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## Norwalk eyed as potential location for homeless shelter

**HOMELESS:** L.A. County proposes temporary homeless shelter near Norwalk Community Hospital.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**NORWALK** – With the cold winter months looming, state and county officials have proposed opening a temporary homeless shelter in Norwalk, but the plan has drawn a rebuke from residents.

The proposed shelter is located at 13200 Bloomfield Ave., just north of Norwalk Community Hospital. The property is currently owned by the state of California and was formerly a youth correctional reception center.

Under the proposal, the property would be leased to L.A. County, which would then sublease it to a provider agency to operate the shelter.

According to a city staff report, the shelter would house about 112 people but only from 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. daily, unless there is inclement weather, in which case the shelter would be open 24 hours a day.

No walk-up service is available; instead, clients are bussed to and from the shelter from designated locations.

L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn endorsed the plan, calling it a "great partnership" between Norwalk, L.A. County and the state.

"My office is extremely supportive of working with the City of Norwalk to open this site to find a solution to the homeless crisis in the County," Hahn wrote in a letter to Norwalk mayor Luigi Vernola. "The current site provides an ideal location for a future shelter program."



A vagrant collects recyclables along Firestone Boulevard in Norwalk. Photo by Eric Pierce

According to Hahn, two organizations have visited the site and will submit proposals to operate the facility: Whittier First Day and Los Angeles-based People Assisting the Homeless.

Norwalk residents, however, balked at having a homeless shelter in their backyard.

"Many of these people are mentally ill and should not be in close proximity to our schools and children," Mike Helm wrote on Facebook. "I don't know the answer but Norwalk doesn't need to attract anymore urban-outdoorsmen until we can sort them out."

"We can't seem to help our city as it is with all the gang violence, shootings, and graffiti, so let's take on another issue we can't handle," added resident Vanessa Rodriguez. "The homeless we have now don't get any assistance which is leading to lots of drug activity, unsafe

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neighborhoods and more."

Others, however, said a homeless shelter would benefit Norwalk by taking homeless off the streets.

"I'm not seeing the negative," said Norwalk resident Natalie Torres. "It will be run by an outside agency. The property they want to occupy is already quite dilapidated... they will be bussing them in and out. (No walk-up service). I think priority should go to the homeless already in our community."

"I don't see the harm in

providing a warm dry place to sleep when it's cold. Every community should do this."

The Norwalk City Council was scheduled to discuss the proposal Tuesday but postponed discussion to a future date.

Also in support of the shelter is Phil Ansell, director of the Office of Homelessness for L.A. County, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

**Alex Dominguez contributed to this report.**

## Downey hires LAX official as newest emergency manager



Rakdy Khlok has been hired as Downey's new emergency manager.

Photo by Alex Dominguez

**DOWNEY** – Rakdy Khlok is Downey's new Emergency Manager.

Khlok, 33, replaces Andrew Stevens, who resigned the position earlier this year for another job.

Khlok has been in the field for over seven years, starting with San Bernardino County in their office of Emergency Services.

"One of my first big projects was the county's mass care and shelter plan, and so I developed that," said Khlok. "That plan focused more on mega-shelters, and we've seen that in recent events, you know, when they had to open large shelters and had thousands of people."

Khlok later went on to join LA County's Department of Mental Health, while still continuing to do emergency management. Khlok later joined LAX, overseeing emergency exercises.

Now stepping into the Emergency Management position for Downey, Khlok says that Downey

has several valuable resources and advantages.

"The community seems very active," said Khlok. "I've noticed it in the Next Door Neighbor app. I think it ties a little bit of the neighborhood watch and gives opportunities for the government to interface with the public while in that social media realm."

"But it seems like we also have a lot of commercial development too...all these things; we have a lot of resources. We have large companies; Coca-Cola is here. And we have large hospitals, which not all cities have that, so I think we're in a better position than a lot of other cities. From the short time I've been here, I feel like our departments are very active as well."

During day to day planning for a potential disaster, Khlok works with several city departments and entities in what could be described as a mass group effort.

"All of our emergency plans

will include a majority of our city departments," said Khlok.

Khlok says that she now wants to bring "those key players to the table."

"We write fancy plans, these thick books but no one always reads them," said Khlok. "What's important is we have these planning meetings, and it's just an opportunity to talk about it. Often times, when you talk about it during that planning phase, that actually is it; that's how people familiarize themselves with the plan."

Khlok encourages residents to take steps to prepare for potential tragedy.

"I remind people that they have to have an emergency family plan," said Khlok. "Now-a-days with smart phones we're not as smart; we don't memorize numbers, we don't exactly know who to call... just writing it down. It doesn't have to be a book, it's just a one-pager. What are your emergency contacts?"

## New exhibit at Stay Gallery examines pre-Hispanic life

**DOWNEY** – Stay Gallery will host an opening reception Friday for a new exhibit by Los Angeles artist Mario Sibaja.

The exhibit is titled "The Corn: The True Pre-Hispanic Treasure and Some Aspects of Pre-Hispanic Life."

Sibaja's art has been showcased all over Los Angeles, including at City Hall, Hotel Maya, Ford Theatre and the Hollywood Bowl.

Friday's opening reception begins at 7 p.m. and will feature art, music and food that has been carefully crafted with corn as the main ingredient.

The exhibit is free and suitable for all ages.

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 69°

Saturday 71°

Sunday 72°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Rudolph the Musical

Saturday and Sunday - Downey Theatre

Watch a live stage adaptation of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." Tickets start at \$25



#### The Corn

Friday - Stay Gallery, 8 pm

Opening reception for Mario Sibaja's new exhibit titled "The Corn." Plus food and live music.



#### Chicano International Film Festival

Saturday - Plaza de la Raza, 10 am

Film screenings, artist discussions, musical acts, awards ceremony, and food and drinks.



#### Veterans Day

Saturday - City Hall, 10 am

Downey commemorates Veterans Day with a ceremony in the civic center.



#### Latino Comics Expo

All weekend - Museum of Latin American Art

The nation's first comic convention dedicated to Latino comics creators. Lectures, panels, galleries and more.

### TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@AADwrites: Christmas tree is up at #DowneyPromenade

@DowneySpartans: Congratulations to Downey Unified's Teacher of the Year Mrs. Alyson Harr being presented at the School Board!

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### NOVEMBER 10

The Corn: An Exhibit by Mario Sibaja

DATE: Friday, Nov. 10

TIME: 8 pm

LOCATION: Stay Gallery

### NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day ceremony

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 11

TIME: 10 am

LOCATION: City Hall

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 11

TIME: 8 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### NOVEMBER 12

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical

DATE: Sunday, Nov. 12

TIME: 2 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### NOVEMBER 18

Keep Downey Beautiful cleanup

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 18

TIME: 9 am

LOCATION: Independence Park

### 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: 1 pm

LOCATION: Downey Avenue

### DECEMBER 4

Tree-Lighting Ceremony

DATE: Monday, Dec. 4

TIME: 6 pm

LOCATION: Civic Center

### DECEMBER 16-17

The Nutcracker

DATE: Dec. 16-17

TIME: 7:30 pm, 2:30 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### JANUARY 20

Downey Symphony

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 20

TIME: 8 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### JANUARY 27

Blood, Sweat & Tears ft. Bo Bice

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27

TIME: 8 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### FEBRUARY 3

John Tesh

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 3

TIME: 8 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### MARCH 24

Carnival of Champions

DATE: Saturday, March 24

TIME: 9 am

LOCATION: Warren High

### MARCH 30

'Animaniacs' live

DATE: Friday, March 30

TIME: 6 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### APRIL 22

Sara Evans in concert

DATE: Sunday, April 22

TIME: 8 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre



## Downey restaurant grades

**G & M +96**  
7360 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 10/27/17  
Grade: **A**

**One Stop Bargain**  
7920 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 10/27/17  
Grade: **A**

**Tu Farmacia Natural**  
7408 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 10/27/17  
Grade: **A**

**Acapulco Restaurant**  
9021 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 10/31/17  
Grade: **A**

**Tao Chinese Kitchen**  
12022 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 10/31/17  
Grade: **A**

**Pieloon Restaurant**  
10822 Lakewood Blvd  
Date Inspected: 10/31/17  
Grade: **A**

**ARCO AM/PM**  
10808 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 10/31/17  
Grade: **A**

**California Fish Grill**  
8990 Apollo Way  
Date Inspected: 10/31/17  
Grade: **A**

**Ono Hawaiian BBQ**  
12028 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 10/31/17  
Grade: **A**

**ARCO of Downey**  
9522 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/1/17  
Grade: **A**

**Donas**  
8636 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 11/1/17  
Grade: **A**

**McDonalds**  
10207 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/1/17  
Grade: **A**

**Dippity Donuts**  
9512 E Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/1/17  
Grade: **A**

**Golden Corral**  
9588 Lakewood Boulevard  
Date Inspected: 11/1/17  
Grade: **A**

**Q's Authentic Mexican Shaved Ice**  
8272 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/1/17  
Grade: **A**

**Boston Market**  
8606 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/1/17  
Grade: **A**

**Florida Restaurant**  
10025 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/2/17  
Grade: **A**

**Downey ARCO**  
10300 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/2/17  
Grade: **A**

**Marketplace Grill Cafe**  
7877 Florence Avenue  
Date Inspected: 11/2/17  
Grade: **A**

**Coco's Restaurant**  
7900 Florence Ave  
Date Inspected: 11/2/17  
Grade: **A**

**Ralphs**  
8626 E Firestone Blvd  
Date Inspected: 11/2/17  
Grade: **A**

**Cafe Opa**  
9905 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/3/17  
Grade: **A**

**Kaiser Cafe**  
12254 Bellflower Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 11/7/17  
Grade: **A**

# Downey Unified raises graduation standards to align with college admissions

**DOWNEY** – Guided by the vision to graduate all students with a 21st Century education that ensures they are college and career ready, globally competitive and citizens of strong character, the Downey Unified Board of Education voted in October to adjust future graduation requirements.

This gradual change will focus on ensuring that all students, regardless of which they choose, are ready to enter both college or pursue a career field of their choice upon receiving their high school diploma.

This change, titled "15 For All," will raise the current graduation standards for students beginning with the graduating class of 2022 (current eighth-grade students), better aligning these requirements with the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) requirements for admission.

This gradual shift will take place over a four-year period and will conclude with having current fourth-grade students fully in line to complete all UC and CSU requirements by the time they graduate in 2026.

"By setting higher expectations for our students, they will rise to the occasion and meet these new standards," expressed Board of Education President Martha Sodetani. "We want every single one of our students graduating with the ability to be ready for any college or career they choose, and by making this change they will be."

Coined "15 For All," this term refers to the 15 "a-g" high school courses required for entrance into both the UC and CSU systems. These 15 core courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better for students to be eligible for admission into a CSU, while the UC system requires a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) in the a-g courses to be eligible.

Please see the "15 For All" graph at the bottom of this page for the breakdown of these courses and the years required for each.

Currently, Downey Unified's graduation requirements consist of common California high school standards that are not fully aligned with the UC and CSU systems. Downey Unified's Board of Education voted to specifically align with the current UC and CSU standards to provide students with the increased rigor so, upon graduation, students have attained these requirements making them automatic eligible to apply to a UC or CSU if they choose.

"Given the level of complexity it takes to manage a career," expressed Downey Unified's Superintendent, Dr. John Garcia. "It is important to make



Rio San Gabriel students celebrate Character Counts Week.

sure that all our students, whether they go to college or directly into the workforce, are challenged with a rigorous course of study to be even more competitive in a global economy."

"This transition will not be done without the support of our administration and staff," stated Roger Brossmer, assistant superintendent of Secondary Education for Downey Unified. "We will be expanding our credit recovery and tutoring programs as well as our summer school offerings for additional student support during this shift."

"15 For All" workshops will be available in the coming months to educate middle and high school students and parents on what this transition "looks like" for each grade level.

These workshops will also be used as a forum for conversation as Downey Unified administration is interested in hearing the wants and needs of students and parents during this transitional period. Dates to follow.

See image below titled "Downey Unified Charts New Path For Graduation" for a visual of this gradual transition detailing the breakdown of change for the graduating classes of 2024 (current sixth-grade students) and 2026 (current fourth-grade students).

## Giant new home under construction in north Downey

**DOWNEY** – A massive new single-family home is currently under construction in north Downey.

When complete, the two-story house at 9400 Florence Ave. will measure 14,902 square feet. Features include a covered patio and second-floor balcony deck, each 1,400 square feet.

There will also be a pair of porte cocheres totaling 979 square feet, and a 1,600-sq. ft. garage.

The property owner demolished a 3,700-sq. ft. single-level home on

the property to make room for the new development. A swimming pool was removed as well.

The entire lot measures 50,791 square feet.

Property records identify the owner as Camaro, LLC, whose address returns to a real estate investment firm in Downey.

**Eric Pierce, editor**

## 15 FOR ALL - THE ROAD TO COLLEGE AND CAREER

### ELECTIVE

1 YEAR OF ACADEMIC ELECTIVE

### ARTS

1 YEAR OF VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS (VPA)

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

2 YEARS OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE

### SCIENCE

2 YEARS OF SCIENCE

### HISTORY

2 YEARS OF HISTORY

### MATH

3 YEARS OF MATH

### ENGLISH

4 YEARS OF ENGLISH



## DOWNEY UNIFIED CHARTS NEW PATH FOR GRADUATION

### CLASS OF 2022 / CURRENT 8TH GRADERS

CRITICAL 15, INCLUDING:

3 YEARS OF MATH

2 YEARS OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE

1 YEAR OF VPA

### CLASS OF 2024 / CURRENT 6TH GRADERS

ALL 2022 CRITERIA, INCLUDING:

3 YEARS OF UC APPROVED MATH

### CLASS OF 2026 / CURRENT 4TH GRADERS

ALL 2022 CRITERIA

ALL 2024 CRITERIA

'C' OR BETTER IN CRITICAL 15



# Warren High wins cross country league championships

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School girls' cross-country team is the 2017 San Gabriel Valley League champion.

Warren took first place at the third and final S.G.V.L. cluster meet held at La Mirada Regional Park last Wednesday. The Lady Bears finished with a team time of 1:36:58.50 and an average team time of 19:23.70.

Warren finished first with 25 points, Paramount finished second with 49 points, Downey finished third with 61 points and Gahr finished fourth with 110 points, respectively.

Bear sophomore **Nadine Gomez** finished first overall in a time of 18:42.65, senior **Leann Pavana** finished third overall in a time of 19:02.7, freshman **Natalie Esparza** finished sixth overall in a time of 19:28.7, sophomore **Leeann Gonzalez** finished ninth overall in a time 19:49.3 and senior **Vilma Alvarez** finished tenth overall in a time of 19:55.1.

C.I.F. Prelim competition will be run today at 9:00 a.m. at the Riverside Course.

**WARREN BOYS CROSS COUNTRY:** The Warren High School boys' cross-country team is the 2017 San Gabriel Valley League champion.

Warren took first place at the third and final S.G.V.L. cluster meet held at La Mirada Regional Park last Wednesday. The Bears finished with a team time of 1:20:07.40 and an average team time of 16:01.48.

Warren finished first with 20 points, Paramount finished second with 42 points, Downey finished third with 67 points, Gahr finished fourth with 108 points and Dominguez finished fifth with 150 points, respectively.

Bear senior **Emiliano Rodriguez** finished first overall in a time of 15:49.82, junior **Antonio Munoz** finished third overall in a time of 15:59.0, sophomore **Fabian Gomez** finished fourth overall in a time of 16:01.2, junior **Alfredo Santana** finished fifth overall in a time of 16:05.4 and junior **Alex Guardado** finished seventh overall in a time of 16:11.9. C.I.F.

Prelim competition will be run today at 10:15 a.m. at the Riverside Course.

**DOWNEY BOYS CROSS COUNTRY:** The Downey High School boys' cross-country team finished third at the 2017 San Gabriel Valley League Finals held at La Mirada Regional Park last Wednesday.

The Vikings finished with a team time of 1:22:51.60 and an average team time of 16:34.32. Warren finished first with 20 points, Paramount finished second with 42 points, Gahr finished fourth with 108 points and Dominguez finished fifth with 150 points, respectively.

Viking senior **Pablo Calderon** finished eighth overall in a time of 16:14.23, senior **Jaime Quinones** finished tenth overall in a time of 16:21.57, senior **Fabian Zuniga** finished 13th overall in a time of 16:29.33, junior **Matthew Enriquez** finished 15th overall in a time of 16:40.22 and senior **Martin Medina** finished 21st overall in a time of 17:05.98. C.I.F.

Prelim competition will be run today at 10:26 a.m. at the Riverside Course.

**DOWNEY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY:** The Downey High School girls' cross-country team finished third at the 2017 San Gabriel Valley League Finals held at La Mirada Regional Park last Wednesday.

The Lady Vikings finished with a team time of 1:43:08.50 and an

Warren High's girls cross country team won the 2017 San Gabriel Valley League title.

Photo courtesy Jay Waldron



average team time of 20:37.70. Warren finished first with 25 points, Paramount finished second with 49 points and Gahr finished fourth with 110 points, respectively.

Viking junior **Laura Velasco** finished fourth overall in a time of 19:08.49, senior **Adriana Higuera** finished seventh overall in a time of 19:33.01, sophomore **Mia Neuman** finished 17th overall in a time of 21:15.01, senior **Vanessa Vanda** finished 18th overall in a time of 21:29.91 and junior **Camila Aguilar** finished 20th overall in a time of 21:41.77.

C.I.F. Prelim competition will be run today at 9:12 a.m. at the Riverside Course.

**DOWNEY FOOTBALL:** The Downey High School football team defeated Gahr at Gahr last Thursday night, 50-31.

With the win, the Vikings finished their regular season with an overall record of 8-2 and a S.G.V.L. record of 4-1.

With the loss, Gahr finished their regular season with an overall record of 7-3 and a league record of 3-2.

Downey will host Etiwanda of the Baseline league tonight in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 4 playoffs. The Eagles finished their regular season with an overall record of 3-7 and a league record of 2-3.

In the Downey/Gahr game, Downey led 13-7 at the end of the first quarter. Gahr outscored Downey 21-15 in the second quarter and the two teams were tied at 28 going into the locker rooms at halftime. The Vikings outscored Gahr 8-0 in the third quarter and took a 36-28 lead to close out the third quarter. Downey sealed the win by outscoring the Gladiators 14-3 in the fourth quarter. The Vikings won 50-31 and with it clinched their second place finish in league play.

Downey quarterback **Kijon Fouts** completed 20/29 pass attempts for 343 yards. Fouts had one touchdown pass, no interceptions and a quarterback rating of 120.3. Fouts ran the ball 13 times for 87 yards and scored four touchdowns. **Baraq Ross** had 15 carries for 166 yards and two touchdowns and **Shane Olden** had five carries for 79 yards.

The Downey defense was led by **Malcom Perry's** seven solo and seven assisted tackles, **Noah Skobis's** six solo and one assisted tackle, **Jacob Manetta's** four solo and three assisted tackles, **Eli Garcia's** four

solo and one assisted tackle and **Brennan Fields's** two solo and three assisted tackles.

Coach Williams, his staff and players are all looking forward to their first round playoff game tonight against Etiwanda.

**WARREN FOOTBALL:** The Warren High School football team defeated Dominguez at Compton College, 56-27, last Thursday night to finish their season with an overall record of 6-4 and a S.G.V.L. record of 2-3.

The Dons finished their season with an overall record of 2-8 and a league record of 0-5.

Despite a winning record overall, the Bears did not qualify for the C.I.F. Division 7 playoffs due to their 2-3 record in league play.

Paramount (9-1, 5-0) is the S.G.V.L. champion and will be competing in the Division 5 playoffs. Downey (8-2, 4-1) finished second and will be competing in the Division 4 playoffs and Gahr finished third (7-3, 3-2) and will be competing in the Division 10 playoffs.

In the Warren/Dominguez game, the Bears and Dons each scored a touchdown and extra point in the first quarter and the score was tied 7-7 as the quarter ended. Dominguez outscored Warren 20-7 in the second quarter and took a 27-14 lead heading into the locker room at halftime.

The Bears woke up in the third quarter and outscored the Dons 35-0. Warren led 49-27 as the third quarter came to an end. The Bears added a touchdown and extra point in the fourth quarter and won 56-27.

Warren quarterback **Chris Venegas** completed 21/45 pass attempts for 409 yards. Venegas had eight touchdown passes with one interception and his quarterback rating was 109.2. Venegas also carried the ball eight times for 23 yards.

The Bear ground game was led by **Nikko Fierro-Tuala's** 10 carries for 55 yards. The Warren receiving corps were led by **Robbie Colenzo's** six catches for 167 yards and three touchdowns, **Desmond Carnes's** six catches for 138 yards and three touchdowns, **Keison Evans's** four catches for 44 yards, **Mikel Trujillo's** two catches for 31 yards and one touchdown and **Ryan Cachus's** one catch for 10 yards and one touchdown.

By Mark Fetter, contributor

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# On Facebook, an online group for crime awareness in Norwalk runs rampant with racism

**FACEBOOK:** Users who do not support President Trump are blocked from accessing the Norwalk crime page on Facebook.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**NORWALK** – Public safety has given way to rampant racism and scorn on a local community-driven social media crime watch page.

On Facebook, there are several crime watch pages for surrounding communities. While not associated with local law enforcement or city government, these groups usually consist of community members who wish to keep themselves and others informed on potential crimes happening in the city at an almost to-the-minute timeframe.

In the case of Norwalk, however, the seemingly sole crime watch page seems more dedicated to the ostracism of illegal immigrants and homeless than actual crime.

It begins with a questionnaire, which bluntly lines out that it must be answered to be granted approval into the group.

Potential new members are posed with three questions, which ask:

"Are you a President Trump supporter? If not. Don't even bother. I will block you. Answer, or you won't be accepted..."

"Do you believe that illegal aliens are criminals and need to be deported?"

and

"Do you believe the homeless in Norwalk need to be rounded up and removed from Norwalk? Answer, or you will not be accepted..."

Page activity recently seemed to be dominated by one individual - whose profile and posts have since disappeared from the page - who regularly laced his posts and inquiries into potential criminal events with derogatory terms such

as "chunti wetbacks" and "pisas," terms the man defended in one post as "slang terms not racist."

Members who have attempted to call out the racist word choice and activity often-times found themselves chastised by other members who seemed to approve of the conduct.

The page's sole admin also seems to partake in many of the questionable threads. While the admin doesn't seem to use the same language as the aforementioned group member, his posts often specifically single out "the illegals."

A recent post by the admin even states, "I see we have a lot of Liberal Snowflakes in this group who are easily offended by the term 'Illegal alien'. Well too bad..."

Minorities are not the only people to draw the ire of the page's attention, either.

Another post, again made by the page admin, pictured a homeless person passed out on a sidewalk,

referring to the person as a "drunk, homeless f---..." before going on to say, "The homeless in Norwalk need to be rounded up and removed from Norwalk. Take them out to the desert or something..."

Neither the admin nor the questionably active user replied to a request for an interview.

Kandy Heinemann Grzebyk, the founder of Downey's crime watch page, said her group also utilizes Facebook's questionnaire feature but their questions are drastically different.

"We ask why they want to join, if they'll read the guidelines if they're approved," said Grzebyk.

When asked about the Norwalk questionnaire, Grzebyk, who is a member of the Norwalk page, said that she had seen some concern over the Norwalk page's requirements.

"They didn't have those questions when I joined," says Grzebyk. "I couldn't believe it when

I saw it. That's ridiculous."

These highly politically-fueled topics aren't necessarily out of the ordinary for crime watch pages. The difference, however, is how they are handled.

"That's not what the page is about," said Grzebyk, speaking of her own page. "If it did come up, I think it would probably start a fight and we'd delete it."

Even Downey's other crime watch page, Downey Crime Watch Anything Goes Edition - which is more lenient towards political debate according to admin Ray Metzger - keeps a leash on sensitive subjects.

"Sometimes it'll go a little political," said Metzger. "I try not to go too much."

# Bump leads to fatal shooting at Norwalk gas station

**NORWALK** – A 42-year-old man was shot and killed following a physical altercation at an Arco convenience store in Norwalk last Saturday.

Authorities say the incident began when the victim, Geronimo Gutierrez, bumped into a 16-year-old Palm Springs girl inside the store, located at 10602 Imperial Hwy.

The bump led to a fist fight between Gutierrez and the girl's friend, 20-year-old Nakia Smith, of Los Angeles.

During the fight, Smith produced a handgun and shot Gutierrez in the head, authorities said. An innocent bystander was struck in the abdomen.

Gutierrez died but the bystander survived.

Authorities arrested Smith and the 16-year-old girl in Palm Springs. They also found the suspected murder weapon, authorities said.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to call the Sheriff's Homicide Bureau at 323-890-5500.

Eric Pierce, editor

# Bellflower man promoted to Navy commanding officer in military ceremony

**PROMOTION:** Joshua Fagan put in charge of Pacific Fleet squadrons, ensuring they are battle-ready.

**BELLFLOWER** – Helicopter Sea Combat Weapons School Pacific (HSCWSP) held a change of command ceremony on Naval Air Station (NAS) North Island on Nov. 2.

Cmdr. Joshua Fagan, of Bellflower, relieved Cmdr. Frank Ingargiola, of Huntington Station, New York, as commanding officer.

Capt. Ryan Carron, deputy commodore of Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific, presided over the transfer of command.

Ingargiola led HSCWSP "Phoenixes" through multiple large-scale joint and multinational training exercises. HSCWSP has participated in multiple exercises over the past year, including Red Flag 17-2, Angel Thunder, Northern Strike, Phoenix Fire, and Dawn Blitz.

This last year, over 18 squadrons, 11 ground units, and one naval surface vessel expended more than 68,000 pounds of ordnance in 32 events.

Reflecting on his time in the command, Ingargiola said "I have loved my time here with the great men and women of the weapons school. This command is the cornerstone of knowledge

and tactical excellence for the betterment of the community. I couldn't ask for a better cadre of instructors and personnel. I'm so proud of all you have done and will continue to do."

Upon detaching from HSCWSP, Ingargiola will report to amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) in Norfolk, Virginia.

Fagan graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1999 and began his career as an Air Force Acquisitions Officer. In 2003, he transferred into the United States Navy and earned his Wings of Gold in 2004.

Since then, he has completed

multiple deployments in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions in the Republic of the Philippines, and as a part of combined joint special operations task force, completing over 144 combat sorties and 2,175 flight hours in the HH-60H, SH-60F and MH-60S.

He reported aboard HSCWSP as the executive officer in August 2016.

HSCWSP will continue to increase the warfighting capacities of Pacific Fleet HSC squadrons and ensure they deploy battle-ready in all tactical mission areas.



Joshua Fagan

# Downey residents make Dean's List

**DOWNEY** – Four Downey residents have made the Dean's List for academic excellence at Biola University.

To qualify, students must have a grade point average of 3.60 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more units.

Downey residents who earned the honor include Grace Choi, Diana Gonzalez, Elizabeth Hey and Bethany Shubin.

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## Opening a temporary homeless shelter in Norwalk is the right thing to do

By Eric Pierce

The Southern California Youth Correctional Reception Center & Clinic opened in Norwalk in 1954, a sprawling campus on Bloomfield Avenue between Imperial Highway and Foster Road that housed juvenile offenders convicted or accused of various crimes, violent or otherwise.

For 58 years the facility aimed to rehabilitate wayward children, even as it simultaneously dealt with allegations of abusive voluntary confinement, violence among staff and prisoners, and rampant suicide attempts within its walls.



When the center was shut down Dec. 31, 2011, the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights called the closure “a monumental achievement in our ongoing campaign to shut down California’s dangerous, expensive, and ineffective youth prisons.”

But for all its infamy, the prison operated relatively free of public scrutiny during its nearly six decades in Norwalk. Its closure was the result of ubiquitous budget cuts, a decision by the state of California that had nothing to do with shuttering an allegedly violent detention center and everything to do with dollars and cents.

Six years later, state and county officials have drawn up a plan to repurpose the facility as a wintertime homeless shelter. It would open in December or January and provide approximately 112 homeless residents with overnight shelter, through April.

These homeless residents would be bussed into the facility at 5 p.m. and bussed out at 7 a.m. the following morning to designated locations throughout Southern California. The program would be professionally managed by an agency that specializes in dealing with the homeless population.

Initial reaction to the proposal has been mixed, with opponents utilizing the NIMBY argument – Not In My Backyard! Any plan that would bring more homeless to Norwalk is a non-starter, they say.

The problem is, the homeless are already here. They are on Firestone Boulevard, loitering outside the Imperial Manor. They are behind Office Depot, sheltering in tents underneath the shadow of the 605 Freeway. They are on Studebaker Road, sprawled on the concrete floor at a bus stop.

They are everywhere.

The state/county proposal simply takes these people off the streets –

or at least up to 112 of them – and offers them a warm, safe place to lay at night. It’s the humane, compassionate thing to do.

Homelessness is a pandemic afflicting the entire region and citizens have indicated they are willing to finance effective solutions.

By giving its blessing to the shelter, Norwalk can be a leader in the battle to make homelessness extinct in Los Angeles County. It can serve as a model to other communities – communities that too often prefer to kick the can down the road and make this regional issue someone else’s problem.

Homelessness is not someone else’s problem. It’s our problem.

If Norwalk could house a juvenile prison for 58 years with nary a peep of controversy from residents, repurposing the facility into a temporary homeless shelter for 4 months seems like a no-brainer.

It’s simply the right thing to do.

**Eric Pierce is editor of the Norwalk Patriot newspaper.**

## Veterans deserve our gratitude every day

By Mario A. Guerra

On Veterans Day, November 11, 1988, President Ronald Reagan said, “We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause.”



As America recognizes Veterans Day this Nov. 11, I hope we can all understand what this day really means. Current estimates have the total population of United States military veterans at 18.5 million with female veterans accounting for 1.6 million of this honorable group and veterans over the age of 65 at 9.2 million. It’s an obvious statement to say these individuals may be your mother, father, brother, sister and/or grandparent, or, at the very least, that of someone you know.

But as a group, our veterans are often overlooked, not just for their service but for the challenges facing them upon their return as civilians.

As citizens, we reap the benefits of our veterans’ bravery and

dedication to preserve our democracy and protect our constitution. When we see enlisted members enjoying leave in our communities, some of us are inclined to shake their hand, buy them a meal or simply say thank you. But what happens when our veterans take off the uniform? Unfortunately, they become invisible to many of us. And this is a problem.

The veteran homeless population in Los Angeles alone is estimated between 5,000 and 8,000 souls. These are hard numbers to grasp. Our veterans deserve absolute respect for carrying on a tradition of service and valor that keeps our nation safe and strong.

I recently saw a movie called “Thank You for Your Service.” This film tells the very important story of veterans’ lives once they return home. Their struggle is one that can only be truly understood by the brave men and women who have seen the horrific events of war and battle. It is a reminder to us all that the way we treat our Veterans should not be something we recognize one day a year, it’s about how they are treated every single day.

This Veterans Day, I encourage all of us to do a simple task of helping one soldier or veteran. It can be by writing to an active member of our service (a future veteran), help sponsor a companion dog to support a veteran suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), donate

accumulated frequent flier miles, or offer to take a veteran to a doctor’s appointment.

You can also make a difference by calling 1-877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838) to help veterans on the streets or on the verge of becoming homeless. Call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to get information from the local VA.

You can also donate to the Wounded Warriors Project ([www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)) and the Living Tree Foundation.

Lastly, on the top of a hill in Arlington Cemetery stands a tombstone that simply reads: “Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God.” We must not let those veterans around us become forgotten and do our part to honor them and their families. Thank you for your service to our country.

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## Tax cuts that increase nation’s debts are not the answer

By Lee H. Hamilton

As Republicans in Congress move forward on their tax plan, it’s worth remembering one thing: whatever the legislative particulars, keep your eye on the plan’s impact on the federal debt. Our debt load is already worrisome. It’s almost certainly going to get worse.

There are a lot of different ways to characterize our fiscal situation at the federal level. We spend too much. We borrow too much. We spend more than we take in. We don’t tax enough to cover our expenses. However you describe it, the plain truth is that Americans want more from their government than they’re willing to pay for.



This is not new, but at some point it will become unsustainable — we just don’t know exactly when. One common measure of the debt problem is to compare the total federal debt to our gross domestic product, or GDP. This basically measures whether a country’s economy is healthy enough to carry its debt burden. When Presidents Carter and Reagan were speaking out against the dangers of our large national debt, it stood at around 30 percent of GDP. Today it stands at 103 percent.

For years, people who worry about the debt have warned that this trend could not continue; it’s turned out that the economy is far more resilient than many of us thought. And so the fear of debt has faded. This

is too bad.

Before we go on, remember that there’s a difference between deficits and debt. The deficit is the difference between what the government takes in and what it spends. That’s measured annually. The debt is the accumulation of our deficits. And experts agree that growing debt at some point really will become unsustainable. As it grows larger, it weighs more heavily on economic growth, crowds out private investment, creates economic uncertainty, dumps a burden on our children, and limits our ability as a nation to deal with unforeseen events. How we handle it will have a profound impact on our future and our role in the world.

The problem is that regardless of what our political leaders say about deficits and debt, their actions tend to belie their words: they continue expensive federal programs and lavish tax breaks on favored constituencies without regard to the long-term fiscal impact. I’ve come to believe that deficits will likely continue — with increasing debt — until some financial crisis focuses our attention on the serious imbalance between our taxes and spending. There is little real seriousness about trying to solve our fiscal issues, or real appetite to get our spending under control and use taxes to get a handle on our finances.

Which brings us to the current move for tax “reform.” Tax reform can have several meritorious goals, including establishing a more equitable tax system, encouraging economic growth, and imposing fiscal restraint. What I don’t see in the current debate is much more than lip service to

any of these goals. To achieve even a measure of fiscal restraint you can reform entitlements, which are the chief drivers of increased spending; you can moderate or cut defense spending; and you can increase taxes. Some politicians like to add a fourth — becoming more efficient — but while helpful, that won’t have the necessary impact.

You’ve heard a lot already about how we need tax cuts to unleash economic growth. But the history of tax cuts makes clear there’s only a tenuous connection between the two. Many factors affect the growth of the American economy; taxes are only one of them. And certainly, tax cuts that explode the deficit and send the national debt skyrocketing are not going to get the job done.

What always worries me about tax debate on Capitol Hill is that it begins with a lot of talk about reform, and usually ends with a lot of talk about tax cuts. This isn’t surprising. Tax cuts are popular. Tax reform, which helps some people and hurts others, is politically treacherous.

So as you watch the debate on Capitol Hill, use your discrimination and judgment. Tax cuts can often help the economy, but not if they balloon deficits and the debt. If that happens, they’ll eventually end up lowering growth and slowing the economy.

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

## Gun control shouldn’t be this hard

By Jill Richardson

Before the gun lobby or its sycophants in Congress bring out their usual talking points for why we can’t ever have common sense gun reform, I’d like to shoot one of them down. No pun intended.

We just saw what happens when a bad guy with a gun is met by a good guy with a gun. In Sutherland Springs, Texas, when a mass shooter attacked churchgoers, he was eventually confronted by another armed civilian.

But before the good guy got there with his gun, 26 people were fatally wounded.

I’ve already heard discussions about fixing the problem by having more people bring guns to church, as the attorney general of Texas recently suggested.

What about other ways to prevent gun deaths? How about any solution other than “more guns”?

Every time I hear discussions about one reform or another — universal background checks, banning high capacity magazines, banning assault rifles, etc. — I hear the exact same talking point: Criminals can get around those rules.

You could ban assault rifles, or the high capacity magazines that allow people intent on mass murder to shoot more bullets before they need to stop to reload. Perhaps some criminals would just get them illegally.

Not all mass shootings could have been prevented by background checks. For example, the Sandy Hook shooter stole guns from his mother, who legally acquired them. Background checks wouldn’t have stopped him.

Here’s the thing: These hypothetical arguments don’t need to be hypothetical. We can study them and make an informed choice.

Which reforms will simultaneously preserve freedom for hunters, gun enthusiasts, and other law abiding citizens who want to own firearms while also keeping guns out of the hands of criminals?

If there’s any will at all to reduce the death toll from guns in this

country — more than 33,000 deaths a year — no doubt the country that sent a man to the moon can figure out how to do it without violating citizens’ rights.

Furthermore, just because a law may not prevent all shootings doesn’t mean it won’t prevent some shootings.

I’ve even heard a gun advocate say that regulation won’t work because it would only stop people who are too stupid to get around them from obtaining a gun.

You know what? That sounds good to me. If we can prevent every single shooting perpetrated by a stupid person, I’m for it. That’s still fewer people dying overall. It won’t get us down to zero, but refusing to do anything just because it’s a partial solution is ridiculous.

Each little bit of progress we make is a human life saved. It’s an entire family whose lives aren’t torn apart and changed forever. It’s two fewer grieving parents and four fewer grieving grandparents. It’s more children who grow up with their parents alive.

I don’t have a stake in which method we use to reduce gun violence so long as we pick something that works. It would be nice if law-abiding gun enthusiasts would help.

So let’s actually look at the data to find out how it can best be done. In fact, let’s lift the congressional ban that’s prevented the Centers for Disease Control from examining a lot of that data for the last 20 years.

Preferably before another year passes and another 33,000 Americans are dead.

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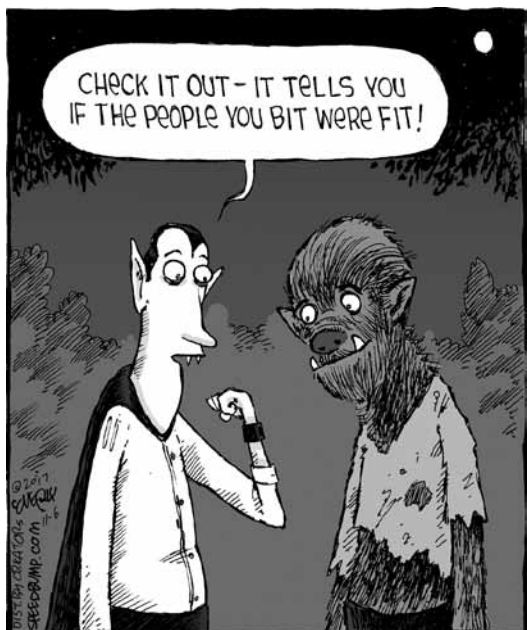
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# Downey Community Calendar

### CITY MEETINGS

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.  
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.  
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call 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 Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.  
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.  
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.  
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.  
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.  
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.  
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.  
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

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

### On This Day...

**Nov. 9, 1938:** Nazis looted and burned synagogues and Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria on Kristallnacht, the "night of broken glass."  
**1976:** The United Nations General Assembly approved 10 resolutions condemning apartheid in South Africa.  
**2004:** Houston Astros pitcher Roger Clemens won his record seventh Cy Young award.  
**2011:** Penn State fired longtime head football coach Joe Paterno and university president Graham Spanier over their handling of child sex abuse allegations against former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky.

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**TEAM PLAYERS: Now in season**  
 by Gail Grabowski

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# District Attorney honors Good Samaritans for acts of bravery

**LOS ANGELES** – Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey last week recognized four men who stopped a violent sexual predator, assisted police with his capture and, ultimately, helped prosecutors secure a conviction.

Four others also were honored at a Courageous Citizen Awards Ceremony in Granada Hills hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Northridge. The District Attorney's Office presents these awards four times a year to recognize ordinary people who have performed extraordinary acts of valor.

"Most of us are not prepared to act on a moment's notice to prevent a crime, save a life or capture a criminal," Lacey said. "To our great benefit, however, there are people among us like our honorees who can be counted on to act decisively in the face of danger."

The honorees and case details are as follows:

**Ben A. Hobbs, 53, of Lancaster, Dominic Kalmeta, 30, of Murrieta, Brandon Fenoglio, 25, of North Carolina and Sherwin Santiago, 33, of Connecticut**

A 15-year-old girl was walking home alone on the evening of May 6, 2015, when a man drove up, identified himself as a police officer and ordered her to get into his car. The girl reluctantly complied.

The man drove the teen to an abandoned trailer in a deserted area of Lancaster and strip-searched her. He forced her into the trailer and sexually assaulted her. When the assailant turned around, the girl ran out of the trailer and toward a church.

He chased the girl as she screamed for help. Hearing her cries, Ben Hobbs, Brandon Fenoglio, Dominic Kalmeta and Sherwin Santiago called 911 and left the church in an attempt to detain the man, chasing him on foot. But the man drove off into the desert. The assailant soon crashed his car into a ditch and was arrested.

On March 24, 2016, the 44-year-old defendant was found guilty of 15 felony counts including kidnapping to commit rape, lewd act upon a child and forcible rape of child. He was sentenced to 100 years and eight months to life in prison.

**Max Miller, 22, and Elijah Lee Williams, 22, both of Los Angeles**

A man called his girlfriend on June 19, 2016, to invite her to his place.

When she arrived, he grabbed her by the hair and put her into his car. He told her to apologize for giving him "attitude."

The victim did so, but soon got out of the car in North Hollywood and ran away. Elijah Williams heard the woman's cries and let her into a café.

The assailant forcefully pushed his body against a closed door, knocking Mr. Williams to the floor. Max Miller, a café patron, tried to stop the assailant as he dragged the woman to the exit but the assailant punched him.

The commotion drew attention from other strangers, who stopped to help. The attacker finally released the woman after being surrounded and detained until police arrived.

On Aug. 3, 2017, the 28-year-old defendant pleaded no contest to injuring his girlfriend and assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to a year in jail, five years of probation and 52 weeks of domestic violence counseling. He also was ordered to stay away from the victim for 10 years.

**Jolie Wirth, 19, of North Hills, and Augustine Lopez, 48, of Panorama City**

On the afternoon of March 9, 2016, Augustine Lopez saw a 9-month-old girl inside a locked car in the parking lot of a gentlemen's club in North Hills. The baby appeared to be hot and sweaty and was crying uncontrollably.

Lopez told people nearby that the child needed help. Jolie Wirth and another person rushed to the car to provide aid. A cracked window allowed the Good Samaritans to open the car door. The child was removed and given water.

When the father came out of the club, he tried to take his daughter but Wirth refused to hand over the baby. The father left and called 911, telling the dispatcher that his baby and car were being held hostage. When police arrived, the father was arrested. Video footage later recovered from the club revealed the father left the child unattended for more than 40 minutes.

On April 26, 2017, the 36-year-old defendant pleaded no contest to child abuse and was sentenced to five years of probation and 10 days in county jail. He also was ordered to complete 45 days of Caltrans service and 52 weeks of parenting classes.



An estimated 35,000 people attended Downey's Dia de los Muertos art festival last month.

The attraction is now in its fifth consecutive year.

# Dia de los Muertos festival draws estimated 35,000

**DOWNEY** – After tallying the attendance from the recent 5th annual Dia De Los Muertos Art Festival, event organizers report a record breaking 35,000 attendees.

Multiple new attractions included a Soroptimist of Downey sponsored chalk walk, an expanded city-sponsored arts and crafts pavilion, a reconfigured "Urban Art Alley" with a "Parade of Catrinas," and 25-foot-high sculptures.

The festival's expanded footprint included the lobby of the City's main library, which housed the "500 Luminarias" display and the "Casa Calaveras Experience."

One major festival change was the relocating of the fine arts exhibit from the balcony level lobby to the main lobby, which was necessary to conform with public access regulations. Fewer works could be shown, but the upside was greater exposure for the artists, as many people either weren't aware of the Theatre's second level, or didn't wish to climb the stairs.

Artists from Downey and the surrounding area displayed over 25 works of art. Some were first timers, others were veterans, with both men and women and diverse cultures represented.

The Downey Arts Coalition, which has curated the festival's fine arts exhibit for the past five years, selects works that are unique, that express a passionate voice, and that connect with the viewer.

# Inspector pleads guilty to accepting bribes from barbers

**LOS ANGELES** – A former state inspector pleaded guilty Wednesday to accepting about \$12,000 in bribes from barbershop and salon owners in exchange for not reporting violations to a regulatory board.

Michell DeGrate, 49, entered an open plea to 13 felony counts of bribery.

The open plea means a sentence

was not negotiated with the District Attorney's Office.

She was immediately sentenced to 20 days in jail and placed on formal probation for five years.

She also was ordered to perform 200 hours of community service and to pay \$12,000 in restitution.

Deputy District Attorney Susan Ser of the Public Integrity Division

prosecuted the case.

DeGrate worked as an inspector for the California Department of Consumer Affairs Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. She visited various businesses to ensure they complied with state health and safety laws and licensing requirements.

DeGrate targeted barbershops and nail and hair salons in her

inspection territory last year.

She demanded cash from owners and employees in exchange for not reporting any violations if they paid her.

In some instances, workers made monthly payments to DeGrate, the prosecutor said.

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## L.A. County launches DJ course

**WHITTIER** – After the debut of Compton Turns the Tables (CTTT), a free DJ course for beginners age 15 to 21, in February, LA County Library has launched a spin-off program, South Whittier Turns the Tables (SWTTT), at the South Whittier Library.

A free, live concert showcasing the graduates' new skills, hosted by Mistress of Ceremonies Melanie Eke and featuring DJ panelists providing feedback on student performances, will take place at South Whittier Library on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m.

Based on the original program format developed at Compton Library, SWTTT offers a 10-week workshop taught by professional DJ Lynee Denise, a professor at California State University, Los Angeles. Students learn DJ skills, gain hands-on experience using state-of-the-art equipment, and participate in a showcase to celebrate students' achievements.

In addition to South Whittier Library, the Turns the Tables series will expand to San Fernando Library – with the course beginning Jan. 5, 2018 – and then to East Los Angeles Library. LA County Library hopes to offer the program at even more locations in the future.

For more information about the DJ workshop series, visit <http://www.colapublib.org/DJLab>.

## Downey Unified psychologist honored by state association

**DOWNEY** – Joseph Rubio, a school psychologist for Downey Unified, received the Nadine M. Lambert Outstanding School Psychologist Award for his contributions to the profession by the California Association of School Psychologists (CASP) at its recent annual convention in Orange County.

Rubio was selected for continuously demonstrating dynamic leadership while supporting others and willingly sharing his knowledge and understanding with colleagues and supervisors alike. It was stated during the awards presentation that he is often assigned the most challenging cases in his district and his work ethic and persistence is very evident.

"We all agree that Rubio is an excellent resource in a variety of fields related to special education, crisis situations and working with individuals with social-emotional/behavioral challenges," expressed Dr. Patricia Sandoval, director of Special Education for Downey Unified.

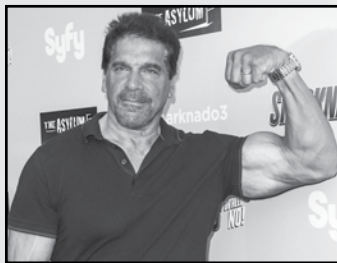
The Nadine M. Lambert Outstanding School Psychologist Award recognizes the contributions school psychologists have made to schools, students and the profession, and is awarded on a regional basis. Rubio was recognized as the Outstanding School Psychologist for the South-East Los Angeles County Region.

The announcement of the award comes in time for California School Psychology Week held on Nov. 13-17, which highlights the work of school psychologists via a variety of activities in districts statewide.

The California Association of School Psychologists, with over 1,800 members, is the largest state school psychologists association in the country. It provides continuing education, resource and referral, and advocacy to school psychologists throughout the state. Formed in the early 1950s, the association works to ensure safe learning environments for all K-12 students.

## NOV. 9 BIRTHDAYS

**Lou Ferrigno**, the actor who famously portrayed the Incredible Hulk on television, turns 66.



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## Blood donations needed for holiday season

**NORWALK** – The American Red Cross will be at the Norwalk Army Recruiting Center on Nov. 21 taking blood donations.

Walk-ins are available from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. or make an appointment online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

According to the Red Cross, the blood drive is critical because a decline in donations occurs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day when donors are busy with holiday activities and travel.

"However, patients don't get a holiday break from needing lifesaving transfusions," the Red Cross said. "In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood."

The Red Cross will also be accepting donations at the Whittier Masonic Lodge in Whittier on Nov. 21, at the Pico Rivera Walmart on Nov. 26, and at Bell Gardens High School on Nov. 28.

## Shared Stories: The Entire Evening was a Surprise

**Dora Silvers recounts a beautiful memory of a young boy who later went off to war. It's a timely story for this coming Veteran's day. Hats off to our service men and women who are the boys and girls next door. 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 Dora Silvers**

I was 14 and in the 8th grade in New Jersey. Michael was in my class. I had a crush on him. After class he asked me what I was doing tonight for Halloween.

I said, "I usually hand out candy to the children."

Michael said, "Meet me at the library at 7. I have some plans."

When I got home I told my brother Ben. He said "Why don't you put on one of Papa's paint overalls?" They were just washed. Ben got me one of my father's paint caps.

After dinner at 6:30, I left to meet Michael at the library. Michael was waiting, dressed in a black suit with a bow tie. He said he was my butler for the night.

He told me that his brother worked for the Newark Evening News. We were to meet at his boss's house. Michael knocked on the door and Mr.

Sneed answered. He was the editor.

We went into the dining room and had orange punch and chocolate cupcakes. Then pictures were taken of us around the dining room table.

We left and were headed for the apartment houses down the street. In between the two apartments was a short flight of stairs. We climbed up and sat on the top step. I looked into a window and saw our teacher Miss Stern. She was sitting on a sofa reading the newspaper. Then she went to the door and handed out candy to the children in costumes.

Michael said, "Isn't that nice." I was surprised that he knew where she lived. Then, an elderly lady came out and handed us a bag of candy. That was a real surprise. Actually, the entire evening was a surprise.

Then Michael walked me home, which was only several blocks away. I thanked him for a great evening.

The next day, when I came home from school, my brother Jay asked me what I was doing around a dining room table. He showed me the picture of the Newark Evening News. There, on the front page was a picture of Michael, me, and the group around the dining room table. What a great memory of long ago!

Michael and I went to different high schools. I went to my class reunion in 1945. There was a memorial. Michael was in the army. He was wounded and died in Germany.

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## Paging Dr. Frischer: Overeating

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. It reminds me to focus on gratitude, and to spend time with dear family and friends. For most of us, it's also about...the food.

Do you leave the table feeling tired, bloated, overstuffed? This holiday marks the beginning of a food glut. We bake cookies, pies, and fruitcakes; give gifts of chocolates; go to parties; and gather for holiday meals. Is pigging out during the holidays a harmless indulgence, or a real health concern?



Every morsel of food we ingest, whether part of a Thanksgiving feast or a small healthful snack, travels through the body and causes the release of hormones, chemicals, and digestive fluids. The average meal takes between one and three hours to exit the stomach. A large meal can take between eight and 12 hours! On a typical day, the average American consumes about 40 to 50 grams of fat in about 2,000 calories. I find it shocking that those figures can skyrocket to some 4,500 calories and 230 grams of fat on Thanksgiving Day.

The obvious side effects of overeating include indigestion, flatulence, post-meal fatigue (food coma), and perhaps that extra pound or two.

However, there can be a more significant price to pay for eating vast helpings of turkey, stuffing, and candied sweet potatoes:

- Overeating makes our bodies work harder. To process the extra food, the heart pumps more blood to the stomach and intestines. At the same time, heavy fat consumption may lead to a higher risk of blood clots. The risk of heart attack surges, with some studies showing a four-fold increased risk of heart attack, two hours after consuming a large meal.

- As the stomach releases food into the intestines, the gallbladder squeezes out bile to help digest the fat. The extra demand for bile may result in a gallstone or sludge being painfully squeezed into the narrow duct that leads to the intestine.

- A large meal can trigger the release of norepinephrine, a stress hormone that raises blood pressure and heart rate.

- For a diabetic, a large meal will not only increase blood sugar levels, but will also impair the ability to process those sugars.

- For those who are prone to heartburn, a large meal can lead to painful gastric reflux.

- Consider that the average stomach holds about eight cups of food.

When it is stretched, chemicals are released that inform our brain that we are full. Many of us ignore that signal and just keep on eating. At some point the body will send out nausea signals. Continuing to eat, and stretching the stomach beyond its capacity, can (but very rarely does) lead to an actual rupture!

Here are some classic suggestions for the upcoming holiday season: Don't arrive at the meal ravenous. Eat slowly and consume lots of filling foods with a high water content, such as soups, salads, and other vegetables and fruits.

If you are hosting, use smaller plates. Keep the serving dishes in the kitchen, not on the table. Use smaller serving spoons and serving dishes. Serve foods that require utensils (as we tend to overeat finger foods).

And finally...push away from the table before you feel completely full, and take a relaxing, sociable walk after dinner.

**Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.**

## November is Diabetes Awareness Month

There isn't a cure yet for diabetes, but a healthy lifestyle can really reduce its impact on your life. What you do every day makes the difference: eating a healthy diet, being physically active, taking medicines if prescribed, and keeping health care appointments to stay on track.

### The Basics

More than 30 million people in the United States have diabetes, but 1 out of 4 of them don't know they have it.

There are three main types of diabetes: type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes (diabetes while pregnant, which can put the pregnancy and baby at risk and lead to type 2 diabetes later).

With type 1 diabetes, your body can't make insulin (a hormone that acts like a key to let blood sugar into cells for use as energy), so you need to take it every day. Type 1 diabetes is less common than type 2 diabetes; about 5% of the people who have diabetes have type 1. Currently, no one knows how to prevent type 1 diabetes.

Most people with diabetes—9 out of 10—have type 2 diabetes. With type 2 diabetes, your body doesn't use insulin well and is unable to keep blood sugar at normal levels. If you have any of the risk factors below, ask your doctor if you should be tested for diabetes. The sooner you find out, the sooner you can start making healthy changes that will benefit you now and in the future.

Type 2 diabetes risk factors include:

- Having prediabetes (blood sugar levels that are higher than normal

- but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes).

- Being overweight.

- Being 45 years or older.

- Having a parent, brother, or sister with type 2 diabetes.

- Being physically active less than 3 times a week.

- Ever having gestational diabetes or giving birth to a baby who weighed more than 9 pounds.

Race and ethnicity also matter: African Americans, Hispanic/Latino Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Pacific Islanders, and some Asian Americans are at higher risk for type 2 diabetes.

You can lower your risk for developing type 2 diabetes by losing a small amount of weight if you're overweight and getting regular physical activity. A small amount of weight loss means around 5% to 7% of your body weight, just 10 to 14 pounds for a 200-pound person. Regular physical activity means getting at least 150 minutes a week of brisk walking or a similar activity. That's just 30 minutes a day, five days a week.

### You've Been Diagnosed with Diabetes. Now What?

It's a balancing act—food, activity, medicine, and blood sugar levels—but you can do it. Meeting with a diabetes educator is a great way to get support and guidance, including how to:

- Follow a healthy eating plan.

- Get physically active.

- Test your blood sugar.

- Give yourself insulin by syringe, pen, or pump, if needed.

- Monitor your feet, skin[134 KB], and eyes to catch problems early.

- Get diabetes supplies and store them according to package directions.

- Manage stress and deal with daily diabetes care.

Ask your doctor about diabetes self-management education and support, and to recommend a diabetes educator. You can also search the American Association of Diabetes Educators' nationwide directory for a list of educators in your community.

Living with diabetes has its ups and downs, but healthy lifestyle choices can give you more control over them. And more control means fewer health problems down the road and a better quality of life now.

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## Jewel performing in Cerritos with father and brothers

**CERRITOS** – Grammy Award nominated singer Jewel will perform at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, Dec. 3, where he'll be joined on stage by his father and brothers.

In the spirit of the holiday season, the concert will feature a pet adoption area and arts and crafts in the theater lobby prior to the show.

When Jewel's first album, "Pieces of You," topped the charts in 1995, she drew comparisons to icons Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell. Jewel's emotional voice and vulnerable performance were groundbreaking on full display in the record's soulful songs, including the hits "Who Will Save Your Soul," "You Were Meant for Me" and "Foolish Games."

It had been an arduous road to success for the singer-songwriter who lived in her van at age 18 while trying to break into the music industry. Her lucky break came when a radio disc jockey played a bootlegged version of one of her songs, launching her career into the stratosphere. By age 21, she was a multi-Platinum household name. Jewel went on to win the American Music Award and released the "Perfectly Clear" album, which topped the Country music charts and featured the hits "Stronger Woman," "I Do," and "Til It Feels Like Cheating."

Jewel's acclaimed works include "Night Without Armor," a collection of her poetry. Her sophomore set, "Spirit," a string-heavy sentimental record, delivered the popular single Hands. Her other albums include "Joy: A Holiday Collection;" "Chasing Down the Dawn," a spoken-word

record featuring unabridged selections from the book of the same name; and "This Way," which featured the hit "Standing Still."

Her version of "Serve the Ego" topped the American dance/club charts, and she followed with "0304," a slick dance-pop album. The singer returned to her earlier sound in "Goodbye Alice in Wonderland," which debuted in the Billboard Top 10.

Jewel's other works included "Sweet & Wild," the children's album, "The Merry Goes 'Round;" and another holiday compilation, "Let It Snow: A Holiday Collection."

In her autobiography, "Never Broken: Songs Are Only Half the Story," Jewel explores her unconventional upbringing and the rocky journey from childhood to fame, marriage, and motherhood. The memoir earned her the title of New York Times bestselling author. The songstress appears in the "Fixer Upper Mystery Series" on Hallmark Movies & Mysteries Channel in March 2018.

Joining Jewel on stage in Cerrito will be her father, singer-songwriter Atz Kilcher, and brothers, who appear in Discovery Channel's hit show "Alaska: The Last Frontier."

For tickets or more information on the performance, call (562) 916-8500 or go to [cerritoscenter.com](http://cerritoscenter.com).



Tickets are on sale to see Jewel at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Dec. 3.

# DINING OUT

### Restaurant Spotlight:



If you are a resident of the city of Downey it is highly likely that you have passed by the huge vintage "STOX" sign on the intersection of Bellflower Blvd and Imperial Hwy. On any given day, it is probable that passers-by will notice folks walking either to or from the lovely little brick diner surrounded by flowering plants with a smile. Patrons who are now no longer residents of the city have proudly confessed that some travel from up to 100 miles away for a holiday pie or two. With its nostalgic feel, impeccable all-day breakfast and classic, hearty dinners, STOX has been one of Downey's most precious gems for fifty-five years.

Voted "Best Breakfast in Town", the menu boasts an assortment of delicious omelets, perfectly cooked pancakes, fresh, succulent burgers, and made-from-scratch soups. The bakery offers pies that are as beautifully tasting as they are aesthetically pleasing; some favorites include pumpkin, pecan, coconut cream, Hawaiian cream (made with fresh pineapple and strawberry), blueberry cream cheese, and savory chicken pot pie. For over 55 years we have sold over a million and half pies. In which people from near and far travel for. A delightful variety of desserts from brownies, cookies



Turkey Waffle



and tarts to tapioca pudding and muffins are also available. On the weekends, a champagne brunch menu is available from 7am-4pm, which includes items such as eggs benedict, rib eye steak with chilaquiles and the specialty "Turkey Waffle": a crispy waffle made with homemade stuffing and topped with roast turkey, mashed potato, gravy and cranberry sauce. True to brunch tradition, the dishes are accompanied with guest's choice of a glass of mimosa, hibiscus or champagne.

All scrumptious food aside, the most endearing tradition that STOX has upheld after all these years in business is the annual Easter egg hunt. Every Spring, children ten years old and under have the opportunity to participate and gather colorful eggs filled with cash prizes and gift certificates. Each egg hunt, the restaurant gives away up to thousands of dollars collectively in prizes. It's no wonder that patrons have passed down their love for this establishment through multiple generations.

STOX coffeeshop is open for business Monday through Saturday from 6 am to 9 pm and on Sunday from 7 am to 9 pm. The lounge is open Monday through Friday from 11 am to 10 pm and on Sundays from 9 am until 10 pm. Happy Hour is available weekdays from 3 pm until 6 pm, holidays excluded. Whether the desire is for a warm, home-style meal or to order a freshly baked 9" pie, STOX has it available: comforting, delicious and reminiscent of simpler times.

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# NFL: L.A. Rams on a roll after steamrolling Giants

By William Odus Martin  
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**LOS ANGELES** – The rainy, slippery conditions in the meadowlands of New Jersey didn't slow down Jared Goff and the high-powered Rams' offense on Sunday as they dominated the Giants, 51-17.

The (6-2)Rams are now first place in the NFC West and have the best point differential in the league. It was the second consecutive victory by 33 points or more.

The play that broke the game open came in the 2nd quarter after the Rams put themselves in a third down and forever-to-go situation. It was third and 33 to be exact, near midfield and the Rams called a short screen pass to Robert Woods.



A conservative playcall because Sean McVay understood they had a comfortable lead against an overmatched opponent and was planning on letting Johnny Hekker, his pro-bowl punter, pin them deep in their zone.

Woods had other intentions for the modest playcall. The wideout had a lot of cushion considering the yards to gain. He found some blockers downfield and pranced 52-yards into the endzone practically untouched.

The Rams took the ball away from the Giants three times in the first half and capitalized on each of those forced turnovers.

With over 200 yards passing and three touchdowns in the first half, Goff had one of the most impressive performances of his young career. Goff finished the game with 311 yards passing, with four touchdowns and no interceptions.

Woods finished the game with two touchdowns on four receptions and 70 yards, by far his best performance since coming to LA.

Todd Gurley scored two rushing touchdowns even though he only carried the ball 16 times for 59 yards. Gurley had a huge 44-yard reception on one of his two catches. His 18 touches in the game was the second fewest this year, but I am sure that was by design. No need to risk injuring the star running back in a blowout.

Coach McVay announced that Malcolm Brown apparently injured his MCL in the second half of the game so look out for Gurley to have a heavy workload come Sunday. Also keep an eye out for those jet-sweeps from Tavon Austin this Sunday as the Rams host the (3-5)Houston Texans. The Rams are .500 at the Coliseum with a record of 2-2 but are perfect on the road.

The Texans are another team reeling from devastating injuries, much like the Giants, though they had playoff hopes as recent as a couple weeks ago. That was of course before their franchise rookie sensation went down with a non-contact ACL tear that cut his standout season short.

**CHARGERS:** The (3-5) Chargers enjoyed a much-needed bye last week, and will travel across the country to face the (5-3) Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday at EverBank Field.

The Jaguars are coming off a 23-7 win over Cincinnati and a 27-0 rout of the Indianapolis Colts, a divisional rival.

The Jags are averaging over 25 points a game and are tied for first in the AFC South with the (5-3)Tennessee Titans. The division is still very much up for grabs since no team has proven to be a true playoff contender as of yet, but out of the four teams, Jacksonville looks like the team who will represent the south in the playoffs turning the midpoint in the season.

Jacksonville has scored 89 more points than it has allowed this year whereas the Titans are minus 12. Both the Titans and Jags have 2-1 divisional records yet statistically, Jacksonville look far superior.

The Chargers are averaging 18.8 points per game but have allowed an average of 19 points per game. The minus 2 points differential shows how close the Chargers are from being 5-3 or even 6-2. The couple of heartbreaking losses to begin the season are still haunting the transplants who find themselves tied with the (3-5)Broncos for last place in the AFC West.

The AFC West is also up for grabs with the division-leading (6-3) Kansas City Chiefs slowing down and the (4-5)Raiders unable to string together solid team efforts in consecutive outings.

## POETRY MATTERS

### On Swearing

In Normandy, at Point Du Hoc,  
where some Rangers died,  
Dad pointed to an old man  
20 feet closer to the edge than us,  
asking if I could see  
the medal the man held  
like a rosary.  
As we approached the cliff  
the man's swearing, each bulleted  
syllable, sifted back  
toward us in the ocean wind.  
I turned away,  
but my shoulder was held still  
by my father's hand,  
and I looked up at him,  
as he looked at the man.

- Gary Dop

*Veteran's Day invokes gratitude and respect for the men and women who have served this country. But the old survivor's anger explodes in the single word "bulleted" and the boy learns that a medal is not a rosary. The Rangers' D Day ascent of the fortified promontory is legendary. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.*

## Medicare deadline is Dec. 7

**DOWNEY** – For those eligible for Medicare, primarily those aged 65 and older, the annual election period (AEP) takes place from October 15 to December 7 every year.

PIH urges Medicare recipients to take advantage and review their current Medicare coverage, make changes or choose a new plan before the deadline.

Staying with Original Medicare may be easy, however it may not be the best choice since Medicare alone does not cover all healthcare needs; and out-of-pocket costs can be expensive.

Patients may also want to select a new type of Medicare coverage. There are two types of Medicare plans available: Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplement Plans.

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A Medicare Supplement Plan is also known as Medigap, meaning it covers the benefit gaps left by Medicare, however it does require a monthly premium from the Medicare recipient. The plan may assist in paying Medicare deductibles and co-insurance costs, and provide benefits not covered by Medicare.

Recipients can purchase a supplemental plan by paying a higher monthly premium. There is no network of providers so recipients can visit any doctor who accepts Medicare.

For a complete listing, contact 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048), 24 hours a day/7 days a week or consult www.medicare.gov. To speak with a PIH Health representative for Medicare information, call 888-365-4450 or visit PIHHealth.org/Medicare.

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 29, 2017 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 17-0417 Loan No.: \*\*\*\*\*1706 APN: 6247-007-022 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/5/2005. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein after described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JESUS GARCIA, A SINGLE MAN. Duly Appointed Trustee: PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES. Recorded 10/18/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2500151 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 11/22/2017 at 11:00 AM. Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766.Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$267,329.25. Street Address or other common designation of real property:11470 PRUESS AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90241. 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. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 029585-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP., 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117

Web site https://www.servicelinkasap.com/default.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case 17-0417. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 10/26/2017 PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES 5130 E. La Palma Ave., Suite 202 Anaheim Hills, California 92807 Sale Line: (714) 730-2727 Michelle R. Ghidotti-Gonsalves, President. A-4636951 11/02/2017, 11/09/2017, 11/16/2017

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 14-001414 730-1706435-70 APN 6245-002-035 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/22/2007. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. ON 11/29/2017 AT 11:00AM, Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Sei Chong Kang, And Sook Kang, Husband and Wife As Joint Tenants, as Trustor(s) in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A., as Beneficiary, Recorded on 03/02/2007 in Instrument No. 20070459555 of official records in the Office of the county recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state), By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described as: 7921 KINGBEE STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90242 The property hereby described as being sold "as is". The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$779,121.80 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recording. DATE: 11/07/2017 AZTEC FORECLOSURE CORPORATION Elaine Malone Assistant Secretary / Assistant Vice President Aztec Foreclosure Corporation 3636 N. Central Ave., Suite #400 Phoenix, AZ 85012 Phone: (877) 257-0717 or (602) 638-5700 Fax: (602) 638-5748 www.aztecrestee.com NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit the Internet Web site, using the file number assigned to this case 14-001414. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. www.homesearch.com 800-758-8052 Or Aztec Foreclosure Corporation (877) 257-0717 www.aztecrestee.com NP9320165 To: DOWNEY PATRIOT 11/09/2017, 11/16/2017, 11/23/2017

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T.S. No. 12-1669-11 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/29/2005. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein after described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JESUS GARCIA, A SINGLE MAN. Duly Appointed Trustee: PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES. Recorded 10/18/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2500151 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 11/22/2017 at 11:00 AM. Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766.Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$267,329.25. Street Address or other common designation of real property:11470 PRUESS AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90241. 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. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 029585-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP., 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117

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ONLY BE MAILED TO THE MORTGAGOR OR TRUSTOR. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/17/2006. 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. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the herein after described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: MINA MONTEJANO, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee: THE WOLF FIRM, A LAW CORPORATION, recorded 11/17/2006 as Instrument No. 05 2425236 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Street Address or other common designation of real property: 7325 IRWINGROVE DR DOWNEY, CA 90241 A.P.N.: 6229-002-015 Date of Sale: 12/5/2017 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$2,991,851.89, estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JESUS GARCIA, A SINGLE MAN. Duly Appointed Trustee: PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES. Recorded 10/18/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2500151 in book, page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 11/22/2017 at 11:00 AM. Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766.Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$267,329.25. Street Address or other common designation of real property:11470 PRUESS AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90241. 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. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 029585-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP., 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117

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# Companies offer job opportunities to students at Cerritos College job fair



Natalie Fletcher, regional recruiter at Child Care Careers, speaks with student Lydia Perez. Photo by Jocelyn Torralba

**EMPLOYMENT:** Students networked with representatives from several industries.

By Jocelyn Torralba  
Talon Marks

**NORWALK** – Companies came to campus to offer job opportunities to students at the annual Job Fair on Thursday, Nov. 2.

The fair was held in front of the library where students came to gather information on the businesses that were offering jobs.

Mary Kay beauty consultant and former Cerritos College student,

Jennifer Kimble said she has been working for Mary Kay for over 10 years and made a good amount of money while she was attending Cerritos.

"I was in control of my schedule and selling the products and I used it to pay my college tuition at that time with that money and then when I graduated, I got the job I wanted but didn't make the money I deserved so I still worked for Mary Kay," Kimble said.

She added that the company is flexible with students' schedules, and that students should always have a plan B while pursuing their degree — just like Mary Kay helped

her.

The City of Downey's Aspire after school program was also providing job opportunities to students.

Employee Evelyn Ericeto said the program is a part-time job that works with elementary and middle school students after school.

"We are currently looking for leaders that will work with kids between the hours of one and six pm. We do lots of activities," Ericeto said.

Students can find more information and apply at [www.downeyca.org](http://www.downeyca.org).

Another business at the fair was Specialty Equipment located in Santa Ana, where the company builds trucks for the construction industry.

David Estrada, Specialty Equipment employee and alumni from Cerritos College said "Right now we're looking for welders, auto body painters, sheet metal fabricators, and other specific skill sets."

The requirements to work at Specialty Equipment are previous job experience, classes taken in that field, or a certificate.

Child Care Services was also at the fair offering job opportunities to students.

Natalie Fletcher, regional recruiter said the company offers

students job placements in child development.

"We work with head start programs, early education centers, after school programs, and preschool teaching," Fletcher said.

The requirements are a minimum of six months of experience and the maximum requirement is a Bachelor's degree and California state teachers permit.

Fletcher said the company is flexible with students schedules because the minimum requirement to work is two days per week.

Students can apply to [childcarecareers.net](http://childcarecareers.net).

Other businesses such as the City of Long Beach Police Department, Union Bank, State Farm, Optimus Group, Behavior respite in action, and Volt were informing students about their job opportunities and why they should join their company.

Lydia Perez, speech and language mythology major, is a mother and student and is currently looking for a job.

"I'm interested in working part time because I go to school and my daughter is in the school's child care so that helps me get a job right now. I want to work to get more experience as a speech pathologist," Perez said.

## Church hosts pancake breakfast

**DOWNEY** – Downey Memorial Christian Church will host its annual pancake breakfast, bake sale and craft fair this Saturday, Nov. 11, from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Call (562) 869-7291 for more information.

## Norwalk Transit accepting canned food for rides

**NORWALK** – Norwalk Transit System will hold its annual canned food drive Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 14-15.

Passengers are invited to donate a canned food item when boarding a bus in exchange for a free ride (transfers are optional).

All canned food items collected will be donated to the Social Services Center's emergency food cupboard to help feed local families in need this holiday season.

More than 300 canned food items were collected during Norwalk Transit's drive last year.

For more details, call Norwalk Transit at (562) 929-5550.

## Gordon Enlow passes away

**DOWNEY** – Gordon Kay Enlow, of Downey, passed away Oct. 24 after a lengthy illness. He was 80.

Gordon was born in Long Beach.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lou Bailey Enlow, daughter Kerry Pettit of Arizona, sister Janice Ballinger of California, grandchildren Ian Michael Pettit and Kyra Lyn Pettit of Arizona, step-daughters Karen Flores, Peggy Nebares and Briget Hill.

Gordon is preceded in death by his parents, Velma Enlow and Franklin Enlow, and his brother Richard Enlow.



## Facebook workshop at library

**DOWNEY** – Learn how to use Facebook easily and safely at a "how-to" workshop Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Downey City Library.

Participants should bring a laptop if they have one; if not, cardholders can borrow a laptop from the library.

Reservations for attendance and laptop use can be made to Nancy at (562) 928-4327.

## Bingo lunch at St. Raymond's

**DOWNEY** – The Italian Catholic Federation at St. Raymond Catholic Church is sponsoring a bingo luncheon Nov. 12.

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# Downey Halloween Pumpkin Patch

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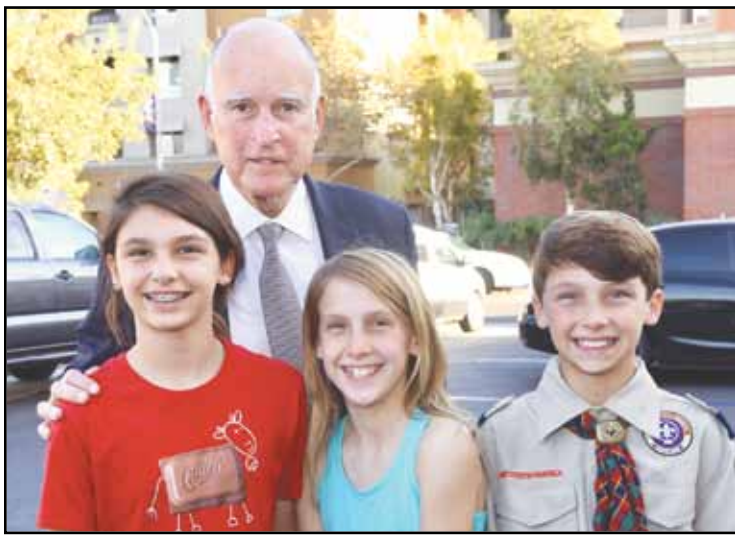
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Hannah, Karina, and Lucas Saab – children of Downey attorney Dennis Saab, were excited to meet Governor Jerry Brown recently as he toured the Fox Theatre in Fullerton.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild is planning their annual Champagne Christmas Luncheon at the Rio Hondo Events Center on Saturday, Dec. 2. for reservations, call Linda at 562-869-6491.

Assembly member Sharon Quirk-Siva (65th Assembly District) along with some Historical Theatre Foundation board members showed the Governor around in an effort to rev up support for renovations.

Pictured from left to right: Joyce Prokop, Lou Ugliano, Paula Mayfield, Linda Malme, Christine Pohlen and Terry Wright.



On Saturday, Nov. 4, Mayor Fernando Vasquez announced the birth of his son. He and wife, Donna, welcomed Ethan Omid Vasquez into the world at 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 3.

"We're blessed with joy and recovering well," said Vasquez in his announcement.

# Real estate commission: how much should you pay?

When you decide to sell your house, if you are like most people, you will want to hire -or at least consider hiring- a real estate agent to handle the process.

Surprisingly, many people think that real estate brokerage commission rates are "set" in their area and they have to pay 5% or 6% (or, the area's going rate) of the sales price to the agent in order to get their services. This is absolutely not the case, and in fact, you can pay whatever you and the agent agree to.

What is a fair amount? "Fair" is whatever you and the agent decide is fair, and just as you are not under any obligation to pay any more than you want to, the agent is not under any obligation to do business with you if they are not going to earn what they want.

You will probably find that most agents will want to get a commission rate somewhere between 4%-7%, depending on your particular area. While you may think that this is too much, keep in mind the following:

- 1.) The agent is not getting the entire amount. In fact, they get about 37.5% of the total on average (this varies also by geographic area), because the buyer's agent's company usually gets half of the entire amount (say 3%), and of the remaining half (3% in this example), the listing agent's company gets about 25% of that or more.
- 2.) If the sale goes smoothly (real estate transactions rarely do), the agent may not put in a huge amount of time and effort into the process, but if complications arise (there usually are some, if not many), the agent may put in a great deal of time and energy, including many evenings and weekends.
- 3.) The agent has no guarantee they will get paid and if you change your mind halfway through and

decide not to sell, the agent may have invested a lot of time and energy for nothing.

4.) The agent is most likely on straight commission and has to pay for everything (i.e., gas, cell phone, signs, insurance, etc.) out of their own pocket.

5.) While it is understood the listing side pays for marketing the home and facilitating the showings and feedback process, the listing agent also plays an important role in keeping the buyer and seller at the negotiation table.

Example: A buyer offered an initial price of 15K less than the list price. The seller countered at 4K under list and the buyer responded that they had offered their top amount and there would be no counter. The seller was offended and the talks were off. Two weeks later, the listing agent convinced the seller to counter again and invite the buyer to the table to see if the buyer would be willing to come up from his initial offer. He did and eventually, the deal was closed and everyone was happy. Ultimately the listing agent

recognized that some amount in between the two was reasonable and was successful in coaching the seller to see the benefit of dealing with this particular buyer.

6.) You might consider an incentive-based compensation for the agent.

So, if your house is not going to sell for very much and/or is probably not going to be an "easy" sale for whatever reason (perhaps there are a lot of homes on the market and not selling quickly, or you are in the middle of a divorce and you know the agent is going to have to deal with a lot of tension and communication with multiple parties), when you do the calculations, you may find that the agent is actually doing a lot of work for very little compensation.

However, if your house is worth half a million dollars or more, and houses are flying off the market, then asking for a 1% or 2% reduction of the agent's requested rate might be very fair for both of you.

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