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

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

AUGUST 9
Valvoline ribbon cutting
DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 9
TIME: 4 pm
LOCATION: Valvoline (Rives & Firestone)

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

AUGUST 17
Coffee with Council Member Blanca Pacheco
DATE: Thursday, Aug. 17
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: Green Olive (Promenade)

AUGUST 19
Rocket Fever
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 19
TIME: 10 am
LOCATION: Columbia Memorial Space Center

SEPTEMBER 16
International Food & Music Festival
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 16
TIME: 4-11 pm
LOCATION: Downtown Downey

OCTOBER 11
Downey Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament
DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 11
TIME: 10:30 am
LOCATION: Rio Hondo Golf Club

OCTOBER 13
Elvis Tribute
DATE: Friday, Oct. 13
TIME: 8 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

OCTOBER 15
Vicki Lawrence live
DATE: Sunday, Oct. 15
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DATE: Sunday, Oct. 29
TIME: 11 am
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

NOVEMBER 1
Voyage to the Red Planet
DATE: Wednesday, Nov. 1
TIME: 9 am
LOCATION: Columbia Memorial Space Center

NOVEMBER 11
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical
DATE: Saturday, Nov. 11
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

Man killed in possible gang-related shooting

DOWNEY – Homicide detectives are investigating a fatal shooting that occurred on the 7100 block of Luxor Street in Downey on Wednesday night.

Police officers responded to the location at about 7:30 p.m. after receiving reports of shots fired. They found a male adult suffering from what appeared to be multiple gunshot wounds.

Downey Fire Department paramedics transported the man to St. Francis Medical Center where he died. His identity has not been publicly released.

"During the course of their investigation detectives discovered information that suggests this crime may be gang-related," police officials said.

Anyone with information regarding the shooting is asked to call Detective Carlos Bejines at (562) 904-2334 or Sgt. Tim Lau at (562) 904-2304. Callers can remain anonymous.

Eric Pierce, editor

New principals announced for 2017/18 school year



Dr. Kathy Estevez (left) will be the new principal of Gallatin Elementary School and David Cid (center) will be the new principal at Rio San Gabriel Elementary School. Downey Unified has also welcomed a new Director of Special Education, Dr. Patricia Sandoval (right).

DOWNEY – The Downey Unified School District has announced two new principals and a director of special education for the 2017-18 school year, which begins Aug. 16.

Dr. Kathy Estevez will take over as principal at Gallatin Elementary, while David Cid will be at Rio San Gabriel Elementary. Dr. Patricia Sandoval is the district's new Director of Special Education.

The Downey Board of Education approved the appointments in May.

Dr. Kathy Estevez:

As a product of Downey Unified, attending Gallatin Elementary School and Doty (then East) Middle School, Dr. Estevez has children who are enrolled in Downey Unified schools.

Estevez joined the district in 2014 as an assistant principal at Downey High School (DHS). In her tenure at DHS, Estevez oversaw the budget, AVID, Special Education, Cheer and Dance, and the School Site Plan.

Prior to joining Downey Unified, she served in several other secondary education positions including being an assistant principal at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, a Special Education Teacher Specialist, and a Math, Science and Health teacher in a continuation high school setting in Redondo Beach.

Although Estevez has been at the secondary level the past few

years, she began her educational career at the elementary school level for nine years; teaching fourth grade for six years and second grade for three years for the Redondo Beach Unified School District. During this time, Estevez was named District Teacher of the Year for Redondo Beach Unified. She also served as an elementary school summer school principal in Redondo Beach.

David Cid:

Mr. Cid has been a part of the Downey Unified family for the past 20 years, beginning his career for the district working as a substitute teacher from 1998 to 2004.

From 2004 until 2014, he worked as a Resource Specialist Program teacher at Carpenter and Rio San Gabriel elementary schools. During this time, Cid also served on the Instructional Leadership Team, was the coordinator of Character Counts and 504 plans.

He moved into the Categorical Resource Teacher position at Rio San Gabriel Elementary School in 2014, and in 2015 through 2016 he worked as an administrator for summer school. Last year, Cid was hired as the vice principal split between Rio San Gabriel and Imperial elementary schools.

In addition to his experiences in Downey Unified, Cid also has past experience as a coach/manager for DJAA and the YMCA, served as the Director of Summer Programs for the Southern Baptist Association, acted as a Group Home Counselor and Manager, and was a church youth director.

Dr. Patricia Sandoval:

Although she began her career in Downey Unified in July, Dr. Patricia Sandoval is not new to the city of Downey. Growing up in Bell and currently residing in Downey, she comes to the district from the Anaheim Elementary School District where she served as principal for the past seven years.

Sandoval was highly regarded within Anaheim Elementary School District known as an expert at building a positive organizational culture. In the last year, she was handpicked to lead the efforts to transform a campus, a true tribute of her abilities as a leader.

Prior to her experience in Anaheim, Sandoval was a bilingual psychologist for five years and a bilingual teacher for eight years in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Sandoval earned a Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, a Master of Arts in Education from UCLA, a Master of Arts in Counseling from CSULA, and a Doctor in Education (Ed.D.) in K-12 Leadership from USC. She has been an adjunct professor at California State University, Fullerton, and has presented at numerous educational conferences on topics such as "College Knowledge in the Classroom" and "Sheridan's Student Success Teams."

End of road construction is welcome news for Stox



■ **CONSTRUCTION:** Restaurant claims road repairs at Imperial and Bellflower cost it \$300,000 in lost sales.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – A local business owner says his restaurant is slowly starting to recover after struggling to contend with major road construction.

Jack Wannebo, owner of Stox Restaurant & Bakery at 9518 Imperial Highway, says that recent road construction located on Bellflower Boulevard and Imperial Highway cost him and his restaurant \$300,000 in sales over 10 months.

"The city said it was only going to take four months," said Wannebo. "They goofed up, and a lot of times they weren't even working on it."

Stox has been in operation for 55 years and has gained a loyal customer base over that time.

However many of the faithful clientele stopped coming in once road work began, Wannebo said.

"They block off the road, and somebody who used to take five minutes to get here takes an hour and a half, they're not going to come here," said Wannebo. "A lot of good customers are calling, [saying] 'Sorry, we can't come in for lunch...'...We had many good customers call and apologize for not coming down."

According to Wannebo, business was affected most drastically during the lunchtime hours from around 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. His waitresses have been affected as well, as many depend on their tips.

A lack of business also meant cuts in staff scheduling, Wannebo said.

Construction at Imperial and Bellflower has recently been completed and the road cleared

up, and Stox is starting to see recovery in its lunch time business. However, Wannebo feels many still haven't realized that the road is now open.

"A lot of people, if they still think [the road] is closed, they'll say, 'Why go down there and spend an hour and a half,'" said Wannebo. "They're not sure yet."

Originally located at 11215 Downey Avenue, Stox opened in 1959 as Stox Pie Shop.

The restaurant moved to its current location in 1962, where it was an immediate success. It often served NASA astronauts working on the Apollo space mission.

A second restaurant, Mr. Stox Restaurant, opened in Anaheim in 1962.

The Downey restaurant was sold in 1974. Jack Wannebo, the current owner, acquired the restaurant more than 25 years ago.

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Saturday - Hermosillo Park in Norwalk, 4-8 pm
Live music by Soto Band, plus food trucks, games and attractions.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

DUSD announces new principals

Amy Garcia Fiala: Yeah Dr. Estevez! She was a great support person for my daughter at Downey High for two years. Gallatin is gaining a great principal.

Yolanda Vargas: What? We (Downey HS) lost Dr. Kathy Estevez... NO... she was amazing!

Cindy Sin: David Cid is awesome! He helped my son so much at Rio San Gabriel.

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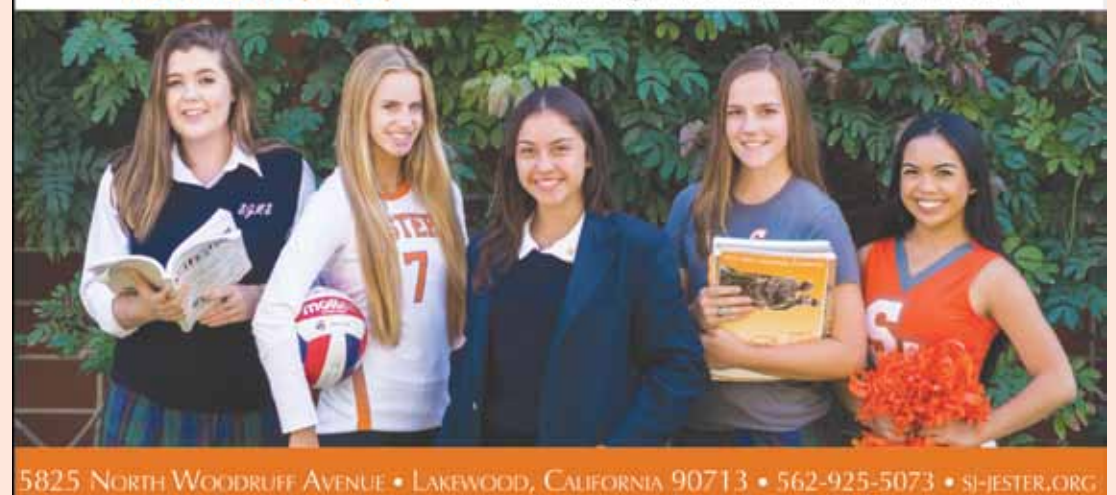
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St. John Bosco names new VP of academic affairs

BELLFLOWER – Experienced school administrator and professor, Edgar Salmingo, Jr., has been named Vice Principal of Academic Affairs at St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower.



The announcement was made this week by the school's principal, Dr. Christian De Larkin.

Salmingo has served as Associate Principal for Academic Life at La Salle High School in Pasadena since 2014. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor for the Master of Educational Technology programs at California State University, Fullerton, and Concordia University in Irvine.

A former teacher and Instructional Technology Coordinator at St. Anthony High School in Long Beach, he was also Director of Educational Technology at Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary High School in Montebello for two years prior to joining the administration at La Salle.

Salmingo is currently earning his Doctor of Education, Learning Technologies from Pepperdine University. His Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering was earned in 2004 from University of California, Irvine, and he received his Master of Arts, Secondary Education from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles in 2008.

Upon making the announcement, Dr. Christian De Larkin, principal, commented, "I am excited to welcome Edgar to the St. John Bosco family to lead our academic programs. Edgar's history of excellence in and outside of the classroom has equipped him to positively impact our academic growth, as we continue to operate at the intersection of innovation and tradition. Edgar's unwavering passion for student success is a perfect fit for Bosco."

In his 11 years of experience as an educator, he has led a host of academic initiatives, including the creation of the Marine Science Academy at St. Anthony High School in partnership with the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. He has taught AP Environmental Science,

AP Calculus AB/BC, and AP Biology, as well as coached the Academic Decathlon team at La Salle High School to back-to-back championships and a top-10 finish in the World Scholar's Cup at the Tournament of Champions at Yale University.

As an instructional leader, he has launched 1:1 iPad programs at three different high schools; built and co-wrote new UC-approved pathway programs in Digital Game Design, Introduction to Law and Sports Medicine; and implemented research-based, schoolwide initiatives in instruction, assessment, and homework that increased standardized test scores and college acceptance rates.

"I am thrilled to be a part of the team of educators at St. John Bosco High School," remarked Mr. Salmingo upon his acceptance of the position.

Edgar Salmingo, Jr., and his wife Dr. Jennifer Salmingo are parents of two young sons, Trey, 5, and Landon, 3. They are residents of La Palma.

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Downey's Nathan Lopez poised for breakout year

DOWNEY – Downey High School swimmer and water polo player Nathan Lopez is looking to have a breakout year in the pool.

Lopez has been swimming his entire life and is looking forward to his junior year. As a freshman, Lopez was on the J.V. water polo team and qualified for C.I.F. but did not compete. As a sophomore, Lopez was on a S.G.V.L. champion J.V. team and placed ninth overall in the 200 IM and tenth overall in the 500 Freestyle in C.I.F. Division Four competition.

Lopez is currently competing for the Downey Dolphin Swim Club in the Western Zone Championships being held at West Clovis High School near Fresno. This event started Tuesday and will conclude tomorrow.

There are more than 20 states represented and more than 700 swimmers competing. According to Lopez, "This is the largest swim meet I've ever been to." Lopez is competing with Dolphin and Viking teammate Warner Rosales.

Nathan currently conducts swim lessons and works as a lifeguard during the summer. He is a busy young man who is learning the importance of time management at an early age. Effective time management will certainly serve Nathan well once he attends college and becomes more independent.

This fall, Lopez will be a sprinter on the varsity water polo team and looks "to break and set records in swim." Lopez will compete in the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke.

Lopez currently has a G.P.A. of 3.6 and has received college interest by smaller schools in Ohio and Illinois. Nathan would like to be a fireman after he is done competitively swimming.

■ The Downey Calvary Chapel football team will kick off their 2017 season when they travel to Mission Prep of San Luis Obispo on Saturday, Aug. 26, at 7 p.m. The Grizzlies finished last season with an overall record of 5-4 and were 3-1 in league play.

The Grizzlies will be led this season by QB/S Jacob Escalante, RB/WR Andrew Rangel, WR/DB Carlos Fuentes and TE/DE Julian Restrepo. The DCC program will suit up 24 players this year as compared to only 16 from last season. With a bigger roster, the Grizzlies can play more players and stay healthier longer.

DCC begin their two-a-day practices today in preparation for their season opener. Practices will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the morning practice and from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the evening practice.

Coach Nuno mentioned three games to watch out for this season. The first will be the Faith Baptist game on September 2. DCC lost that game 28-22 last season. The second will be the Flintridge Prep game on October 14. DCC won that game 38-37 last season. The third game will be the Chadwick game on October 21. DCC lost that game last season after several players were hurt and could not continue.

Coach Nuno, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2017 football season. Nuno firmly believes his team can qualify for postseason play "if they show up each day committed and always do our best for the Lord."

■ The 2017 middle school sports programs will begin soon after fall classes start and all four middle schools will be competing for the coveted Champions Trophy.

The first rotation of sports will be for sixth, seventh and eighth grade football and sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls' volleyball. Last year Stauffer won sixth grade football, Doty won seventh grade football and Sussman won eighth grade football. Doty and Griffiths were co-champions in sixth grade girls' volleyball and Doty won seventh and eighth grade girls' volleyball.

The second rotation will be boys' volleyball and girls' soccer. Last year, Griffiths won sixth and seventh grade boys' volleyball and Sussman won eighth grade boys' volleyball. Doty won J.V. girls' soccer and Griffiths and Stauffer were co-champions for Varsity girls' soccer.

The third rotation will be boys' and girls' basketball and boys' soccer. Last year, Stauffer won sixth grade boys' basketball and Sussman won seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball. Sussman won sixth grade girls' basketball and Doty won seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball. Doty won J.V. boys' soccer and Stauffer won eighth grade boys' soccer.

The fourth rotation will be boys' baseball and girls' softball. Last season, Doty and Sussman were J.V. co-champions in baseball and Sussman was the boys' Varsity champion in baseball. Griffiths was the J.V. champion in softball and Doty and Griffiths were co-champions for Varsity softball.

The fifth and final rotation will be boys' and girls' track. Last season, Doty won sixth and seventh grade boys' track and Sussman won eighth grade boys' track. Doty won sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls' track. Doty won the Champions Trophy with 13.5 championships last year. Doty has also won the Champions Trophy each of the last four years.

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Good communication lies at the heart of our democracy

By Lee H. Hamilton

Do ordinary citizens still have a voice in Washington and in their state capitals? Despite the cynicism of these times, my answer is, yes, we do... But we have to exercise it.

I don't just mean going to a town hall meeting and yelling, or shooting off a letter or email. I mean making an appointment to sit down with your representative — in his or her office, at a cafe in the district, or wherever else you can meet — and holding a real conversation. We don't do this often enough in our country, perhaps because most people think it's impossible to arrange. It's not, although it might take patience to get an appointment with a busy representative. And to my mind, it's the most effective way for citizens to communicate with their representatives.

This is important because the heart of a representative democracy does not lie in its electorate, or even its elected officials. It rests in the communication between them, in the give and take that allows each to understand the other. Over my years in office I noticed a few things about how to make this conversation more fruitful and effective, and, for what it's worth, I pass them along.

My guess is that in almost all cases, the representative will be gracious, attentive, and welcoming; he or she will see the meeting as a chance to reach out and perhaps win a constituent's support. What makes the difference in these meetings is the manner in which the voter approaches them.

So my first comment is that you want to keep the discussion respectful and polite. Incivility and confrontation are counter-productive. If you want to have an impact, do not be argumentative or confrontational. Explain how the issues affect you personally and make it clear that you're seeking to establish ongoing communication, not just a 'one and done' meeting.

If your representative comes to respect you because of your approach and your knowledge, that's an important step forward in expanding your influence. Because don't forget that the reverse can also be true: You'll make it easy to ignore you by behaving

Soccer rivalry

Dear Editor:

U.S. soccer versus the Mexican soccer team, it's a historic rivalry between two countries vying for soccer dominance in North America, while trying to prove themselves on a global scale. As a fan of soccer, this rivalry takes an interesting twist for me and many first generation Americans.

I grew up rooting for Mexico as my family did -- they're U.S. citizens, gotta throw that out there nowadays -- mostly because Mexico dominated the U.S. in the 90's and soccer was an afterthought in the states. Things changed in the 2000's with soccer growing in popularity and the U.S. men's team becoming more competitive. I also served in the Air Force so I had to make the U.S. my No. 1 team.

I started rooting for the USA even when they played against Mexico, defying my family (although I still root for Mexico as long as they're not playing against the USA).

It's an interesting position to be in, rooting for your most hated rival when they're not playing against your team. You wouldn't find a USC fan rooting for UCLA, but that's what makes the USA vs Mexico rivalry great. It's a struggle many of my friends face as well. I have friends who are like me and also the opposite of me, rooting for the USA unless they're playing Mexico. We join together to root for USA or Mexico when they're playing other teams, but it's another story when it's USA vs Mexico.

The good thing about having two teams is you have two teams to root for in the World Cup, although both teams usually don't make it very far. Still, you have to believe, which is a common theme for both countries.

One thing I learned through this game is that we can have respect for people of other countries and that you can embrace the USA while still being true to your culture.

The rivalry was renewed this summer with the USA playing Mexico to a 1-1 draw in Mexico city in a World Cup qualifying match. It appeared as though the two were headed for yet another clash at the Gold Cup championship, but Jamaica had other plans, pulling off a stunning victory over Mexico in the semifinals.

So until the U.S. and Mexico meet again, I'll be joining my friends and family in "I Believe" and "Si Se Puede" chants.

Roman Gonzalez
Downey

ungraciously.

This next part may seem daunting, but it shouldn't be: Do your homework. It goes without saying that you should identify yourself and whoever else is with you, let your representative know whom you're representing — don't exaggerate your numbers — and above all, make it very clear what you want him or her to do or not to do. And you'll be far more effective if you're well-informed about the core facts on the issues and about the person you're speaking to: his or her party, length of service, committees, interests, views, ratings and priorities.

Understand that legislators deal with many challenging relationships: voters, donors, constituents, interest groups, party officials, congressional or legislative leadership, governors and presidents, and an array of others. So, listen carefully and ask a lot of questions, and get clarity about where your representative stands on your issues and why. Test his or her knowledge of the issues, and the depth of commitment to the views he or she takes. Be firm in insisting on direct answers, but don't be adamant or unreasonable. If you want to, record the session, but be sure to advise the representative you are doing so.

In short, having a productive conversation with elected representatives comes down to being informed, remaining courteous, being curious and open to dialogue yourself, and stating your views and understanding of the issues as clearly as possible.

If you engage in this fashion with your representatives on a regular basis, I think you'll have reason to be satisfied that you're stepping up to your responsibilities and raising your effectiveness as a citizen. And if conversations of this quality are multiplied across the country, it really will improve the quality of our representative democracy and contribute to the direction and success of our country.

Lee Hamilton was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years. He is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government.

Fed up with Democrats

Dear Editor:

I'm in complete agreement with Betty Logan. If the Democrats are in office we're going to pay more taxes.

They have tried for years to break Prop. 13. If they get the Parcel Tax (ACA6) passed it will override the 2/3 majority of Pro. 13 to pass taxes and it will be a simple majority and they can raise taxes anytime. Maybe California politicians could cut their salaries and pensions and save us some money. Now is the time to call Assem. Cristina Garcia and Sen. Tony Mendoza (who is on record supporting it) and let them know we don't want it.

Then on the front page of The Downey Patriot we read that our L.A. County Supervisors, Janice Hahn, Kuehl, Saliss, and Barger (all Democrats, apparently) didn't have enough to do, so now they are wearing superhero headbands (how cute) while discussing Hahn's motion to remodel the Marina Del Rey Fire Station to accommodate both male and female firefighters and then expect other fire departments to do the same.

Our fire departments are doing just fine and we don't need to spend taxpayers' money to accommodate both male and female locker rooms, dormitories and restroom facilities. Do they need a little headband too? Leave what is working well alone and find something useful to do that doesn't include spending or raising tax money.

We've already seen what the Democrats did to our federal budget deficit and the healthcare that wasn't supposed to cost us one dime more, or how they increased our national debt. What we need are fewer politicians ripping us off.

Marilyn Madru
Downey

L.A.'s crime rate

Dear Editor:

L.A. crime is not experiencing the frightening days of violent crime. Overall, L.A. is a safer place compared to 1980s and 1990s.

The crimes in Los Angeles have decreased 6% from 2015 to 2016. However, in 2017 crime rates have increased, up less than 1 percent, a small increase. We need to reexamine how we are evaluating our crime statistics.

Did we reach a point for celebration? Not yet. Celebration can be legitimate when the rate of recidivism decreases. It is important to focus on what the county is doing to prevent individuals from being rearrested as well as assess prevention programs that are implemented in local at risk communities.

Vanessa Torres, Erika Unruh, Cristina Pinedo, Ryan Nguyen
(The authors of this letter are Master of Social Work candidates Cal State Long Beach; Erika and Vanessa are Downey residents.)

California love

Dear Editor:

California and Texas are two of the largest states in the United States but the cost of living can vary significantly. One factor that contributes to California outstripping the rest of America in almost every economic area is due to having a high cost of living in comparison to other states.

With jobs continuously moving to other states, California's population continues to grow.

California's economy is fundamentally healthy and strong. California ranks in the top five states with growing percentages of jobs while Texas ranks in 20th.

Evidently, California is superior to Texas and every other state in America. The "Golden State" is the home of diverse immigration populations, numerous career opportunities and the best weather near the Pacific Ocean coastline.

Vanessa Torres, Erika Unruh, Cristina Pinedo, Ryan Nguyen
(The authors of this letter are Master of Social Work candidates Cal State Long Beach; Erika and Vanessa are Downey residents)

Ban 'safe and sane' fireworks statewide

Dear Editor:

Every year, in the first two weeks of July, complaints are expressed about the problems resulting from fireworks being set off in neighborhoods. These are very real and justifiable complaints. The consideration of banning the sale of "safe and sane" fireworks was brought up in 2015 by Councilmember Brossmer, but to my knowledge, the City Council has not taken action.

A bit of recent history: sometime around 2001, Downey's citizens voted on a measure to ban the sale of "safe and sane" fireworks in the city. It did not pass. At that time, former Mayor Bob Winningham was a leading advocate of the measure.

I was on the City Council with Mr. Winningham, and while we agreed on many issues, I had opposed the measure; based on the fact that the sale of "safe and sane" fireworks generated significant revenues for about 14 non-profit groups in the city. Also, banning "safe and sane" doesn't solve the problem — the much larger problem has always been the use of illegal fireworks.

I don't know that there is a perfect solution, but this is probably the closest to it:

Have our state legislatures quit spending their time increasing our gasoline and vehicle taxes, and write legislation that will ban the sale of all fireworks, including "safe and sane" (other than those permitted and licensed for fireworks shows) — the ban being applied statewide. This would eliminate the purchase of "safe and sane" in a neighboring city where they might be legal. This should also simplify the work of our police and fire because the law is one that covers all of California, and not just a patchwork of cities.

This is a safe and sane approach for all of our communities.

Keith McCarthy
Former Downey Mayor

Showing love for personal trainer

Dear Editor:

Happy birthday to Carl Causly. He does so much for many of us by making exercise fun.

The city of Downey made the right decision many years ago to have Carl teach at our parks. You can't go wrong by signing up for one or many of Carl's classes. He greets everyone with a great big smile and makes you feel welcomed.

Carl is a master at motivating everyone in the class with his enthusiasm and fun loud music. There is a gentle nature about him and he is never critical of anyone. Carl is not a coach that stands there and yells out the next exercise; he often jumps in and does the exercises with us.

It's an honor to be part of the C-Fit family and we will be followers of Carl forever.

Joe and Victoria Prieto
Downey

Drug abuse is a public health issue

Dear Editor:

Understandably, substance abuse may be a challenging topic to fund due to stigmas attached to this population. However, with evolving times creative means of treatment approaches should be explored.

Decreasing substance abuse is the goal, where treatment facilities may not be accessible to everyone and proven less effective on their own. Drug use should definitely be addressed as a public health issue. The rigid zero tolerance policies of the past have only seemed to contribute to the drug abuse problem.

Assembly Bill 186 offers an opportunity to a more progressive, harm reduction approach. We should explore this alternative to help reduce the harms and health consequences associated with drug abuse.

Joseph Marin, Karina Lares, Estefania Hermosilla, Cassandra Cruz, Aaron Kosterlytzky
(The authors of this letter are Master of Social Work candidates at Cal State Long Beach.)

Children's healthcare

Dear Editor:

California's Children's Hospital has just recently been named one of the country's top children's hospitals. With the drastic cuts in Medicaid, hospitals such as these would lose funding and services that are desperately needed.

Cutting services such as speech and physical therapy can impair the learning ability of many children that rely on these programs to grow and succeed in our world.

As a millennial, this cut in funding for children's healthcare makes me fear the health care that my future children will have access to. A parent should never have to choose whether to pay for their children's health care bills or pay bills for their families' basic needs.

Children and entire families would be punished if this new health bill passes, punished for medical conditions that they have no control or say in. This is Un-American, inhumane.

Daniela Anzueto, Lindy Castillo, Sara Escalante, Madelin Melara
(The authors of this letter are Masters of Social Work candidates at Cal State Long Beach.)

Janice Hahn's priorities

Dear Editor:

Janice Hahn would serve her constituents well if she concentrated on issues that affect our daily lives, such as homelessness, traffic congestion, air quality, affordable housing, etc. rather than the gender of firefighters.

When women's physiology is such that they have the upper body strength to perform the duties of the position, then they should be given consideration, but to suggest that the LA County Fire Chief increase female hiring for purely statistical purposes is foolhardy.

Norma Gutierrez
Downey

The Downey Patriot STAFF

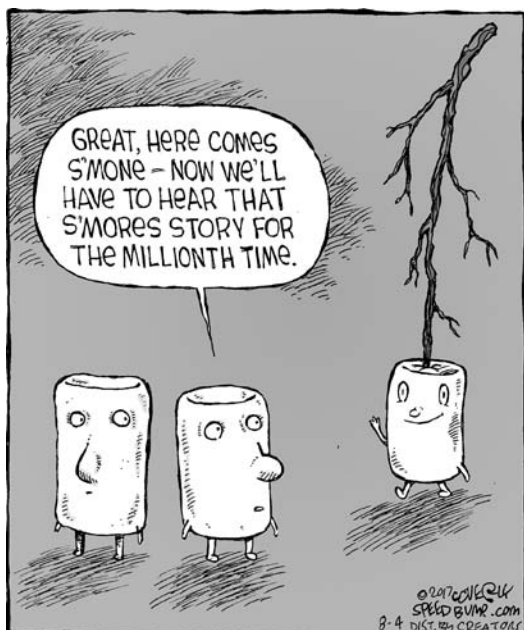
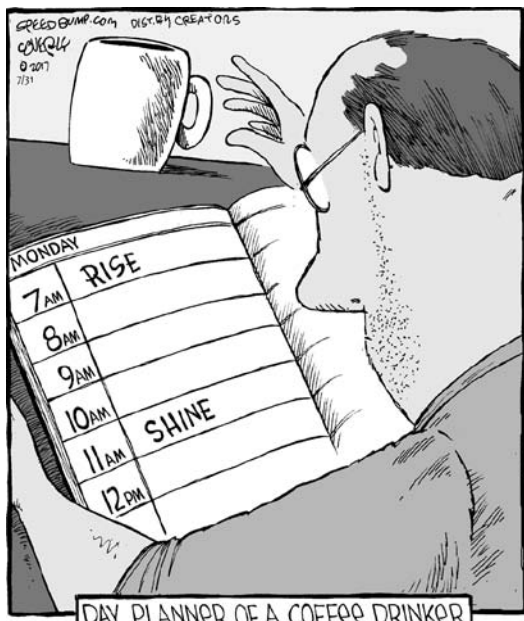
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Barbara 869-1044.
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Russell Skersick 929-3710.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 905-7103.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

On This Day...

- July 27, 1940:** Bugs Bunny made his debut in the Warner Bros. animated cartoon "A Wild Hare."
- 1960:** Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican National Convention in Chicago.
- 1996:** A pipe bomb exploded at a public park during the Olympic games in Atlanta, killing one person and injuring more than 100.
- 2003:** Comedian Bob Hope died at age 100.
- 2003:** Lance Armstrong won a record-tying fifth straight Tour de France title.

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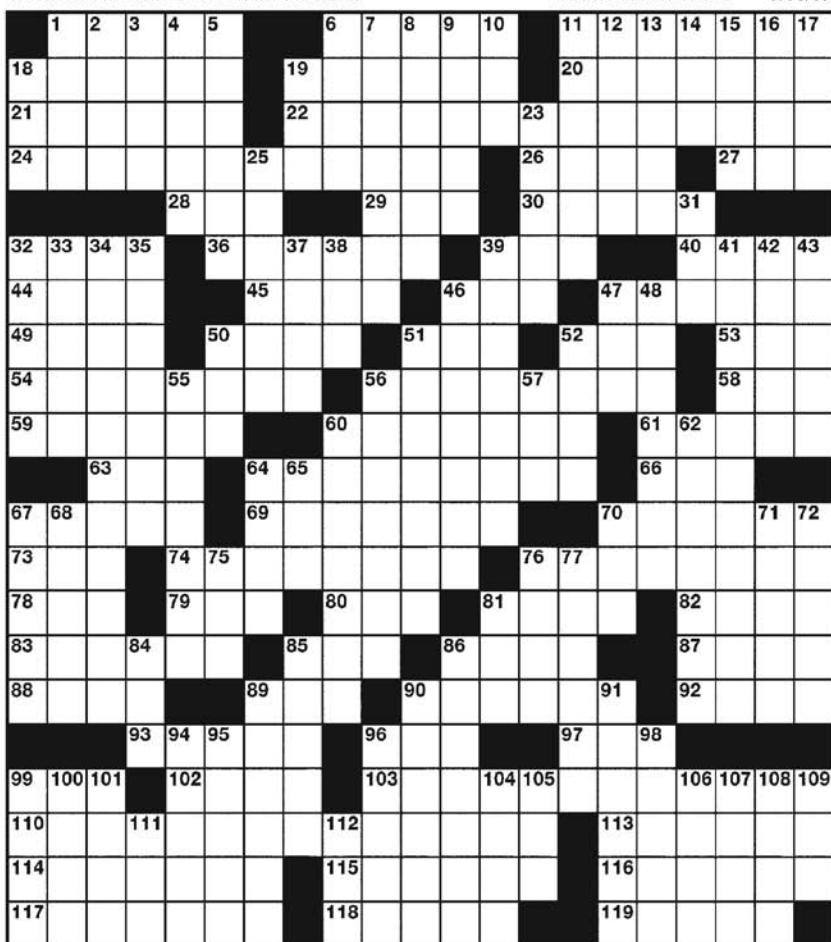
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YMCA honored with mayor's Healthy Heart Award

By Fernando Vasquez
Mayor, City of Downey

DOWNEY – At last week's council meeting, I had the honor to recognize both the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles and Victor Dominguez, its Executive Director.

Since the opening of the Downey Family YMCA in 1941, they have ensured individuals and families resources and support needed to learn, grow and thrive. By focusing on the potential of each person and providing opportunities to give back and support neighbors, they have empowered more than a half million people each year to feel healthy, confident, connected and secure.

Here are a few examples and statistics on how the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles positively impacts individuals and families:

- 500,000 members connected
- 67,000 youth in enrichment programs
- 58,000 water safety and swim lessons
- 30,000 involved teens and young adults
- 18,800 active in senior programs
- 5,000 volunteers share expertise

•\$5.1M direct assistance granted

The Y's mission continues to be successful because of its leadership and dedicated staff. Victor has two Bachelor of Science degrees from California State University Fullerton, one in Child & Adolescent Studies and the other in Sociology.

He has been a national trainer for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, training adolescents in the country how to become leaders in their communities and about drug and alcohol prevention.

It truly is my honor to present Victor Dominguez and the YMCA with the Mayor's Healthy Heart Award for his commitment toward improving the health, well-being and future success for the residents of the City of Downey.

Downey's 'Spooky Science' previewed at Mid Summer Scream

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

LONG BEACH – It may have been the end of July, but that didn't stop the ghosts, ghouls and monsters from arriving en masse at the Long Beach Convention Center over the weekend.

The Mid Summer Scream convention took place over July 29-30, bringing together horror and haunt enthusiasts for a weekend of "spooktacular" fun.

For many, the convention served as a sneak peek into what major haunted attractions – namely Knott's Scary Farm's Halloween Haunt, Universal Studios Halloween Horror Nights, Six Flags Fright Fest, and Queen Mary's Dark Harbor – might have bubbling and brewing for the upcoming Fall.

And in the midst of all the rotting bodies, psycho clowns and things that go bump in the night, there stood a familiar face – Downey's own "mad scientist" (and Columbia Memorial Space Center executive director) Ben Dickow.

Dickow was on hand to present a demonstration of Spooky Science; something Downey residents have grown to look forward to every year in October.

"All of the stuff that you see during Halloween time – all of the makeup, prosthetics, the effects – Halloween is a big special effects time," said Dickow. "All of that stuff is science."



Ben Dickow, executive director of Downey's Columbia Memorial Space Center, was a guest presenter at Mid Summer Scream, a Halloween festival that took place last weekend in Long Beach.

Photo by Alex Dominguez

Dickow brought many fun scientific demonstrations, many of which Downey residents may have seen during the CMSC Spooky Science nights in years past.

"When we do Spooky Science at the Space Center, I always do a half hour demo piece," said Dickow. "You make slime; you work with dry ice and things like that. All of that has great kernels of science within it, and it's all kind of dressed up to be in service of "spooky," "Halloween-ie" kind of effects."

Still, the obvious question of the weekend to those on the outside looking in is this: Why all the Halloween talk in the middle of summer?

Dickow has a few theories. "Halloween is October 31st, but the Halloween season starts

the last week of September," said Dickow. "If you're going to do anything during the Halloween season, you need to start promoting before the end of September."

"It makes sense that you want to have a Halloween convention sometime in the summer because you need to ramp up and promote your stuff at least that much time in advance."

Dickow revealed Spooky Science will emerge from the fog at the CMSC once again this year for one night, featuring themed science demonstrations, a maze, and the return of the escape room that debuted last year.

Many details are still pending, however they will be announced closer to time.

And what about those who

aren't promoting an attraction? Dickow says they are likely once closeted fans of Halloween who now have a common place to congregate.

"If you're into Halloween, you really love it but you only get to do it once a year at one certain time of the year," said Dickow. "At least now you have two times a year where you can come, dress up in costume, pretend that it's October even though you're in a convention center in the middle of summer, and you get two for the price of one during the year."

"It's a fandom that I think people didn't know existed, but it's always been out there. And now you have a place to hang out as fans."

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Shared Stories: My Grandparents' Ranch in Mexicali

Maria Gutierrez's visits to her grandparents' ranch in Mexicali, Mexico, left her with lasting impressions. She and her siblings slept outside under mosquito netting and reveled in games with cousins and the warmth of a large, extended family. 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 Maria H. Gutierrez

When I was seven years old, visits to the ranch of my grandparents in the Mexicali desert valley in Baja California were very adventurous trips.

My siblings and I rose early at the crack of dawn, 6 o'clock in the morning, with exciting anticipation to see our grandparents.

After five hours on the road from Los Angeles to Calexico, the border town that welcomed us into the steaming hot Mexicali valley, I sighed with relief knowing that soon we would arrive at the ranch of abuelita and abuelito.

Upon our arrival, Grandma and Grandpa hugged and kissed us on our dusty foreheads. With a smile on his face, Grandpa helped Dad bring our luggage and food into the family room of their adobe house.

In the living room, which was Grandma and Grandpa's master bedroom, there was a velvet painting of an armadillo. My grandparents laughed when I told them that the armadillo looked like an animal soldier. Grandpa told me with a loving smile that I had a creative and funny imagination.

As I looked out the bedroom windows, Grandpa told me that their ranch home was surrounded by cotton and corn fields that his sons tended and harvested.

"Come and eat. Lunch is ready!" Grandma said as she led us into the dining room. A long wooden table covered with a red plastic tablecloth served as a "royal carpet" for a homemade dinner of Mexican rice, pinto beans, and red chile, chicken, and cheese enchiladas.

After lunch, my parents and siblings were entertained by a black and white 12" x 12" TV. Grandma whispered into my ear, "Elena, I have a surprise for you."

She led me into the living room and opened an old, dusty metal footlocker. It was filled with Spanish primary school novels and textbooks. I read two hours before bedtime.

Since the adobe guest house was occupied by my uncles, my family slept outside, enjoying the cool night air on queen beds under mosquito net covers. My sisters and I shared a bed protected with pink mosquito nets. I could hear those nasty insects buzz all night.

In the middle of the night, when I was sound asleep, I thought that I was awakened by angelic voices. Turning to my right, I actually was awakened by my sisters crying out, "Elena take us to the bathroom. We need to urinate!"

Being the eldest, I was assigned the responsibility of taking my siblings to the luxurious cardboard and wooden outhouse. I hated this chore, but held back my anger each time we had to visit the outhouse.

I enjoyed counting the stars at night while I quietly sang, "Twinkle, twinkle, little star." This experience filled me with deep contentment and serenity.

On Sunday morning, as the warm rays of the sun and the melodic good morning ritual of the Rita roosters awakened us, we could smell the delightful aroma of cinnamon and raisin oatmeal (avena), Mexican bread and Mexican chocolate coming from abuelita's kitchen.

After breakfast, Grandpa shared with us the agenda for the week. He told us to sit in a circle on a bamboo mat in front of an old chalkboard. The remaining days of our visit were written on the chalkboard.

"Today being Sunday (Domingo)," he said, "you kids are free to do whatever you desire on the ranch. Your uncles have a few fun activities you can choose from.

On Monday (Lunes) we will visit Tío Mikey and Tía Anita and their family. And on Tuesday (Martes) we will visit Chole's (Mom's) third brother and family who live two miles from ejido Juarez (Grandpa's ranch).

They invited us to join them for a delicious homemade lunch. On Wednesday and Thursday (Miercoles y Jueves) we will take a trip into town after breakfast to buy provisions and do some sight-seeing.

Our special day of the week will be Friday. Grandma and I have planned a Graciano and Fonseca family reunion. And Saturday will be your day of departure."

This last statement made me feel very sad. I shook my head and said to myself, "No, Elena, you have five days to look forward to. You're going to have fun and be happy."

Wednesday and Friday were my favorite days. On Wednesday morning we got up at 7 o'clock to a warm 85-degree day. After breakfast, my siblings and I hopped into the back seat of our Blue and White Chevy Impala on route to Calexico.

Upon entering the town, I was amused by the vendors on the streets singing funny rhyming melodies.

Grandma and Grandpa purchased their groceries from a colorful market called El Mercado, or Tanguis, very similar to a farmers market. I enjoyed reading the labels and signs that described the vegetables and fruit.

I took out my little red notebook and wrote the names of my favorite fruit and vegetables in Spanish and English. Abuelita (Grandma) was so impressed by my interest in learning that she treated me to my favorite fruit, a juicy red apple.

Our last stop was to a small Mexican shop that sold books, school supplies, and souvenirs. As I walked into the shop I was amused by the display of colorful Folklorico dolls.

Abuelito (Grandpa) said to me, "Elena, mi amor, choose your favorite doll. I want to buy you a gift." I was so happy that tears

flooded my eyes. My grandparents also bought gifts for my siblings. I will always treasure this trip to Calexico.

The family reunion day on Friday was a very special day for me. Outside of our grandparents' adobe home was a huge thatched roof patio decorated with colorful red, green and white balloons and streamers. A long wooden table was covered with a green and white plastic tablecloth that served as a stage for a delicious Mexican potluck lunch.

The main dishes were two large Pyrex baking pans of green and red chili, cheese, chicken, and beef enchiladas, a pot of menudo, Mexican rice, and pinto beans

Mama and I prepared a huge bowl of potato salad. We also prepared the appetizers which included big bowls of tortilla chips and chili-flavored potato chips and guacamole in a red and green ceramic bowl.

My mom baked a marble cake decorated with 12 Mexican flags that we purchased at the educational supply and souvenir shop.

One hour later, Uncle Roberto blew a red whistle. He made us laugh when he put on a red, green, and white wig.

"Tío, you act like a funny clown," I told him, giggling. He had my young cousins and I line up on the dusty desert soil that he called the "Graciano playground."

He introduced us to the Mexican jump rope where the children sing funny, rhyming melodies in Spanish while jumping. I enjoyed this game the most. I waved my pompoms (red and green) while my pre-teen cousins played baseball and volleyball.

At the end of the day when my cousins departed for home, my preteen uncles sat down with me on a red bamboo carpet and played jacks. To their surprise, I won every game. Robert, my favorite uncle, said with a smile on his face, "Elenita, you are very intelligent and you are good at learning Mexican games."

"Gracias, Tío," I replied with my head down, feeling kind of shy. The Fonseca-Graciano family gathering was the most memorable day of my visit to Mexicali.

Saturday, homeward-bound, was the saddest day of the week for me. I so desired to stay at least another week.

While sitting on the patio wooden benches, we exchanged gifts. Mama nodded her head to me, which was the signal for me to carefully carry the gifts that were in a beautiful Sears shopping bag. Mom gave Grandma six Tupperware containers and a Pyrex baking pan.

Her father received a blue cotton Gabardine dress shirt and a pair of navy blue working gloves. And my two uncles were given a pair of brown work gloves with matching sweatshirts.

Our grandparents gave us delicious homemade cornbread and corn tortillas. We hugged, kissed, and shed a few tears. I told my grandparents that we had so much fun that I looked forward to visiting them the next year.

Yes, we were blessed. I will always cherish the special memories of our first vacation with my siblings to our abuelitos in the Mexicali valley desert ranch.

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National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
National Coast Guard Day

Saturday, Aug. 5
National Underwear Day
National Oyster Day
National Disc Golf Day
National Jamaican Patty Day
National Mustard Day
National Mead Day

Sunday, Aug. 6
National Root Beer Float Day
National Fresh Breath Day
National Wiggle Your Toes Day
National American Family Day
National Friendship Day
National Sisters Day

Monday, Aug. 7
Purple Heart Day
National Lighthouse Day
National Raspberries N' Cream Day

Tuesday, Aug. 8
National Happiness Happens Day
National Frozen Custard Day
National Sneak Some Zucchini Into Your Neighbor's Porch Day
National Dollar Day

Wednesday, Aug. 9
National Rice Pudding Day
National Veep Day
National Book Lovers Day

Thursday, Aug. 10
National Connecticut Day
National Lazy Day
National S'mores Day

Mariachi Sol de Mexico returns to the OC Fair this Sunday

COSTA MESA – Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez has performed all over the world, and this summer the 13-member band will make a stop in Orange County, returning to the OC Fair on Sunday, Aug. 6.

Hernandez says they have been performing at the Fair for about 20 years, and that it's one of the best shows they do all year.

"We like to take our audience on a ride," Hernandez said. "We play popular songs from the 60s and 70s all the way up to today's contemporary."

This year's performance will be extra special for the group, as they will pay tribute to three of Mexico's biggest icons in the Mariachi world: Pedro Infante, Jorge Negrete and Javier Solis.

"I think people will appreciate the quality of the music, the instruments and the vocals of Sol de Mexico," Hernandez said. "Mariachi gives Latinos a sense of pride, and it's easy for others to feel that pride as well. It really brings people together; it's magical."

Founded in 1981, Sol de Mexico aims to portray the beauty of Mexico's land, people and heart. They have created 18 albums over their 36-year history, and have recorded with some of Mexico's biggest icons, including Selena and Lola Beltran. The group has gone above and beyond in mariachi music by being the first mariachi ensemble to be nominated for a Grammy. They've traveled all over the world, including Spain, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Venezuela, China and even North Korea.

Hernandez is the fifth generation of mariachi performers, who originate from Jalisco, Mexico, which is the birth place of mariachi music.

Hernandez, who lives in Newport Beach, sings and plays the trumpet, violin, guitarron and vihuela. Hernandez has also composed, arranged and provided music for all of Sol de Mexico's albums.

"Mariachi music is the type of thing that gets passed down from generation to generation," Hernandez said. "We're even starting to pass it down to a sixth generation with my nephew, who now plays in the band with me."

On top of leading a successful mariachi band and a popular restaurant, Cielito Lindo in South El Monte, he spends his time teaching the power of mariachi to the community. Hernandez began



Mariachi Heritage Society in 1991 to educate younger generations the importance and development of mariachi music and has since taught over 10,000 children.

The Mariachi Heritage Society offers lessons in violin, guitar, trumpet, vihuela, guitarron, voice and ballet folklorico for students ages 7 to 18. The Santa Ana School District has opened its doors for the Mariachi Heratige Society to teach their students.

"Mariachi music can be cross generational," Hernandez said. "Kids and parents get so involved in learning about Mariachi that I've seen it change lives."

Around 125 of the students will perform with the group at the Fair.

Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez will perform in The Hangar at the 2017 OC Fair on Sunday, August 6 at 1:30 and 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$17.50 and are available via Ticketmaster.

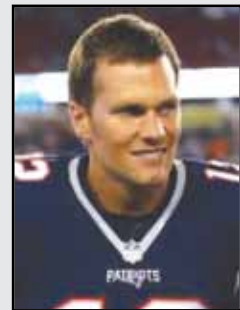
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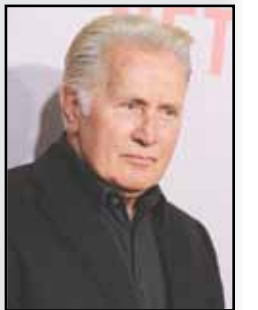
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Lucille's opens new location in Montebello

MONTEBELLO – Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que restaurant celebrated the opening of its newest location at The Shops at Montebello last week.

Located at 1870 Montebello Town Center Drive, this Lucille's restaurant is reminiscent of a Southern roadhouse with a distinctive Southern décor featuring reclaimed wood outlined doors and windows for a rustic yet contemporary look.

At the center of this and all Lucille's restaurants is a Southern Pride smoker where succulent cuts of brisket, tri-tip, ribs and more are smoked low and slow, and served with a variety of authentic sauces from different regions around the South.

"We are thrilled to be joining The Shops at Montebello's lineup of excellent stores and eateries. We cannot wait to bring our down home hospitality and great Southern-style comfort food to the warm Montebello community," said Brad Hofman, president of Hofman Hospitality group, the family owned parent

company of Lucille's.

The new restaurant is open Sunday – Thursday 11 am – 10 pm, and Friday and Saturday until midnight. It seats about 280 and will employ approximately 200 people.

Lucille's founder, Craig Hofman, opened the first restaurant in Long Beach in 1999 but not before a two-year journey through the South to find the best barbeque. Driven by the philosophy of "Serving the best Bar-B-Que with the finest Southern hospitality," Lucille's has won many awards and honors, including dozens of local "Best of" awards in each of the communities where it serves.

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Paralyzed from the waist down, Willie Young III discovers how to be a kid again

DOWNEY – When a stray bullet from a drive-by shooter wounded six-year-old Willie Young III, his family was shattered. The playful little boy known as “Three” suffered a spinal cord injury on Jan. 7 that would leave him paralyzed from the chest down.

His father, newly ordained as a pastor, was due to give his first sermon the morning after the shooting. In one second, the family’s moment of triumph descended into tragedy.

“There was no movement or sensation below the gunshot wound,” said the child’s father, Willie Young II. “It was a tough pill to swallow, but you can imagine, you’re just happy he’s alive.”

Three’s medical condition was stabilized at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, but his parents

and family were frightened for their son’s future. He was referred to Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center to begin the journey of rehabilitation that meant the whole family learning to adapt to a new way of life.

Three’s dad remembers: “The first thing I really remember is how many people I saw in wheelchairs and walking apparatuses. This place was full of people who were not giving up. Everybody wheeling by had big smiles on their faces. You saw people doing things. You saw guys on the campus who were sweaty and had a basketball on their lap. We realized this is where people come to regain the rest of their lives.”

Rancho, now in the midst of its Rancho Rising 2020 expansion and upgrade, is the jewel of the vast Los Angeles County public healthcare system. One of the jewel’s brightest facets is the veteran pediatric care team that rolled into action when Three arrived. Rancho pediatrician, Dr. Melanie Sarino, spoke to the parents first, helping them understand the extent of his injury and the purposes of rehabilitation.

“As the child grows older, his independence will become more important,” Dr. Sarino said. “We train the family on how to help their child become independent. It is understandable for a family to feel helpless at first. But now they know what they have to work with.”

One of the first tasks was encouraging Three and his eight-year-old sister that it was safe to play together.

Occupational Therapist Heidi Dombish said, “Being a kid is his job. His job is to play and to go to school. We showed him and his family that Three could do everything he could do before, just a little differently.”

Added Recreational Therapist Judy Helgren, “When you’re having fun, you do more. We don’t have to encourage them to lift their leg one more time. When you’re playing, you’re not realizing that you’re building strength. Once our patients realize they’re here to get better by playing, they like therapy better.”

In addition to Dr. Sarino, Helgren and Dombish, the Rancho pediatric care team for Three included Physical Therapist Deborah Levin, Physical Therapy Assistant Oliver De La Paz, Clinical Social Worker Teresa Ejandra–



Six-year-old Willie Young III, also known as Three, is recovering after he was critically injured in a drive-by shooting.

Sano and a team of nurses that watched over him 24/7.

Dr. Sarino jokes that she is “the baby” of this team, having been a member for “only 12 years.” Most of the team members have worked at Rancho in pediatric rehabilitation for two or three decades, helping a patient population that is largely low-income.

In addition to physical rehabilitation like Three’s, the team specializes in juvenile patients who are on ventilators. The pediatric unit treats patients up to the age of 21.

During his stay at Rancho, Three was taken on several community outings with his family and team members, including trips to Chuck E. Cheese, a mall, a movie theater to see Sing, and to Disneyland.

“Some children I’ve worked with are scared to go on a community outing,” said Helgren. “But when we get back from that first one, the first thing they ask is, ‘When is the next one?’ It’s a day of fun, but also an opportunity to see how he can fit back into the community, transferring from the wheelchair to a chair, accessing ramps, dealing with crowds, getting food, and taking care of his meds.”

His mother, Eureka Young recalls, “That first trip outside to Chuck E. Cheese, we wondered if he was going to be able to enjoy it. But soon as he got there, Three took off with his peer mentors, and they were immediately having too much fun to worry about us. It was an eye-opener. He is not letting this stop him at all.”

Three’s last outing as an inpatient was a visit to his home and his school. In addition to helping him prepare to return to his life before the shooting and greet his classmates, the visits gave the care team a chance to recommend changes in both places to ensure the child would be able to do things for himself independently. As Three grows older, there will be further adjustments to his environment to ensure his freedom.

“This amazing team at Rancho taught us and our son that just because you have a spinal cord injury doesn’t mean life ends here,” said Eureka Young. “He’s on the go, he’s active and busy. We don’t have a lot of adjusting to do because of the way Rancho put things in place for us. We’re just picking up the pieces and moving forward.”

By mid-February, Three was discharged and was back home and at school. He and his family return to Rancho on weekends for wheelchair basketball, and he continues to play on his hand-powered cycle.

Whenever his parents have any questions, Dr. Sarino makes herself available to help them, and Three remains friends with the peer mentors he met at Rancho and sees when he visits the center.

“To help Three get through this, we need to fulfill the calling to be the parents that he needs,” said his father Willie. “It is an awesome responsibility. So far, so good. I couldn’t have asked for a better medical team to help us start this journey.”

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Police make arrest in Raising Cane’s attack

DOWNEY – A 27-year-old man from Hawthorne has been arrested on charges that he attacked a fast food restaurant manager after the restaurant refused to serve him for cutting in line.

The attack occurred June 24 at Raising Cane’s restaurant at Stonewood Center, police said.

Deandre Lorick allegedly cut in front of other vehicles in the drive-thru, prompting the restaurant to refuse service. One of the occupants of Lorick’s vehicle filled a Gatorade bottle with what appears to be water and threw it at the manager, striking him in the face.

The vehicle fled westbound on Firestone Boulevard.

The attack was filmed by someone inside the vehicle and was subsequently posted online. As of Monday, the video has been seen more than 300,000 times on World Star Hip Hop.

Lorick faces a misdemeanor charge of aggravated assault. He is scheduled to appear in court Aug. 25.

Bianca Farina is Warren High's very own 'Freedom Writer'

DOWNEY – Warren High School teacher Bianca Farina began teaching at Warren mid-year in 2011. Anxious and eager to make an impression on young lives, Farina almost immediately faced a disappointing reality early in her tenure.

"It was around open house time and I basically set up my classroom all nice...[I] was so excited to meet the parents," said Farina. "5:30 showed, 6:30, 7:30; no parent came, no student came. Nobody came. I was so sad."

Farina teaches Special Education English, and says that a lot of her students come from different walks of life in addition to their educational struggles. She says that they can be a difficult crowd that is hard to please, and many of them find themselves up in the office often.

Still, this particular experience was a hard blow to endure.

"I was so devastated because I was like 'why?'" said Farina. "I started to think about it and I remembered I had just seen the movie 'Freedom Writers.' I thought to myself 'I'm Ms. G,' you know? She comes into this classroom ready to change the world and nobody shows up."

This revelation sparked an idea in Farina, who desperately wants to make a connection with each and every one of her students and to make an impact on their lives.

Farina now shows "Freedom Writers" at the beginning of every

year, and tries to make sure that her students know that she believes in them and that they have a safe place to express themselves.

"Not to toot my own horn, but I have a very good rapport with my students," said Farina.

Recently, a unique opportunity presented itself; a five-day "Freedom Writers" conference that would put Farina under the tutelage of the teacher that she idolizes.

"I can't explain to you how amazing this conference was," said Farina. "That teacher – Ms. Gruwell – changed 150 students lives and continues to change people's lives...I walked in as one person on Friday and walked out a different person on Tuesday."

Farina has already starting to utilize many of the techniques and strategies that she learned at the conference. The conference also provides another potential opportunity, as Farina is now considered an official "Freedom Writer teacher" and can teach the course at Warren should the school decide to offer the class.

"Troubled teens need that, they need that guidance. They need that hand holding, they need that love," said Farina. "...Or even just a hug, letting them know that 'it's going to be ok, I'm here for you.'"

Alex Dominguez, staff writer



Bianca Farina, left, with 'Freedom Writers' teacher Erin Gruwell.

Downey Library's August auction items

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey Library holds monthly silent auctions to raise money for library programs. During the summer the July and August auctions are combined. Items up for auction include:

"A Man on the Moon" (three volume set tells the story of the Apollo Missions through the eyes of the astronauts who went to the moon – how they did it and what they were thinking and feeling from start to finish –with hundreds of pictures);

"Untouchable – The Strange Life and Tragic Death of Michael Jackson" (a very personal account of his life and death – how he handled the stress of almost unprecedented fame and fortune);

"Guadalcanal – The Definitive Account of the Landmark Battle" and **"The Lost Ships of Guadalcanal"** (Guadalcanal is said to be the turning point of the battle for the Pacific – here is the story from both sides of the battle);

"Woodstock August 15-18, 1969" (includes Life magazine, August 1994; Woodstock Diary DVD; Woodstock – 3 days of Peace & Music on VHS; Jimi Hendrix – two DVD's; Guitar World Magazine – October 2005);

"I Love Lucy" (Lucy's misadventures and shenanigans are revisited for some of her funniest moments – more than 80 audio clips from the series);

"Cowboying – A Tough Job in a Hard Land" (through written research, personal interviews and photographs we see the colorful history of the cowboy of the American West);

"100 Wonders of the World" (the world of towering mountain ranges, fire-spewing volcanoes, ancient trees, towers and skyscrapers, unique bridges, historical temples, churches and much more);

"100 Years of American Newspaper Comics" (all the famous American comic characters from the past 100 years with a short introduction for each);


"Frank Lloyd Wright – 50 Key Buildings by America's Greatest Architect" (150 giant size photographs and 20 detailed floor plans showcase a legend in the field of building design);

"Homemade – 702 Ways to Save Money and the Earth" (how to make hundreds of everyday products fast, fresh, and naturally);

"American Style" (more than 200 American Style icons are illustrated and defined in this book dedicated to the ever changing persona of fashion in the United States);

"Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Souvenir Magazines and Programs" (from 1968, 1980, 1981, and 1986);

Items have opening bids from \$5-\$12 and are on display in the library lobby. Bids can be made through noon, Saturday, August 26th on cards in the friend's Bookstore located in the young adult section of the library.



POETRY MATTERS

Mid-August at Sourdough Mountain Lookout

Down valley a smoke haze
 Three days heat, after five days rain
 Pitch glows on the fir-cones
 Across rocks and meadows
 Swarms of new flies.

I cannot remember things I once read
 A few friends, but they are in cities.
 Drinking cold snow-water from a tin cup
 Looking down for miles
 Through high still air.

- Gary Snyder

In Snyder's poem about his experience working as a fire-watcher at Sourdough Mountain in Washington State, the first half describes the landscape and its second half the 'I' within that landscape. The work of the poem lies in its bringing together of land and self. The 'fir-cones' are not seen directly, but as a space for glowing pitch: the landscape is seen through acts of "reading" it. Ecological poetry, like Buddhism, tries to integrate self, society and environment. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

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Downey space center receives 3D printers

DOWNEY – The Columbia Memorial Space Center, Challenger center, and New Matter announced Wednesday that the Challenger Center located within Downey’s museum had been selected to receive five award winning MOD-t 3D printers as a part of the initial phase of the recently announced Challenger Center-New matter partnership.

The new printers – which were donated by New Matter - were immediately implemented into CMSC’s 3D printing summer camp, where they will be used to help teach the basics of 3D printing as well as 3D designing and prototyping.

New Matter is a 3D printer company whose mission is to bring affordable 3D printing to homes, schools, and offices.

The partnership was announced at a press conference held at the Space Center, attended by museum staff, city officials, and several students who were attending the museum as a part of a field trip.

“We believe that 3D printing is a transformative way to bridge the divide between the digital and physical worlds,” said Steve Schell, CEO of New Matter. “Working together [with the Challenger Center], we can drive STEM learning programs in meaningful new ways.”

This is not the first time that the CMSC has utilized 3D printers into their programming. However, the new printers are “faster and more accurate,” according to Dickow. He says the printers will be utilized in several different ways.

“Because this is a relationship between Challenger Center, New Matter and the Space Center, we’re going to be integrating them into our Challenger Center program,” said Dickow. “As far as new stuff goes, the 3D printing class summer camp is a brand new thing that we’ve started; we’ll be doing more than that. Eventually, we do want to remake the first floor into a public makerspace, and we hope that there will be more than the five printers there for people to work on.”

Details are still being worked out on how the day to day operations of the printers will unfold, however Dickow says that any museum guest should be able to come off the street and be able to use the printers “for the most part,” with some kind of timing control involved.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Upcoming events at Columbia Memorial Space Center

DOWNEY – Rocket Fever – the only urban rocket festival in Los Angeles – will return to the Columbia Memorial Space Center on Saturday, Aug. 19.

CMSC will be giving out free rockets (while supplies last), and will offer a rocket building class for \$5 per rocket/class or free for members (one rocket per membership).

There will also be food trucks, hands on activities, and music.

■ The CMSC will celebrate the 100th birthday of Dr. Mary Stauffer on August 27. Festivities begin at 12 p.m., and will conclude at 5 p.m. A full program will commemorate the occasion with local school projects throughout the facility, special guests, and birthday cake. Light refreshments will also be provided by culinary arts students of Warren High School.

■ The CMSC will once again present Space Expo at the Long Beach Comic Con over the Labor Day Weekend on September 2-3.

There will be many exhibitors, such as JPL Survios, and meade Telescopes on the show floor, and panels with scientists and professionals from JPL, Virgin orbit, Survios, and much more.

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L.A. County awards \$4.5M in grants to arts organizations

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Arts Commission has announced \$4,518,000 in two-year grants to 196 non profit arts organizations through its Organizational Grant Program (OGP).

The program provides support to ensure arts organizations are able to provide cultural services for the diverse population that comprises Los Angeles County.

Grant amounts range from \$3,100 to \$152,600. Grantee organizations provide services throughout LA County with offices located in 46 of the county’s 88 municipalities. Eleven percent of the organizations funded are receiving County arts grants for the first time. The Arts Commission provides most applicants with the flexibility to request support for their current critical needs, rather than require they request support for specific types of projects.

“Arts and cultural organizations throughout LA County provide direct access, increased opportunities, and often free or low-cost arts activities and programming,” said Pamela bright-Moon, President of the Arts Commission. “Through the ongoing funding commitment of the Board of Supervisors, OGP is able to support organizations that are making a tremendous impact for residents, neighborhoods and communities Countywide.”

Applications were reviewed and scored by over 70 knowledgeable panelists from the arts community, including artists, nonprofit arts administrators and members of the academic community.

Grantees by discipline breakdown as follows: Arts Education (30), Arts Service (6), Dance (22), Literary (4), Media Arts (10), Multidisciplinary (36), Music-Choral Opera (11), Music-Instrumental (22), Presenting (2), Theatre (42), Traditional and Folk Art (5), Visual Arts (6).

Grantees included the Long beach Chorale and Chamber Orchestra (\$15,700), Long beach Community Band (\$4,000), Long Beach Community Players, Inc (\$24,5000), Long Beach Opera (\$44,300), Long Beach Symphony Association (\$47,900), San Gabriel valley Music Theatre, Inc. (\$3,300) and Whittier Community theatre (\$12,600).

Chinese musicians to perform at Cerritos Library

CERRITOS – Renowned musician Bei Bei He and students from Lotus Bud Guzhen Academy, as well as visiting performers of Tian Lai Guzhen ensemble led by Professor Jiang Danxi from the Sichuan Conservatory of Music in China, will perform a Chinese music concert on Friday, August 18, at 7 p.m. in the Cerritos Library Skyline Room.

The program consists of folk, classical and contemporary solo and ensemble pieces played on the Guzhen, a 21-stringed traditional Chinese instrument.

Bei Bei He was featured as one of “the Most Fascinating People of Los Angeles” by “LA Weekly Magazine.” She is the director of Lotus Bug Guzhen Academy. Tian Lai Guzhen Ensemble, established in 2000, consists of award-winning students and teachers from the prestigious Sichuan Conservatory of Music.

For more information, call the Cerritos Library at (562) 916 -1342.

Titanic exhibit opens at Queen Mary

LONG BEACH – ‘Titanic in Photographs – The Exhibition’ is now on display at the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

Almost 100 period photographs are displayed, guiding the visitor through the immersive story of Titanic; from conception to her tragic demise.

The exhibit offers a comprehensive, educational view of one of the most memorable moments in history; a story that continues to captivate the public’s imagination over 100 years later.

Based on the best-selling book of the same name by world-renowned maritime historians, Daniel Klistorner & Steve Hall, ‘Titanic in Photographs – The Exhibition’ takes the visitor on a journey back in time, through the eyes of those who were there, including Harland & Wolff’s professional photographer, Robert Welch, period press photographers & passengers on board Titanic and the rescue ship, Carpathia.

Alongside many of the images are display cabinets, containing over 150 genuine artifacts from Titanic, her identical twin sister, Olympic and even the rescue ship, Carpathia.

A Memorial Wall lists the crew & passengers of Titanic, driving home the cold truth of just how many survived and perished on that fateful night of 15th April 1912.

The exhibit is now open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. General admission pricing: \$27/adult, \$17.50/child (4-11).

For tickets and more Information, visit: <http://www.queenmary.com/tours-exhibits/titanic-in-photographs/>

Christian club hosting two guest speakers

DOWNEY – Guests Tamara Turner and Beverly Madru will be featured during Story and Song when the Downey Christian Women’s Club meet on August 9.

Turner will be speaking on pursuing a career in college, “Inspired by My Mom.”

The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. held at the Los Amigos Country Club. Men are invited.

Admission is \$15 and reservations are requested by calling Helen at (562) 864-7319. A buffet lunch is included.

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(2) The name and business addresses of the Seller(s) are: YOUNG KWANG CHOH, 13391 S. BEACH BLVD, LA MIRADA, CA 90638

(3) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE

(4) The names and business address of the Buyer(s) are: O+G COMPANY LLC, 13391 S. BEACH BLVD, LA MIRADA, CA 90638

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE AND INVENTORY OF STOCK IN TRADE of that certain business located at: 13391 S. BEACH BLVD, LA MIRADA, CA 90638

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: ARK COFFEE COMPANY

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is AUGUST 21, 2017, at the office of INTER ESCROW INC, 62841 BEACH BLVD, STE 301, BUENA PARK, CA 90621, Escrow No. T-021813-KK, Escrow Officer: KRISTEN KIM

(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "6" above.

(9) The last date for filing claims is: AUGUST 18, 2017.

(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Dated: JULY 25, 2017

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017190533

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EXOTIKKINIS, 10043 SIDEVIEW DRIVE, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY, 10043 SIDEVIEW DRIVE, DOWNEY CA 90240

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BARBARA MANZANARES, 10043 SIDEVIEW DRIVE, DOWNEY CA 90240

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The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2017

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S/ BARBARA MANZANARES, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 20, 2017

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The Downey Patriot 8/3/17, 8/10/17, 8/17/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017191681

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PAPAYA MONKEY, 11111 NEWVILLE AVE #F, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRANCISCO J PELAYO JR, 11111 NEWVILLE AVE #F, DOWNEY CA 90241

(2) ERIKA A. RUEZGA, 11111 NEWVILLE AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017177667

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) YAJAIRA'S CLEANING SERVICE, 11919 S FIGUEROA ST APT 311, LOS ANGELES CA 90061, LA COUNTY

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File Number 2017174445

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PUPUSERIA LA PALMA, 1165 EAST FLORENCE AVENUE, LOS ANGELES CA 90001, LA COUNTY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017177850

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JE & ASSOCIATES, 8301 FLORENCE AVE STE 316, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3964976 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JE & ASSOCIATES, AN ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION, 8301 FLORENCE AVE STE 316, 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: 07/2017

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/ JE & ASSOCIATES, AN ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION, PRESIDENT, JESSE GALLARDO JR. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 11, 2017

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The Downey Patriot 7/13/17, 7/20/17, 7/27/17, 8/3/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017199670

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LINDA S TWIST, 10012 FOSTER ROAD, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LINDA KAYE JENNINGS, 10012 FOSTER ROAD, 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: 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/ LINDA KAYE JENNINGS, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 27, 2017

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The Downey Patriot 8/3/17, 8/10/17, 8/17/17, 8/24/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017165804

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NEKTR JUICE BAR WHITTIER, 15307 WHITTIER BLVD, WHITTIER CA 90603, LA COUNTY, 4140 WORKMAN MILL RD #241, WHITTIER CA 90601

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HEALTHY CASH, 11710 RIDGEGATE DR, WHITTIER CA 90601

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: 06/2017

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).)

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The Downey Patriot 7/20/17, 7/27/17, 8/3/17, 8/10/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017176885

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SOBER TRANSITIONAL GUEST HOUSE, 3001 WEST BEVERLY BLVD. UNIT 102, MONTEBELLO CA 90640, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3010882 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) S.O.B.E.R., INTERNATIONAL, 3001 WEST BEVERLY BLVD. UNIT 102, MONTEBELLO CA 90640

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: 07/2017

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/ S.O.B.E.R., INTERNATIONAL, SECRETARY, CYNTHIA GARCIA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 10, 2017

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The Downey Patriot 7/13/17, 7/20/17, 7/27/17, 8/3/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017191283

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RIVAS OPTOMETRY, 11729 IMPERIAL HWY, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 1051, TORRANCE CA 90505

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CECILIA A RIVAS OD A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, 3023 WINDMILL RD, TORRANCE CA 90505

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/ CECILIA A RIVAS OD A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PRESIDENT, CECILIA A RIVAS This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 20, 2017

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The Downey Patriot 8/3/17, 8/10/17, 8/17/17, 8/24/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017190837

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) A-PRIME AID, 12631 E IMPERIAL HWY SUITE F 122, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3943061 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAGUAR AMNIOTECH INTERNATIONAL INC., 12631 E IMPERIAL HWY SUITE F 122, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670

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/ JAGUAR AMNIOTECH INTERNATIONAL INC., PRESIDENT, PERFECTO D BRAGA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 20, 2017

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The Downey Patriot 7/27/17, 8/3/17, 8/10/17, 8/17/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017178727

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)

DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MARISCAL TRUCKING, 601 WISCONSIN ST #A, POMONA CA 91768, LA COUNTY, P.O. BOX 3146, POMONA CA 91769

S/ HEALTHY CASH, PRESIDENT, DANIEL J. HERNANDEZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 27, 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 7/20/17, 7/27/17, 8/3/17, 8/10/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017196482

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LULLY HAIR STUDIO, 1432 W. BEVERLY BLVD., MONTEBELLO CA 90640, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LILIA MENDOZA MENDIETA, 13912 DANBROOK DR., WHITTIER CA 90605

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/ LILIA MENDOZA MENDIETA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 25, 2017

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

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The Downey Patriot 8/3/17, 8/10/17, 8/17/17, 8/24/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017188007

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) YAY BOUTIQUE, 7015 STATE ST, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIA E HERNANDEZ HUERTA, 7615 STATE ST, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255

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/ MARIA E HERNANDEZ HUERTA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 18, 2017

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The Downey Patriot 7/27/17, 8/3/17, 8/10/17, 8/17/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017197222

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MARISA'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT, 11949 PARAMOUNT BLVD., DOWNEY CA. 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) IDEL O. PALOMO JR., 8471 BIRCH ST., CYPRESS CA 90630

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: MAY 01, 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/ IDEL O. PALOMO JR., OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 25, 2017

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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 8/3/17, 8/10/17, 8/17/17, 8/24/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017177071

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HOUSE OF BLENDS BARBERSHOP (2) HOUSE OF BLENDS, LLC, 19129 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, CERRITOS CA 90703, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HOUSE OF BLENDS, LLC, 19129 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, CERRITOS CA 90703

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: 07/2017

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/ HOUSE OF BLENDS, LLC, CEO, BRANDON FUENTECILLA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 3, 2017

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The Downey Patriot 7/20/17, 7/27/17, 8/3/17, 8/10/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017205246

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LINGUA FRANCA PROFESSIONAL LINGUISTIC SERVICES, 10219 HORLEY AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALDO RUIZ RIVERO, 10219 HORLEY AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90241

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: 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/ ALDO RUIZ RIVERO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 1, 2017

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Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9544 SIJVA STREET, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 0000006702492 Title Order No.: 730-1703236-70 FHA/VA/PM No.: CAR07296387630 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR...

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SITE PLAN REVIEW AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

NOTICES
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: September 6, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT CLERKS OFFICE, 12720 NORWALK BLVD., RM. 101 NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650

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TRUSTEE SALES
T.S. No. 038577-CA APN: 6363-008-013 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST...

PLN-17-00072 (Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit): A request to demolish the former Waterreens building and construct a new 1,785 square-foot Starbucks Cafe with a drive-thru and an outdoor patio at 7964 Florence Avenue...

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

PROBATE
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANA PATRICIA FLETES

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA...

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: September 27, 2017, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, 90650

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, of ANA PATRICIA FLETES

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...

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Table with 2 columns: Customer Name, Unit#
Mario Garcia 1249
Virginia Adame 1314
Jorge Clemente 1342
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U.S. Air Force Airman Adrian Sandoval graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

Sandoval is the son of Efren and Maria Sandoval of Haltom City, Texas, brother of Lucy Hernandez of Fort Worth, Texas, Efren Sandoval of Haltom City, Texas, and Jacqueline Kingsbury of Haltom City, Texas.

He is a 2010 graduate of Downey High School.



The United States Tennis Association summer youth program concluded July 27, 2017 at Independence Park.

The kids, ages 8-17, completed the "L.A. 84" USTA program.

From back row, left to right: Sarah Rodriguez, Juan Pablo Gonzalez, Melanie Cabrera, Melodie Zatarain, Melody Kim, Christine Frometa, Joanne Kim, Danika Suarez, Angelica Castillo, Shane Castillo, Angel Gonzalez. Front row, left to right: Armen Kevarian, Emily Woods, Leslie Cabrera, Maximo Zatarain. USTA instructors were Darren Rodriguez and Randy Ignacio.



Downey AYSO took four cultural teams to Costa Rica to play against other teams in that region. They were welcomed by parents and players in both regions they visited with opening ceremonies, native folk dances, and delicious food.

Coach Jorge Ramirez helped with the bilingual opening ceremonies where his Boys 19 and Under team won their game 1-0 playing against talented teams.

About 150 parents and players represented Downey AYSO in the endeavor. The region took specifically made medals and pins for each of the players, soccer bags, chin guards, and soccer balls to give away.

AYSO thanks their commissioner Sesilia Gonzales for making the trip happen.

Coaches: Boys 19 and Under - Jorge Ramirez, Boys 14 and under William Moreno, Girls 14 and under Jose Gutierrez, Girls 12 and Under Sesilia Gonzalez

The 19u team is pictured above.



The Nevarez family traveled to Rome and Florence, Italy and took the Downey Patriot with them. Pictured from left to right are Andrew, Alyssa, Robert, Robert (dad) and Lisa (mom), overlooking the ruins of the ancient Roman Forum.

The family also visited the Vatican, the Colosseum, and the Pantheon while in Rome, as well as the Uffizi Gallery, Palazzo Vecchio, the Duomo, the Academia Galleria, and more while in Florence. This was the family's first Italian vacation.



Greg Welch, owner of Risher Mortuary and Cremation Service, sports his Gangs Out of Downey t-shirt (and Downey Patriot) as he visits the elephant seals of Cambria.

Welch was returning from a 1,800-mile round-trip ride through California Gold Country.



Downey Patriot staff writer Alex Dominguez got to hang out with all his favorite super heroes at San Diego Comic Con event.

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What are closing costs and how much are they?

Closing costs are fees associated with your home purchase that are paid at the closing of a real estate transaction. Closing is the point in time when the title of the property is transferred from the seller to the buyer. Closing costs are incurred by either the buyer or seller.

Closing costs vary widely based on where you live, the property you buy, and the type of loan you choose. Here is a list of fees that may be included in closing. The list is inclusive of fees you may see, but it's not likely that your loan will include all of the fees listed here.

Application Fee: This fee covers the cost for the lender to process your application. Before submitting an application, ask your lender what this fee covers. It can often include things like a credit check for your credit score or appraisal as well. Not all lenders charge an application fee, and it can often be negotiated.

Appraisal: This is paid to the appraisal company to confirm the fair market value of the home.

Attorney Fee: This pays for an attorney to review the closing documents on behalf of the buyer or the lender. This is not required in all states.

Closing Fee or Escrow Fee: This is paid to the title company, escrow company or attorney for conducting the closing. The title company or escrow oversees the closing as an independent party in your home purchase. Some states require a real estate attorney be present at every closing.

Courier Fee: This covers the cost of transporting documents to complete the loan transaction as quickly as possible.

Credit Report: A Tri-merge credit report is pulled to get your credit history and score. Your credit score plays a big role in determining the interest rate you'll get on your loan.

Escrow Deposit for Property Taxes & Mortgage Insurance: Often you are asked to put down two months of property tax and mortgage insurance payments at closing.

FHA Up-Front Mortgage Insurance Premium (UPMIP): If you have an FHA loan, you'll be required to pay the UPMIP of 1.75% of the base loan amount. You are also able to roll this into the cost of the loan if you prefer.

Flood Determination or Life of Loan Coverage: This is paid to a third party to determine if the property is located in a flood zone. If the property is found to be located within a flood zone, you will need to buy flood insurance. The insurance, of course, is paid separately.

Home Inspection: You will likely get your own home inspection to verify the condition of a property and to check for home repairs that may be needed before closing.

Home Owners Association Transfer Fees: The Seller will pay for this transfer which will show that the dues are paid current, what the dues are, a copy of the association financial statements, minutes and notices. The buyer should review these documents to determine if the Association has enough reserves in place to avert future special assessments, check to see if there are special assessments, legal action, or any other items that might be of concern. Also included will be Association by-laws, rules and regulations and CC & Rs.

Homeowners' Insurance: This covers possible damages to your home. Your first year's insurance is often paid at closing.

Lender's Policy Title Insurance: This is insurance to assure the lender that you own the home and the lender's mortgage is a valid lien, and it protects the lender if there is a problem with the title. Similar to the title search, but always a separate line item.

Lead-Based Paint Inspection: Covers the cost of evaluating lead-based paint risk.

Loan Discount Points: "Points" are prepaid interest. One point is one percent of your loan amount. This is a lump sum payment that lowers your monthly payment for the life of your loan.

Owner's Policy Title

Insurance: This is an insurance policy that protects you in the event someone challenges your ownership of the home. It is usually optional.

Origination Fee: This covers the lender's administrative costs. It's usually about 1 percent of the total loan but you can sometimes find mortgages with no origination fee.

Pest Inspection: This fee covers the cost to inspect for termites or dry rot, which is required in some states and required for government loans. Repairs can get expensive if evidence of termites, dry rot or other wood damage is found.

Prepaid Interest: Most lenders will ask you to prepay any interest that will accrue between closing and the date of your first mortgage payment.

Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI): If you're making a down payment that's less than 20% of the home's purchase price, chances are you'll be required to pay PMI. If so, you may need to pay the first month's PMI payment at closing.

Property Tax: Typically, lenders will want any taxes due within 60 days of purchase by the loan servicer to be paid at closing.

Recording Fees: A fee charged by your local recording office, usually city or county, for the recording of public land records.

Survey Fee: This fee goes to a survey company to verify

all property lines and things like shared fences on the property. This is not required in all states.

Title Company Title Search or Exam Fee: This fee is paid to the title company for doing a thorough search of the property's records. The title company researches the deed to your new home, ensuring that no one else has a claim to the property.

Transfer Taxes: This is the tax paid when the title passes from seller to buyer.

Underwriting Fee: This also goes to your lender, covering the cost of researching whether or not to approve you for the loan.

VA Funding Fee: If you have a VA loan, you may be required to pay a VA funding fee at closing (or you can roll this fee into the cost of the loan if you prefer). This is a percentage of the loan amount that the VA assesses to fund the VA home loan program, however some borrowers are exempt from this fee. The percentage depends on your type of service and the amount of your down payment.

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SOLD: 10316 Morning Ave., Downey
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