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DATE: Friday, Oct. 6
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

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Free Film Screening: Score
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 7
TIME: 4 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

OCTOBER 11

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

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

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Coffee with Mayor Pro Tem Sean Ashton
DATE: Saturday, Oct. 14
TIME: 9 am
LOCATION: Vazza Cafe

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Vicki Lawrence live
DATE: Sunday, Oct. 15
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

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DATE: Saturday, Oct. 21
TIME: 8 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

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

OCTOBER 31

Pumpkin Patch
DATE: Tuesday, Oct. 31
TIME: 5-9 pm
LOCATION: Apollo Park

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

DECEMBER 2

Mariachi Divas in concert
DATE: Saturday, Dec. 2
TIME: 8 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

DECEMBER 3

Downey Christmas Parade
DATE: Sunday, Dec. 3
TIME: 9 am
LOCATION: Downey Avenue

DECEMBER 16-17

The Nutcracker
DATE: Dec. 16-17
TIME: 7:30 pm, 2:30 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

Ashley Enslin escaped Sunday's Las Vegas attacks by climbing a fence and fleeing into a nearby cul-de-sac.



TERROR ATTACK: Downey resident Ashley Enslin was at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival this weekend when a gunman opened fire, killing 59 people and injuring more than 500.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – For 26-year-old Ashley Enslin, her trip to Las Vegas, Nevada was supposed to be a fun weekend full of food, friends, drinks and music with her cousin.

"It was so much fun; I had never been to anything like that before," said Enslin. "I had been to a few country concerts, but nothing festival-like."

The Downey resident and Warren graduate was one of 22,000 country music fans in attendance at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival.

According to Enslin, the festival began with absolutely no hint or prelude to the tragedy that was to come.

"The first day was good. Brothers Osbourne and Lee Brice did an amazing job," said Enslin. "Saturday was even better, because Sam Hunt was just amazing."

Then came Sunday.

"Sunday was the day that my whole family knew that I was looking forward to the most," said Enslin. "Jason Aldean is my favorite country singer...I made sure that we were there early. I made sure that we had a spot in the front. I wasn't drinking because I didn't want to have to go to the bathroom; I was committed to watching Jason Aldean."

However, it was during Aldean's performance – the performance that was long planned to be the culmination of Enslin's weekend – that tragedy struck.

Police say that suspected shooter Stephen Paddock, a 64-year-old resident of Mesquite, Nevada, shot into the crowded festival from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino before committing suicide before Police could neutralize him.

With motives currently unknown and being investigated, Paddock's actions are being described as the worst shooting in American history, having cost at least 59 people their lives and injuring at least another 527 more.

Enslin says that the reality of the situation wasn't clear at first, with many believing the sounds of gunshots to be fireworks, or some other source.

"When the first set of shots went off...I have to honestly say that I was oblivious," said Enslin. "I thought it was electrical going off...Everybody just kind of looked around. Even after the first set of shots went, Jason Aldean kind of paused, looked around a little bit, and then he kind of kept going kind of with fear in his voice but he was trying to keep the show going."

Former DUSD student shot in the face during Las Vegas massacre

DOWNEY – A former Downey Unified School District student has been identified as one of the over 500 people injured in the Las Vegas Shooting that took place Sunday.

Ariel Romero, of Bellflower, was attending the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival with her brother and her brother's girlfriend when shots began raining down on the 22,000 person crowd from the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino.

Romero was shot in the face and is currently hospitalized in stable condition with a fractured jaw, her aunt told the Daily Breeze.



Then when the second round of shots is when everybody started to kind of panic. We all ducked the best we could, but we were so close to the stage that in order for us to move the people behind us had to move first."

Fortunately, Enslin's cousin, Rachel, has a military background, which Enslin says "got me up and out of there as quickly as we did." The two's location in relation to the stage also played a pivotal role in their survival.

"By the grace of God I was to the left of the catwalk," said Enslin. "If I was facing the stage, the Mandalay Bay was pretty much blocked where the shooter was. I could see it, but we were really blocked by how tall the stage was...If I was on the right-hand side of the stage, I would've been in a clear view of the Mandalay Bay."

When Enslin and her cousin began looking for safety, they found themselves exiting the area via the back of a bar, running away from the Las Vegas Strip and in the direction of the airport.

"We were out of the venue within three to five minutes, and then down some streets," says Enslin.

The scariest part, she says, is when they found themselves in a cul-de-sac.

"When we got to the end of the street, we realized that it had a metal fence going all the way around," said Enslin.

While others found themselves climbing over the fence, Enslin didn't believe she would be able to do the same.

Instead, she utilized a concrete post to aid her over. However, her belt loop snagged the fence, causing her to become stuck.

"A man in front of me who was trying to jump over [the fence] was trying to unhook my belt loop from it," said Enslin. "At that point, fear just completely came over me and I was like, 'I'm not going to be able to get out of here alive. They're coming and I'm stuck.'"

Rachel yanked on Enslin and helped her jump off the fence at the cost of her shorts.

"I just had to continue running without pants on, because I needed to get somewhere safe," said Enslin.

That safe space came in the form of offices, where she remained with others until around 4 a.m. in the morning when they were cleared to leave.

Enslin sustained several minor injuries to her arms, which are currently bruised and battered. She says that once she was sheltered, she reached out to her father to let him know about the shooting. By that point, the incident had not yet made national headlines.



Still wearing her festival wristbands, Ashley Enslin displays the bruises she suffered escaping Sunday night's attack. Photo by Alex Dominguez

"My initial reaction was to get ahold of my dad, because I knew that my dad could relay the message," said Enslin. "Even though I was somewhere safe, I didn't feel safe. I still felt like at any moment someone could come in and shoot up the room and we'd all be dead...My dad didn't really understand the severity, I don't think, at the beginning because it wasn't on the news yet. At that time, it had been 12 minutes since the first set of shots had gone off."

Once released, Enslin and her cousin decided to come home earlier than originally scheduled.

"We knew we had no desire to stay," said Enslin. "We packed up our stuff and we were on the road by 5 a.m."

Now back in Downey, Enslin says it's bittersweet to be safe at home, as part of her wishes she could be back in Las Vegas helping support those who are currently suffering. She encourages everyone to donate blood to help those who may be in need after the shooting.

However, she also says it's now hard for her to be anywhere where there is a crowd.

"I don't feel safe; I don't feel I can leave my house," says Enslin. "I'm extremely heightened on my surroundings...I'm afraid to be in a grocery store. I'm afraid to be in a restaurant, I'm afraid to go to school. I'm afraid to be anywhere where there's a massive crowd, because you don't know what anyone's motives are now-a-days. The world we're living in is just so scary."

"The gunshot entered her cheek and exited her neck," said her aunt, Perla Arellano. "She's in stable condition."

Romero's brother's girlfriend, 22-year-old Christiana Duarte, was killed in the shooting.

Romero was a former student in the Downey Unified School District but she transferred out of the district in 2010.

According to the Daily Breeze, she graduated from Loyola Marymount University and is pursuing a law degree at Chapman University.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 91°

Saturday 92°

Sunday 79°

THINGS TO DO



Film Screening: Raising Zoey
Friday - Downey Theatre, 6:30 pm
"Raising Zoey" tells the story of Downey transgender teen Zoey Luna.



Pumpkin Festival
Saturday & Sunday - Cal Poly Pomona, 8 am to 5 pm
Corn maze, horse rides, petting zoo, insect fair, live music, food, and 70,000 pumpkins. \$4



Muertos Artwalk
Saturday - Olvera Street, 10 am to 7 pm
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Shortage of skilled workers hampers U.S. growth, economist says

ECONOMIC FORUM: Shortage of skilled workers is major issue facing this country, according to economist Christopher Thornberg.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Financial Partners Credit Union hosted their first Annual Economic Forum at the Downey Theatre last week on Thursday.

The forum drew a business-oriented crowd, bringing in business owners and representatives from within the community, as well as several city officials and staff.

The evening was moderated by Downey Patriot Editor and local realtor Eric Pierce.

"Tonight's forum, I think, comes at a real opportune time for a couple of reasons," said Pierce, opening the evening. "Reason number one is because, obviously, healthcare

and the economy are always really important national issues that have local implications here in Downey

"Downey, in my opinion, has really become the medical hub of Southeast Los Angeles County. Within our city limits we have three really good hospitals...each of those hospitals is in the middle of an extensive renovation or they have immediate plans for extensive renovations and/or expansions, so you can see how the decisions that are made in Washington are really going to affect us here in Downey."

Guest speakers included Ramona Pratt, chief operating officer of PIH Downey, Mayor Fernando Vasquez, and Nader Moghaddam, CEO of Financial Partners.

"Traditional industries such as aerospace have continued to shrink, while at the same time the growth of the healthcare industry and mushrooming small businesses have contributed significantly



to the shifting workforce," said Moghaddam.

"Financial Partners Credit Union is a microcosm, representing many of these transformational forces at play. This is why we felt a forum of this type was needed, to provide context and color around these social and economic opportunities"

The evening's keynote speaker was Christopher Thornberg, the founding partner of Beacon Economics who is widely considered to be one of the nation's leading economists.

Thornberg spent around 45 minutes speaking on economic forecasting at a national, state, and local level, offering various insights and opinions on current trends and a myriad of data.

According to Thornberg, one of the biggest challenges that the nation's economy faces is a slowdown in labor force growth, resulting in a shortage of workers.

"Half a percent per year; that's all our adult population is growing right now," said Thornberg. "And of course, not only do we not have a lot of new adults in the population; they're getting old. Almost 40 percent now are 50 plus, so we have an older, slow growing labor force.

That's the biggest problem the United States has right now; we don't have enough workers."

This point, Thornberg acknowledged, is in direct contrast to what many in Washington tend to say.

"The only thing you hear out of D.C. is 'jobs, jobs, jobs,'" said Thornberg. "Wrong conversation completely. The right conversation is 'workers, workers, workers.'"

Thornberg later brought this same argument down to a local level, commenting that unemployment rates in California and LA County are at some of the lowest they've ever been, at 4.8 and 4.5 percent respectively.

"We have an incredibly tight labor market right now. Now of course, what do you do about tight labor markets? You have to bring more workers in," said Thornberg. "But if you want more workers you have to have more homes.

"That's our problem. We've gone and created an incredible problem in our state, in our county, which is that we don't want to build homes...we have built a system that basically makes home building incredibly expensive...We need more housing desperately, and we're not building it...this isn't an affordable housing crisis, it's a housing supply crisis."

The event closed with a brief Q&A, with food provided afterward by Lock and Key Social Drinkery.

Downey reaches deal with police officers on 3-year contract

DOWNEY – The city of Downey has reached an agreement with the Downey Police Officers' Association on a new 3-year contract for rank-and-file police officers.

The contract, which was unanimously approved by the City Council in a special meeting on Monday, is retroactive to July 1 and gives officers a series of pay raises:

- a 2% raise effective Aug. 28, 2017;
- a second 2% raise effective June 18, 2018;
- and a 3% salary bump effective July 1, 2019.

Officers also will receive a one-time \$400 bonus payment. Police officers will continue their 6% cost sharing of reportable earnings toward pension costs for the 3% at age 50 retirement formula.

The contract will cost the city of Downey an additional \$1.78 million over the next three years.

The agreement covers 112 police officers, including sergeants. Lieutenants, captains and the police chief operate under separate labor deals.

Councilman Alex Saab thanked city manager Gilbert Livas, city staff, and the Downey Police Officers Association for "doing this methodically," and said he was "proud to support this motion."

"I think we're a strong city, because we are fiscally responsible without compromising public safety," said Saab. "I think this continues to move our city in the right direction..."

By Eric Pierce

Jennifer DeKay is guest speaker

DOWNEY – Downey Patriot publisher Jennifer DeKay will be guest speaker at the Oct. 26 meeting of the Downey Historical Society, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara Riley Center.

DeKay purchased the newspaper in 2006 and helped introduce several new features, including sports coverage and a twice-monthly column from Dr. Alan Frischer.

DeKay grew up in Downey, attending Good Shepherd Lutheran School, East Middle School and Downey High, where she graduated in 1990. She was a Miss Downey princess in 1990 and 1991, and today is president of the Downey Rose Float Association.

She earned an AA degree and paralegal certificate from Cerritos College and a bachelor's degree in Communications from Cal State Fullerton.

Hunger Walk is this weekend

DOWNEY – The 5th Annual Downey CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday October 8th at 2 p.m. from Brookshire and Florence. Then a 5k route has been established around the city.

The committee has a goal of 200 walkers and hopes to raise \$10,000 to help end hunger and poverty through long-term approaches. A portion of the funds raised in Downey will go to the PTA H.E.L.P.S., FOOD HELPS and St. Vincent De Paul Food Programs.

For more information, contact Beth Gendreau at 562-413-9222.



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After byes, Downey and Warren prepare to open league play

DOWNEY – The Warren High School football team had their bye last week and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they host Lynwood Friday at Justice Stadium.

The Bears are currently 4-1 and on a modest four-game win streak. The Bears were defeated by Don Lugo at home, 37-36, in week one but rebounded to beat Kaiser, 45-10, in week two, Buena Park, 51-20, in week three, Lakewood, 20-12, in week four, and St. Paul, 29-28, in week five.

The Warren offense has averaged 267.2 yards passing per game this season and 147.8 yards on the ground. Bear quarterback **Chris Venegas** has completed 83 of 130 pass attempts for 1,336 yards and has thrown 16 touchdown passes with only one interception.

Venegas also has 34 carries for 166 yards with one touchdown and has an impressive quarterback rating of 134.5.

The Bear receiving corps have been led by **Robbie Colenzo's** 22 receptions for 369 yards and three touchdowns, **Desmond Carnes' 17** receptions for 330 yards and four touchdowns and **Joseph Vargas' 16** receptions for 262 yards and four touchdowns.

Nikko Fiero-Tuala has led the Bear rushing attack with 62 carries for 301 yards and two touchdowns, along with Justin Mendoza's 32 carries for 195 yards and four touchdowns.

The Bear defense has been led by tackling machine **Cam'ron Chatman's** 31 solo and 20 assisted tackles, **J.T. Herrin's** nine solo and 16 assisted tackles and Joseph Vargas' 14 solo and 10 assisted tackles.

DOWNEY FOOTBALL: The Downey High School football team had their bye last week and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they host Paramount tonight.

The Vikings are currently 4-1 and also on a four-game win streak. The Vikings were defeated by Santa Margarita at home 56-0 in week one, defeated Hart at College of the Canyons 42-35 in week two, defeated Burbank at Burbank 35-7 in week three, defeated San Pedro at San Pedro 56-42 in week four and defeated Santa Fe at home 54-0 in week five.

The Downey offense has averaged 214.2 yards passing per game this season and 272.8 yards rushing per game. Viking quarterback **Kijon Fouts** has completed 64 of 95 pass attempts for 1,071 yards and has thrown 8 touchdown passes with only two interceptions.

Fouts also has 35 carries for 277 yards with three touchdowns and has an impressive quarterback rating of 124.5.

The Viking receiving corps have been led by **Christopher Atkins' 25** receptions for 469 yards and five touchdowns and **Nicholas Whitney's 19** receptions for 292 yards and three touchdowns. The Viking rushing attack has been led by **Baraq Ross' 87** carries for 762 yards and nine touchdowns.

The Viking offensive trio of quarterback Kijon Fouts, wide receiver Christopher Atkins and running back Baraq Ross have certainly been one of the most explosive in the area. As this trio goes, so goes Downey's offense and scoring.

The Viking defense has been led by Nicholas Whitney's 24 solo and 16 assisted tackles, **Malcom Perry's 21** solo and 13 assisted tackles and **Jack Chapman's 19** solo and 14 assisted tackles.

CALVARY CHAPEL FOOTBALL: The DCC football team was narrowly defeated by Sage Hill of Newport Beach at Downey High School last Saturday night, 35-34. With the loss, the Grizzlies are now 2-2. With the win, Sage Hill improved to 6-0.

The Grizzlies defeated the Lighthouse Christian Saints 48-18 on September 16 at Downey High School. The win against Lighthouse Christian was the second win of the season for the Grizzlies. DCC will play

Lucerne Valley (0-5) at Lucerne Valley tonight.

Through three games, DCC is averaging 84.3 yards passing per game and 164.3 yards rushing per game. Grizzly quarterback **Jacob Escalante** has completed 18 of 46 pass attempts for 253 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions. Escalante has also carried the ball 22 times for 132 yards and has scored one touchdown. His quarterback rating is 93.8.

The Grizzly receiving corps have been led by **Andrew Rangel's 11** receptions for 133 yards and two touchdowns and **Carlos Fuentes' four** receptions for 71 yards and two touchdowns.

The DCC rushing attack has been led by **Luke Manriquez's 29** rushes for 185 yards and two touchdowns and **David Zarate's eight** rushes for 43 yards and one touchdown.

The DCC defense has been led by Carlos Fuentes' 40 solo and 13 assisted tackles, Andrew Rangel's 24 solo and 14 assisted tackles and Luke Manriquez's 21 solo and 11 assisted tackles.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS: The first rotation of middle school sports concluded this week and six city championships were up for grabs in football and girls' volleyball. Results from Monday's games were updated and included in this article. Final game scores on Wednesday were

unavailable at press time.

In 8th grade football, Doty, Griffiths and Stauffer are all 3-2 and Sussman is 1-4. In 7th grade football, Stauffer is 5-0, Sussman is 3-2, Doty is 2-3 and Griffiths is 0-5. In 6th grade football, Stauffer is 5-0, Doty is 3-2, Griffiths is 2-3 and Sussman is 0-5.

In 8th grade girls' volleyball, Doty is 5-0, Griffiths is 3-2 and Stauffer and Sussman are 1-4. In 7th grade girls' volleyball, Griffiths is 5-0, Doty is 3-2, Sussman is 2-3 and Stauffer is 0-5. In 6th grade girls' volleyball, Doty is 5-0, Griffiths is 4-1, Sussman is 1-4 and Stauffer is 0-5.

The second rotation of middle school sports will feature boy's volleyball and girl's soccer. Tryouts for these teams will begin next week at their respective school sites. The third rotation will feature boy's and girl's basketball and boy's soccer. The fourth rotation will feature baseball and softball and the fifth and final rotation will feature boy's and girl's track and field.

Each middle school sports rotation features six games. One game is played at home and the other game is played away. The lone exception is track and field. In track and field, each school has one dual meet against each of the other schools and there is a city championship meet in which all schools compete against each other to determine city championships.

Mark Fetter, contributor

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Shared Stories: Elk Island

Seeing animals in their natural habitat can be very exciting for city folk. Fortunately, Elaine Held and her husband knew the potential danger they encountered in a Canadian national park. 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 Elaine Held

Thirty years ago Bill and I made our first motor home journey into Canada. Bill had a Rotary International Convention there so we decided to make the trip. The convention was beyond our wildest expectations.

After the convention we planned to head east and drop down into Minnesota for one of my high school reunions. First, we had heard of a place called Elk Island and we decided to visit. We headed north to

Edmonton and then east twenty miles.

Many miles have been fenced to keep wild animals in and let tourists drive through to see them in their natural environment.

We arrived late in the afternoon and drove slowly to the information center. We saw many animals and my camera whirred. When we were through in the building that explained the purpose of the place we went for a walk around the lake.

By this time it was late and the setting sun's explosion of color was extraordinary, reflecting on the lake. I snapped many gorgeous pictures and I turned to start back when it hit me. I was now dummy number one. Bill looked at me and I realized he was dummy number two.

"Bill," I said, "We need to get out of here. It is close to being dark." He turned and looked at the sky.

"Wow! We should have started back a long time ago." Walking quickly, thinking of being safe, we heard a huge crash in front of us. The largest animal I have ever been close to came thrusting out of the thick brush.

It was a humongous buffalo. My heart was pounding so hard it hurt. No! No! The beast was settling down into his wallow.

He plopped down and I yelled, "Bill. I didn't see what we were stepping over. That is his wallow. What on earth are we going to do?"

For those of you who are not up on buffalo etiquette, he sleeps in the same spot every night. It is called his wallow and he uses it so much the earth is curved and there is no grass. He does not like being bothered once he settles down for the night.

There was no way of getting around him unless we went into the lake and swam. The brush had been cleared from the lake to about twenty yards to the brush. There was a sidewalk to be able to go around the lake easily, except now there was a huge head lying on the sidewalk.

"Bill, we have two choices!"

"Seriously! I can see that but we cannot spend the night here. It is too cold at night now and we have on just our t-shirts. That means we have got to bother him enough to get him up and moving. You realize when we do this he is liable to move toward us rather quickly!"

I said, "I am going to go into the lake when that happens." Bill said he would be right behind me.

Bill started to walk very slowly up to his rear end. Yes, the buffalo had turned his butt to the world. I was behind Bill with my hand clutching his back pocket. I don't know why that made me feel safer but it did.

When we were three steps away the animal raised his mammoth head and slowly turned it toward us. One huge brown round eye glared at us. We froze. I moved up beside Bill for a more united front.

The creature didn't like that and raised the front part of his body. I got ready to swim. He swished his tail and I felt it on my hand and arm. Suddenly he was up. I crouched. He started to move. Our lives depended on which way he moved.

Slowly he started down the sidewalk away from us, his one eye watching us over his rump. If buffalo could roll their eyes that is what he would have done, he was so disgusted with us. But he kept moving. We stayed right on his back side.

When he got to the parking lot I made up my mind that whichever way he went, I was going in the opposite direction, even if it was away from the RV. He went left and we escaped right to the motor home.

Bill's hands were shaking so badly he couldn't hold the key to get it in the lock. I took it and opened the door. We jumped in and locked the door. Oh, Motor Home, I love you! I jerked up again.

"Bill, what if they locked the gate and we can't get out?" It was completely dark now. If you have ever been out in the wild it is so dark you cannot see your hand before your face. I told Bill to drive up to the building and I would take the flash light and see if it said what time they closed.

When I got back in I explained to Bill the sign on the window said the gate was automatic and would open for us and close behind us. But we needed to think that through. It was very dark, we had never been on this two lane road before.

I told Bill I thought we should spend the night. He agreed so we began to settle down. I burst out laughing. Bill was irritated and told me to knock it off. There wasn't anything funny about it.

"Oh yes there is," I said. "What did we plan for dinner tonight?"

Bill roared with laughter. Buffalo burgers!

POETRY MATTERS



Man Dog

I envied the dog lying in the yard so I did it. But there was a pebble under my flank so I got up and looked for the pebble, brushed it away and lay back down. My dog thus far overlooked the pebble. I guess it's her thick Lab fur. With my head downhill the blood gorged me with ideas. Not good. Got up. Turned around. Now I see hundreds of infinitesimal ants. I'm on an ant home. I get up and move five feet. The dog hasn't moved from her serene place. Now I'm rather too near a thicket where I saw a big black snake last week that might decide to join me. I moved near the actual dog this time but she got up and went under the porch. She doesn't like it when I'm acting weird. I'm failing as a dog when my own kind rejects me, but doing better than when I envied birds, the creature the least like us, therefore utterly enviable. To be sure I cheeped a lot but didn't try to fly. We humans can take off but are no good at landing.

- Jim Harrison

Harrison, a native of Grayling, Michigan, writes vigorous poetry that explores human and animal drives. His poem takes an illogical premise and follows it to its unexpected but logical conclusion. Like it or not he cannot escape his human condition. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

L.A. County moves to increase supply of homeless shelters

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday passed a motion by Supervisor Janice Hahn to rapidly increase the capacity of homeless shelters across the County of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles County has a homeless population of 58,000 people but does not have enough shelter beds to serve those who want to use them.

The motion directs the Chief Executive Officer and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to "expeditiously" utilize Measure H funds to increase shelter capacity and report back in 15 days.

"We are amassing tens of millions of dollars to construct affordable and permanent supportive housing," said Supervisor Hahn. "But these projects are complex and will require time to complete. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of people remain without even basic shelter."

"Our shelter system is far from perfect and needs reform," said Hahn added. "Shelter beds are not going to solve the homeless crisis but they

are a source of immediate help for people who have no other option but sleeping on our streets."

The CEO and LAHSA will report back to the board with a plan to increase shelter bed capacity in LA County in 15 days.

Living Help golf tournament

DOWNEY – The LivingHelp Center, a crisis pregnancy center in Downey, will host its 29th annual Harold G. Frenz Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, Oct. 20, at Rio Hondo Golf Club.

Cost is \$135 per play and includes green fees, golf cart and a buffet dinner. Golfers can also purchase mulligans and raffle tickets.

Registration starts at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at noon. Sponsorship opportunities are available and range in price from \$60-\$1,000.

For more information, call Jim Miller at (562) 928-3539 or Dennis Pagenkopp at (562) 928-1429.

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Politicians tweet reactions to Las Vegas massacre

President Donald Trump: My warmest condolences and sympathies to the victims and families of the terrible Las Vegas shooting. God bless you!

Sen. Chris Murphy (Democrat): It's time for Congress to get off its a-- and do something. ... To my colleagues: Your cowardice to act cannot be whitewashed by thoughts and prayers.

I think there is an unintentional endorsement that gets sent to these mass murderers when, after slaughter after slaughter, Congress does nothing.

Rep. Paul Ryan (Republican): America woke up to heartbreaking news from Las Vegas. We stand united in our shock, our condolences, & our prayers.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (Democrat): Thoughts and prayers are NOT enough. Not when more moms and dads will bury kids this week, and more sons and daughters will grow up without parents.

We have to have a conversation about how to stop gun violence.

Vice President Mike Pence (Republican): To victims, families & loved ones affected by this senseless violence in Las Vegas, Karen & I are praying for you & offering our love.

Rep. Seth Moulton (Democrat): As after #Orlando, I will NOT be joining my colleagues in a moment of silence on the House Floor that just becomes an excuse for inaction.

Sen. Susan Collins (Republican): Horrific act of violence in Las Vegas. Worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history. First responders showed extraordinary bravery.

Rep. Jared Huffman (Democrat): Grim win for soulless gun industry. Gun sales will now soar -- from those afraid, & surely from a few who would immitate. \$\$ all the same.

Sen. John McCain (Republican): Cindy & I are praying for the victims of the terrible #LasVegasShooting & their families. We appreciate the bravery of all first responders.

Sen. Benjamin Cardin (Democrat): We need to stop the carnage. More talk and prayers will not save lives. Only action and real changes in our laws can. #LasVegas #GunSafety

Sen. Mitch McConnell (Republican): What happened in Las Vegas is shocking, it's tragic, and --- for those affected and their families --- it's devastating. It's hard to even imagine their pain. I hope they will know that we are all praying for them now.

Sen. Mark Warner (Democrat): I know today's the day we ought to be focusing on the victims... Somehow offering thoughts & prayers doesn't seem like enough.

Sen. John Cornyn (Republican): That these events have become almost commonplace in modern society makes them no less shocking or morally reprehensible.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (Democrat): I have long supported sensible gun legislation and funding for mental illness. We must open our hearts and minds to new approaches. We must do more than express sympathy, no matter how heartfelt it is.

Sen. Dean Heller (Republican): Our communities are all in mourning as we try to understand this senseless massacre on the Strip.

Sen. Patty Murray (Democrat): Many people may be saying now is not the time to talk about gun safety, but like so many moms and dads in our country, I want to know -- if not now, when?

Sen. Kamala Harris (Democrat): Another moment of silence won't suffice. Ninety Americans are killed, on average, every day by guns. We cannot simply throw up our hands or continue to justify the presence of weapons of war whose primary purpose is to kill the largest number of human beings in the shortest amount of time possible.

Ivanka Trump (Republican): America woke up this morning to the horrific news of a devastating mass shooting in Las Vegas. Our collective hearts are breaking for the victims and their families.

Sen. Charles Schumer (Democrat): How did this monster acquire the arsenal he used to rain down death on a crowd of innocents? Were those guns purchased legally? ... What Congress must do is pass laws that keep our citizens safe.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal (Democrat): Nothing has changed since Newtown and Congress has been complicit.

Property management wrong to sue

Dear Editor:

As a resident of Downey for four decades, I support the residents of Shellyfield Road (between Cecilia and Muller streets) in their quest to limit overnight street parking to those families living in houses along Shellyfield Road. ("Downey Faces Lawsuit After Blocking Apartment Residents from Street Parking," 9/28/17)

At issue here is the lack of adequate vehicle parking in nearby apartment buildings. In an ongoing problem, once available parking for the rental complex is used up, apartment residents use Shellyfield for overflow parking.

It's a frustrating issue for both sides, but the solution lies squarely on the shoulders of the landlords of the apartment buildings. It is up to the landlord/property management company -- in this case, Ron Kolar of L'Abri Management, Inc. -- to supply adequate parking for the apartment building residents. Instead, he ignores this responsibility, thus burdening families living on Shellyfield.

Kolar's asserts that the City of Downey, which granted the parking limitation (known as a preferred parking district) at the request of the residents of Shellyfield Road, is prejudice against renters, and he threatens to sue the City of Downey over this. But his argument does not hold water.

Why? Remember that families also rent single-family dwellings -- like the houses on Shellyfield. I would venture to say there are a fair number of rentals on Shellyfield.

The City of Downey is not prejudiced against renters. It is simply trying to resolve an issue that Kolar himself has helped create.

It is time for Kolar and L'Abri to step up and provide its renters with adequate parking, and stop wrongfully accusing the City of prejudice.

Jim Hendricks Downey

Politicizing tragedies

Dear Editor:

There is a lot of outrage about politicizing the mass shooting that occurred in Las Vegas, but this is not the first time that a mass shooting has been politicized.

Why is there outrage about it, but no outrage when Donald Trump, as a presidential candidate and as president, has politicized terrorist attacks?

Both mass shootings and terrorist attacks are terrible acts of violence, but to be outraged about the politicizing of one and not the other seems to be treated unfairly.

Guillermo Vazquez Downey

Democratic hypocrisy

Dear Editor:

I find it interesting that Rep. Linda Sanchez is so concerned about tax reform being achieved by one party and suggesting bipartisan agreements for working families and the middle class.

Where was this interest when Obamacare was passed by only one party? Were working families asked our opinion then? No partisan agreement there.

And what about all the taxes being passed by Gov. Jerry Brown and Sacramento without voter consent? Isn't that what Jerry promised? But even he admitted everything politicians say are lies. Our car registrations have gone up, two separate gas taxes are being implemented, all without our consent. They lie and say it's for road repair, but they've had that money for a long time and use it for other programs.

So Linda, before you start spewing your righteous propoganda, take a look in your own backyard.

Rosie Shelley South Gate

Too much praise for Trump

Dear Editor:

I have come to appreciate the delicate balance required by a community paper like the Downey Patriot when it comes to national political issues, and I have appreciated the Patriot's willingness to allow all sides to express their opinion.

I was, however, taken aback by the large amount of space dedicated to praise for the President's tax reform proposal on the editorial page. This appears without a byline, so I assume that it was written by the Patriot editorial staff.

I look forward to seeing in the following weeks a similar collection of the numerous opinions criticizing the tax proposal, opinions that are readily available from the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, lawmakers and public interest groups.

Frank Kearns Downey

NFL owners need to put their money where their mouth is

By Jessica Pierre

When Colin Kaepernick began to protest during the national anthem at NFL games last year, he made his intent very clear. "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color," Kaepernick told NFL Media.

"To me, this is bigger than football," he explained, "and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder."

Kaepernick made the brave decision to do this mostly alone -- and of course faced the backlash and took the heat on his own. That was until President Trump decided to attack black sports players who raised awareness about racial injustice.

At a campaign rally in Alabama, Trump called out NFL players that chose to take a knee or sit during the anthem. "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, say, 'Get that son of a b*tch off the field right now?'" Trump asked.

The following Sunday, a far greater number of NFL players stood up for those who protest inequity during the national anthem -- and were joined, surprisingly, by many of the team owners Trump called out to.

While this was a good show of solidarity, it led some to wonder whether the NFL actually cares about black lives, or whether team owners were just looking to distance themselves from Trump's problematic and divisive comments.

African-American males are only 6 percent of the United States population, but comprise nearly 70 percent of NFL players. It's no wonder that issues around race are making their way into the NFL spotlight.

Black issues have never been a concern for NFL officials when it came to causes worthy of their monetary support. Instead, many NFL officials have donated millions to causes that were openly hostile to the Black Lives Matter movement -- such as the Trump campaign.

CNN Money reports that "at least \$7.75 million of the \$106 million raised for Trump's inaugural committee came from NFL owners and the league." Several owners, many of whom supported Trump -- and seven of whom had donated at least \$1 million to him -- released statements denouncing Trump's comments.

Yet none have used their economic power to actually address the problem that brought the protest on in the first place.

Now would be a fine time to take the next step. While there are a number of ways the league can contribute to this movement, there's one obvious way: supporting the Colin Kaepernick Foundation.

After Kaepernick began to raise awareness on the field, he put his money where his mouth is and created a foundation aimed at fighting oppression of all kinds globally, through education and social activism. Through this foundation, he made a pledge to "donate one million dollars plus all the proceeds of my jersey sales from the 2016 season to organizations working in oppressed communities."

Imagine what could really transpire if NFL officials decided to make this same commitment.

We need to hold the NFL accountable, just as we do for other powerful

American organizations. Taking a knee, banding arms, and releasing statements of support is easy compared to what the league can actually do to help fight racial injustice.

It's time for the NFL to stand up for black lives and the rights of all Americans.

Jessica Pierre is the inequality media specialist at the Institute for Policy Studies.

Letters to the Editor:

Appreciation for local leaders

Dear Editor:

You never realize how lucky you are until you share experiences with another person who has it different from you.

I was fortunate enough to have a moment of reflection where I realized how proud and lucky I am to live in such a great, forward-thinking state where everyone wants equality and opportunity for everyone. Last week, I had the privilege of attending the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. through a scholarship that was awarded to me from the CHCI.

The people and the topics of discussion were both amazing and inspiring. Both ranging from individuals such as Congressman Joaquin Castro, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, motivational speakers JR Martinez and Julissa Arce and discussions covering Diversity in Media and Entertainment, Increasing College Degrees and Certificate Attainment, Artificial Intelligence, and Diabetes in the Hispanic Community.

My two favorite panels in particular were the Diversity in Media and Entertainment where we got to hear many VP's of large organizations, including actor Danny Trejo speak about how they bring about a more diverse entertainment community; the other was the Diabetes in the Hispanic Community, where through the Q & A portion I was able to share my recent experiences in Cuba and a glimpse of their health care that they provide.

I learned so much from the panels and guest speakers, but what I was not expecting was to truly appreciate the things and people that I take for granted back home, particularly our publically elected officials. During the moments of down time, I took this opportunity to network and meet other people attending the Conference.

There were two particular individuals from different states that I got to know really well. We became very comfortable talking about ideologies, and one of them asked about protesting in California, specifically, "if it happens all the time." I laughed, and replied, "I wouldn't say all the time, but enough to where it's not an uncommon occurrence."

I was then asked a follow up question to that by the second individual, which stopped to make me think. "How does the community feel when they see these protestors?" I stopped to think for a few moments, as I was not expecting that question, but just making sure I was getting the right words for the obvious answer, I replied, "Generally, we are supportive of the people protesting because they're doing it for a noble and worthy cause, for equality, or to call out an injustice. So when we hear or see protestors, we know they're doing it to fight to make California a better place for everyone, and when you look at it that way, why wouldn't you support them? Some of our elected officials can even be seen walking with protestors because they believe in the cause and support their diverse communities that they represent."

I saw a look of awe and admiration for what I had just said. After a few moments of silence, one of the individuals replied, "I wish it was like that where I am from." At that moment, I realized how lucky I was to live in California, where we protect those who need protection, or fight for the equal rights of those who lack the same opportunities that others have.

To quote President John F. Kennedy, "Freedom has many difficulties, and democracy is not perfect", but knowing that I live in a state where not only the community rallies together to support one another and for what is right, but my elected officials do the same, makes me proud to live in this great state.

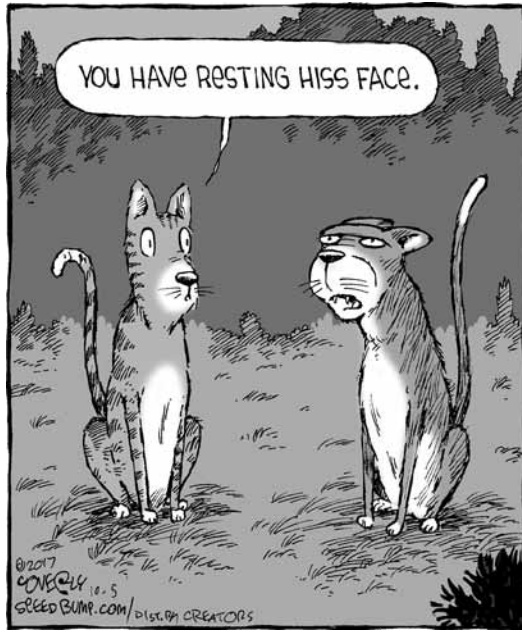
I want to thank the community I live in for supporting all people of California and for striving towards equality, but I want to give specific shout outs to Assemblymember Cristina Garcia and Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard because I know and see that they truly have their constituents and the people of California's best interest at heart. Thank you to you both for all that you do and all that you continue to fight for, and for making me proud to say, "I'm a Californian."

Art Montoya Downey

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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 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., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 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 Barbara 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, at 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...

Oct. 5, 1947: In the first televised White House address, President Truman asked Americans to refrain from eating meat on Tuesdays and poultry on Thursdays to help stockpile grain for starving people in Europe.

1962: The first James Bond theatrical feature, "Dr. No" starring Sean Connery as Agent 007, premiered in London.

1989: A jury in Charlotte, N.C., convicted former PTL evangelist Jim Bakker of using his TV show to defraud followers.

2011: Apple founder Steve Jobs died at age 56.

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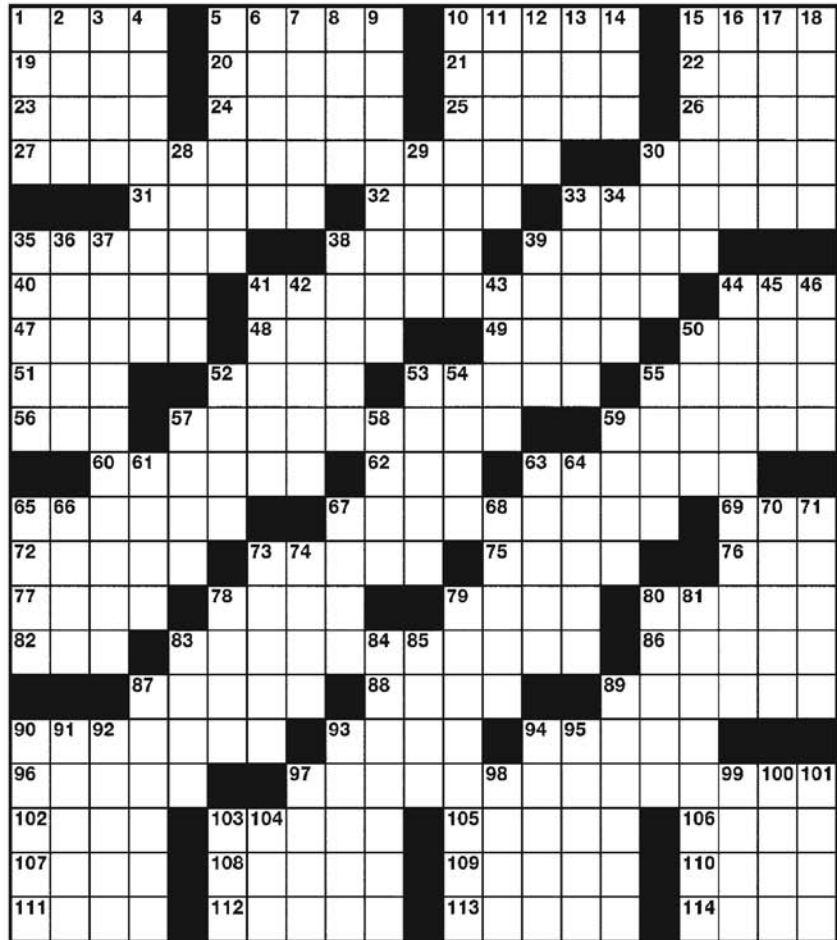
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Bellflower High launches teen court program

BELLFLOWER – Bellflower High School on Thursday launched a Teen Court program, an addition to the school's highly rated civics program that will allow students to explore California's court system while providing community service.

The launch event began with a reception at 2:30 p.m. that included Bellflower Board of Education members, City Council members, judges, attorneys and other dignitaries at Bellflower Unified's District Office, 16703 S. Clark Ave., Bellflower. Students heard their first case at 3:30 p.m. in the District Board Room.

Teen Court, started in the 1980s, allows youths charged with offenses to be judged by peers rather than the state's traditional juvenile justice system. Students who make up Teen Court juries quiz defendants about their alleged

actions and, under the supervision of judges and volunteer attorneys, assign punishments.

Participants, who are mostly first-time offenders, have their records cleared after six months.

"Teen Court opens a door to a new level of understanding about how our civics system functions," Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs said. "These students will have the extraordinary opportunity not only to view the system from the inside, but to make a difference through their participation."

Bellflower High School was invited to create the court after the Los Angeles County Office of Education named the campus a California Democracy School for its civic learning program in April 2016. The program has also been honored with a California Award of Excellence, the state's top civics

learning award.

The civics program teaches students to frame an inquiry into a public problem or issue, research the issue, engage in dialogue about perspectives on the issue, communicate their conclusions and take direct civic action on those findings.

As part of their studies, civics students have provided homeless residents with toiletry care bags, urged Bellflower to install better lighting on crosswalks to shield pedestrians at night, studied efforts to adopt a district-based voting system and cleaned up a community park. The program engages students in their community issues with a research and volunteer program.

Social science teacher Susan Nicoletti, who oversees the civics program, was tapped as the

school's Teen Court coordinator. She spent 18 months working with court officials to set up the program, which includes a campus club and an introduction to law class.

Nicoletti and her students have prepared by conducting mock trials and studying other Teen Court programs, especially the highly successful program at El Rancho High School in Pico Rivera. Several students have participated on El Rancho's court to ground them in the court's practices.

Bellflower's Teen Court will meet monthly handling about two cases each time. Students will serve

as bailiffs, court clerks and jurors. The jurors will question accused offenders while supervised by a judge in a public session. They will deliberate in private under the guidance of volunteer attorneys.

Sentences often include community service, letters of apology, and counseling and alcohol treatment programs. Students never review cases involving peers from their own district.

The school's inaugural court session will be overseen by retired L.A. Superior Court Presiding Judge David S. Wesley, who launched

the program locally 25 years ago. Today, there are more than 40 Teen Courts in the county.

After the inaugural session, Bellflower's court will meet monthly. Attendance at sessions will be mandated for civics students as part of an expansion of the program's curriculum.

"We want to create a strong civics focus for Bellflower High School," Nicoletti said. "Teen Court is a major step in that process."

Elementary school lands grant for dual-language program

BELLFLOWER – Bellflower Unified's Washington Elementary School on Wednesday received a \$5,000 grant from the Barona Band of Mission Indians that will benefit the school's new dual-language immersion program.

The school was chosen for the award by state Sen. Tony Mendoza, who personally delivered the grant award to Bellflower Board of Education President Dr. Sue ElHessen during a visit to the school's kindergarten dual-language immersion class.

"When you have a dual-immersion program, there's always a need to have supplemental materials that sometimes our core curriculum doesn't cover," said Mendoza, who was a classroom teacher for 10 years before joining the state Legislature.

"Finances are really short, but \$5,000 can actually boost a library or provide extra materials to help teach that second language, and I

think that's important for our kids," Mendoza said.

The Barona Band of Mission Indians provides the \$5,000 annually for schools in each district of the state Assembly and Senate. Individual legislators choose who receives the funds based on applications.

Bellflower Unified Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs said the grant will help expand resources for the dual-language immersion program, which starts students on the path to bilingualism and biliteracy.

Studies have shown that students who learn two languages significantly boost their academic performance and are more competitive in today's global marketplace.

Washington Elementary asked for the funds for its dual-language immersion program, which was added this fall. The school is the

second site for the Spanish-English program launched five years ago at Bellflower Unified's Intensive Learning Center.

Today, the Intensive Learning Center offers dual-immersion classes through fourth grade. Both schools also offer a preschool dual-language class.

The program has been highly popular since its creation. The Washington program has even drawn families from area private schools.

In Memory of Orville "Bud" Miller

November 27, 1932 - August 16, 2017



Orville "Bud" Miller, a long time Downey resident passed away August 16th in Bakersfield, California, surrounded by family. He was born in Gettysburg, South Dakota in 1932. He worked as a trapper on the family farm until he enlisted into the Navy.

Bud was in the U.S. Navy, stationed in San Diego, CA and served in the Korean War on the USS- Los Angeles. He became the ships' barber and took up boxing in his spare time. He told many stories of his time in the military and cherished the moments collected from his time abroad.

He made Downey his home after he was discharged from the Navy and eventually opened "Bud's Barbershop," then located at 8021 Imperial Hwy. He relocated twice within the city but kept a large following of customers, as he was well-known for his flat-top's, military haircuts and the gift of telling good jokes! He retired in 1992.

As a member of the Downey American Legion, The Downey Elks and The Optimist Club, Bud volunteered his time, helping various causes in the community. He took much pride in being an American Veteran.

Bud eventually retired to Payson, Arizona with his wife JoAnn. In 2016, he moved to Bakersfield, CA to be closer to his daughter (s).

He is survived by his 4 daughters, Natalie, Jodi, Cathy, and Dana. Through his example, he taught them to always be fair and help others in need, to pay it forward.

Bud will be missed by all who knew him. He will be remembered for his firm handshake, great sense of humor and ability to make people smile.



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CERRITOS NEWS: Starbucks to take over former KFC drive-thru

CERRITOS – The Cerritos City Council recently approved a proposal by Starbucks Corporation to remodel an existing drive-through service restaurant building at the Cerritos College Square Shopping Center.

3,000-square-foot building, previously occupied by Kentucky Fried Chicken.

The building will adopt the Starbucks corporate contemporary architectural design, featuring ash wood siding, metal canopy elements, a bronze anodized aluminum storefront and trellises.

The project includes an interior and exterior remodel of the existing

The outdoor patio will house a double-sided fireplace.

The existing drive-through will undergo only minor lane-alignment modifications.

Work has begun and is expected to be completed in November. The Starbucks is located at 15925 Studebaker Road.

of an active Neighborhood Watch program. Visit safercerritos.com for easy access to current neighborhood crime reports, statistics and maps.

Residents are invited to the Cerritos Sheriff's Station for a family-friendly Haunted Car Show and Haunted Jail event on Saturday, October 28. The jail is at 18135 Bloomfield Avenue. There is a \$3 suggested donation for entry.

The Haunted Jail and Kidz Zone takes place from 3 to 9 p.m., offering music, candy, a snake habitat and a raffle.

Food, face-painting, drinks and creepy desserts are offered for a fee. The event also features an inflatable obstacle course, which costs \$1 per admission or \$5 for unlimited entry.

A costume contest, for children age 10 and younger, starts at 5 p.m.

For more information, call the Cerritos Sheriff's Station at (562) 467-6842.

Planning is under way for the City's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony to be held on Monday, January 15, 2018.

The Community Participation Division is seeking resources from the public for the event.

Members of the community are invited to suggest speakers, inspirational text, quotations or other resources by calling (562) 865-8101 or submitting suggestions to the Community Participation Division, P.O. Box 3130, Cerritos, CA 90703. Suggestions may also be submitted by e-mail to webmaster@cerritos.us.

Cerritos deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will serve diners at the Cerritos Towne Center Wood Ranch BBQ & Grill and donate tips to the Southeast Los Angeles Special Olympics.

Special Olympics athletes and coaches from Cerritos will also be present to greet restaurant patrons at the event, which is scheduled for 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

After an epic year in space, NASA astronaut Captain Scott Kelly will share what he learned during his fascinating 143 million-mile adventure in "The Sky Is Not the Limit: Lessons From a Year in Space."

The American hero gives candid takes on his out-of-this-world experience and shares personal stories of perseverance, life lessons on leadership and teamwork and the path that led him to secure his place in history.

The talk is at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13, at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets range from \$75 to \$95.

Downey film festival heads into final weekend

DOWNEY – GlennFest, a film festival featuring movies of special interest, concludes this Friday and Saturday at the Downey Civic Theatre.

The festival is made possible due to the generosity of individual supporters and sponsors located in Downey as well as the City of Downey, the Downey Arts Coalition, and the Downey Symphonic Society.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

FRIDAY, OCT. 6:

"Raising Zoey" @ 6:30 PM – Zoey, a 13-year-old student fights for the right to self-identify in school. Zoey, her family, and the film's director will speak before the film.

"4 Days" @ 8:00 PM – Presented by the Filipino Migrant Center – Two college friends slowly discover they mean more to each other than either had initially realized.

"Forbidden Shore" @ 9:15 PM – Cuban musicians showcase the musical diversity of the country

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

"Mune, Guardian of the Moon" @ 10:00 AM – Presented by the SEIU 721 ADA Caucus – A screening for kids and young adults with special needs. When the evil ruler of the underworld steals the sun from Sohone, a small lunar faun and a girl made of wax help Sohone get the sun back to restore order to the universe.

"The Fantastic Family Hotel" @ 2:00 PM – Presented by the United Netherlands Organization and the Netherlands American Society – An adaptation of the bestselling book, The Fantastic Family Hotel tells the story of Kos, a thirteen-year old boy, who is going through the most bizarre period in his life. With the help of his three sisters, Kos comes up with a solution to save his family's hotel from closure by attempting to win the local beauty pageant and claim the hefty cash prize.

"Score" @ 4:00 PM – Presented by the Downey Symphonic Society – A documentary that brings Hollywood's premier composers together to give viewers a privileged look inside the musical challenges and creative secrecy of the world's most widely known music genre – the film score. Composers Lars Clutterham and Conrad Pope will speak before the film.

"I Dream in Another Language" @ 6:30 PM – Presented by the Downey Arts Coalition – A linguist arrives in a small jungle settlement hoping to record a conversation between two elderly men, the last two remaining speakers of the Zikril language. However, the two elderly men are involved in a long-standing feud and have not spoken to each other in 50 years.

All screenings are free to attend. Free parking is available behind the Embassy Suites, near the Downey library.

For further information, go to glennfest.com

Previewing the Downey Symphony's Oct. 21 concert

DOWNEY – "We're playing your song!" That's the message Don Marshall, President of the Downey Symphony, wants to share with everybody.

The Symphony launches its new season at the Downey Theatre on Saturday, Oct. 21, and Marshall says it's a show you won't want to miss for many reasons.

"First, we're presenting three knock-your-socks off pieces by the Czech composer Antonin Dvořák," Marshall notes. "A suite of toe-tapping "Slavonic Dances" will be followed by his aptly titled "Romance for Violin and Orchestra."

The concert concludes with his "Symphony no. 8," a lyrical and powerfully moving piece.

There are other reasons this concert will be memorable, Marshall said. Carolyn Osborn, long-time concertmaster of the Orchestra, will perform the violin solo.

"She's a virtuoso musician known and loved by our audience," Joyce Osborn, a Board member, observed, "including generations of kids for whom she's performed as one of the founders of the Symphony's Music in the Schools Program."

Dvořák has a special place in the hearts of Americans, since he lived in the United States from 1892 to 1895. His music is often inspired by the rhythms and melodies of folk and popular music, and he urged American composers to draw on their own native sources and fuse them with the traditions of orchestral music to create their own distinctive American music.

On top of that, partnering with the Downey Arts Coalition, there will be an exhibit of work by local artists in the Theatre lobby on the theme "Music: The Art of Sound."

Doors open at 6:30 pm so that everyone can enjoy the art and mingle and meet friends both before the concert and also while enjoying refreshments at intermission.

Music Director Sharon Lavery will give a talk on the evening's music at 7:15 pm, and the concert begins at 8 pm.

Tickets are \$35 or \$30, depending on seating area; students are only \$10 and parking is free and adjacent to the Theatre.

Tickets can be purchased online at downeysymphony.org, by phone at (562-861-8211 or in person (Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and beginning at 6:30 on the evening of the concert at the Downey Theatre Box Office.

Carolyn Osborn will perform a violin solo at the Downey Symphony's Oct. 21 concert at the Downey Theatre.



Hall of Fame Nominations Warren High School

We are currently accepting nominations for Warren High School's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is designed to provide a motivational activity that will engender school and community pride. It will also emphasize our school's continuum of high achievers by honoring outstanding and noteworthy graduates of Warren High School.



Please visit Warren High School website (www.dusd.net/warren) to complete a nomination form or contact Ms. Sanchez at 562 869-7306.

A new crime abatement strategy, "Operation Night Light," was designed to dissuade would-be criminals from targeting neighborhoods during the night.

Due to enhanced daytime patrols, security cameras and automatic license-plate reading technologies, some burglars have delayed their illicit activities to nighttime.

According to the Cerritos deputies, thieves are surveilling neighborhoods at sunset and later, looking in particular for residences that appear unoccupied. "Operation Night Light" encourages residents to turn on their porch light, from dusk until dawn. Lights with a photocell do this automatically.

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DJ DIARIES: Playing it safe never got anyone anywhere

By Amber Cavazos

It's hard to say who exactly the first DJ was, but Ray Newby is definitely a strong contender. Newby was only 16 years old when he became the world's first DJ in 1909. The history maker was from Stockton, California (I guess California really does know how to party).

The term disc jockey was not coined until 1935 by Walter Winchell, an American radio commentator. DJs still were not that big of a hot topic though. At least not yet...

Jimmy Savile definitely put DJs on the map when he threw the world's first DJ dance party in 1943. The party of the year took place in Otley, England. Savile also went down in history as the first DJ to use turntables to keep the beats bumping on a continuous loop so the dancefloor would never be empty.

Following this hot trend, Paris opened its famous Whiskey A Go-Go in 1947. Way before the Los Angeles location was even imagined, the OG Whiskey was a popular discotheque. The Whiskey also wrote its name down next to Jimmy's as being the world's first disco.

Like all trends, things tend to shift. DJing started making its way into the streets of New York. It was here that different styles and techniques were discovered. All of these changes really cemented DJing as an art form.

Turntables were being used heavily because it allowed for DJs to

manipulate tracks and blend them together. The days of picking each song and letting it play without interruptions were over. DJing became a way for artists on the up and up to explore music in a whole new way.

Fast forward to 1985: the first conference for all DJs was held in Florida. This conference was a place where DJs of all backgrounds and styles could come together and talk about their music. This still goes on today. Ultra Music Festival in Miami is a direct result of this.

Now that DJs are coming together and collaborating, raves became the new things to do in the early 1990's. Europe took to raves like no other and allowed for DJs' status and popularity to skyrocket (then again, who doesn't go crazy for Eurobeat???)

With the digitization of music in the 90's, DJs were about to start ditching their vinyls. Turntables were created to adapt to this trend too, allowing for DJs to play with mp3s instead of huge disks. Fortunately, there was no program to make all of the songs automatically sync up and sound decent together with no effort (yeah, fake DJs, I bet you know what I'm talking about). DJs still had to rely on their artistic talent and practice to be successful at their craft.

Recently, DJs have been making a huge comeback. People have been requesting good DJs for nearly every event. Even EDC and other raves have been seeing an increasing amount of event attendance.

Who knows what will be in the next chapter of DJ history, but from what I can see, it looks like it's going to be a really fun one. Make sure you check us out now because Famous DJ Agency will definitely be a leading character in the next part of the story.



Jimmy Savile

Tickets on sale to see Herb Alpert, Lani Hall

Get ready for "happy music made by happy people." That's how The New York Times described performances by Herb Alpert and his wife Lani Hall, who perform Friday, Nov. 3, at 8 p.m. at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

Tickets start at \$60 and are available at the CCPA Ticket Office and cerritoscenter.com or by calling (562) 916-8500.

Nine-time Grammy winner and Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame trumpeter Herb Alpert boasts 15 Gold albums and 14 Platinum records, selling more than 72 million records worldwide. With The Tijuana Brass, Alpert was a mainstay on the Top 40 with singles such as The Lonely Bull,

Mexican Shuffle, and Spanish Flea. Bringing home Grammys were the hits "A Taste of Honey," "What Now My Love," "This Guy's in Love With You, and Rise."

Alpert recently released The Christmas Wish, his first holiday album in almost 50 years. The record features a 45-piece orchestra and a 32-member choir performing holiday classics such as Santa Baby, Winter Wonderland, and White Christmas.

Alpert has produced albums for Sergio Mendes & Brasil '66, Stan Getz, Michel Colombier, and Gato Barbieri. Inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2006, Alpert was honored with the National Medal of Arts Award by President Barack Obama.

The musician's namesake foundation, which he co-founded with his wife Lani Hall, promotes youth and arts education, the advancement of music, and environmental issues.

Grammy-winning vocalist and producer Hall started her musical career in 1966 as the lead singer of Sergio Mendes' breakthrough group, Brasil '66. Eventually, Mendes asked her to write the English lyrics for many of the band's Brazilian songs.

Hall has recorded more than 22 albums in three different languages: English, Portuguese, and Spanish. In 1983, she sang the title song for the James Bond film, "Never Say Never Again." In 1986 Hall won her first Grammy for Best Latin Pop Performance for the album "Es Facil Amar."

She picked up a second Grammy as producer on Alpert's 2013 "Steppin' Out." Hall is also the author of "Emotional Memoirs & Short Stories."

Tickets range from \$60-\$80 and are available only at the Cerritos Center box office, at cerritoscenter.com or by calling (562) 916-8500.

Tickets are still available to see Marc Anthony's Sunday performance at the Forum in Inglewood.

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Haunts, mazes and other fun to get in the Halloween spirit

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

As Halloween approaches, here are some spooky activities to consider during the month of October.

Haunts / Haunted Houses

UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HALLOWEEN HORROR NIGHTS

Price: Tickets start at \$65 online. Presale recommended.

Select Dates Through October

Universal Studios Halloween Horror Nights brings together the sickest minds in horror to immerse you in a living, breathing, three-dimensional world of terror. From the movie studio that invented the horror film genre, prepare for the scariest, most intense Halloween event in Southern California.

This year's event features more mazes than ever with eight terrifying experiences based on the most frightening films and television shows, as well as a Terror Tram hosted by Chucky and performances by The Jabbawockeez.

KNOTTS SCARY FARM HALLOWEEN HAUNT

Price: Tickets start at \$40

Select Dates through October

For those looking for something more terrifying, this year "The Granddaddy of Halloween Events" features nine mazes, four scare zones, The Hanging, and the final year for Elvira. Halloween Haunt takes place on select days throughout October. Not recommended for children under 13.

QUEEN MARY'S DARK HARBOR

Price: Tickets start at \$24

Select dates through October

This year's Dark Harbor will include an all-new 4th maze on the haunted ship. In addition, many of your favorite mazes will be intensified this year with more terrifying new scares. Live your nightmares aboard the haunted Queen Mary and join our cast of ghouls, spirits, and undead for an unforgettable, frighteningly authentic haunted experience.

SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN FRIGHT FEST

Price: Tickets start at \$54.99 and allow for entry into the park all day, however, a maze pass must be purchased for maze entrance. Maze pass starts at \$17.

Select Dates Through October

Be prepared to be scared as zombies and ghouls take over the park. Enjoy thrilling rides and activities for the whole family throughout the day and come back for a frightening evening after the sun goes down. At Fright Fest, you won't have any place to hide from the several mazes and scare zones located throughout the park. The stuff of nightmares lurk around every corner as the dark of night and dense fog washes over the park. The ghouls are set free for their daily hunting rituals.

SINISTER POINTE

E Sports Arena, 120 W 5th Street, Santa Ana

Price: \$45

Sinister Pointe presents Hex, a two-night Halloween gala that will feature a costume contest, music, special performances, and other terrifying surprises. Held on October 27th through 28th, this event is for ages 21 and over.

The Queen Mary's Dark Harbor attraction is one of several Halloween haunts and mazes open in Southern California.



THE 17TH DOOR: LOCKED UP

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Price: Tickets start at \$24 and change depending on the day. Pre-sale recommended.

Select dates through October

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Escape Rooms

CROSSROADS ESCAPE GAMES: THE HEX ROOM

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Price: Admission starts at \$32 per person. Reservations are recommended

Can you survive a horror film? This murderous horror movie fan wants to watch you try. Each player will take a quiz before the game to find out which character they are: The Nerd, Virgin, Jock, Rebel, Prom Queen, or Detective. Your team will be divided up into separate rooms where you must work individually and as a team. Not only do you need to escape, but you must also survive! Who will live? Who will die?

Horror Movies

HAPPY DEATH DAY

Release Date: October 13

Rated PG-13

Tree Gelbman is a blissfully self-centered collegian who wakes up on her birthday in the bed of a student named Carter. As the morning goes on, Tree gets the eerie feeling that she's experienced the events of this day before. When a masked killer suddenly takes her life in a brutal attack, she once again magically wakes up in Carter's dorm room unharmed. Now, the frightened young woman must relive the same day over and over until she figures out who murdered her.

LEATHERFACE

Release Date: October 23

Rated R

A violent teen and three others kidnap a young nurse while escaping from a Texas mental institution. Pursued by a vengeful sheriff, the disturbed young man embarks on a murderous rampage that shapes him into a legendary killer known as Leatherface.

JIGSAW

Release Date: October 27

Rated R

A mysterious madman rounds up a group of victims to play sadistic games of life and death. Police soon find evidence that link the crimes to Jigsaw, the infamous killer who died 10 years earlier.

Pumpkin Patch

SHAWN'S PUMPKIN PATCH

6815 S. La Cienega Blvd. Los Angeles or 3443 S. Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles

Price: No entrance fee, however activities inside do have a cost.

While families pick out the perfect pumpkin to carve, this attraction offers several activities for kids including face painting, pony rides, petting zoo, arcade games, and inflatable houses and slides.

Local Events

SPOOKY SCIENCE

Price: \$5 or Free for CMSC members

Columbia Memorial Space Center

October 28

The Columbia Memorial Space Center (CMSC) will be offering a variety of activities and demonstrations throughout the evening, such as make your own slime, spooky robotics labs, a costume parade, and much more. CMSC will have My Delight Cupcakery at the event too. The sweet treats from My Delight are "to die for."

CMSC also is hosting International Observe the Moon Night in conjunction with Spooky Science. Guests will have an opportunity to view the moon and anything else in the night sky thanks to the Columbia Astronomers who will be hosting a variety of telescopes on the front lawn of CMSC.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ART FESTIVAL

Price: Free

Downey Theatre and Downtown Downey

October 29

Downey's 5th annual Dia De Los Muertos Art Festival will take place in and around the Downey Theatre and Downtown Downey, and will feature several performances and demonstrations, altar contest, colorful displays, and food.

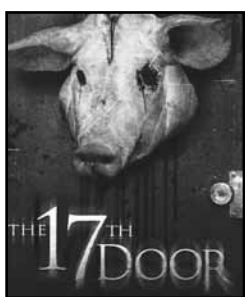
HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PATCH

Price: Free

October 31

Apollo Park

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HEALTH: Taking tetanus serious
FEATURES: Perfect attendance
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Described as follows:
LOT 15 OF TRACT NO. 7235, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 76, PAGE 92 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

A.P.N #: **6252-011-018**
The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.

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Dated: **9/26/2017 Zieve, Brodnax & Steele, LLP, as Trustee**
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T.S. No. 058038-CA APN: 6186-022-020 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/6/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER** On 10/17/2017 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/14/2007, as Instrument No. 20072540548 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MARTIN SAUL GONZALEZ, A SINGLE MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON

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OP-ED: When symbols and actions go hand-in-hand

By Mario Guerra

Just a few weeks ago I had the privilege and honor to attend the U.S. Army's change of command ceremony of the 40th Infantry Division at the Joint Forces Training Facility in Los Alamitos. On display were some of our finest soldiers and their commanding officers.

Flags representing the various infantry units, from the California Army National Guard, were in their full regalia showcased by the color guard while marching with pride. The very next day many of these soldiers left for a mission to Afghanistan.

Key amongst the flags was the stars and stripes – old glory as she is sometimes referred to.

The recent debate over NFL players kneeling during the playing of the national anthem had me reflecting on the day I spent with the men and women of the 40th Infantry as a new general took command.

From their perspective, the flag is a representation of our nation's values and history. It is more than a symbol; it's a creed by which our military and citizenry dedicate their actions to support their country, their family and their communities. Part of The Soldier's Creed is: I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

There is a deep meaning behind the flag. The aims, goals and convictions of the colors represent hardiness and valor (Red), purity and innocence (White), and vigilance, perseverance and justice (Blue). As an immigrant, I see no greater symbol of freedom.

Our nation is not perfect, but we must recognize we are a work in

progress. Often referred to as the great experiment, the United States has continually been challenged from within and abroad - and we have always found a way through the turmoil.

As social and political issues rise and pass, we can always expect change in these two landscapes. What we can count on during these times, however, is the tradition of perseverance, struggle and victory our flag represents.

Bringing to light a cause or issue around social injustice or indignities is part of the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Protesting is also an American right each of us can invoke as we see fit.

But we should also remind ourselves that our flag has given hope to generations of Americans and to the world in times of crisis. We should understand that our flag has raised our spirits when things seemed low and no matter the cause we have all looked to our flag to represent either side of an issue.

As I reflected on that day with our troops, I thought that as Americans, we can surely agree that as long as our flag stands for our struggles and victories, we should stand as she waves.

Mario A. Guerra is the former mayor of Downey and current Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. He can be reached at www.marioaguerra.com

Rose Hills dims lights for shooting victims

WHITTIER – The neon-lit Rose Hills sign that overlooks Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier went dark this week in honor of the shooting victims in Las Vegas.

Starting at 10:08 p.m. Tuesday (signifying the time the shooting began), the sign will go dark for 59 minutes.

The gesture was repeated Wednesday and Thursday.

"As an organization who deals with the pain of death on a daily basis, our collective hearts ache for the victims who tragically lost their lives or were wounded, as well as their families, to the senseless act that occurred in Las Vegas on Sunday night," said Patrick Monroe, CEO of Rose Hills.

The neon Rose Hills sign was first installed in the 1940s. At night, the nearly 20-foot-tall illuminated letters have often been used by pilots as a visual reference on their way to Los Angeles International Airport.

"In a small way we want to pay tribute to those 59 individuals and let them know that the Rose Hills family is keeping them in our thoughts and prayers," added Monroe.

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Lynwood teen named a national 'future medical leader'

LYNWOOD – Lynwood High School senior Aine Garnett traveled to Lowell, Massachusetts this summer to represent Lynwood Unified and the state of California at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, where she met with Nobel Laureates to learn about achieving a career in the medical field.

Garnett was presented with an official Award of Excellence on Sept. 21 for her successful completion of the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, an experience that inspired her to continue pursuing her dream of becoming a physical therapist.

"I'm going to keep striving for what I want to do – no matter how

hard the situation is you just keep on going," Garnett said.

Garnett's plan to earn a degree in physical therapy came about after experiencing sports-related injuries.

"Going to physical therapy and them helping me out so I can play the sports I was playing inspired me to want to help others and help athletes get back to how they were," Garnett said.

The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is an honors program for high-achieving high school students who want to make a career in medical research fields. Hosted at the University of Massachusetts Lowell campus, the three-day event aims to motivate students across the country and to provide resources to help them achieve their goals.

With the theme "greatness awaits", the full-day conference provided networking opportunities for students as well as information from university admissions on paying for medical school and finding a curriculum plan that best

suits the individual's career goals.

One program highlight was the opportunity to observe a live abdominal operation. Garnett and other student delegates watched the procedure from behind the operating room glass and they were able to question the surgeon in real-time.

"We are so proud of Aine Garnett and her accomplishments at The Congress of Future Medical Leaders," LUSD Superintendent Gudiel R. Crosthwaite said. "Garnett is a role model for our district and her drive for knowledge perfectly exemplifies the active learners that we have at Lynwood Unified."

Grand masters of the Congress included academy medical director Robert G. Darling, M.D. and Dr. Leland Hartwell. Darling was the first board-certified Emergency Medicine physician to serve as the White House physician.

Hartwell was the winner of the 2001 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.

Distinguished physicians and prominent academic figures spoke



Aine Garnett represented Lynwood at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

about their experiences in the field and offered advice for succeeding in the industry. Medical scientists shared cutting-edge advances for the future in medicine and medical technology, and patients who are considered medical miracles told their stories of healing.

The Congress is open to high school students who possess the passion, ability and potential to be a future medical leader. Students must be nominated by a teacher, counselor or principal, and they must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

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What are sellers obligated to fix after a home inspection?

If you're selling your home, you might wonder if there are common repairs needed after a home inspection.

Most buyers, after all, won't commit to purchasing a place until it's been thoroughly vetted by a home inspector—and rest assured, if there are problems, this professional will find them!

So if your home inspection turns up flaws that your home buyer wants fixed, what then?

To be sure, repair requests after an inspection are a hassle, and liable to cut into your profits. So for starters, make sure to read your contract carefully to make sure you don't get locked into repairing something you don't want to fix.

"As a seller, you should never sign a contract until you fully understand its obligations, particularly where it concerns your responsibility for repairs," says Michele Lerner, author of "Homebuying: Tough Times, First Time, Any Time: Smart Ways to Make a Sound Investment."

And rest assured, there's no need for you to fix everything a home inspector thinks could stand for improvement; a home inspection report is not a to-do list.

Common repairs required after a home inspection

There are some repairs that will be required by lenders before they will release funds to finance a buyer's home purchase. Typically these address structural defects, building code violations, or safety issues.

If a home inspection reveals such problems, odds are you're responsible for fixing them. Start by getting some bids from contractors to see how much the repairs will cost. From there, you can fix these problems or—the more expedient route—offer the buyers a repair credit so they can pay for the repairs themselves.

This might be preferable since you won't have to oversee the process; you can move out and move on with your life.

Home inspection repairs that aren't required

Cosmetic issues and normal wear and tear usually don't have to be fixed.

"Some contracts will expressly state that the buyers cannot request any cosmetic repairs to be made and can only ask for fixes to structural defects, building code violations, or safety issues," says Lerner. Furthermore, "state laws may also impact your liability as a seller for any issues uncovered during an inspection."

Be sure to check your local ordinances to know which fix-its legally fall in your realm of responsibility.

Home inspection repairs that are negotiable

Between repairs that are typically required and those that aren't is a whole gray area of repairs that are up for grabs. How you handle those depends in part on the market you're in. If you're in a hot seller's market, you have more power to call the shots.

"While buyers are always advised to have a home inspection so they know what they are buying, when there are a limited number of homes for sale and buyers need to compete for homes, they are more likely to waive their right to ask a seller to make repairs," says Lerner.

In fact, "the best contract for a seller would be for the buyer to agree to purchase your home as is

or to request an 'information only' home inspection, thus absolving you of any need to pay for any repairs."

However, in a normal market, you won't be able to draw such a hard and fast line. Work with your real estate agent to understand what items you should tackle and where you might want to push back.

You'll want to be reasonable—after all, you've already put a lot of time into the selling process, and it's likely in your best interest to accommodate some repairs rather than allowing the buyer to walk away.

How to negotiate home repairs

Here are two sneaky but totally effective ways to handle the home repair hurdle:

Offer a home warranty. "I sometimes keep a \$500 one-year home warranty in my back pocket as a token to ease concerns during a home inspection repair request session," says Realtor Kyle Springer, with Coldwell Banker in Bowling Green, KY.

Barter for something of value to the buyer. Often sellers will suggest their real estate agent ask the buyer's agent if the buyers want appliances or furniture if they have no plans to move with them.

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Last Friday, Downey High School honored their first Students of the Month this year.

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Jeff Worthy was installed as president of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis last week.

Worthy takes the gavel from Michael Chirco.

"It was an honor serving as president of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis for 2016-17," Chirco said. "As a club, we were able to issue thousands of dollars in college scholarships and continue our support of local charities and non-profits that benefit Downey children."

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