frank Madrid, Naydin Martinez, Karina Medina, Crystal Montañez, Isabella Moreno, Nicole Najera, Samantha Navarrette, Joaquin Nunez, Daisy Ochoa, Ashley Ornelas, Gabrielle Ortega, Leticia Ortiz, Luis Paiz, Esmeralda Parra, Noah Perez, Sharon Perez, Haylie Peterson, Robert Quintana, Julian Ramirez, Karla Ramirez, Vanessa Ramos, Giselle Reyes, Andrea Rodriguez, Christian Rojas, Crystal Silva, Jasmine Silva, Richard Suastegui, Adan Torres, Erick Torres, Heaven Tresvan, Kyle Vasquez, Natalie Vasquez, Luis Ventura, Dillion Walters and Joshua Zubiarte.

# LAPD officer rides in honor of Ricky Galvez

**DOWNEY** – A local Downey resident recently participated in a national Police Unity Tour in honor of fallen Downey officer Ricky Galvez.

Jeffrey Phillips recently returned from a long distance bike ride that spanned from New Jersey to Washington D.C. over the course of three days. He was one of 400 riders to participate.

"There's a total of nine chapters; I was a part of the Southern California chapter," said Phillips. "It's to raise money and bring awareness of fallen officers."

Phillips is a civilian commanding officer for Los Angeles Police Department, however he rode in honor of a local fallen hero.

"You have the choice if you just want to do it (the unity tour) in general or if you want to do it for someone specific," said Phillips. "I just thought that it'd be great to ride in honor of Ricky Galvez."

This was Phillips' first time participating. He plans to continue participating in following years.

"Riding into the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C. where they have all the fallen officers' names... that was very touching. There was a lot of knots in my throat that I had to swallow. It was a very touching experience."

Phillips now hopes to present the Galvez family with the jersey he wore during the tour some time in the near future.



# Relay for Life returns this weekend

**DOWNEY** – After surpassing the million dollar milestone they set out to achieve last year, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Downey will be hosting its 16th annual 24-hour event on June 10 to celebrate survivorship, remember loved ones and raise funds for cancer research, education, advocacy, and local patient services.

The event will be held at Downey Adult School. All who have been affected by cancer are invited to attend.

For more information, visit [www.relayforlife.org/downeyca](http://www.relayforlife.org/downeyca) or call (562) 895-6690.

# Ashton schedules town hall

**DOWNEY** – Mayor Pro Tem Sean Ashton is hosting a town hall meeting at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center on Wednesday June 21 at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 562-904-7274 or email your questions to [council@downeyca.org](mailto:council@downeyca.org).

# Downey home prices jump 10%

**DOWNEY** – The Greater Downey Association of Realtors is reporting a 19% increase in new listings in May.

May 2017 saw 63 new listings, and 43 closed listings in Downey, at an average sales price of \$585,000 (up 10% from May 2016).

Currently there is an inventory of 122 homes for sale in Downey, with 134 homes being sold year to date at an average selling price of \$592,483.

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**Don't miss out on these fun summer opportunities! Sign up today!**

For more information about The Columbia Memorial Space Center, please call (562) 231-1200 or visit [www.columbiaspacescience.org](http://www.columbiaspacescience.org). The Columbia Memorial Space Center is located at 12400 Columbia Way, in Downey.

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Registration: Tuesday, June 6th at 7:30 am at the DHS gym  
Early Registration: E-mail [lsheltonhoops@aol.com](mailto:lsheltonhoops@aol.com)

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# 2,000-plus high school seniors receive diplomas in Downey

**DOWNEY** – The last week of May was busy for Downey Unified high school students, teachers and administrators. With commencement ceremonies quickly approaching; many students made the final touches on what would be their last week of high school.

Opening the celebratory week of graduations was the Columbus High School commencement ceremony on May 31. Celebrating this occasion at the Downey Civic Theater, 151 students floated across the stage as they accepted their diplomas.

The following day, 881 Warren High School seniors prepared to take the stage to accept their diplomas. Filling the Veterans Memorial Stadium at Long Beach City College with enthusiasm and boisterous applause, these students could barely contain themselves as they crossed the stage.

Amongst the students, approximately 10,000 in attendance added to the thunderous excitement. Thirteen Bears finished their final year of high school with a 4.5 GPA or higher.

To conclude the Downey Unified commencement ceremonies trilogy, Veterans Memorial Stadium was just as booming Friday evening, June 2, with the Downey High School graduating class engulfing the stadium. A total of 1,047 seniors showed nothing but passion and enthusiasm as

they accepted their diplomas, 13 of these Vikings finished the 2016-17 school year with a 4.5 GPA or higher. Cheering on the graduates were approximately 11,000 supporters.

Sealbearers are recognized as students in the state of California who possess high standards in academic scholarship, community service and citizenship; the comprehensive high schools honored a total of 279 sealbearers, the highest in Downey Unified history. This is 42 more students than last year's total number of Downey Unified sealbearers.

Overall, 707 students that are graduating from Downey Unified will be attending a myriad of four-year universities in the fall including Yale, MIT, Stanford, UCLA, USC, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara and UC Irvine. Additional graduates will be attending a number of junior colleges such as Long Beach City College, Cerritos College, Los Angeles Trade Technical School and the Universal Technical Institute to transfer or pursue industry specific certification.

"With a combined graduation total of 2,079 students, Downey Unified would like to congratulate the 2017 Columbus, Downey and Warren high school graduates for this outstanding accomplishment," expressed Board of Education president Martha Sodetani. "We truly look forward to all the great endeavors each of you will accomplish in the coming years."

**CORRECTION:** Last week's story titled "Downey teen invited to exclusive National Youth Engineers Forum at Berkeley" contained an incorrect email address. The correct address is ccardonad@aol.com.

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## In Memory of Sheldon "Bill" Roy Strong

March 15, 1925 - May 4, 2017



Sheldon "Bill" Roy Strong, 92, passed away on May 4, 2017 at Downey Community Hospital (PIH) in Downey, California surrounded by the love of his family. He was born on March 15, 1925 in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

A memorial service will be held at Riverside Veterans Cemetery, 22495 Van Buren Blvd, Riverside, Ca. 92518 at 11am on Friday, June 23, 2017. The family welcomes friends and relatives to join them for a celebration of Sheldon "Bill" Strong's life following the service at his daughter, Gail Chafe's house in Moreno Valley, Ca.

To view the whole obituary and leave condolences for Bill Strong visit online guest book at <http://memorial.yourtribute.com/Sheldon-Bill-Roy-Strong/>

# DUSD launches summer enrichment programs

**DOWNEY** – Beginning the first two weeks in June, Downey Unified School District will be launching its summer enrichment programs for students, including summer school at each high school, Extended School Year programs (for special needs students), Summer 101 and STEAMworks.

Available at Columbus, Downey and Warren high schools, summer school programs are available for high school students Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from June 6 to July 13.

A summer enrichment program titled STEAMworks will be located at Lewis, Price and Unsworth elementary schools as well as Sussman Middle School, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 11:40 a.m., beginning June 12 through July 17. This program instructs them on the basis of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics).

Summer 101, a five-week program for kindergarten through eighth-

grade students, will be located at Griffiths Middle School, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon beginning June 12 through July 7.

Downey Unified is also participating in the Seamless Summer Food Service Program, providing meals without charge to all children, ages 18 and younger Monday through Friday.

For any questions regarding the summer enrichment programs, please contact each respective school site for additional information. For any questions regarding the Seamless Summer Food Services Program, please contact the Department of Nutrition Services at (562) 469-6672.

The Downey Unified School District's office hours have also been altered during the summer school schedule, only open Monday through Thursday from 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

## Funeral next week for Diana Klett

**DOWNEY** – Downey resident Diana Renee Klett, 68, passed June 5.

She was born March 14, 1949 to Eleanor and Thomas Hunter in Oakland.

A viewing will be held Tuesday, June 13, from 5-9 p.m. at Rose Hills Mortuary - Hillside Chapel. The funeral is Wednesday, June 14, at 11 a.m. at the SkyRose Chapel at Rose Hills.



She is survived by her husband, Jerry Lee Klett; sons John Klett, Ron Harmon, Jason Klett, Dustin Klett, Derek Klett, and Darren Klett; grandchildren Autumn Renee Klett, Lincoln Klett, Leyla Klett, Jace Klett, Austin Klett, Kaitlyn Klett, Travis Klett, Madelyn Klett, Josh Klett, Dylan Klett, Cassidy Klett and expecting arrival of Levi Klett; and great grandchildren Aubree Renee and Aria.

# Downey Library's June auction items

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

"**Sherlock Holmes**" (a nine volume set that includes four novels and 56 short stories- the complete adventures of Sherlock Holmes);

"**Trump-How to Get Rich**" (Trump tells about his real estate empire, his position as head of the 20,000 member Trump Organization, and about how he has taught his children the value of money and hard work.);

"**The Last Days of Marilyn Monroe**" (two books about Marilyn Monroe's last days with lots of pictures and stories);

"**The World of Hirschfeld**" (Hirschfeld's most memorable work as illustrator for the New York Times along with many of his less known works in color; a good humored look at most of the stars of the 40's, 50's and 60's);

"**National Geographic-July 1976**" (the magazine's celebration of America's bicentennial);

"**America the Beautiful**" (Sabuda, a master paper engineer, illustrates "America the Beautiful" with seven outstanding pop up works of art);

"**Beatles Memorabilia**" (includes 2-LP records: Abbey Road and Help; and 2-magazines: Rolling Stone and Saturday Evening Post, both from January 2014);

"**Disney's-Americana Storybook Collection**" (this collection celebrates seventeen Disney classics including Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill, Ben Franklin, Paul Revere and many others);

"**One Summer-America**" (it began with Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic and Babe Ruth's assault on the home run record; it also was a pivotal time for America's banking business and a disastrous weather time for our southern states);

"**Food-Vegetarian Home Cooking**" (simple, delicious meals to tempt both vegetarians and meat eaters; meals and desserts for every occasion and budget – a library book that has been taken out of circulation);

"**Great Highways of the World**" (25 of the world's most famous roads, from the Silk Road to Route 66, from Spain to South Africa, from Bangkok to the mighty Stuart Highway of Australia, with lots of pictures and history);

"**Corvette-Sports Car Superstar**" (the Auto Editors and Consumer Guide give more than 1100 photographs showing the complete history of one of the world's great sports cars).

Items have opening bids from \$5-\$8 and are on display in the library lobby. Bids can be made through noon, Saturday, June 24, on cards in the Friend's Bookstore located in the young adult section of the library.

## Pancake breakfast Sunday

**DOWNEY** – A pancake breakfast will be held Sunday, June 11, from 8 am to noon at the Knights of Columbus.

Cost is a \$5 donation. Proceeds benefit the Children's Christmas Party fund.

Knights of Columbus is located at 11231 Rives Avenue.

## 'Cinderella' at the Downey Theatre

**DOWNEY** – The Southern California Dance Theatre will present "Cinderella" Saturday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. the Downey Theatre.

Prices are \$28, \$30, \$32 presale, or \$33, \$35, \$37 at the door. Tickets are now on sale.

Visit [www.downeytheatre.org](http://www.downeytheatre.org) or call (562) 861-8211.

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## Trump's budget means certain pain for most families

By Josh Hoxie

Federal budgets, while boring and wonky, can have a serious impact on our lives. They dictate our collective priorities for how we choose to spend our public resources in support of the common good.

That is, good budgets do that. But you'd be hard-pressed to call the most recent budget from the Trump administration good.

To be clear, it's hard to even refer to this budget as serious. Sure, it's written in official-looking thick blue books, and it outlines spending figures using precise numbers. But that's about where the formality ends.

Tucked into the formal budget is a set of assumptions that present a fantastical approach to simple arithmetic.

Take the estate tax for just one example, also known as the inheritance tax. The estate tax is a pretty straightforward idea: a levy on the inter-generational transfer of immense wealth that only the very wealthy pay. It's been on the books for about 100 years.

If left untouched, it will generate an estimated \$174 billion over the next 10 years, precisely \$0 of which will come from anyone who could reasonably be considered middle class.

The Trump budget proposes to eliminate the federal estate tax.

Trump's own family stands to benefit enormously from this gift to the wealthiest households.

The budget also proposes to dramatically cut federal student loan programs by about \$143 billion. Notably, the Public Student Loan Forgiveness program is eliminated, a program that hundreds of thousands of graduates signed up for expecting their student loans to be eliminated after 10 years of service in the public sector.

Trading a massive tax cut for the ultra-wealthy in exchange for massive cuts to programs that help young people go to college is bad enough. But then there's the math.

The Trump budget, despite proposing to eliminate the estate tax, still counts the estate tax revenue as part of its revenue projection. In fact, the administration expects estate tax revenue to top \$300 billion, nearly double the normal projection. This lie is critical to their absurd claim that their budget will balance.

News flash: If you cut taxes, it means you don't get the revenue from said taxes.

The estate tax double-count is just one of the many mystical components of their mathematical menagerie.

A poll of top-tier economists by the University of Chicago (which has among the most conservative econ departments in the country)

found practically unanimous agreement that there's no way the budget will balance. The administration's assumptions are just too far-fetched — no matter how many times you spin in a circle, squint, and pray that the numbers on the page change.

Unfortunately, while the administration's struggle with basic arithmetic can be amusing, the potential impact of this budget is far from humorous.

It will mean millions of families pushed off their health coverage, millions of mothers blocked from receiving nutritional assistance for their babies, and millions more families in our northern states forced to choose between heating their house and affording their groceries.

Long-time Rep. Barbara Lee of California put it well: "I have never seen a budget so devoid of compassion and empathy for families struggling to make ends meet," she observed.

There appears to be no law barring Congress from enacting a budget with fundamentally bogus assumptions, and many of Trump's supporters on Capitol Hill are happy to play ball. One hopes their constituents will be much less willing to go along with the morally bankrupt mathematical mess this administration calls a budget.

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## Congress needs to reassert itself on use of force

By Lee H. Hamilton

The Trump Administration, like its predecessors, has shown an apparent appetite for the use of force overseas. The "mother of all bombs" dropped on Syrian troops, saber-rattling toward North Korea, deployments of U.S. forces in 10 or more countries — all of this suggests a growing comfort with the idea of putting our troops in dangerous places.

Politicians on Capitol Hill have noticed this. In particular, senators Jeff Flake of Arizona, a Republican, and Tim Kaine of Virginia, a Democrat, have introduced legislation to authorize the use of military force against ISIS and other terror groups. This is an effort to assert congressional authority and extend Capitol Hill's oversight over the use of force by the White House, something Congress has long neglected. "It's our constitutional duty in Congress to authorize military action," Kaine said at the end of May.

All I can say is, Amen! American soldiers are involved in combat situations in countries all over the globe. We're deploying special operations forces and advising, equipping and training local forces to fight. All too often, these countries' leaders are more concerned with overcoming internal threats than they are with the strategies and values that motivate us to help them.

The argument for all this often comes down to: "We need to do something." Once we're there, the arguments for staying get rolled out:

we can't leave without loss of face; we need the leverage more troops provide for negotiation; we'll lose credibility and standing if we withdraw.

But our experience over the years has shown that we don't tip the scales of a war that in most cases has no battlefield solution. We repeatedly get ourselves locked into situations where we must ask ourselves how much bloodshed and destruction we can accept as a result of our entanglement.

The decision to send troops overseas requires clear eyes, hard questions and specific answers. If we are sending our military abroad, our objectives and exit strategies need to be nailed down. Are we engaging in nation- or empire-building? Do we risk being locked into protracted, unending conflicts — we've already spent 15 years in Afghanistan — with minimal progress? Are we inflating the dangers to our national security, as we did when we falsely asserted that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction?

And when we do intervene, are we avoiding or increasing the suffering of the local people whom we're trying to help? No use of force should go forward without reciprocity — that is to say, capable, committed local leaders who fight corruption and try to provide good governance and protect the values we cherish and promote.

The use of force ultimately comes down to the president — or the president and his top advisors — making the decision. This usually happens without sufficient dialogue, consultation, or robust debate

beyond the White House. The people the president consults around him are not independent — they hold high office at his pleasure and, from my experience, generally come into the room prepared to reinforce his arguments.

What the president really needs, as LBJ advisor George Reedy famously said, is someone who can tell him to go soak his head. In particular, the people who have to do the fighting and bear the costs need to have a major voice in the use of force, and the best way to ensure that is with the involvement of the Congress.

There are obviously cases where the president needs flexibility. But if we're to put our troops in harm's way, he also needs independent advice and to answer tough questions. I don't see any alternative but the strict, robust and sustained involvement of the Congress.

Deciding on the use of force is the most grave and consequential decision government makes. It is of such import that it should not be made by the president alone, but should be shared with the Congress. Presidents should not get broad authority to use force without limit on geography, objectives, or types of forces. The Founding Fathers had it right: the president is commander in chief, Congress has the authority to declare war. Power over the use of force needs to be shared.

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## Trump TV, coming to a market near you

By Craig Aaron

Donald Trump's favorite local TV chain is about to get a lot bigger thanks to — wait for it — Donald Trump.

Trump's Federal Communications Commission is paving the way for Sinclair Broadcast Group — already the nation's largest TV conglomerate — to take over Tribune, which owns 42 stations in many of the country's big cities, including New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, Dallas, and Denver.

You may not have heard of Sinclair. But if you watch your local news, there's a good chance you're already watching a Sinclair-owned station.

Sinclair already owns 173 stations, which are local affiliates in different cities for national networks like ABC, CBS, FOX, and NBC. If this merger goes through, Sinclair will own a whopping 215 stations.

No company has ever had that degree of control over local TV news, which is still the top news source for a majority of Americans.

This deal would have been unthinkable in any other administration. But Trump's FCC is actually rewriting the rules to make it happen — and to give one of the administration's loudest media boosters an even bigger megaphone.

Sinclair is no ordinary company: It's notorious for slipping right-wing views and Republican talking points into its newscasts. It overrides the objections of local journalists and requires its stations to run conservative commentaries and slanted stories every day.

In March, for example, Sinclair ordered its local stations to air a Trump-friendly commentary that accused the national media of publishing "fake news."

This behavior is nothing new for Sinclair: This is the same company that aired the distorted Swift Boat movie that helped sink John Kerry during the 2004 presidential election. Sinclair also refused to fire commentator Armstrong Williams after the FCC fined the company in 2007 for airing government propaganda and failing to disclose his

conflicts of interest.

Instead, Sinclair put Williams in charge of one of its front companies.

And Sinclair went all out for Trump in 2016. Jared Kushner, the president's adviser and son-in-law, has bragged about a special deal he struck with Sinclair to get Trump uninterrupted favorable coverage. The company has been hiring Trump-campaign spokespeople as analysts ever since.

Now Sinclair's getting its payback.

If this deal goes through, the company's cookie-cutter, Trump-boosting content could reach more than 70 percent of the U.S. population. But to pull off its takeover of Tribune, Sinclair needs the FCC to change the rules,

So that's exactly what FCC Chairman Ajit Pai is doing: As one of his first acts, he changed how the agency calculates station reach so Sinclair could dodge the ownership limits. In fact, the FCC is now pretending that Sinclair would reach just 44 percent of the national audience — even though the company is already boasting to investors that it will actually

reach a much greater share.

Sinclair would still need to sell off a couple of stations to get under the national cap. So company lobbyists are pushing to get rid of any limits whatsoever.

The FCC's ownership rules were designed to ensure a diversity of local voices and opinions — but women and people of color own very few TV stations. Instead of creating policies that promote equity and opportunity, the Trump FCC would rather super-size Sinclair.

For years, Sinclair has been using every trick in the book to evade and undermine the rules. Now the game has changed: Instead of appointing a referee to call corporate fouls, Trump gave the whistle to Chairman Pai, a full-throated cheerleader for runaway consolidation.

If you don't like this rigged game, now is the time to make your voice heard.

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## When YouTube banned me

By Michelle Malkin

One of the many maddening takeaways from the London Bridge jihad attack is this: If you post videos on YouTube radicalizing Muslim viewers to kill innocent people, YouTube will leave you alone.

But if you post a video on YouTube honoring innocent people murdered by barbaric jihadists, your video will get banned.

I know. It happened to me in 2006. Eleven years later, the selective censors at Google-YouTube still can't competently distinguish terrorist hate speech from political free speech. Islamic hate preachers such as Ahmad Musa Jibril, whose bloodthirsty rants against non-Muslims reportedly inspired the London Bridge ringleader, have flourished.

Meanwhile, other anti-jihad and conservative content creators have been throttled, flagged, demonetized and kicked off the site since the P.C. hammer first came down on me.

My two-minute clip, which I titled "First, They Came," spotlighted authors, editors, politicians, and other targets of Islamic intolerance and violence. Among those featured in the video on radical Islam's war on Western free speech: Theo van Gogh, the Dutch filmmaker murdered by jihadist Mohammed Bouyeri for his outspoken criticism of Muslim misogyny; Salman Rushdie, whom the Ayatollah Khomeini cast a fatwa upon after he published the "blasphemous" "The Satanic Verses"; Oriana Fallaci, the fiery journalist put on trial in Italy for "defaming Islam," and the editors of the Danish Jyllands-Posten newspaper, who faced death threats for publishing cartoons of Mohammed, which prompted violent riots and terror plots around the world.

I contrasted the plight of those killed with the hordes of Muslim protesters in London's safe spaces fearlessly waving their signs demanding that the faithful "Behold all those who insult Islam" and "Exterminate those who slander Islam."

Several months later, YouTube yanked the innocuous, harmless, nonviolent, nonprofane, nonhateful, and nonthreatening mini-film. The company informed me that the video contained "inappropriate content." I complained across social media — posting additional YouTube videos calling attention to the ban. But "First, They Came" stayed deep-sixed on my YouTube channel. Other bloggers and video consumers tried to subvert the censors by posting the clip on their sites; it became a game of whack-a-mole as the YouTube police hunted it down.

Counterjihad activists nicknamed YouTube "JihadTube" or "Dhimmitube" to mock the censors' acquiescence to Islamist restrictions on acceptable speech by infidels — as Islamic radicalization videos festered on the site.

Three pieces in The New York Times covered my skirmish over the little video. Reporter Tom Zeller Jr. reported that YouTube had emailed him a statement suggesting that my video "violated the company's terms of service." YouTube also told the newspaper, "Our customer support team reviews all flagged videos before removing them."

The statement "specifically referred to the part of the YouTube user agreement that forbids users from submitting material that is 'unlawful, obscene, defamatory, libelous, threatening, pornographic, harassing, hateful, racially or ethnically offensive, or encourages conduct that would be considered a criminal offense, give rise to civil liability, violate any law, or is otherwise inappropriate.'"

George Washington University law professor Jeffrey Rosen wrote in a New York Times magazine article on "Google's Gatekeepers" that he "watched the 'First, They Came' video, which struck me as powerful political commentary that contains neither hate speech nor graphic violence, and I asked why it was taken down. According to a YouTube spokesman, the takedown was a routine one that hadn't been reviewed by higher-ups."

Only after receiving fair exposure in The New York Times (my, how times and the Times have changed) did the video magically reappear on my channel.

Now, contrast Google/YouTube's ridiculous stifling of "First, They Came" with its hands-off treatment of murder-inciting videos of hate imams Ahmad Musa Jibril and Abu Haleema.

Their rancid rants encouraging jihad by the sword and murder of non-Muslims have racked up millions of views over the past five years. Millions. Counterterrorism officials in multiple countries have tied their social media poison to jihad plots. The company told Conservative Review's Jordan Schachtel that it had reviewed the hate imams' channels and "found that they do not violate YouTube's guidelines on extremist or hateful content."

The enlightened peace-and-love progressives of Silicon Valley don't just have egg on their faces. They have blood on their hands.

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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

In my mind, there are two types of people: huggers and non-huggers. Those of you who know me well are aware that I am definitely the former. I hug because I love people and value human contact.



Some people, however, just aren't the cuddly type. Regardless of your touchy-feely preferences, a hug can be an expression of warmth and friendliness, a gesture of love, kindness, sympathy, trust, greeting, or farewell.

I believe that it benefits both parties, but is there any scientific explanation or evidence that this is true?

Hugging has been found to trigger several hormones and neurotransmitters: Our skin senses the pressure of touch through a network of tiny nerve endings and communicates this to the brain. This appears to trigger an increase in levels of the hormone oxytocin.

Oxytocin increases levels of the hormones serotonin and dopamine, resulting in greater calm, and reduced depression and

anxiety. Low dopamine levels are seen in those with depression and Parkinson's disease.

Oxytocin also causes a decrease in the heart rate and a drop in the stress hormones cortisol and norepinephrine. This can lower blood pressure and stress, and increase feelings of contentment and relaxation.

There's evidence that oxytocin improves immune function and pain tolerance. In a 2015 study, researchers from Carnegie Mellon examined whether hugs could reduce susceptibility to the common cold after being exposed to the virus. Those who felt greater social support and reported receiving frequent hugs were less likely to come down with a cold, or had less severe symptoms.

A 2015 study from King's College in London found that oxytocin has analgesic effects, leading to a reduction in perceived pain intensity.

Oxytocin is also known as the "bonding hormone" because it promotes attachment in relationships, and is felt to be responsible for mother-infant bonding.

Hugging has been shown to cause the release of endorphins. Endorphins are hormones that relieve pain by blocking pain pathways, and soothe aches by increasing circulation to soft tissues.

Hugging reduces the levels of circulating cortisol. Lower levels of cortisol allow the mind to calm down and the body to relax. It also

helps to decrease cortisol-induced hyperglycemia and diabetes.

Here is one more important finding. Most of us worry about our mortality, particularly as we age. A study published in the journal Psychological Science revealed that hugging and touching reduced that concern. The study showed that even hugging an inanimate object like a teddy bear helped to soothe fears.

In fact, simply imagining hugging a person you love can cause the brain to release serotonin, dopamine, and endorphins, triggering feelings of happiness and joy.

Just between you and me, I had intended to continue hugging on a daily basis regardless of what I found in this research. Hugging triggers a massive release of neurohormones, giving us confidence, strengthening our bonds with one another, building trust, alleviating sadness, tension and anxiety; and bringing us joy and happiness.

Sometimes the simplest treatments are indeed the best!

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## U.S. death rates from Alzheimer's disease increased 55 percent from 1999 to 2014

Death rates from Alzheimer's disease (AD) increased 55 percent between 1999 and 2014, according to data released in the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

The number of Alzheimer's deaths at home also increased during the same period, from 14 percent to 25 percent, suggesting an increase in the number of caregivers that would benefit from support, including education and case management services.

Alzheimer's disease is a fatal form of dementia. It is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for 3.6 percent of all deaths in 2014. It is the fifth leading cause of death among people ages 65 years and older in the United States.

"Millions of Americans and their family members are profoundly affected by Alzheimer's disease," said CDC Acting Director Anne Schuchat, M.D. "Our new study reveals an increase in the incidence of Alzheimer's disease-related deaths. As the number of older Americans with Alzheimer's disease rises, more family members are taking on the emotionally and physically challenging role of caregiver than ever before. These families need and deserve our support."

This study is the first to provide county-level rates for deaths caused by AD. CDC researchers analyzed state- and county-level death certificate data from the National Vital Statistics System to identify deaths with AD reported as the underlying cause. According to the analysis, possible reasons for the increase include the growing population of older adults in the U.S., increases in diagnosis of AD at earlier stages, increased reporting by physicians and others who record the cause of death, and fewer deaths from other causes of deaths for the elderly, such as heart

disease and stroke.

Key findings from analysis of AD rates

The death rate increased 55 percent—from 16.5 per 100,000 people in 1999 to 25.4 per 100,000 in 2014 after accounting for age.

Most Alzheimer's deaths still occur in a nursing home or long-term care facility, but fewer in 2014 (54 percent) than in 1999 (68 percent).

Counties with the highest death rates were primarily in the Southeast; other areas with high rates included the Midwest and West Coast.

Age is the greatest risk factor for AD; most adults with the disease are 65 years or older. As fewer people die from other diseases, more survive into older adulthood and the risk for AD increases.

"As Alzheimer's disease progresses, caregiving becomes very important. Caregivers and patients can benefit from programs that include education about Alzheimer's disease, how to take care of themselves and their loved one, and case management to lessen the burden of care," said Christopher Taylor, Ph.D., lead author and epidemiologist, Division of Population Health, CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. "Supportive interventions can lessen the burden for caregivers and improve the quality of care for people with Alzheimer's disease."

While there is currently no cure for AD, people should see a doctor if they experience symptoms affecting their daily life such as memory loss, difficulties with problem solving, or misplacing objects. Early diagnosis is important to allow patients and their families to begin planning medical and caregiving needs at all stages of the disease.



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# Mayor's Corner: Quality of life remains top priority

Hello Downey!

Recently we held our annual State of the City address at the beautiful Rio Hondo Event Center. Each year the State of the City address brings together the community to celebrate accomplishments and preview the year ahead.

I am happy to report that this has been another great year for the City of Downey. Our top priority is to work for you and to maintain the quality of life Downey is known for. At this year's address, I highlighted our city's accomplishments and future goals. I would like to thank the Downey residents, business owners and community partners who attended this year's event.

One of our biggest accomplishments was allocating the funding to hire 10 new police officers at the Downey Police Department. They will be joining a force of honorable men and women who are committed to the safety and welfare of our great City.

Also, I am excited to welcome our newest member to the Downey Police Department's Canine (K-9) Program, "Rex". In addition to patrolling with the Canine Program, Rex will be trained in specialties such as narcotics detection and criminal apprehension. He is a shepherd malinois mix and came to Downey all the way from the Czech Republic. Rex is the fourth member to the program and at only 17 months old, he is also the youngest #crimefighter.

Another of my goals as Mayor is to continue to improve the quality of our streets. The Lakewood Improvement Project will continue this summer. Lakewood Boulevard from Gallatin to Telegraph Road will be paved, giving way to three open lanes on each side. Improvement will include new landscaping as well as new decorative lighting. Completion date is projected for the end of the year.

These accomplishments were made possible by the passing of Measure S. Last year on Nov. 8, Downey residents spoke loud and clear that public safety is their main priority. The passing of a ½-cent sales tax increase will help to maintain and improve city services including our parks, youth and senior programs and repairs for our streets and sidewalks and provide funding to hire more public safety personnel.

Also in keeping ahead with technology, our police and fire departments will be equipped with a new Smart 911 Radio System that will allow emergency responders to communicate with our residents as well as other cities in a more efficient matter. The measure will help us maintain safeguards response times to Downey emergencies, saving lives and keeping our community safe.

The second "Ride and Stride" took place last month and it was a

good time had by all. Not even a little rain could stop everyone from enjoying the 4.5 miles car-free Downey streets. Our local streets were transformed into safe open spaces for thousands of Downyites that rode their bikes, walked, played, and spent quality family time among friends and neighbors. Along the route were numerous stops bustling with music, games, food vendors, and much more.

This year the Downey Chamber of Commerce held their annual Street Faire along with the City's event and helped make it a remarkable success.

When I started as Mayor in 2014, I was surprised to learn just how high the obesity level in our children is in our country. Sadly, our city is not immune to its impact. Diabetes in children is on the rise. Moreover, with our nation's capital proposed cuts to health and after school programs, our job as a city is to keep our children safe and active with the resources that we have.

During our Master Park Plan, a survey was taken to see what is the most played sport in the City. The overwhelming answer was soccer. With that we came up with the idea to start a pilot program at ASPIRE with our local 4th and 5th graders. Homefield Advantage is an eight-week course that will introduce students not only to the playing field, but to coaching basics as well. The initial program began this week at Unsworth Elementary.

There will be one school from each council district with full roll out of the program by the fall. The goal is to have all schools in the district participate in the summer's "Downey FIFA World Cup Tournament" that will take place in Downtown Downey.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate the graduation class of 2017. As you embark on your journey, whether it is a university, new job or backpacking through Europe, always remember where you came from. Your City will always be your home, and your home is always a place where you can return to and give back to.

Downey's great way of life is possible because of its residents and students like you who are the future. I am truly looking forward to serve you and to see what our youth has in store for the City of Downey. Congratulations, Class of 2017!

As your Mayor, it is a privilege to share the City's recent accomplishments and upcoming events. As always, I welcome your comments, concerns and questions. You can reach me at (562) 904-7274 or at fvasquez@downeyca.org

**Fernando Vasquez**  
Downey Mayor

## New YMCA Arts and Enrichment Center opens

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – The Downey YMCA has officially opened the doors to its new Arts and Enrichment Center at Furman Park.

Several city officials, YMCA board members and park-goers gathered around the doors of the new center for the ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday evening.

"The YMCA is to this day, in my opinion, one of the most



recognizable brands worldwide," said Mayor Fernando Vasquez. "I look back at the history of this building here - how far it's come to where it is today - and I couldn't think of a better partner than the Y to take over here and really implement and involve what this facility used to be, and now provide and make an impact on our children."

The building housed the Downey Museum of Art until 2009.

The new center will offer several classes and programs for children and adults. Classes include a range of activities, including visual arts, crafts, dance, yoga, film, photography, and computer technology.

"We feel it's very important for the community for people to not only see art, but actually be able to experience it," said Anne Ullstrom, Executive Director at Downey YMCA.

It will also be open to the community during Concerts in the Park.

Cost for programs is \$20, or \$40 for non-members, with financial assistance available. Child watch is also available for adult classes for an added fee.

To sign up, visit Downey YMCA at 11531 Downey Avenue, or visit [www.Ymcala.org/downey](http://www.Ymcala.org/downey).

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## Musical Theatre West announces celebratory 65th season



Lin-Manuel Miranda's "In the Heights" opens at Musical Theatre West in Long Beach on Oct. 20.

**LONG BEACH** - Musical Theatre West has announced its 65th anniversary season of shows, including the award winning musical "In the Heights" by Lin-Manuel Miranda of "Hamilton" fame.

Season subscription tickets are now on sale to the public. Season ticket prices range from \$80 to \$260 for all five shows. To order, call (562) 859-1999, ext. 4 or go to the Musical Theatre West Ticket Office.

**In The Heights**  
October 20 - November 5, 2017

Before there was Hamilton, there was Lin-Manuel Miranda's cutting edge musical masterpiece In the Heights.

The winner of the 2008 Tony Awards for "Best Musical," "Best Score," "Best Choreography" and "Best Orchestrations," In the Heights tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights. A young storeowner watches the joys and heartbreaks of his tight-knit neighborhood as they pass through his bodega, and experience the hopes, dreams and pressures of life, discovering where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind.

**Irving Berlin's White Christmas**  
December 1 - 10, 2017

This holiday season, discover a timeless tale of joy and goodwill. Based on the beloved film, the stage production features 17 of Irving Berlin's classics, from "Blue Skies" to "I Love a Piano" and the perennial classic "White Christmas."

Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song and dance following WWII. After meeting a stunning sister act, they follow the girls and their hearts to a magical Vermont Inn, owned by their old Army commander. Will Spirit of the holidays bring together families old and new?

**Guys & Dolls**  
February 16 - March 4, 2018

New York's most infamous crap game organizer, Nathan Detroit, is desperate for funds to secure a venue for his illicit gambling enterprise, so he wagers the perfect bet against high roller Sky Masterson: he must convince missionary Sarah Brown to have dinner with him in Havana, Cuba.

While gambling with Sky's moves, Nathan must deal with his own situation - his 14-year fiancé, Adelaide, who's tired of waiting for a wedding. With money and hearts at stake in this game, there's no telling how the dice will land.

**Nice Work If You Can Get It**  
April 6 - April 27, 2018

The hilarious song-and-dance Broadway spectacular pokes fun at the Prohibition era in a clash of elegant socialites and boorish bootleggers, all to the music of George Gershwin's glorious score.

Charming and wealthy playboy Jimmy Winter meets rough female bootlegger Billie Bendix on the weekend of his wedding to Eileen Evergreen, a self-obsessed modern dancer. Thinking Jimmy and Eileen will be out of town, Billie and her gang hide cases of alcohol in the basement of Jimmy's Long Island mansion. But when Jimmy, his wife-to-be, and her prohibitionist family show up at the mansion for the wedding, screwball shenanigans ensue, with hijinks galore!

**Yankee Doodle Dandy**  
July 6-July 22, 2018

"Yankee Doodle Dandy," "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Over There," and "Give My Regards to Broadway" are only a few of the timeless classics by George M. Cohan. Filled with show-stopping production numbers, lighting tap moves and spirited music, Yankee Doodle Dandy brings to the forefront the story of the man who became the heart and soul of American music.

Set against the colorful backdrop of Old Broadway, this story highlights the brash, colorful, cocky, charismatic and uncompromising man, from his humble beginnings with his hard-knock days with his family on the vaudeville circuit to his reign as the star-spangled 'King of Broadway.' Cohan's life was a roller coaster ride of professional highs and lows and personal triumphs and heartbreak. Featuring 25 songs, including some new music and adaptations of the classics.



Tickets go on sale Monday to see U2 at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego on Sept. 22.

The concert will be U2's only Southern California stop as part of their international Joshua Tree tour.

After the San Diego show, the band heads to Mexico City; Bogota, Colombia, Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Santiago, Chile; before wrapping up the tour in San Paolo, Brazil.

## JUNE 8 BIRTHDAYS



**Jerry Stiller**, the comedian and actor who starred in 'Seinfeld' and 'King of Queens', turns 90



**Barbara Bush**  
former first lady  
92



**Nancy Sinatra**  
singer  
77



**Boz Scaggs**  
guitarist  
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# Shared Stories: The Killer Kern

Frank Novak's story of a rafting trip after a winter of heavy snowfall is a cautionary reminder for those vacationing in the Sierras this summer. Ten people have died so far in Kern and Tulare county rivers this year. 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 Frank Novak

In the winter of 2010 – 2011, the Sierras received nearly double the average yearly snow fall. At Donner Summit, made famous by the ill-fated Donner party, the snow level was over 60 ft deep.

By June, the snow melt had swelled streams and rivers up and down the Sierra, and the Kern River was flowing at twice it's normal volume. My three brothers-in-law, my niece, and I had a reservation for a rafting trip.

We had rafted this river before, on a warm day with the river drifting between banks and occasional sandy stretches, dropping around rocks that threw spray into the boats and caused squeals of laughter.

This year, the river was high over the banks, flowing into trees and fields, and in the middle of the river a column of water moved like a freight train over massive rocks that were exposed in normal years. In a portent of thing to come, we were given heavy wetsuits to wear along

with the usual life jackets and helmets.

There were four rafts in the group. Our raft shoved off third, going single file down the river. It didn't take long before the second raft in line flipped. We could see it enter a particularly sharp bend in the canyon, and as it rounded a large rock with vertical walls on both sides, the boat was over in an instant.

The six guests and the guide took a long ride in the water. They were in quite a while, but eventually were able to get back in the boat. We didn't think too much about it; we were still having fun.

A little bit later we arrived at the lunch spot. We felt good and ready to eat, but the folks who had been in the water were in a somber mode. Some of guests from that boat had bare feet because their rubber wet suit booties had been sucked off by the current.

They all sat quietly, staring blankly into the distance. They didn't seem much interested in food. The guide of the boat that had flipped walked around talking softly to the other guides.

Eventually, all the folks from that boat loaded into the supply van and headed back to base, done for the day. The rest of us—we still didn't get it.

Just after lunch, it was our turn. Sliding down a chute, paddling to try to keep the boat steer-able while bouncing up into the air, we were suddenly in the water, the boat upside down.

I surfaced six feet away; but the current was relentless and I couldn't get to the boat until our guide reached out with his paddle and pulled me over. We hung to the side, moving fast past another boat that was pulled over at the shore. That guide threw a rope, and only by that means were we able to get our boat out of the powerful center current.

We sat on the warm rocks, gathering our breath, feeling the adrenaline subside. No one talked, but to be honest, none of us wanted to continue.

We had all felt how powerless we could be against the force of the river. But we had no choice now—for us the only way off the river was to

continue down: only a couple more bad rapids to go.

The last rapid was Pinball, a hundred-yard field of boulders snaking down the canyon. It didn't look bad considering where we had been. We were half way through, controlling the boat and doing well, when from behind a rock appeared a four-foot-deep hole in the swirling water.

The bow nosed in hard, the guide at the rear of the raft was catapulted down river in a high arc, and we were in the water.

I was completely under, the black bottom of the boat above me, the life jacket pushing me up, pushing my head against the bottom. I tried to work out from underneath, but I was wedged between the edge of the boat and something else, maybe another swimmer.

I pulled with my arms and kicked, but suddenly the suction of an undercurrent pulled me down. It was deep and flowing. Above me, three feet of green water was dimly lit by the sky. I remember thinking, I'm still OK ... but I've been down here a long time.

After I surfaced and spent the next minute sliding down the middle of the river getting face-full after face-full of water from waves standing three feet tall, and after I decided to swim for the shore and was carried down a side channel where one of the other rafts was waiting to pull us out, and after I lay hunched over the thwart, gasping and repeating the same curse word over and over under my breath, not caring what anyone else in the boat thought, and after the long bus ride back to the camp, and the returning of gear, and the mandatory smiles and photos with the guides, and after we had taken inventory of the physical cuts and scrapes, we sat in a restaurant and tried to sort out the psychic damage.

"Now that it's over," one of us said, "I'm glad that it happened."

"Not too many people get that close to drowning and can still talk about it."

Between June 1 and the end of the Fourth of July Weekend 2011, five people drowned in the Kern River.

## POETRY MATTERS

All the difficult hours and minutes

All the difficult hours and minutes are like salted plums in a jar. Wrinkled, turn steeply into themselves, they mutter something the color of sharkfins to the glass. Just so, calamity turns toward calmness. First the jar holds the umeboshi, then the rice does.

- Jane Hirshfield

On graduation day, parents and family often turn to poetry to express what they would like to pass on to the next generation, as a few lines of guidance. But do the grads listen, and are they capable of understanding distilled wisdom? Sometimes the elders seem to be summing it up for themselves. In Hirshfield's poem, the tragedies of our lives might open us to another way of being. "Calamity turns to calmness," suggests the Buddhist practice of mindfulness, as the poet Mark Burrows points out, like a widening of our patience toward others. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

# Flyer attacks trash company hoping to win Norwalk's waste contract

**NORWALK** – An anonymous flyer circulating through Norwalk is calling the integrity of one of the city's potential future waste handler's into question.

The flyer, which has been circulated via email, leans heavily against NASA Services, which is currently contending for a waste hauling contract with the city.

The email attempts to tie the company with several lawsuits and dirty politics in the city of Pico Rivera, however it is uncertain who is behind the spread of the information.

NASA Services has yet to return a call for comment.

According to this email, NASA submitted its bid to the city of Norwalk in 2016. However, NASA was one of several business bumped from contention by HF&F Consultants – who was hired by Norwalk to review the 11 proposals received by the city by several companies – after determining that NASA

Services would only bring a 1% savings at too high of a risk for the city.

However, the email continues that the conclusion of a special meeting held on May 6 saw NASA back in the running, selected as one of five finalists for the contract.

Several calls were made to City Manager Mike Egan to confirm this information, however, they were not responded to in time for the publishing of this article.

Mayor Luigi Vernola described it as "political bullshit."

"They want to intimidate me?," said Vernola.

When asked who "they" was, Vernola simply said, "Well, individuals who want to intimidate me to vote a certain way I guess."

-- Alex Dominguez, staff writer

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THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/1997  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/ STEWART HOMES, INC., PRESIDENT, MICHAEL STEWART  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 17, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

### The Downey Patriot 5/25/17, 6/1/17, 6/8/17, 6/15/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017126253

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MELVINS METAL POLISH, 21370 S. ALAMEDA ST, LONG BEACH CA 90810, LA COUNTY, 2518 SALE PL, HUNTINGTON PARK 90255**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNER(S): (1) VERONICA GALVEZ, 2518 SALE PL, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255 (2) MELVIN GALVEZ, 2518 SALE PL, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2017  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/ VERONICA GALVEZ, OWNER  
S/ VERONICA GALVEZ, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 16, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

### The Downey Patriot 5/18/17, 5/25/17, 6/1/17, 6/8/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017111633

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **TJD GROUP MARKETING SERVICES, 10536 STAMPS RD., DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNER(S): (1) OSCAR TEJADA SALINAS, 10536 STAMPS RD., DOWNEY CA 90241  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/ OSCAR TEJADA SALINAS, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 2, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

### The Downey Patriot 5/18/17, 5/25/17, 6/1/17, 6/8/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017137659

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **THE HAZ-MAT, 8114 FIRESTONE BLVD #4693, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNER(S): (1) GASPARD RODRIGUEZ, 8111 FIRESTONE BLVD #4693, DOWNEY CA 90241 (2) MAYUMI NEELD, 805 BREEZY WAY, ORANGE CA 92868 (3) TRACY SUE PECK, 8114 3RD ST, DOWNEY CA 90241  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2017  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ TRACY SUE PECK, PARTNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 26, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

### The Downey Patriot 6/8/17, 6/15/17, 6/22/17, 6/29/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017106656

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **WOSPERT EDUCATION INC, 3514 ELMBROOK DR, LA MIRADA CA 90638, LA COUNTY**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MATTHEW A. WIGHT, 15514 ELMBROOK DR., LA MIRADA CA 90638 (2) LUKE WOS, 1 CASTLE LANE, AYLESBURY GUR State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/ MATTHEW A. WIGHT, PARTNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 26, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

### The Downey Patriot 5/18/17, 5/25/17, 6/1/17, 6/8/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017135717

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SILVER W LAKE FOOT REFLEXOLOGY, 2085 S ATLANTIC BLVD STE E, MONTEREY PARK CA 91754-6350, LA COUNTY, 11824 FLORENCE AVE APT LA, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CUIYUN CHI, 11824 FLORENCE AVE APT L, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2017  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/ CUIYUN CHI, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 25, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

### The Downey Patriot 6/1/17, 6/8/17, 6/15/17, 6/22/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017124702

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BR KIDS, 15740 RYON AVE APT 2, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNER(S): (1) CHERRON ELDRIDGE, 15740 RYON AVE APT 2, BELLFLOWER CA 90706  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2017  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/ CHERRON ELDRIDGE, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 15, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

### The Downey Patriot 5/18/17, 5/25/17, 6/1/17, 6/8/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017124628

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **DIAMOND EDUCATION INC. (2) BLACK STAR LOGISTICS (3) DIAMOND EDUCATION CONSULTING, 5914 GAVIOTA AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90805, LA COUNTY**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DIAMOND EDUCATION INC, 5914 GAVIOTA AVE., LONG BEACH CA 90805

State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2008  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/ AMONIA EDUCATION INC, VICE PRESIDENT, TIMOTHY WAYNE HOOD  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 15, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

### The Downey Patriot 5/18/17, 5/25/17, 6/1/17, 6/8/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017116057

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **LULAROE NATALIE RODRIGUEZ, 10425 VALLEY VIEW AVE, WHITTIER CA 90604, LA COUNTY**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NATALIE RODRIGUEZ, 10425 VALLEY VIEW AVE, WHITTIER CA 90604  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2017  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/ NATALIE RODRIGUEZ, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 5, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

### The Downey Patriot 6/1/17, 6/8/17, 6/15/17, 6/22/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017123901

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BSTS (2) BILINGUAL SAFETY TRAINING SOLUTIONS (3) BILINGUAL SAFETY TECHNICAL SERVICES, 10025 WILEY BURKE AVE., APT. 5, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) URBANO MARQUEZ, 10025 WILEY BURKE AVE., APT. 5, DOWNEY CA 90240  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/ URBANO MARQUEZ, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 12, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
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### The Downey Patriot 6/8/17, 6/15/17, 6/22/17, 6/29/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017131625

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SUMMIT WINDOWS AND HOME IMPROVEMENT, INC., 9825 RICHEON AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 4017320  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SUMMIT WINDOWS AND HOME IMPROVEMENT, 9825 RICHEON AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90240  
State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/ SUMMIT WINDOWS AND HOME IMPROVEMENT, C/P MARTA GUILLEN  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 22, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
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### The Downey Patriot 5/25/17, 6/1/17, 6/8/17, 6/15/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017119884

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **JULIETAS TRADING, 10324 CALIFORNIA AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JANET M AQUINO, 10324 CALIFORNIA AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280 (2) CONSTANTINO ENRIQUE AQUINO PEREZ, 10324 CALIFORNIA AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2017  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/ PEREZ PARTNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 10, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

### The Downey Patriot 5/25/17, 6/1/17, 6/8/17, 6/15/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017121620

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **THE LANE BRAND, 12217 DEFIANCE AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90059, LA COUNTY**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ASIA LANE ANDERSON, 12217 DEFIANCE AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90059  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2017  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/ ASIA LANE ANDERSON, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 11, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

### The Downey Patriot 5/18/17, 5/25/17, 6/1/17, 6/8/17

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2017125086

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CAPITAL POSTAL & MAIL BOX SERVICE, 6187 ATLANTIC AVENUE, LONG BEACH CA 90805, LA COUNTY**  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) C AND T CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LLC, 6187 ATLANTIC AVENUE, LONG BEACH CA 90805  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2017  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/ C AND T CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LLC, CEO, TAKISHA TAMU CLARK  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 15, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the







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**GOVERNMENT**

**CITY OF DOWNEY**  
**NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**  
**Capital Improvement Project**  
**No. 14-16**  
**Brookshire Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until **11:00 AM on Thursday, June 29, 2017** hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 14-16 - Brookshire Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of pavement rehabilitation on two sections of Brookshire Avenue: (1) between Gardendale Street and Imperial Highway, and (2) between Firestone Boulevard and Florence Avenue; and signing and striping for bike lane on Brookshire Avenue from Imperial Highway to Firestone Boulevard, as shown on the contract plans. The work to be undertaken shall consist of saw cutting, reconstruction of failed pavement areas, cold-milling of existing pavement, subgrade compaction, construction of asphalt concrete base course and leveling course, and construction of rubberized asphalt concrete overlays. This project also includes reconstruction of existing concrete improvements including curbs, gutters, cross gutters and spandrels, alley approaches, curb ramps and sidewalk; adjusting of manholes, water valves and survey monuments to grade; installation of traffic signing, traffic striping and pavement markings; traffic control and all appurtenant work that is necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled as Capital Improvement Project No. 14-16.

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

**BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDING THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NOS. 14-16.** Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers Compensation insurance and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a **Valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of a, "General Engineering Contractor"**.

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

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring

and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

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

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

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

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

**Mr. Desi Gutierrez, Principal Engineer**  
**E-Mail: dgutier@downeyca.org**  
**Tel: (562) 904-7110**  
**Fax: (562) 904-7296**

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

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA**  
Matria A. Duarte, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**MARKETING AND ADVERTISING SERVICES**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education for the DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Downey, CA (Los Angeles County), will receive **Requests for Proposal (RFP) Number 2017/2018-01** for the procurement of the following services:

**Marketing and Advertising Services**

Sealed requests for proposal must be delivered to the Downey Unified School District, Purchasing Department, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Room 169, Downey, CA 90241, by no later than **2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2017.**

A qualified firm will have demonstrated experience and expertise in forming strategic partnerships with public-sector organizations, especially K-12 institutions. It will have proven success in conceiving and executing large-scale advertising and marketing projects. A qualified firm will be viable, professionally organized, well-versed in communicating in a variety of media, and skilled at telling the District's story clearly, persuasively and creatively.

Companies interested in submitting a proposal should request appropriate proposal documents from the Purchasing Department at (562) 469-6531.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. No proposer may withdraw their proposal for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the receipt of proposals. Refer to the formal Request for Proposal documents and specifications for additional information, terms and conditions.

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
**6/8/17, 6/15/17**

**LIEN SALES**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to sections 21700 – 21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, CA Commercial Code Section 2328, Section 1812.600 – 1812.609 and Section 1988 of CA Civil Code, 353 of the Penal Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Wednesday the 21st day of June, 2017 at 10:00 A.M.**, on the premises where said property including: household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at **Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, County of Los Angeles, State of California**, the following:

Customer Name	Unit#
Georgina Torres	1224
Lakisha Parker	1405
Christina Rincon	1460
Mary Rodgers	2077
Kathleen Leahy	2652
Dominga Topete	2826
Mario Medina	2907
Claudia Avila	1541

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

Dated this **1st day of June, 2017 and 8th day of June, 2017**,  
Self Storage Management Co. Bond #: **WL1254152**

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**NOTICES**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: TS020735**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner Armando Silva Jr filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Armando Silva Jr to Proposed name (1) Armando 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: June 22, 2017, Time: 8:30 am,**  
**Department: A, Room: 904**

**The address of the court is LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICE, 200 W. COMPTON BLVD., COMPTON, CA 90220**  
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**

May 12, 2017  
Brian S. Currey  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Armando Silva Jr**  
11815 State St  
Lynwood, CA 90262  
**(424) 232-4363**

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**5/25/17, 6/1/17, 6/8/17, 6/15/17**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS030420**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner Niko Oganessian and Anush Oganessian filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Tatiana Sirpuhi Oganessian to Proposed name (1) Tatiana Oganessian  
**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: July 12, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm,**  
**Department: C, Room:**

**The address of the court is NORWALK COURTHOUSE - SOUTHEAST DISTRICT, 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650**  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**

May 12, 2017  
Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Niko Oganessian and Anush Oganessian**  
7803 Alderidge St.  
Downey, CA 90240  
**(562) 242-2662**

**The Downey Patriot**  
**5/18/17, 5/25/17, 6/1/17, 6/8/17**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS030436**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner Pornchita Chaiyakam filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Pornchita Chaiyakam to Proposed name (1) Pornchita Kollar  
**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: July 19, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm,**  
**Department: C, Room:**

**The address of the court is NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT SOUTHEAST DISTRICT, 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**

May 16, 2017  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Pornchita Chaiyakam**  
11550 Paramount Blvd Apt 10  
Downey, CA 90241  
**(562) 659-0978**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS030435**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner Erica Trejo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Erica Trejo to Proposed name (1) Erica Trejo-Perez  
**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: July 12, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm,**  
**Department: C, Room:**

**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650**  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**

May 16, 2017  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Erica Trejo**  
12613 Crossdale Ave  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
**(310) 925-1395**  
**jeiorerica@yahoo.com**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner Erica Trejo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Erica Trejo to Proposed name (1) Erica Trejo-Perez  
**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: July 12, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm,**  
**Department: C, Room:**

**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650**  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**

May 16, 2017  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Erica Trejo**  
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Norwalk, CA 90650  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS030431**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:** Petitioner Rosetta Dantzier Henderson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Rosetta Dantzier Henderson to Proposed name (1) Rosetta Henderson  
**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: July 12, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm,**  
**Department: C, Room: 312**

**The address of the court is NORWALK COURTHOUSE - 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650**  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**

May 12, 2017  
Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Rosetta Dantzier Henderson**  
10700 Bellman Ave.  
Downey, CA 90241  
**(626) 344-5854**

**The Downey Patriot**  
**5/18/17, 5/25/17, 6/1/17, 6/8/17**

**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SYLVIA WINDISCH**  
**Case No. 17STPB03751**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SYLVIA WINDISCH

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by WILFRED D. WINDISCH in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that WILFRED D. WINDISCH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 19, 2017 at 8:30 in Dept. 11 located at 111 NORTH HILL ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.

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:  
**SHERY MARIE BRIDGEFORD**  
325 ZACA RD.  
BIG BEAR CITY, CA 92314  
**(909) 273-7023**

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**6/1/17, 6/8/17, 6/15/17**

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 14, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 99 located at 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of the mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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Attorney for petitioner:  
Kit Natland/NATLAND LAW  
14 Corporate Plaza  
Suite 120  
Newport Beach, CA 92660  
**(949) 288-6883**

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**6/8/17, 6/15/17, 6/22/17**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EDWINA NATALIE ZELO**  
**Case No. 17STPB02933**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WINNIE ZELO

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by SHERRY MARIE BRIDGEFORD in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHERRY MARIE BRIDGEFORD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 19, 2017 at 8:30 in Dept. 11 located at 111 NORTH HILL ST. LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE.

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.



# High school sports camp getting underway

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School girls' volleyball program will be hosting five camps this summer. All five camps will be Monday-Wednesday.

The first camp will take place July 10-12 and is for girls in grades 9-12. The camp session will be from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The second camp session will take place July 17-19 and is also for girls in grades 9-12. This camp session will also be from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Camp 2A will also take place July 17-19 and is designed for elementary and middle school aged children in grades K-8. This camp will be from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. and the cost is \$50.

The fourth camp session will take place July 24-26 and is designed for girls and boys in grades 9-12. The camp session will be from 8-10 a.m. The fifth and final camp session will take place July 31-1 and will be for girls in grades 9-12.

Further questions about volleyball camp can be directed to head coach Bob McCarthy at [rmccarthy@dusd.net](mailto:rmccarthy@dusd.net).

■The Downey High School boys' tennis program will start their summer workout sessions next Tuesday, June 13 and will run through Thursday, July 27.

Practices will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on the tennis courts at Downey High School. The cost is \$60.

Questions can be directed to head coach Byung Park at [bpark@dusd.net](mailto:bpark@dusd.net).

■The Downey High School football program will be starting their summer football session on Monday, June 26 and it will conclude on Thursday, August 2. Practices will run from 3-6 p.m. on the Downey High School football field.

Incoming freshmen and junior varsity players will be starting their summer football session on Monday, June 26 and it will also conclude on Thursday, August 2. Practices will run from 2-5 p.m. There will also be a mandatory parent meeting on June 27 at 7 p.m.

Further questions can be directed to head coach Jack Williams at [jwilliams@dusd.net](mailto:jwilliams@dusd.net).

■The Downey High School wrestling program started their summer wrestling camp on Monday, June 5 and it will run through Thursday, July 13. Practices will run from 2-4 p.m. Sign-ups for incoming freshman were held Monday at the Sports Orientation inside the gym.

Further questions can be directed to head coach Miguel Soto at [msoto@dusd.net](mailto:msoto@dusd.net).

■The Downey High School baseball program will have two summer sessions. Session One was this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and yesterday. Session Two will be next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Both sessions begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 12 p.m. Further question can be directed to head coach Jess Gonzalez at [jgonzalez@dusd.net](mailto:jgonzalez@dusd.net).

■The Warren High School boys' basketball camp will be held June 12-15 in the Warren High School Gym. The camp is open to student-athletes age(s) 13-18 and will be from 2-4 p.m.

This camp is designed for boys who want to be a part of the summer freshman basketball program. Student-athletes will participate in instruction for basketball fundamentals. All campers selected will receive a camp t-shirt and participation in summer basketball games.

The Elite Position Camp will be held June 19-22 and is open for boys and girls age(s) 8-18 years of age. The camp will run from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and will be held inside the Warren High School Gym.

There will be a sibling discount as well as a team discount on 8 or more

players. Athletes will work on specific position skills to better understand their role both on and off the court. The camp focus will be on skills specific to point guard, perimeter and post play. Players will be challenged with more difficult ball handling, shooting and post and perimeter play. Competitions and games will also be held.

For more information you can contact the boys' head basketball coach Zaid Leflore at [zaidlefore@yahoo.com](mailto:zaidlefore@yahoo.com) or by telephone at 310-753-3706.

■Warren High School head volleyball coach Scotty Lane will be hosting a summer volleyball camp July 25-27 from 6-9 in the Warren High School gym.

The camp is open to boys and girls in grades 9-12. The cost is \$110 and includes a t-shirt. All counselors coaching at the camp will have Division One college level or professional beach/indoor player experience.

The camp will focus on position and skills training. No athletic physical is needed for the three-day camp and there is no pre-registration. Campers can pay cash or check on the first day of camp. All checks are made payable to Warren High Volleyball. Any questions can be directed to Scotty Lane at [scottylane@yahoo.com](mailto:scottylane@yahoo.com).

In addition, the Warren High School girls' volleyball tryouts will take place August 7-8 from 2-4 p.m. at the Warren High School gym. Student-athletes in grades 9-12 are welcome to tryout.

■The Warren High School football program began its summer practice session on Monday and it will run through June 30.

The session is Monday through Friday and is open to student-athletes ages 14-18. Workouts are from 2-6:30 p.m. on the Warren High School football field. Athletes are to bring practice wear, water and cleats.

The C.I.F. mandated "dead period" will be observed from July 1-23. Any questions can be directed to head football coach Raul Lara at [raul3lara@aol.com](mailto:raul3lara@aol.com) or by cell at 562-714-2606.

**ATTORNEY**

**ALEXIS SAAB**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

• **HABLAMOS ESPAÑOL**

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*Hablo Español*  
Bar # 225243

## As Little League starts tournament play, remember what's important

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

For the last several years I have spent part of my summer at my local Little League, volunteering my time during the tournament play season.

As a former Little Leaguer myself, you could almost say I live vicariously through these young individuals as they step into the batter's box and take their places on the mound. The joy and fun that many of these kids exude has kept

me coming back each season.

Yet, there's always been one thing that has left a bad taste in my mouth when game time rolls around: adults who take each and every game too seriously.

Too many times I have seen a player reduced to tears because of something shouted from the bleachers. Coaches and managers lose their cool. It's commonplace to hear an umpire being screamed at.

It's fun to be competitive and win. Trophies are nice. A trip to Williamsport for the Little League World Series, the experience of a lifetime for a young player.

However, none of these facts changes that your child is probably not going to go on to play Major League Baseball. So why take the game too far?

Before each and every local tournament game, a pair of pledges are supposed to be recited in an attempt to remind all who are involved of why they are there.

The first is the Little League Pledge, which goes as follows:

I trust in God, I love my country, And I will respect its laws, I will play fair, And strive to win, But win or lose, I will always do my best

The second is the Parent / Volunteer Pledge. It says:

I will teach all children to play fair and do their best. I will positively support all managers, coaches and players. I will respect the decisions of the umpires. I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game.

According to their website, Little League Baseball says that the organization "assists youth in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being. By espousing the virtues of character, courage and loyalty, the Little League Baseball and Softball program is designed to develop superior citizens rather than stellar athletes."

As local leagues and districts begin either hosting or sending teams off to tournaments, it's important that the ultimate goal – to groom and develop young outstanding individuals and citizens – doesn't get lost during the quest for baseball glory.

Win or lose, each and every player should be having fun, developing friendships and cultivating a love for America's pastime.

Little League finishes their online identity statement by saying, "The outcome of a game will never outlive the pride of belonging, the experience of playing, the friends and the fun. The essence of Little League is the people, their communities, and the everlasting bond between them."

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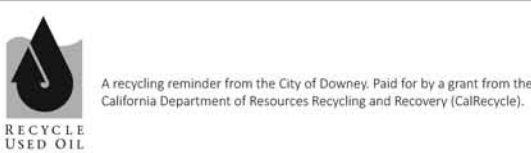
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# COMMENTARY: Press-Telegram blows it with story questioning Downey councilman's residency



Rick Rodriguez takes a selfie in the backyard of his Downey home, in this Facebook photo dated Jan. 6, 2016.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – Rick Rodriguez, District 3 councilmember, lives in Downey. His home is well known to golfers, as his backyard borders the Rio Hondo Golf Club's 7th hole.

In 2015, when the L.A. Times published its infamous feature story characterizing Downey as "the Latino Beverly Hills," the first person quoted in the story was Rodriguez, who moved to Downey in 1989 with his wife, Lupe.

The owners of an international security firm, the Rodriguez's have been successful professionally, and in 2010 they purchased a beautiful vacation home, located right on the shore of the Long Beach Peninsula. With their primary residence still in Downey, they often donate use of the beach house to local non-profits, who auction off weekends there to raise money.

Yes, Rick Rodriguez lives in Downey.

"I have personally, on numerous occasions, been to Rick and Lupe's house in Downey, dropped Rick off at his

house various times after many events, and can attest that he and his family live in Downey," confirmed Councilman Alex Saab.

Why is this even an issue? An anonymous complaint to the L.A. County district attorney alleges that Rodriguez lives in Long Beach – not Downey – which, if true, would disqualify him from holding public office in Downey.

Included in the complaint were printouts of Lupe Rodriguez's Facebook profile, in which she lists Long Beach as her home city. The complaint also notes that Rodriguez used a business address – not his home address – in election filings. The business address belongs to former mayor Mario Guerra, who assisted with Rodriguez's 2016 city council campaign.

That's the extent of the evidence.

After obtaining a copy of the complaint last week, The Downey Patriot confirmed that Rodriguez indeed still resides in Downey and chose not to publish a story.

The Long Beach Press-Telegram, however, proved to have less stringent editorial standards and on Sunday published an article titled "District Attorney reviewing complaint that Downey councilman lives in

Long Beach."

The Press-Telegram article gave the allegations credibility. The reporter attempted to tie Downey to the recent corruption charges that have plagued cities throughout southeast L.A. County: "In recent years, Los Angeles County prosecutors have investigated several allegations of public officials living outside communities and some cases have resulted in convictions," the article states.

A big problem plaguing newspapers these days is that most people tend not to read entire news articles. We scan headlines, glance at photos, and skim over a couple sentences to get the gist of what's going on. Nuance and critical thinking are lost as a result.

Guerra called the article "shameful, lazy reporting" and pinned the anonymous allegations on Frine Medrano, who lost to Rodriguez in last November's election.

"If anybody wants to know why good people don't want to get into politics, this baseless story is a good example," Guerra posted on Facebook. "If the reporter would have bothered to make a simple call to the city clerk's office, he would have known that they verify his address in several ways. By

voting records, property taxes and verification. But you can see him there every day too.

"Rick Rodriguez is one of the most ethical people I know and has nothing to hide."

For his part, Rodriguez was contrite in his comments following the story's publication.

"I am heartbroken that my name and the word 'investigate' are in the same sentence, but I am overjoyed and thankful for those who have posted such supportive comments," he said. "Thank you from me and my family."

Newspapers play a critical role in keeping politicians honest, but misleading pieces of journalism such as the article published by the Press-Telegram instead does the public a disservice.

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