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

AUGUST 23

Motorcycle Night
DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 23
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: Downey Elks Lodge

AUGUST 27

Magic by John Zander
DATE: Sunday, Aug. 27
TIME: 12:30 pm
LOCATION: Downey Masonic Lodge

AUGUST 30

City Affairs Meeting with Mayor Fernando Vasquez
DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 30
TIME: 12:30 pm
LOCATION: Farmers & Merchant Bank

AUGUST 31

Havana Nights concert
DATE: Thursday, Aug. 31
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: Downtown Downey parking structure

SEPTEMBER 8-9

Senior Follies talent show
DATE: Friday, Sept. 8; Saturday, Sept. 9
TIME: 5 pm Sept. 8, 11 am Sept. 9
LOCATION: Barbara J. Riley 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
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

OCTOBER 29

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

OCTOBER 21

Downey Symphony concert
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 21
TIME: 8 pm
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



Students returning to school greeted with positive messages

DOWNEY – To kick off the school year, the staff and administration from Carpenter Elementary School welcomed students and parents with smiles and open arms as they wore bright yellow shirts to “Sprinkle Happiness” as they entered campus on the first day of school.

“We felt it was a great opportunity to start the school year off by welcoming everyone back with happy messages to brighten up their first day back,” exclaimed Carpenter Elementary School principal, Dr. Mercedes Gomez.

Created by Laura Lavigne, founder of the Anacortes Center for Happiness, The Happiness Sprinkling Project is “crazy simple and crazy powerful.”

“All it takes is a group of people wearing bright yellow shirts holding up happiness signs, with the goal to sprinkle as many people with happiness as possible,” stated Lavigne.

Police announce Labor Day crackdown on impaired drivers

DOWNEY – This Labor Day, Downey PD is partnering with police, Sheriffs and the CHP across the state to stop impaired drivers and save lives.

The high-visibility national enforcement campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled over, runs from August 18 through September 4.

The DUI Enforcement team will be deploying this month to stop and arrest alcohol and drug-impaired drivers. DUI Saturation Patrols will deploy on Fridays and/or Saturdays between the hours of 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. in areas with high frequencies of DUI collisions and/or arrests.

A DUI/Driver’s License Checkpoint is also planned for August 25 at an undisclosed location in Downey.

“These extra officers on the road, along with routine patrols, are aimed to drastically reduce impaired driving in our community’s roadways,” Downey Police said.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

“If you take prescription drugs, particularly those with a driving or operating machinery warning on the label, you might be impaired enough to get a DUI,” police said. “Marijuana use can also be impairing, especially in combination with alcohol or other drugs, and can result in a DUI.

“Plan your sober ride home before the party begins as end of summer activities wraps up. It is never okay to drive impaired. Even if you’ve had one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or plan to use public transportation to get home safely.”

The messages are surprising because those holding signs ask for nothing in return, instead they send an expected burst of light and happiness which is aimed to help people tap into their own hope, strength and joy, organizers said.

These signs have sayings on them that read: “Life Is Good,” “Be You,” “You Are Enough,” “You Are All Beautiful” and “You Rock!”

“The Sprinklings started in May 2012 and it has been spreading like well... happiness,” said Lavigne. “It has been received with a mix of surprise, delight and occasionally tears of emotion.”

The Happiness Sprinkling Project has been featured on the GoodNews Network, DailyGood.org, NBC, CBS News, The Huffington Post, Ellen DeGeneres’ blog, as well as the TEDx platform.

CRIME REPORT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

At 10:00 a.m., officers located a stolen vehicle on Imperial Hwy at Downey Ave. The female driver was arrested for grand theft auto.

At 7:00 p.m., three male suspects, wearing black hoodies and black sweatpants, entered the Daniel’s Jewelers at Stonewood Mall. The suspects smashed the glass jewelry cases with a crowbar and took numerous jewelry items. The suspects were seen fleeing the location on foot. Detectives are investigating

SATURDAY, AUG. 12

At 1:30 p.m., a male suspect entered Chita’s Floral Design at 7435 Florence Ave. The suspect displayed a handgun in his waistband and demanded money. The suspect fled the location without the loss, when an employee entered the store. The suspect was described as a male Hispanic, mustache, 40-45 years old, wearing a straw hat, gray long sleeve shirt, and blue jeans. Detectives are investigating.

SUNDAY, AUG. 13

At 4:45 p.m., officers located a stolen car in the Downey Promenade. The male driver was arrested for grand theft auto.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 81°

Saturday 80°

Sunday 78°

THINGS TO DO



Rocket Fever

Saturday - Columbia Memorial Space Center, 10 am

“Rocket Fever” is Los Angeles’ only urban rocket festival, featuring rocket-building, hands-on activities, and food trucks.



Street Food Cinema: Selena

Saturday - Los Angeles State Historic Park, 5:30 pm

An outdoor screening of “Selena,” plus food trucks, live music, interactive games, and more.



Family Fun Night

Friday - Norwalk Aquatic Center, 7:45 pm

Friday night swimming at Norwalk’s public pool. \$4 for adults, \$3 for kids and seniors.



Red Bull Soapbox Race

Sunday - Elysian Park, 9 am

An old-fashioned soapbox derby race down Angels Point Road in Elysian Park.



Totally Go-Go’s

Friday - Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, 8:30 pm

Totally Go-Go’s is a musical tribute to their favorite 80’s all-girl band, The Go-Go’s.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@WarrenBears: Teachers are getting ready to start the school year!

@AE_Media: where did the strawberry fields go @cerritoscollege?

@RealSeanAshton: Congratulations to Valvoline Instant Oil Change on their Grand Opening. Welcome to Downey!

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Manny Castro's journey from war-torn El Salvador to Downey

■ **FEATURE:** Downey resident recalls journey that led him from Central America to Downey.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Downey resident Manny Castro has just past a milestone that could be considered a great achievement in any regard; his business Minuteman Press - located in a small strip mall on Florence Avenue – just recently celebrated its 10-year anniversary.

Yet the road that leads to Castro's tenure as an entrepreneur is one that leads to humble beginnings not found in Downey, California, or even the United States. Castro's road began in El Salvador.

Castro migrated from El

Salvador right around 1982. He says that at the time, "everything was uncertain."

"The war [Salvadorian Civil War] was going on," said Castro. "I didn't grow up with my mom or dad. My dad passed away when I was 5 or 6...My mom and dad were separated; my mom had kind of disappeared from our life."

Castro lived with his grandmother on his father's side until she too passed away.

"My grandma passed away, and then the civil war exploded," said Castro. "I ended up moving to San Salvador with my grandma on my mom's side, and before you know it my mom shows up."

Castro's mom had been living in Mexico. It wasn't long after she arrived in his life that he moved there with her.

"That's when my journey

began," said Castro.

Castro and his family continued to live in Mexico for about a year and a half before finally making the move to California.

Upon Arrival, Castro – who was about 17 at the time – enrolled in night time adult school.

"That's where I got the foundation for the new language," said Castro.

He was also put to work. Unfortunately, situations changed and work took priority over school.

Eventually, Castro was hired by a company that dealt in the distribution of magazines. Castro did well and was promoted several times over seven years, however was unfortunately laid off.



It was now time for Castro to make a choice.

"This is when I decided to continue to look for another job or start my own business," said Castro. "This is where Minuteman Press comes into play."

Castro now lives in Downey

– a 20 year resident – with his daughters Jackie, age 23, Cristina, age 21, and Sophia, age 11, and his wife Hassnaa.

Upon reflection of his journey, he says he'd tell himself to stay a little more focused in school in order to reap the benefits of education. Still, he feels things

turned out alright for him in the long run.

"I thank God that it's not the end of the world, but it does give you an advantage," said Castro. "Thank God things turned out real well for me. I worked hard, I put my heart into it, I love what I do."

Frustrated with options, students start own tutoring company

■ **TUTORING:** Students started the program at Warren High, working around students' schedules.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – A group of local students have started their own tutoring program in an attempt to efficiently help their fellow classmates.

Warren High School seniors Hwikeun Kim and Victoria Real are both tutors for the new Everyone Can Tutor service, which was put together and is run by students.

Kim, the founder and president of the program, says that Everyone Can Tutor is based

off of student schedule and one on one help.

"We saw a flaw in our tutoring system currently offered at our school, which is done by our teacher," said Kim. "We tried to figure out a way to make it better."

That process started with a survey of other students.

The results of that survey showed that many students struggled finding the time to make it to tutoring.

"At Warren High School, we already have a tutoring program. But teachers have fixed tutoring, so it's based on their schedule," said Real. "Sometime's it will be in the morning, sometimes it will be after school.

"A lot of [students], especially student athletes, they have morning practice or they have practice after school. In general, life gets busy...just because you're busy one day you might not get the right tutoring that you might need."

Students also found themselves in a classroom setting as well, and one on one tutoring time was hard to come by.

"It's like 15, 20 [students] to one [teacher]," said Kim.

"Our tutoring program... it would be based upon the students schedule, and they could work personally with their tutors to figure out what time works best," added Real.

To become a tutor, students

must apply on the website. While GPA doesn't matter, to tutor in any given subject an applicant must have A's in both semesters of the corresponding class.

"Someone could be really good at English but be horrible at math," said Real. "So as long as you had, like two A's in English 9 then you'd be able to tutor that."

With around 30 tutors so far, the group also hopes that the tutor program can expand past Warren and into other Downey schools.

Now, Kim says that the group is meeting with local organizations - such as Stay Gallery and Kiwanis – and city and school district officials in order to try and get Everyone Can Tutor



off the ground.

"They all agree that this is a needed program in our society or in our city," said Kim. "They see a lot of positive outcomes could

come out of this program."

For more information, please visit www.bit.ly/everyonecantutor.

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Calvary Chapel travels to SLO to open football season

DOWNEY – The Downey Calvary Chapel football team will kick off their 2017 football season when they travel to Mission Prep of San Luis Obispo next Saturday night at 7 p.m. The Grizzlies did not play Mission prep last season.

DCC does not have a scrimmage scheduled this preseason and will play nine games in the regular season. The Grizzlies are eligible for postseason play should they qualify.

DCC finished last season with an overall record of 5-4 and were 3-1 in league play. The Grizzlies did not participate in postseason play last season.

Head coach Mike Nuno, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2017 football season.

DCC will also have fall teams for boys' cross country, girls' tennis and girls' volleyball. It is certainly an exciting time to be a fall athlete at Downey Calvary Chapel.

■ The St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy football team will be hosting the Webb Schools of Claremont next Friday night at 7 p.m. This game will mark the season opener for both schools.

St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy will also have fall teams for boys' and girls' cross country, girls' tennis and girls' volleyball. It is certainly an exciting time to be a fall athlete at St. Pius-St. Matthias Academy.

■ The St. John Bosco football team scrimmaged against Long Beach Wilson High School at Bosco yesterday (stats unavailable at press time).

This scrimmage served as a valuable tool for the Brave football staff to make any adjustments or address any needs they may need to make for their season opener next week. It was also an excellent opportunity for any Brave player to make a last summer impression to get more playing time.

Long Beach Wilson competes in the Moore League against Long Beach Poly, Lakewood, Cabrillo, Compton, Millikan and Jordan. Long Beach Wilson finished last season with an overall record of 10-3 and a Moore League record of 5-1. Long Beach Wilson was defeated by Los Altos 30-28 in the third round of the C.I.F. Division 6 playoffs.

St. John Bosco competes in the Trinity League against Mater Dei, Orange Lutheran, JSerra, Santa Margarita and Servite. Mater Dei was the 2017 Trinity League champion but Bosco was the C.I.F. Division 1 and state champion after they defeated Mater Dei 42-28 in the C.I.F. Division One championship game.

The Braves will be in Fort Lauderdale, Florida next Friday night to take on St. Thomas Aquinas High School. St. Thomas Aquinas is nationally ranked and the Florida 7A champion from last season. Coach Negro, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2017 football season and defending their C.I.F. and state titles.

St. John Bosco will also have boys' cross country and boys' water polo beginning their respective seasons as well. It is an exciting time to be a fall season athlete at St. John Bosco.

■ Warren High School began their fall semester on Wednesday as

students attended their first day of school.

Fall sports teams have been practicing this summer and their respective games, matches and competitions are quickly approaching. Several competitions have already taken place and some are taking place later today and next week.

The Warren football team will be traveling to Bellflower High School later today to scrimmage against the Buccaneers. The freshmen team will scrimmage at 3:00 p.m., the junior varsity team will scrimmage at 4:00 p.m. and the varsity team will be scrimmaging at 5:30 p.m. These scrimmages will give the coaches a better idea and understanding as to who can do what in game situations.

The Bears will kick-off their regular season schedule when they host Don Lugo next Friday night under the lights. Don Lugo defeated the Bears 18-0 last season.

The Warren girls' cross country team ran yesterday at Gahr (times, places and results were unavailable at press time). The Warren girls' volleyball team will be competing in the Valley Christian/Cerritos Tournament on Tuesday, August 22 and the Lady Bear golf team will be competing against Cerritos on Wednesday, August 28.

The Warren pool will be hosting boys' water polo games shortly as well. The pool, locker rooms and scoreboard all look outstanding. Fall sports are just getting started at Warren High School.

■ Downey High School students went back to school this Wednesday as fall classes began. Many Viking athletes in different grades and team levels have spent a lot of time on campus and in practice getting better this summer in preparation for their respective upcoming seasons.

The Downey High School football team will be scrimmaging against Orange Lutheran tonight at Downey High at 6:00 p.m. Tonight's scrimmage presents an excellent opportunity for Downey players to make a final summer impression and for Viking coaches to

make any last minute adjustments. Downey will kick off their regular season schedule when they host Santa Margarita under the lights next Friday night at 7 p.m.

Several other fall sports teams have been busy this summer in preparation for their respective competitions, games and matches. Boys' water polo has been busy early in the morning getting their workouts in at the Downey Aquatics Center. Girls' volleyball has been busy practicing and participating in camps this summer in preparation for their season to begin.

Boys' and girls' cross country has been busy running the streets of Downey as well as doing work on the track at Downey. Girls' golf has been busy driving and putting balls and girls' tennis has been busy practicing their groundstrokes and backhands on the tennis courts. Athletes are getting ready to compete and coaches are getting ready to coach. Fall seasons are finally getting started and it is certainly an exciting time to be an athlete on a fall sport's team.

Mark Fetter, contributor

Property rezoning pulled from City Council agenda

DOWNEY – A controversial proposal to rezone a single-family home to allow up to 19 townhomes has been pulled from Tuesday's City Council agenda at the request of the property owner, Dale Jervis, city officials said Thursday.

Planning commissioners previously rejected the proposal to rezone the 1,700 sq. ft. home at 10221 Downey Ave.

The City Council, however, can override the Planning Commission's decision.



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MAYOR'S AWARD

After son's tragedy, Downey teacher begins to take back her life



DOWNEY – For Griffiths Middle School music teacher Laura Taylor, 2017 has been “the year for doing different goals.”

This year, she heads into her 32nd year of teaching. It's also her first real opportunity to take her life back after her son was involved in a devastating accident that left him with a major brain injury, which put him in a coma for several months. She likens his injury to shaken baby syndrome.

“My son was in a car accident seven years ago this summer, and so basically for seven years I've been pretty much just going to work at Griffiths, and then coming home and taking care of him,” said Taylor. “He's at a certain point now where, you know, he's slowly progressing, but it's like 'OK, I need to be kind of doing things for myself.'”

Taylor made that decision on New Year's Eve, and started working towards her goal at the beginning of this year by involving herself with a children's musical in January and February. After that, Taylor wanted a way to get back into shape and to help others.

“I saw this advertisement for the breast cancer walk,” said Taylor. “It's like 'OK, this sounds like fun.'”

Taylor has been training for the Avon 39 Walk to End Breast Cancer with a friend, who will also be doing the walk. She began walking in March, gradually building her distance from three to 18 miles.

“The walking gives me a sense of calm,” said Taylor. “It's very calming and relaxing. Plus because I'm getting older...[I'm] trying to get back in shape, and I've really noticed a lot, just, the exercising and stuff, how my endurance has gotten better.”

While Taylor hasn't known anyone with breast cancer, she has



Laura Taylor with her sons, Jeremy and Nik.

had family affected by cancer. Still, her participation is more fueled by a rebirth, and a general opportunity to help others. It's also been a challenge that she could take head on.

“It's been a big learning experience and a challenge, and I wanted something that was challenging,” said Taylor.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Mayor honors non-profit exec with 'Healthy Heart' award

DOWNEY – Mayor Fernando Vasquez released the following statement in recognizing Raquel Villa of Family Healthcare Center of Greater L.A. with his Healthy Heart Award:

“The Mayor's Healthy Heart Award was instituted to recognize individuals who have done a phenomenal job contributing to the well-being of the community. The honoree I have chosen has contributed to the arena of healthcare by making a difference in our community.

“Six years ago I received a call from a non-profit organization who was thinking about opening a location in Downey. Their objective was and continues to be to serve all who need healthcare, regardless of their ability to pay. What started with one small clinic has now led to five more.

“This kind of growth does not happen by accident, it starts with leadership at the top. Organizations like this continue to thrive through the exemplary leadership such as that of Raquel Villa who is the Chief Executive Officer for Family Healthcare Center of Greater LA.

“It is my honor to present Raquel Villa with the Mayor's Healthy Heart Award for her true commitment toward improving the health, well-being and future success of the residents of the City of Downey and its surrounding communities”

Cristina Garcia: Keep Calderon in prison

DOWNEY – Former California state Sen. Ron Calderon, who pleaded guilty last year to federal corruption charges, “needs to be kept in prison,” said Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia in response to Calderon's request for an early release.

“It's bad enough that he walked away with a mere 42 month sentence when his crimes dictated 396 years. Granting his request for early release-- after only serving seven months in a white-collar facility—is an added insult to my community and a void of justice in our democracy.

“As an elected official he was indicted on 24 felony counts, yet only plead to one. He's never even apologized for all of his crimes despite the fact that he pillaged the public of their trust for decades and got caught red-handed. I guarantee the crimes he committed will affect people much longer than any amount of jail time he will ever serve.

“Nonetheless, he should stay where he belongs; in prison.”

Calderon, a Democrat out of Montebello, pleaded guilty to mail

fraud in 2016 and was sentenced to 42 months in prison. Under federal law, he can be allowed to serve the final 12 months of his term “under conditions that prepare them for re-entry into the community, such as a halfway house,” reported the Sacramento Bee.

The U.S. Bureau of Prisons can place an inmate in home confinement for up to six months or 10 percent of their term, whichever is shorter, the Bee reported.

Though he had asked for no prison time, citing poor health, Calderon entered a medium-security facility in Sheridan, Ore., in January, putting his estimated release around July 2020. But his release date has since been bumped up to Jan. 19, 2019, according to the Bureau of Prison's Federal Inmate Locator.

If the bureau grants Calderon a full 12 months in a re-entry program, then he could be out of prison by January, just a year after he entered.

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There's no way to march with neo-Nazis in a non-hateful way

By Jill Richardson

"I came to this march for the message that white European culture has a right to be here just like every other culture," a white nationalist protester in Charlottesville told Newsweek. But, he claimed, he's "not an angry racist."

White nationalists often use this messaging. They claim they aren't racists; they just want to celebrate white European culture and heritage.

What's unreasonable about that, they say? Shouldn't every group of people be allowed to celebrate their own culture?

There are two problems here.

One is a problem of historical baggage. History doesn't have many examples of people innocently "celebrating white European culture," but it does have an awful lot of examples of ugly and sometimes violent racism perpetrated by white people of European descent. Slavery. Jim Crow. Lynchings. Hitler.

That isn't to say that people of European and American heritage don't have a culture to celebrate. They just generally celebrate it based on national traditions and not in a generic, pan-white-people sort of way. You might celebrate Irish culture on St. Patrick's Day, for

example. Or you could celebrate French culture on Bastille Day with French wine and food.

In America, we celebrate the Fourth of July with fireworks and Thanksgiving with turkey. But these holidays are for all Americans, not just the white ones.

America has never been a white country. It was once entirely populated with Native Americans, then the first Europeans arrived, and they soon brought the first enslaved Africans. All of those groups, as well as all of the people who followed later, contributed to making our country and our culture what it is today.

But, second, the goal of "celebrating white European culture" is a thinly veiled lie.

It's a lie because the marchers were carrying Nazi flags, flags associated with the genocide of 6 million Jews and countless others the Nazis wanted to remove from humanity's gene pool.

It's a lie because the marchers were carrying Confederate battle flags, the flag of a people willing to fight to the death for their right to enslave other human beings.

It's a lie because the marchers were marching alongside KKK members, whose organization terrorized and murdered people in the name of white supremacy for decades.

And it's a lie because the people who are supposedly simply celebrating their own lily white skin and its culture frequently and routinely make disgusting racist remarks about people of color.

And it doesn't matter what the attendees or the organizers of the event claim they're doing if the reality is an ugly outpouring of vile racism.

If your event looks like a Klan rally in which white pointy hoods were replaced with tiki torches, it's no innocent cultural celebration. Period.

As a more general rule, if you have to work hard to tell others you aren't a racist — you're probably a racist. And if you're marching behind the same flag as others who are spewing hate, your presence there is an endorsement of their hate, even if you aren't saying those things yourself.

Don't believe the lies of white nationalists who say they simply want to celebrate white culture. There's no way to march with KKK members and Nazi flags in a non-hateful way.

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

What happened to all those foreclosed homes?

By Jim Hightower

We know that millions of American families lost their homes after Wall Street's 2007 financial crash. But where did all those houses go?

It turns out that Wall Streeters themselves formed profiteering investment groups that rushed out to scoop up tens of thousands of those foreclosed properties, usually grabbing them on the cheap at courthouse auctions in suburban metro areas that were hard-hit by the crash.

These moneyed syndicates have deep, deep pockets, so they easily outbid local buyers to take possession of the majority of the single-family homes being sold off in many distressed places.

Why are they buying? To turn the homes into rental properties and become the dominant suburban landlord, controlling the local market and constantly jacking up rents.

For example, the Wall Street Journal found that in Nashville's suburb of Spring Hill, just four of these predatory giants own 700 houses — giving this oligopoly of absentee investors ownership of three-fourths of all rental houses in town.

One of these bulk buyers is an arm of Blackstone, the world's largest private equity firm. Another is an equity outfit that was spun out of the housing speculation department of Goldman Sachs. And still another is a billionaire whose investors include the Alaska state oil fund.

Not only do rents jump dramatically when such outfits seize a market, but Wall Street's intention is to impose "a new way" on housing America: They're pushing a cultural shift in which homeownership is no longer part of the American Dream, and tenants are taught to accept annual rent increases as the price of having a home.

So the banksters crash the economy, you lose income and your home, they buy your house at auction, then they rent it to you at an ever-increasing price. The "new way" is the same old story: The rich robbing the rest of us.

Jim Hightower is a radio commentator, writer, and public speaker.

My nine presidents

By Lee Hamilton

One reason I consider myself fortunate to have led a life in politics is that, over time, I've had a chance to work with nine presidents. From Lyndon Johnson through Barack Obama, I've talked policy, politics and, sometimes, the trivial details of daily life with them. I met JFK twice for brief conversations. I don't know our current President, but I've gained valuable perspective from his predecessors.

Johnson was a deal-maker — always trying to figure out how to get your vote. He came into office with a clear vision of what he wanted to do, and on the domestic side notched accomplishments unmatched in recent decades. Yet he was brought down by the Vietnam War — a war he could neither win nor quit.

Richard Nixon, one of the more complex personalities to inhabit the office, often spoke to me about his mother and her home in Indiana. Highly intelligent, brimming with energy, extremely ambitious, he was also uneasy in social settings and could be vindictive. He focused intently on policy, especially foreign policy — and yet had a flawed moral compass.

Few people were nicer in politics than Gerald Ford. His great contribution was to help the country heal after Watergate and Nixon's resignation. His was not an especially productive presidency, but that wasn't what the country wanted. Instead, people wanted the stability and reassurance that Ford provided in turbulent times.

Jimmy Carter was a marvelous, down-to-earth campaigner, whose engineer's mind led him to seek comprehensive solutions to the problems of the day. But his outsider approach led to difficulties, even with a Democratic Congress. Carter served in extraordinarily complex times — through the Iran hostage crisis and rampaging inflation. Yet no American soldier died in combat while he was in office, a remarkable achievement, and Carter has set the gold standard for the post-presidency.

Ronald Reagan's sunny optimism contrasted sharply with Carter's "malaise." Reagan may be identified as the great conservative ideologue, but he was pragmatic. He talked about government being the problem — but signed the appropriations bills that came to his desk. He denounced Medicare — but made no effort to repeal it. He reduced some taxes — then supported a large tax hike. His chief interest was not so much policy, but how to use his acting skills to communicate to the American people.

George H.W. Bush came from the aristocracy, yet devoted his life to public service with decency, honor, and modesty. He deserves praise for his skill in handling the transition from the Cold War, yet he had modest legislative accomplishments. During Bush's presidency, Newt Gingrich — who criticized Bush for his bipartisan attitude — ushered in the mean-spirited, confrontational political warfare that still bedevils us.

Bill Clinton arrived as President facing high expectations because of his mastery of policy detail and superb political skills. But he couldn't get his major health care bill through, and the Monica Lewinsky scandal and his impeachment took a toll on the country. I often wonder how much more could have been accomplished had he not been distracted by personal problems.

George W. Bush was affable and likable. He was not a detail man, but right after the 9/11 attacks he effectively led the country

in response. The course of his presidency, however, was downhill: he came into office with a strong budget surplus and the nation at peace; when he left we were at war in Iraq and Afghanistan, were running large budget deficits, and the economy was plunging into the Great Recession.

Barack Obama was deliberative, rational, smart, and took a conciliatory, compromise-ready approach. He learned quickly and mastered complex issues. He inherited a tough economy and got it moving again. But he changed in the face of implacable Republican opposition and his own reluctance to engage fully with Congress, arriving with great optimism and expansive goals and leaving with a far shorter, more incremental horizon.

These men were not demigods. Presidents are human, with qualities both fine and troubling. Each was different, and at least one tested our democracy. Yet our system of government showed considerable resilience — in part because Congress often played a crucial role as counterbalance, a role much needed with our current president.

Lee Hamilton was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Statement by L.A. County Commission on Human Relations on Charlottesville tragedy

We at the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations mourn the death of Heather Heyer, and the lives damaged by the heinous act of violence of a white supremacist who plowed his car into a crowd of anti-hate protestors in Charlottesville, Virginia, over the last weekend.

Our deepest sympathies go out to the families, friends and communities who are suffering directly from the trauma caused by this violence.

We condemn this tragedy for what it was: a blatant and ugly act of racism and domestic terrorism. We support calls for investigation into allegations of police inaction on that day, so that it might be better understood how violent clashes could be prevented by police in the future.

We call upon all to not only condemn this violence, but to speak against the ugly racial hatred that fueled it. We also urge all people of Los Angeles County to have the courage to stand up and protect people and communities targeted by hate. We urge meaningful actions to support those who are subjected to hostility and prejudices. And we remind people of the need to educate ourselves and others about racist ideology, and how it affects more than we know through our implicit unconscious biases, as well as our explicit prejudices.

Our Commission was borne out of the aftermath of a wave of hate violence known as the Zoot Suit Riots, and we continue to this day, to fulfill our mission to "transform prejudice into acceptance, inequity into justice, hostility into peace." To join us in this important work, go to www.lahumanrelations.org.

We will soon release a report on the hate crimes reported in Los Angeles County in the post-election period. Please go to our website and provide us with your email address should you wish to be notified of this report once it is released.

Rezoning

Dear Editor:

Why would the city of Downey even consider rezoning these two lots for Mr. Jervis? ("City Council Considering Request to Rezone Single-Family Home," 8/10/17)

We have a Master Plan that, I believe, shows one of these lots destined to become a parking lot. I have to assume that the people who drew up the Master Plan knew what they were doing. They had a reason for setting aside this area for parking.

I find it a little strange that Mr. Rodriguez would accept free office space from Mr. Jervis or any other businessman who might have future dealings with the City Council. Jervis may not expect anything from Mr. Rodriguez but he did, in fact, neutralize his vote on this issue.

This is not an issue that is going away soon. I would suggest that the neighbors organize and prepare for a long fight.

**Kenneth Stallcup
Downey**

Norwalk > Cerritos

Dear Editor:

Why is it that the City of Cerritos has more money than the city of Norwalk?

And why is it that the City of Cerritos has more potholes than the City of Norwalk?

And when the City of Cerritos does get around to filling in one of those pot holes they do such a "Mickey Mouse" job.

I'm glad that I live in Norwalk and only drive through the City of Cerritos.

**Larry Arrellano
Norwalk**

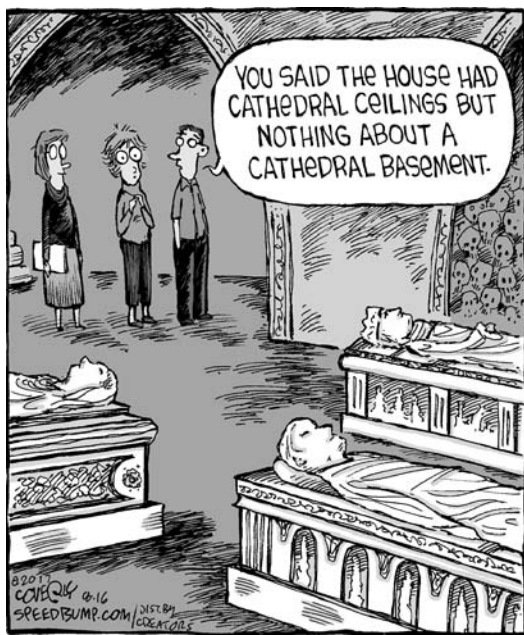
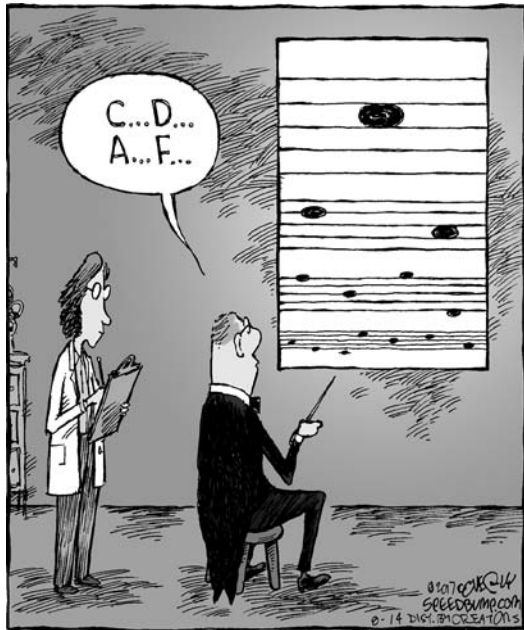
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Downey Community Calendar

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 Alex Lopez 441-7947.
 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...

Aug. 17, 1915: A mob in Cobb County, Ga., lynched Jewish businessman Leo Frank, who had been sentenced on flimsy evidence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan.

1992: Actor-director Woody Allen admitted being romantically involved with Soon-Yi Previn, the adopted daughter of his longtime companion, actress Mia Farrow.

2008: American swimmer Michael Phelps and three teammates won the 400-meter medley relay for Phelps' record-breaking eighth gold medal at the Beijing Olympics.

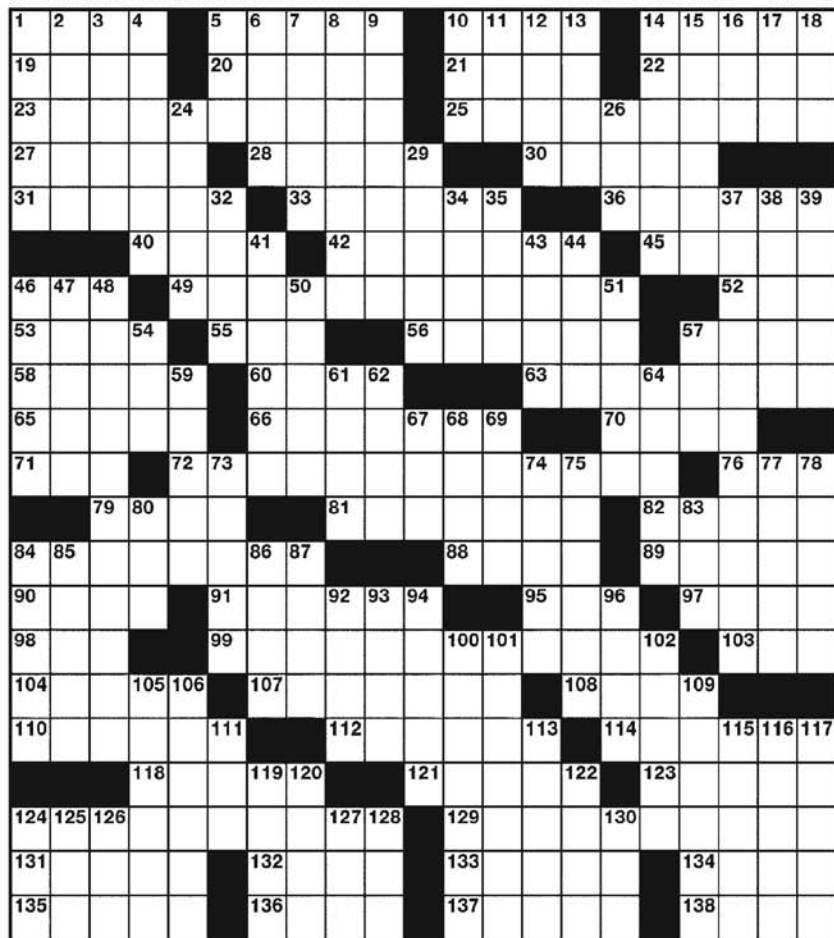
2010: A mistrial was declared on 23 corruption charges against ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich. (He was convicted of 17 counts of corruption in a retrial.)

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Report: More Americans have epilepsy than ever before

The number of U.S. adults and children with epilepsy is increasing, with at least 3.4 million people living with the disorder, according to data released today in CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. It's the first time epilepsy estimates have been available for every state.

The data show the disorder is widespread. In 2015, about 3 million U.S. adults and 470,000 children had active epilepsy (under treatment or with recent seizures). The number of adults with active epilepsy rose from 2.3 million in 2010 to 3 million in 2015. The number of children with the condition increased from 450,000 in 2007 to 470,000 in 2015. These increases are likely due to population growth.

"Millions of Americans are impacted by epilepsy, and unfortunately, this study shows cases are on the rise," said CDC Director Brenda Fitzgerald, M.D. "Proper diagnosis is key to finding an effective treatment – and at CDC we are committed to researching, testing, and sharing strategies that will improve the lives of people with epilepsy."

Epilepsy is a disorder of the brain that causes seizures. Different conditions can cause epilepsy, such as stroke, brain tumor, head injury, central nervous system infections, or genetic risks. Although epilepsy is widely recognized by the public, few people understand it, even among those who know someone with the disorder.

The CDC study provides national and state-specific estimates of epilepsy prevalence based on the 2015 National Health Interview Survey, and the National Survey of Children's Health, and the 2014 Current Population Survey.

- Overall, 1.2 percent of the U.S. population (3.4 million people) reported active epilepsy in 2015.
- The number of cases of active epilepsy among adults ranged

from 5,100 in Wyoming to 367,900 in California.

- The number of epilepsy cases among children ranged from 800 in Wyoming to 59,800 in California.
- Eleven states had more than an estimated 92,000 people with epilepsy.
- Data from 2010-2015 indicate increases in the number of persons with active epilepsy, probably because of population growth.

CDC researchers and others have previously reported that many adults with epilepsy face challenges including work limitations, difficulty finding transportation, and difficulty affording medical care. Students with epilepsy are more likely to fall behind in school and to need special education services. Children with epilepsy are more likely to live in low-income households.

"Epilepsy is common, complex to live with, and costly. It can lead to early death if not appropriately treated," said Rosemarie Kobau, M.P.H., head of CDC's Epilepsy Program. "Everyone should know how to recognize a seizure and how to give appropriate first aid."

There are at least 30 different types of seizures. Sometimes it is hard to tell that a person is having a seizure. People having some types of seizures may seem confused or look like they are staring at something that isn't there. Other seizures can cause people to fall, shake, and become unaware of what's going on around them.

First aid for seizures involves keeping the person safe until the seizure stops on its own and knowing when to call 911 for emergency assistance.

People should share concerns about their seizure symptoms with their doctors. A person with epilepsy who has uncontrolled seizures may want to see a neurologist specifically trained to treat epilepsy.

Health care providers should learn more about how to classify seizures and treat epilepsy appropriately.

CDC's Epilepsy Program collects data to monitor epilepsy trends, mortality, costs, and impact on families. CDC also collaborates with partners such as the Epilepsy Foundation, the American Epilepsy Society, and other researchers to:

- Keep children and adults with epilepsy safe in their communities by conducting seizure recognition and first aid training programs for school nurses, school staff, law enforcement, first responders, child care providers, and older adult caregivers.
- Reach rural and underserved populations with proven epilepsy self-management programs that can reduce health care costs and improve quality of life.

For more information about epilepsy and CDC's Epilepsy Program, visit www.cdc.gov/epilepsy.

What to do when someone has a seizure

There are many types of seizures. Most seizures end in a few minutes. These are general steps to help someone who is having any type seizure:

- Stay with the person until the seizure ends and he or she is fully awake. After it ends, help the person sit in a safe place. Once they are alert and able to communicate, tell them what happened in very simple terms.
- Comfort the person and speak calmly.
- Check to see if the person is wearing a medical bracelet or other emergency information.
- Keep yourself and other people calm.
- Offer to call a taxi or another person to make sure the person gets home safely.

during or after a seizure. Never do any of the following things

- Do not hold the person down or try to stop his or her movements.
- Do not put anything in the person's mouth. This can injure teeth or the jaw. A person having a seizure cannot swallow his or her tongue.
- Do not try to give mouth-to-mouth breaths (like CPR). People usually start breathing again on their own after a seizure.
- Do not offer the person water or food until he or she is fully alert.

More information: Download the free Red Cross app to your mobile device for instant access to step-by-step first aid advice, including advice about seizures and epilepsy.

Learn about epilepsy and seizure first aid training programs for school nurses and staff, emergency responders, and other community groups at epilepsy.com.

Knowing what NOT to do is important for keeping a person safe

JOINING FRISCHER MEDICAL GROUP



Dr. Laura Frischer has joined Frischer Medical Group in Downey this July.

Dr. Frischer earned her medical degree from the University of Vermont College of Medicine and completed her residency at Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles Medical Center. She has been honored for her work in Neuroscience, and as a medical student won scholarships and awards for commitment to patient care.

Fluent in Spanish, Dr. Frischer traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina where she provided volunteer medical services. She is the daughter of Dr. Alan Frischer.

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PIH Health Medical Offices Now Open in Downey

New Physicians in Your Neighborhood

PIH Health Women's Center and Otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat/ENT) offices are now available to help you with your health needs. Our board certified obstetricians/gynecologists and ENT specialists are highly trained and available to see you or your family members in our newly opened clinical offices located in the heart of Downey.

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Shared Stories: A brilliant beginning to first grade

This coming Monday, August 21, all of the continental United States will be treated to the rare opportunity to see a solar eclipse. Lisa Filler remembers such an event when she started first grade in the Philippines. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns.

By Lisa Filler

The time from 1954 and 1955 was eventful for me. I was officially enrolled in kindergarten. Tatay (Daddy) went to the United States of America. Kuya Jubert (eldest brother) graduated from elementary school. And Manila experienced the total solar eclipse.

In the Philippines, school starts in June and ends the following March. Elementary is from kindergarten to grade 6 followed by four years high school. A regular student would start at age five

and graduate high school at age 15.

In June 1954 I was officially enrolled in kindergarten at Welfareville School, while brother Jose was in grade 2 and Kuya Jubert was in grade 6. We were in the morning session. We walked a half-mile to the school at 7 a.m. and walked back home at noon. Nanay (Mommy) was teaching in the afternoon session at 1 p.m.

Tatay was selected from his work to study the new technology in Geology in the United States of America. Before going to the United States, Tatay took us around the University of the Philippines and Balara Park. He took a lot of family pictures.

We all wrote letters to him while he was in Alabama. I always ended my letter with "Be good." He replied with pictures of the family (LaMoreaux) where he stayed. They had a daughter, Karen, of my age.

I don't know how long he was in the United States but I remember when he came home. He brought walking dolls for me and my cousin Jean. One was a 12-inch bride, all dressed in white. Another was a 6-inch girl with different outfits. We got a lot of bead necklaces from the Mardi Gras.

Nanay and I got nice dresses. Mine were of different sizes that I was able to wear until grade 5. Jose got a cowboy outfit, boots and guns.

Jose was so popular with his cowboy outfit and the first one to grow sideburns like Elvis Presley. Kuya Jubert got a nice jacket and View Master with films of Washington DC, the New Orleans parade, and others.

Tatay also brought a lot of bars and boxes of chocolate candy for us and to give away (pasalubong) to relatives and friends. He got himself a new Kodak camera and collection of sample liquor in small bottles of different shapes.

Kuya Jubert won first place in the declamation contest. He practiced so many times that Jose and I memorized with action most of the lines. Kuya Jubert was serious with his studies. In March 1955 he graduated from elementary school as Valedictorian while I graduated from kindergarten.

He was enrolled at the University of the Philippines (UP) Preparatory High School located in Padre Faura Manila where most of the Valedictorians from different schools continued high school. He had to take two lines of public transportation (jeepney and bus) to get there. Sometimes Tatay would take him to school using the Land Rover he used for work.

On June 20, 1955, there was a Total Solar Eclipse in Manila, Philippines. I was in Grade 1 and our teacher was explaining to us what would happen, that the moon would cover the sun and it would be dark at noon time.

There was a miniature replica of the Solar System showing the position of the Earth, Moon, and Sun. We were given sunglasses made from picture film and she dismissed us early before it got dark.

When we reached home, my mother prepared a wide tub full of water for us to watch the eclipse reflected on the water. We did not have to look up with our film sunglasses.

All the people in Manila were in awe of the experience as the moon slowly covered the sun until there was total darkness. Then slowly the light of the sun was uncovered in the opposite direction.

That experience gave me a clear understanding of what an eclipse is and began my interest in looking at the solar system.

Health center hosting car show Sunday

DOWNEY – Downey Community Health Center, located at 8425 Iowa St., will host a car show this Sunday, Aug. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hosted by Duke Promotions and Ordinary Life Car Club, the show will feature lowriders, motorcycles and hotrods; members of the community are welcome to enter their vehicles.

There is a \$5 to enter a vehicle; admission is free for the public.

There will also be a 50-50 raffle, trophies, DJ, vendors, and more.

Pet adoptions discounted to \$20 on Aug. 19

DOWNEY – NBC4 Southern California / KNBC and Telemundo 52 Los Angeles / KVEA recently announced the return of its pet adoption drive "Clear the Shelters."

The nation-wide campaign involves more than 60 animal shelters and rescue organizations throughout Southern California, offering a reduced adoption fee of \$20 on Saturday, August 19.

The public can adopt animals on the aforementioned date from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Grove (189 The Grove Drive in Los Angeles), and on Sunday August 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Citadel Outlets (100 Citadel Drive in Los Angeles).

SEAAACA and the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control - Downey are both participating in the event.

For updates, stories, and a map of participating shelters, visit nbcla.com/cleartheselters

Dr. Stauffer celebrating 100 years

DOWNEY – The Mary R. Stauffer Foundation invites the Downey community to the Columbia Memorial Space Center to celebrate the 100th birthday of Dr. Mary R. Stauffer on Sunday, August 27.

The event begins 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, as well as special guests and birthday cake.

Light refreshments will also be provided by the culinary arts students of Warren High School.

POETRY MATTERS

Sunset at Night – is natural –
But Sunset on the Dawn
Reverses Nature – Master –
So Midnight's – due – at Noon.

Eclipses be – predicted –
And Science bows them in –
But do One face us suddenly –
Jehovah's Watch – is wrong.

- Emily Dickinson

Those who have seen a total solar eclipse report two kinds of observations. One is the beauty of the corona and the bright beads of light; the other is the odd feeling that in the sudden twilight something is wrong. This first poem written in 1862 reflects the concept of God as a watchmaker and the universe his clock. Dickinson must have seen the solar eclipse in Amherst in September 1875 because she sent this second poem in a letter in 1877. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

It sounded as if the Streets were running
And then—the Streets stood still—
Eclipse—was all we could see at the Window
And Awe—was all we could feel.

By and by—the boldest stole out of his Covert
To see if Time was there—
Nature was in an Opal Apron,
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Grade: **A**

Aunti Ann's
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Fountain Square Liquor
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Grade: **A**

Bionicos Express
7818 Florence Ave.
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Grade: **A**

Downey Shell
8136 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 8/10/17
Grade: **A**

El 7 Mares
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El 7 Mares Express
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Marisa's Mexican Restaurant
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8504 Paramount Blvd.
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Pizza Hut
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Pizzaman
8720 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 8/09/17
Grade: **A**

Golden Palace
9116 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 8/8/17
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Ponce Bakery
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Upcoming national holidays

Friday, Aug. 18
National Fajita Day
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Saturday, Aug. 19
International Bow Day
National Aviation Day
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Sunday, Aug. 20
National Radio Day
National Chocolate Pecan Pie Day

Monday, Aug 21
National Brazilian Blowout Day
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National Senior Citizens Day

Tuesday, Aug. 22
National Bao Day
National Tooth Fairy Day
National Pecan Torte Day

Wednesday, Aug. 23
National Ride The Wind Day
National Sponge Cake Day

Thursday, Aug. 24
National Maryland Day
National Peach Pie Day
National Waffle Day

WWE SummerSlam: Previews & Predictions

The biggest show of the summer - SummerSlam - takes place this Sunday. With a card full of top stars and interesting feuds, here are a few predictions.

Universal Championship Fatal Four Way - Samoa Joe vs. Braun Stroman vs. Roman Reigns vs. Brock Lesnar (c)

Paul Heyman has been really playing up the "If Brock loses the title we leave WWE" angle, which is made even more interesting by rumors of Brock Lesnar making a UFC return. A UFC return is complicated for a myriad of reasons, not least of which being that he still has several months left on a USADA suspension for failing several drug tests.

In short, Lesnar and Heyman aren't going anywhere.

Prediction: Brock Lesnar

WWE Championship Match - Jinder Mahal (c) vs. Shinsuke Nakamura

There's been practically no buildup for this match, except for the fact that Nakamura beat John Cena clean to get the opportunity. Nakamura seems to be getting a majority of the push heading into this match, which doesn't seem like a good sign for the champ.

Prediction: Shinsuke Nakamura

United States Championship Match - AJ Styles (c) vs. Kevin Owens w/ Shane McMahon as referee

I'm going to be honest here; I have no idea as this could go either way. I'm going to go bold with my prediction: Styles drops the championship in order to be freed up for the rumored upcoming second Superstar Shakeup. In other words, Owens wins the belt, Styles goes off to Raw.

Prediction: Kevin Owens

Finn Balor vs. Bray Wyatt

Originally I gave this to Wyatt, however Monday night changed that prediction entirely. With Wyatt picking up a win on Raw this week, and Balor announcing that "The Demon," would be making an appearance, it's pretty safe to say that Balor picks up the win.

Prediction: Finn Balor

Raw Women's Championship Match - Alexa Bliss vs. Sasha Banks

This program was quickly thrown together after Bayley - Bliss's original challenger - suffered an injury. It came down to Banks and Nia Jax to replace Bayley, and I honestly feel WWE made the wrong call. Bliss and Jax have this "friendship" story going, and a match between them would've been much more compelling.

Bliss retains, just because there's not enough story to warrant a title change.

Prediction: Alexa Bliss

Smackdown Women's Championship Match - Naomi vs. Natalya

You would think that Naomi is the odds on favorite, but I smell an upset. I think Natalya wins the championship in order to put over a new, upcoming star later on (maybe a debuting Asuka freshly called up from NXT).

Prediction: Natalya

Smackdown Tag Team Championship Match - The New Day (c) vs. The Usos

This is probably the best feud in the entire tag team division right now (and that includes Raw and Smackdown). The New Day will likely get the nod here, possibly closing up this feud and sending them off to new, fresh challengers.

Prediction: New Day

Raw Tag Team Championship Match - Sheamus and Cesaro (c) vs Dean Ambrose and Seth Rollins

It's been building for weeks, and Monday finally saw it happen. The Shield (or at least, two of them) is back together. Look for an even more satisfying payoff than the one fans got on Raw.

Prediction: Ambrose and Rollins

John Cena vs. Baron Corbin

Personal opinion: WWE squandered a big opportunity to grow

and develop Corbin by having him unsuccessfully cash in his Money in the Bank briefcase. If the company really wants Corbin as the next big heel, then he needs to win here; a win over Cena can do wonders for a career.

Prediction: Baron Corbin

Cruiserweight Championship Match - Akira Tozawa (c) vs. Neville

Tozawa shocked the world on Monday when he defeated Neville and ended a championship reign that had been running strong since January. Sunday will now see the rematch between the two, and I find it unlikely that the WWE will so quickly pluck the title off of Tozawa a la Zack Ryder.

Prediction: Akira Tozawa

Randy Orton vs. Rusev

Not a whole lot makes sense about this feud. I say Orton should put over Rusev and let the Bulgarian Brute pick up some momentum onto something bigger and better.

Prediction: Rusev

Big Show vs. Big Cass w/ Enzo Amore suspended above the ring in a shark cage

This is a good opportunity for a star on his way to retirement (Big Show), to put over the next big "giant." Why this match requires Enzo Amore in a shark cage is beyond me.

Prediction: Big Cass

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

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Incorporated: December 17, 1956
City Charter Adopted: 1956
Motto: Future Unlimited (originated 1956)
Flower: Purple Statice (also known as Everlasting)
Flower Adopted: 1963
Downey City Library Opened: July 1958
Tallest Building: Embassy Suites Hotel
Official Colors: Blue and Burnt Orange
Altitude of City: 117 feet above sea level
Area of City: 12.7 square miles
Longitude: 118 degrees
Latitude: 34 degrees
Average annual rainfall: 14.85 inches

Downey Firsts
First Bank: Bank of Downey in 1887
First Church: First Baptist Church 1868
First City Council members: Carol Durnam (District 1), Scott Temple (District 2), Hollis Peavey (District 3), Edwin Giddings (District 4; At large), James L. Stamps (Mayor)
First City Manager: Oren L. King
First Factory: Soap and broom factory 1834
First Fire Department: 1957
First Fire Truck: 1924 (before that only bucket brigades)
First Fraternal Organization: Free and Accepted Masons 1871
First Hospital: Rancho Los Amigos 1887
First Inhabitants: Cahuilla Indians
First Map of Downey: 1873 (filed with county supervisor)
First Newspaper: Los Nietos Valley Courier on March 13, 1875
First School District: Silver District 1865
First Telephone: 1884 (in a merchandise store)

Downey resident Eddie Mejia lands job at Pepperdine

DOWNEY – A local St. John Bosco alumnus has accepted a position with a prestigious university, bringing new students to the school to further their education.



Eddie Mejia – graduate of California State University Chico with a history major – will be working within Seaver College of Pepperdine University as an Admission Counselor, where he will mostly interact with undergraduate students. He will also be doing a fair amount of travel as part of his new job.

"Basically, my duties include doing recruitment, so I have certain areas that I go to," said Mejia. "Within California I have San Bernardino, Riverside, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Fresno, San Luis Obispo; at least, that's what I can remember from the California region."

Mejia is also responsible for recruitment in the Pacific Northwest, including Washington and Oregon.

A lot of Mejia's work will include visits to high schools. He will also be attending conferences and college fairs. His "heavy season" is quickly approaching.

"Usually September and October are really heavy. Those are really heavy months in terms of recruitment," said Mejia.

After recruitment season passes, Mejia and the other Admissions Counselors will go into "reading season," where every application is read. After that, committees will be formed and students selected.

While not an alumnus of Pepperdine himself, Mejia's passion can be found in education. He initially looked at being a professor, however was influenced and inspired by another campus entity.

"I always knew I wanted to be in academia; I always wanted to have a big impact on students," said Mejia. "From my own experience seeing all the staff and faculty that were able to help me during my college career, I said that's kind of what I want to do."

Mejia says he gained his passion for education through a love of learning.

"I liked learning a lot of things; I was a big history junkie growing up," said Mejia. "I think what made me get really excited during school...history was a really big aspect of it. Being able to learn different things, different cultures, societies; those were things I always kept myself excited on."

Alex Dominguez, staff writer




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How do appraisals affect your home loan? When buying a home, your appraisal can play a role in determining if your lender will approve your loan. All lenders order an appraisal during the mortgage process in order to assess the home's market value and make sure the borrower is not attempting to borrow more money than the house is worth.

If your appraisal comes in below the purchase price of your home, you may need to pay the difference in cash, lower the purchase price, or get a second opinion.

When do you get an

appraisal? Often, your mortgage lender will require you to get an appraisal on the home you want to buy before they will lend you the money to buy it. This helps them ensure the property could sell for the amount of money they are lending you.

So, if the asking price of the home is significantly higher than the appraisal value, the lender might not lend you the money. If you are refinancing your home, your lender will likely want an appraisal for the same reason. Also, you may want to get an appraisal on your home if you're thinking about selling it: This can help you determine how much to ask for the home.

How much does an appraisal cost? The average appraisal costs about \$400, but that figure varies depending on the size and value of the home (appraisals typically cost more for larger and more valuable homes). The cost will also vary depending on the type of appraisal — if the appraiser has to

go into the home (this is the most common type of appraisal) rather than just drive by the property (this type of appraisal is typically only done when the value of the home is pretty certain already), this will cost more.

What do appraisers look for when they value your home?

To determine the value of the home, the appraiser will look at the size and type of the home and property, the condition the home and property and the overall real estate market in the area (what are similar homes selling for?). The appraiser will note things including any flaws to the property (a leaky roof or cracked foundation), the area around your home (is this home in a development?) and even the estimated time it would take to sell the property. Basically, the appraiser is trying to determine the fair market value for your home, so most anything that would lower or increase the price someone is willing to pay for your home may be considered.

What can you do to increase the appraised value of your home?

The condition of your home affects its appraised value. So, you can increase the value of your home if you do repairs and improvements. Fix anything that's broken, and consider doing some improvements such as updating the kitchen or bathroom. Also, make sure the home and yard are clean and uncluttered when the appraiser comes by. If that doesn't significantly improve the appraisal value of the home, consider getting another appraisal.

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LIST PRICE: \$525,000



Custom Built Pool Home!
4 BD, 3 BA pool home on a 10k sq ft lot with new flooring, master BD, spacious living room & den overlooking backyard, & 2 car detached garage.
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Perfect for a Large Family
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LIST PRICE: \$899,900



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