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Keep Downey Beautiful cleanup

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 18
TIME: 9 am
LOCATION: Independence Park

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Long Beach City College dance concert

DATE: Thursday, Nov. 30
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

DECEMBER 1

Long Beach City College dance concert

DATE: Friday, Dec. 1
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

DECEMBER 2

Mariachi Divas in concert

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 2
TIME: 8 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

DECEMBER 3

Downey Christmas Parade

DATE: Sunday, Dec. 3
TIME: 1 pm
LOCATION: Downey Avenue

DECEMBER 4

Tree-Lighting ceremony

DATE: Monday, Dec. 4
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: Civic Center

DECEMBER 9

Vaiari'i & Hinahere - a Tahitian dance performance

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 9
TIME: 2 pm, 6:30 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

DECEMBER 16

The Nutcracker

DATE: Dec. 16
TIME: 7:30 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

DECEMBER 17

The Nutcracker

DATE: Dec. 17
TIME: 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

Senator Tony Mendoza accused of sexual harassment

INVESTIGATION: Two women separately accuse Downey's state senator of harassment.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – Two women have accused Tony Mendoza – Downey's representative in the California senate – of sexual harassment, charges he denies.

The Sacramento Bee broke the story Nov. 9, reporting that the Senate was investigating an allegation that earlier this year Mendoza invited a 23-year-old woman to his home to review her résumé for a job opportunity in his office.

According to the Bee, the woman was working as a fellow in Mendoza's office as part of a Sacramento State program that places graduates in legislative offices for 11 months.

The woman was seeking a permanent job in Mendoza's office and had submitted a resume, the Bee reported. On Aug. 31, Mendoza allegedly offered to review her resume at his Sacramento home, an offer she declined.

A week prior, Mendoza "had suggested the fellow could spend the night in his hotel room before an early golf tournament fundraiser at Cache Creek the next day," the Bee reported. The woman declined that offer as well.

The fellow reported Mendoza's actions to the head of the fellowship program – David Pacheco – who alerted Jeannie Oropeza, head of human resources under the Senate Rules Committee.

The newspaper also reported that Mendoza fired three staff members who had knowledge of the accusations and resulting investigation. They signed

confidentiality agreements and were fired Sept. 22, according to the Bee.

Second Accuser

After that story published, a second woman – Jennifer Kwart – went public with allegations that while at the 2008 California Democratic Party convention, Mendoza picked her up from the airport and took her to a hotel suite, where they drank liquor from the hotel room's mini-bar.

Kwart was a 19-year-old intern in Mendoza's Norwalk office at the time.

Kwart said that Mendoza asked questions about her ex-boyfriends and taste in men. On their way to the convention, Mendoza said he didn't want to spend much time at the convention because "then we won't have time for anything else," Kwart said.

"I interpreted that to mean this guy thinks I'm going to have sex with him," Kwart told the Bee.

During a dinner alone with Mendoza that night, Kwart said she faked a phone call and retreated to her room. She returned home the next day.

In a statement to the Patriot, Mendoza, who is married with four children, said he would "never knowingly abuse his authority or put an employee in an uncomfortable position."

"If I've communicated or miscommunicated anything that has ever made a female employee feel uncomfortable, then I am deeply embarrassed and I will immediately apologize," he said.

In response to Kwart's accusations, Mendoza responded: "The allegation is completely false."

Mendoza was elected to the state Senate in 2014, beating former Downey mayor Mario Guerra. In a



Two women have accused state Sen. Tony Mendoza of sexual harassment.

statement, Guerra didn't explicitly call on Mendoza to resign, but said he "has lost the ability to govern effectively on behalf of our residents."

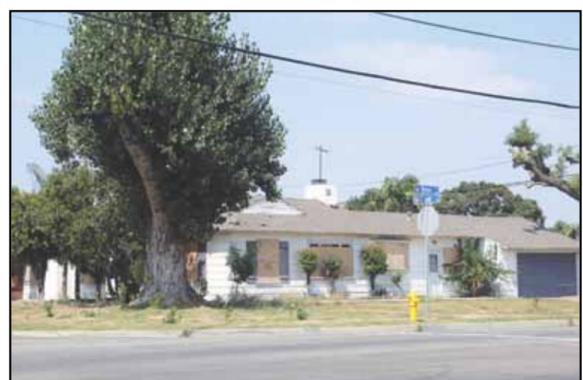
"While some will call my comments on this issue a political statement, our campaign knew about some of these allegations told to us by some of his former employees back in 2014," Guerra said. "We knew about the systemic institutional problem that continued to cover up his indiscretions and abuse of power over many women."

"If these allegations are true, and it seems the credibility of the victims is beyond reproach, Mr. Mendoza has not only betrayed the most sacred trust placed upon him as a legislator, but also as a person in a position of power."

In response to the allegations, the Senate announced Sunday that the Senate Rules Committee would no longer investigate accusations of sexual harassment.

Instead, together with the Senate Democratic Women's Caucus, the Senate will hire an outside legal team to conduct investigations and recommend discipline.

City Council allows subdivision of Orange Estates lot



The City Council on Tuesday allowed property at 7741 3rd St. to be subdivided for the construction of two new homes.

CITY COUNCIL ROUNDUP: Developer plans to demolish home and build two new houses in its place.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – Reversing an earlier decision by planning officials, the City Council on Tuesday allowed a developer to subdivide an Orange Estates home and build two homes on the property.

Located at 7741 3rd St., the property was purchased by Simi Valley-based 3-E Enterprises for \$654,000 in April 2016.

The two-bedroom, two-bathroom property sits on a 19,090-sq. ft. lot.

Earlier this year, the new owner

sought to subdivide the property into two lots. It would demolish the existing house and replace it with two single-family homes on separate lots each measuring 8,972 square feet.

The Planning Commission, however, rejected those plans on Sept. 20, determining it "could not make all of the findings necessary to approve the project."

Council members voted in favor of the appeal, reversing the Planning Commission's denial and allowing the subdivision.

■ Council members on Tuesday accepted a Christmas float from the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The float, which was no longer

used by Manhattan Beach, will be gifted to the Downey Chamber of Commerce, which will be responsible for its maintenance and storage.

Attached to a trailer, the float measures 8 ½-ft. wide by 23-ft. long and 10-ft. tall.

"Because the float has not been in use by the community in recent years, the Manhattan Beach Chamber and City of Manhattan Beach have offered the float to the Downey community," Downey councilmember Blanca Pacheco wrote in a report to her council colleagues.

Downey will pay a ceremonial \$1 for the float, plus fees for transfer documents and licensing.

■ Alicia Duarte was hired as Downey's newest city clerk.

Duarte was serving in the position on an interim basis since Adria Jimenez left for a job in Buena Park earlier this year.

Duarte is a Downey resident.

■ The council rejected a proposal to house a rail yard for Eco Rapid Transit, a proposed light-rail transit system between Bob Hope Airport and Artesia.

The rail yard would have been located on the south Rancho Los Amigos campus, which is slated for redevelopment in the coming years.

Downey restaurant grades

El Azteca Taqueria
11917 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/17
Grade: **B**

Bar Louie
8860 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 11/7/17
Grade: **A**

Downey Brewing Co.
10924 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/7/17
Grade: **A**

Pina's Pizza
11102 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/7/17
Grade: **A**

Sunny's Sushi & Grill
11531 Bellflower Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/7/17
Grade: **A**

Stewart's Liquor
11112 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/7/17
Grade: **A**

Pacific Burgers
8019 Stewart & Gray Rd.
Date Inspected: 11/8/17
Grade: **A**

Subway
11858 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/8/17
Grade: **A**

Starbucks
8626 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/8/17
Grade: **A**

Bastards
11045 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/8/17
Grade: **A**

Los Amigos Golf Course
7295 Quill Dr.
Date Inspected: 11/8/17
Grade: **A**

Lock & Key Social Drinkery
11033 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/8/17
Grade: **A**

PIH Health Hospital
11500 Brookshire Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/8/17
Grade: **A**

Green Olive
9234 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/8/17
Grade: **A**

Albert's Mexican Food
7347 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 11/9/17
Grade: **A**

Tropicana Bakery
10218 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/17
Grade: **A**

Orchard Medical Offices
9449 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 11/14/17
Grade: **A**

Gloria's Cocina Mexicana
7401 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/14/17
Grade: **A**

Myra's Salvadorean Cuisine
7324 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/14/17
Grade: **A**

Marisa's Mexican Restaurant
11949 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/14/17
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 72°

Saturday 77°

Sunday 75°

THINGS TO DO



Winter Wine Walk

Saturday - Downtown Burbank, 12-8 pm

Street fair, live entertainment, tree lighting, snowfall, and wine and beer tastings. \$45



East L.A. Christmas Parade

Sunday - Whittier Boulevard, 12 pm

Floats, marching bands, equestrian units and celebrities, including Oscar de la Hoya, Danny Trejo and Art Laboe.



Holiday Bone-anza

Saturday - El Dorado Park in Long Beach, 10 am to 4 pm

Vendors, food trucks, silent auction, photos with Santa Claus, calendar contest, and more. Dog friendly.

FACEBOOK

Developer's proposal to subdivide Orange Estates property approved by City Council

George Manzanilla: If we keep subdividing lots in the neighborhood literally called 'Orange Estates' there won't be any estates left. Leaving the properties the size they are is like putting money in the bank for the future as space becomes even more scarce.

Carmen Mi: Too many greedy developers are ruining the city with crap construction. Downey should have much higher standards for future residential development.

Bobbi Samperi: Keep rejecting. Our neighborhoods are already being destroyed.

Reach us on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/DowneyPatriot](https://www.facebook.com/DowneyPatriot)

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@WarrenBears: This Saturday November 18th between 11:00am-2:00pm our Women's Soccer program will be hosting a car wash @ Del Taco 8028 Firestone Blvd., Downey CA. Tickets donations are \$5.00! Feel free to stop by and enjoy a bite to eat while waiting for your car to get washed

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Downey named 'Most Business-Friendly City' in L.A. County

DOWNEY – Downey was selected as the "Most Business-Friendly City" in Los Angeles County for cities with populations greater than 68,000.

The award was presented Nov. 9 at the 22nd annual Eddy Awards, put on by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LACEDC) at the Wilshire Grand Center in downtown L.A.

Arcadia was named "Most Business-Friendly City" for cities with a population less than 68,000, which is the median population size for California's cities.

"This year's Most Business Friendly City awardees understand that communities and families thrive when good jobs are created," said Bill Allen, Chief Executive Officer of LAEDC. "It is great to see our region's elected leaders and city staffers prioritize the attraction and retention of businesses providing well-paying jobs for our county's residents."

The winners were selected by a panel of blue ribbon judges based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated commitment to economic development as a priority
- Programs and services designed to facilitate business entry, expansion, and retention
- Economic development activity over the past three years
- Competitive business tax rates and fee structures
- Availability of economic incentives
- Regular and effective communication with businesses

In announcing Downey as its winner, the LACEDC praised the city for its efforts in creating a pro-business environment:

"The City of Downey's pro-business approach, progressive city government, and strong local economy make the city an excellent business location. The area has great housing stock, a high quality of life, a skilled workforce, and a diverse population.

"Economic development staff that serve as ombudsmen expertly assist businesses with entitlement, development and approval processes. By ensuring public safety, encouraging economic growth, and supporting environmental responsibility, Downey remains a positive example and its essence of community is what makes it such a special place."

In recent years, Downey's centralized location has made it a healthcare hub. Kaiser Permanente recently announced it is investing \$52 million to expand its Downey hospital, and PIH Health has spent millions of dollars since acquiring Downey Regional Medical Center four years ago.

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center is undergoing a \$418 million renovation that will secure its reputation as a state-of-the-art rehabilitation center.

The long-abandoned Rancho Los Amigos south campus will under a major revitalization as a result of a \$468 million investment that will include a new rail transit line along with retail, residential and commercial development.

"We feel honored to have been named 'Most Business-Friendly City'

The city of Downey at the 22nd annual Eddy Awards.

From left: mayor Fernando Vasquez, city manager Gilbert Livas, councilmember Blanca Pachco, economic development director Aldo Schindler and councilmember Rick Rodriguez.



and take great pride in being the driving force for economic growth not only in our city, but the entire southeast region," said Mayor Fernando Vasquez.

Mayor Pro Tem Sean Ashton added: "This award demonstrates our commitment to economic growth and our vision for continuing to ensure a strong and thriving business community."

Downey recently celebrated the opening of the newly-expanded Downey Nissan dealership, which was the result of a partnership between Nissan and Downey through economic development funds.

The dealership recently celebrated the highest sales for a Nissan dealership in the country, and is expected to generate more than \$9 million annually in economic activity to Downey.

Its former location on Firestone Boulevard has been occupied by a new Hyundai dealership.

Giant RV recently moved into the former Gemco and World of Decor building at Florence Avenue and Studebaker Road.

Meanwhile, the LACEDC praised Arcadia for its commitment to quality of life, which attracts new businesses and residents:

"Encapsulated in their marketing campaign "See Arcadia. Above & Beyond", Arcadia prides itself on having a nimble and dedicated city staff, a vibrant local economy, and a business friendly approach committed to going above and beyond your expectations. City highlights include Santa Anita Park, Westfield Santa Anita mall, a resurgent historic downtown district, and world-renowned Asian cuisine.

"Arcadia's high quality of life, great schools, and cultural amenities continue to attract new residents and visitors, and a new business-

friendly zoning code adopted in 2016 demonstrates the city's continued commitment to cutting red tape, promoting economic growth, and supporting local businesses."

In addition to the city awards, three honorees were recognized for exceptional contributions to economic development in the L.A. region, in the categories of individual, corporate and education.

Mark Suster is managing partner of Upfront Ventures, and LAEDC's Individual Honoree for the 2017 Eddy Awards. A two-time entrepreneur turned venture capitalist, Mark's extensive experience in leading investments that include MakeSpace, uBeam, mitu, Osmo, and Maker Studios (acquired by Disney in 2015) has significantly guided budding entrepreneurs through L.A.'s VC market. As Mark manages the largest and most active early-stage fund ever raised in the region, he has become a key player in L.A.'s tech scene by concentrating about half of those investments in the local area.

Cedars-Sinai, the corporate honoree for the 2017 Eddy Awards, is widely renowned for the quality of its patient care, research, education and community service, and for its role in meeting the changing healthcare needs of one of the most diverse regions in the nation.

California State University, Los Angeles is the educational honoree at the 2017 Eddy Awards. The university is ranked #1 in the United States for upward mobility, underscoring the power of education in elevating students, their families and communities.

At last year's 2016 Eddy Awards, the City of Santa Clarita and the City of Pico Rivera were recognized as the Most Business Friendly Cities.

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Downey police officer Bernard Welander retires



Training Officer, with the important role of training newly hired officers.

In 2012, Bernard was assigned to the Detective Bureau. Bernard worked the Juvenile desk for the last 5 years and also assisted in Sex Crimes and Child Abuse investigations.

One of Bernard's collateral assignments at the department

was as an Explorer Advisor. In that position, he mentored young individuals who had aspirations to work in law enforcement, the military, or public service.

We wish Bernard happiness in his retirement, he will definitely be missed at the department.

Contributed by the Downey Police Department

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department would like to recognize Detective Bernard Welander who retired from the department on Sunday, Nov. 12, after 17 years of service.

Bernard was raised in East Los Angeles and graduated from Cantwell High School in 1977.

In 1984, Bernard enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at the 9th Communications Battalion at Camp Pendleton. He later served as a Marine Security Guard at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw, Poland and the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong.

In 1988, he was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps with the rank of Sergeant.

Bernard attended USC and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations in 1990.

In 1995, Bernard was hired by the USC Department of Public Safety and attended the Rio Hondo Police Academy. He completed the Academy as their #1 Graduate. Bernard served as an armed Public Safety Officer for USC from 1995 to 2000.

In 2000, Bernard was hired by the Downey Police Department where he began his career as a patrol officer. During his 12 years of patrol service, he promoted to the rank of Corporal and was a Field

In Memory of June Marie Guengerich

April 29, 1928 - October 25, 2017



June Marie Guengerich was born April 29, 1928 in Martinez, CA and entered into the presence of her Lord Jesus on October 25, 2017 in Downey, CA.

June attended Pepperdine University before her marriage to Richard Guengerich in 1950. When her three daughters reached school age, June attended and graduated from Long Beach State University.

With a caring heart and a love for helping others, June was an educator in the Downey School District for over 30 years. After retiring from teaching at Warren High, June impacted many more lives serving with Child Evangelism Fellowship for the next 23 years.

June leaves behind her loving family: Her beloved husband of 67 years, Richard Guengerich of Downey, CA, her daughters, Donna, Karen, and Cathy, nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, as well as many other family members.

Through the years, June was an active church member of Immanuel Mennonite, Downey First Baptist and Calvary Chapel of Downey where many appreciated hearing her beautiful voice as she sang to God's glory. One of her favorite Bible verses from Isaiah 12 is "The Lord is my strength and my song." June's memorial service was held at the Downey First Baptist Chapel on November 6, 2017.

She will be greatly missed by all who know and love her. She wants us to be comforted by Jesus' promise that we will be with her again forever!

In Memory of Grace E. Horney

September 6, 1926 - October 22, 2017



Grace Elisabeth Horney (aka Bettina, Betty, Bet, Mom and Grandma), 91 of Downey, California died from natural causes on October 22, 2017. She was born in Moctezuma, Sonora, Mexico on September 6, 1926 and raised in Miami, Oklahoma. She was one of 8 children. Her mother Viola Bitticks (Gibbons) moved the family to South Gate, CA in 1943.

In 1946 Grace traveled across the country by train to board the 3rd peace time sailing of the Queen Elizabeth in New York, taking her to Great Britain to marry the love of her life, Royal Air Force pilot Norman Horney, who predeceased her. After a year of living in England they moved back to Southern California settling in Downey in 1953.

Grace had two children, Ross Alan Horney (wife Donnetta Jensen Horney) and grandchildren Christopher and Dustin Horney of Huntington Beach, CA, and Connie St. Amand (Horney) (husband Daun St. Amand) of Los Angeles, CA and grandchildren Ashley, Lea and Gabrielle St. Amand survive her. Grace is also survived by her youngest sister, Leslie Brown (Bitticks) of Portland, Oregon, along with numerous nephews, nieces and extended family across the country.

Grace became one of the first female elected school board members on the Downey Unified School District Board of Education in 1965. She held numerous positions on the board, serving as President 4 times. She stepped down from the board in 1993 after serving 28 years. Also during this time she was a member of numerous committees throughout the area. Close to her heart was her time serving on the Downey Women's Club Scholarship Committee, which enabled many Downey graduates to attend college.

In 1987 Grace received special recognition by the Los Angeles County Democratic Party for her exemplary record of service to her community by the Honorable Cecil Green 33rd Senatorial District of California. Also, in 1993 she received special commendation for her public and civic leadership by the Honorable Bob Epple of the 56th Assembly District of California.

Grace, a girl from a small Midwest town, lived an extraordinary life. She married a British pilot, sailed on the Queen Mary, moved to California, and became one of the first elected female officials in her town. She remained politically active throughout her life, earning the respect and trust of students and teachers alike.

More importantly, Grace was the adored matriarch of her family. She hosted annual holiday gatherings and spoiled her family with her signature cooking and baking for decades. She founded the Horney Family Scholarship Fund for her 5 grandchildren, and provided an endless supply of emotional support and inspiration. Her intelligence and sharp wit delighted her family. Grace was the most amazing wife, mother, aunt, grandmother and friend a family could ever have, making a large impact on many lives. Her gift of love and caring will never be forgotten and sorely missed.

The family is holding a private ceremony to celebrate the life and the many accomplishments of their beloved Grace.

Memorial Gifts in Grace's memory can be made to: Downey Women's Club Scholarship Fund, 9813 Paramount Boulevard, Downey, CA 90240.

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The City of Downey and local 5th grade students remind you: **Help Keep Downey Beautiful! Recycle Used Motor Oil & Filters!**

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Advocacy groups press for restrictions on payday lenders

LOS ANGELES – On Tuesday, a group of more than 80 religious and community leaders sent a letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, urging the board to take action next month to address high-cost payday and car title lending storefronts in the county.

"Predatory lenders target our most vulnerable communities – particularly areas with high family poverty rates, which is why we're asking for the board's help," said Paulina Gonzalez, executive director of the California Reinvestment Coalition.

"Payday and car title loans are advertised as quick, one-time Band-Aids for financial challenges, but the reality is four out of five of their customers get caught in a long-term debt trap. In Los Angeles County, we know that people are losing over \$85 million to payday loan fees every year. We need local and state policy makers to take action to reform this industry."

"It was troubling to learn that seniors are now the largest group of borrowers in California," added Rabbi Jonathan Klein, executive director of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice. "This is why we're urging the board to take measures to prevent these lenders from concentrating in areas that are struggling economically. By doing so they can help protect seniors and working families who are on fixed incomes and who

can't afford to get caught in the payday loan debt trap. Local action would also help send a strong message to our state policy makers that reforms are sorely needed."

While the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau recently released new rules to better protect consumers, the protections won't take effect for almost two years, and may be at risk of Congressional repeal, which is why advocates are urging the board to act now.

"We've seen the same story play out again and again with the people we work with and high-cost payday and car title loans," said Isaias Hernandez, community service director at the Mexican American Opportunity Foundation. "People take out one loan to help with a financial emergency but instead they're quickly in over their heads and drowning in fees, collection calls, closed bank accounts and financial heartaches.

"If we can limit the number of storefronts, we can make these harmful products less accessible to people in dire financial situations and prevent them from falling deeper into expensive debt that they can't climb out of."

"While these lenders like to position themselves as 'neighborhood

businesses,' we are concerned that they're disproportionately located in certain neighborhoods – namely in black and Latino communities. The board can put a stop to our communities being saturated with these financial predators" added Leticia Andueza, associate executive director of New Economics for Women.

Advocates are calling on the Board to enact an ordinance to protect LA county residents by limiting the saturation of these lenders in low-income communities and communities of color. Long Beach, for example, passed an ordinance in 2013 that restricts where alternative financial services businesses can locate and requires special permit approvals. In 2012, the City of San Jose enacted an ordinance that imposes a cap on how many payday loan stores are allowed to locate in the city. Numerous jurisdictions in California and around the country have passed similar policies.

Specific recommendations include:

1) Enact a limit on the number of alternative financial services locations allowed within the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

2) Require conditional use permits for any new alternative financial services storefront locations.

3) Impose distancing requirements between alternative financial services businesses so that they don't cluster in low-income communities and neighborhoods of color.

4) Impose distancing requirements between alternative financial services businesses and other sensitive uses, such as residential areas and liquor stores.

"Payday loans create financial disasters for people, so I'm urging the board of supervisors to do what they can to check these lenders," said Davina Esparza, a resident of Montebello.

"Thanks to payday loans, my credit was damaged, I had difficulty finding housing and I experienced an incredible amount of stress. While I'm just one person, I know my story isn't unique and most borrowers get caught in the same 'debt trap' I found myself in.

In Memory of Paul Harrison Griffin

October 27, 1929 - November 9, 2017



Paul H. Griffin, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend and longtime educator, passed away November 9, 2017 in Norwalk, CA. Paul and his wife, Betty, were married for 65 years and were residents of Downey for 61 years.

Paul was born to Lena and Sterling "Harry" Griffin in El Dorado Springs, MO, on October 27, 1929; Paul was their only child. He spent his young childhood a short distance away in Tiffin, MO, where his mother owned a general store. Paul and his parents drove to California via Route 66 seeking a better life and education opportunities (this was during the Great Depression). Paul celebrated his 7th birthday sleeping in the family car on the side of Route 66. They arrived and settled in Maywood, CA on October 31, 1936 where Paul's parents bought a home built by his uncle. Paul's family moved to Downey in 1949 where they built a new home on a commercial half acre (with orange trees!)

Paul attended South Gate Jr. High and subsequently attended and graduated from South Gate High School in 1947. Paul excelled in sports in high school, participating in tennis, basketball, and track (high hurdles); he received letters in all three sports.

Paul graduated from Pepperdine College in 1951 with a B.A. in History. In 1952, Paul earned a M.A. degree in social science from Long Beach State College.

On August 23rd, 1952, Paul married his high school sweetheart, Betty Joyce Braaten. Two months later, Paul was drafted into the U.S. Army. At the time, he was teaching at a Junior high school in Compton. Paul went through basic training at Fort Ord, CA, and served from 1953-1954 in Taegu, South Korea as a military policeman.

Upon leaving the Army in 1954, Paul enrolled in the University of Southern California, and in 1955, he was hired as a teacher at South Gate Jr. High School (where he had been a student from 1941-1944!)

In 1956, Paul and Betty purchased their first (and only) home in Downey, CA. Paul and Betty raised three boys there: Paul and Betty's first child, Mark Sterling, was born in 1957. Paul continued teaching social studies and English at South Gate Junior High School. In 1959, Paul and Betty's second son, Gregory Neil, was born. Their third son, Jeffrey Paul, was born in 1963. All three sons were born at St. Francis Hospital in Lynwood, CA. All three sons Graduated from Warren High School in Downey and all three became law enforcement officers. Greg and Jeff retired from the Downey Police Department and Mark retired from El Paso County Sheriff's Department in Colorado.

In 1967, Paul earned a doctorate in education from the University of Southern California as well as secondary administrative credential.

Paul retired in December of 1988 from the Los Angeles Unified School District after 34 years. Paul had spent the last 23 1/2 years at Huntington Park High School.

During the years his sons were growing up, Paul and Betty spent much of their time enjoying such activities as DJAA sports (where Paul coached many seasons), Cub Scouts, school projects, birthday parties, etc.

Upon Betty's retirement in 1992 from the 3M Company (after 27 + years), Paul and Betty enjoyed traveling. Their travels took them to Hawaii, Washington, DC (Smithsonian), New Orleans, New England, Colorado, Missouri, New York, the Caribbean, North Carolina, Virginia, etc.

Paul was an excellent amateur photographer. He enjoyed taking photographs of everything related to family, friends, vacations, gatherings, sports, etc.

His greatest joy was spending time with his family. He will be greatly missed for his consistent love and support he gave to his family and friends. He will be remembered as a man who lived life his way with good character, strong principles, values, compassion, and charity.

Paul is survived by his wife, Betty; three children, Mark (Cheryl), Greg (India) and Jeff(Cyndi); five grandchildren, Courtney(Tyler), Christopher(Jessica), Wyatt, Sierra, and Dylan; three great-grandchildren, Noelle, Cash, Daisy, and Holliday (who is on the way).

Services were held Thursday, November 16, 2017 at Rose Hills Memorial Park and Mortuary, 3888 Workman Mill Rd, Whittier, CA 90601. Please sign Paul's guest book at Rosehills.com.

Downey Library's November, December auction items

DOWNEY – The Friends of the Downey City Library holds monthly silent auctions to raise money for library programs. Because of the holiday, the November/December auctions are combined. Many of these make a lovely gift at the holiday.

"DIY – Know-How with Show-How" (the basics for all your home repairs);

"The Encyclopedia of Cajun & Creole Cuisine" (the recipes and the history of a one-of-a-kind cuisine);

"A Christmas Carol," "Inventing Scrooge" and "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol" (learn about the story behind the story and read Marley's side of the story);

"Tutankhamun – the Golden King and the Great Pharaohs" (a book that was the companion volume to the exhibit that toured Europe and America);

"The Holy Bible – King James Version" (illustrated);

"Summit 1879-1909" and "Images of India" (two volumes of photography taken in India);

"The Great Life Photographers" (698 of the best photographs taken for Life magazine);

"The Cloud Collector's Handbook" and "Clouds" (illustrations combine beauty and science for an informative look at nature's majestic creations);

"Peanuts – A Golden Celebration" (fifty years of favorite episodes);

"Pearl Harbor – A Complete Illustrated History" (provides a sweeping view of the region's past, from geological origin to the tense moments before and after the attack);

"The Greatest Adventures of All Times" (through scores of dramatic photographs, many rarely seen, these adventures come vividly to life);

"Where Jesus Walked" (meticulous research attention to detail, with lots of pictures and history, provide a walk in the Holy Land).

Items have opening bids from \$6-\$8 and are on display in the library lobby. Bids can be made through noon, Saturday, Dec. 9, on cards in the Friend's Bookstore located in the young adult section of the library.

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No working person should pay more to reward billionaires and corporate tax dodgers

By Chuck Collins

Republicans are pushing a huge corporate tax cut bill through Congress. You might've seen a lot of coverage trying to sort out "who wins" and "who loses."

All that misses the point.

The driving motivation behind this bill, rhetoric and packaging aside, is to deliver a whopping \$1 trillion tax cut for a few hundred badly behaved global corporations — and another half a trillion to expand tax breaks and loopholes for multi-millionaires and billionaires.

All the other features of proposed tax legislation are either bribes ("sweeteners") to help pass the bill or "pay fors" to offset their cost.

The news media has been talking about "winners and losers" like this were some sort of high-minded tax reform process with legitimate trade-offs, as in 1986.

But this isn't tax reform. This is a money grab by powerful corporate interests.

The key question isn't who wins and loses, but whether we should undertake any of these trade-offs to give massive tax breaks to companies like Apple, Nike, Pfizer, and General Electric — companies whose loyalty to U.S. communities and workers is historically abysmal.

These companies have been dodging their taxes for decades while small businesses and ordinary taxpayers pick up their slack to care for our

veterans, maintain our infrastructure, and educate the next generation.

Apple alone is holding \$250 billion in offshore subsidiaries to reduce their taxes.

For wealthy individuals, the proposed House tax bill eliminates the federal estate tax, which is paid exclusively by families with over \$11 million, mostly residing in coastal states.

It eliminates the Alternative Minimum Tax, a provision that ensures that wealthy taxpayers chip in at least a few dollars after gaming all their possible deductions.

And while the top tax rate on high earners remains roughly the same, Congress is proposing to open up a "pass through loophole" that will enable wealthy people and their tax accountants to convert their income to be taxed at a lower tax rate.

We should avoid distracting debates over whether to reform one provision or another, such as the home mortgage interest deduction. The real estate industry understands the score. "These corporations are getting a major tax cut, and it's getting paid for by the equity in American homes," said Jerry Howard, chief executive of the National Association of Home Builders.

Reforming the home mortgage interest deduction makes a lot of sense — the current tax break mostly benefits the already wealthy and fails to expand homeownership. But we shouldn't restructure housing tax incentives to pay for a massive tax cut for billionaires and badly behaved

global corporations.

Nor should we eliminate the deductibility of student debt, eliminate the deduction for state and local taxes, or require families with catastrophic health expenses to pay more to reduce taxes on big drug companies and Jeff Bezos of Amazon. This tax bill would do all of those things.

The good news is people aren't falling for the marketing baloney that this tax cut will help the middle class. Fewer than 30 percent of voters support these tax cuts, and solid majorities believe that the wealthy and global corporations should pay more taxes, not less.

But this won't stop Republicans who care more about their campaign contributors than they do about voters.

If the GOP majority in Congress were responsive to voters, they'd invest in updating our aging infrastructure and in skills-based education, as we did after World War Two. Instead of saddling the next generation with tens of thousands in student debt, real leaders would be figuring out how to lift up tomorrow's workers and entrepreneurs, just as we did in previous generations.

Under this tax plan, small business and ordinary taxpayers will be the big losers. That's the only score that matters.

Chuck Collins directs the Program on Inequality at the Institute for Policy Studies and co-edits Inequality.org.

The best way to improve Americans' life expectancy is to reduce inequality

By Keith Payne

You've heard, no doubt, of the miraculous Mediterranean diet, which is said to keep Italians and Greeks living healthy lives into their 80s and beyond. The Japanese diet is popular, too, as the Japanese live the longest lives in the world.

Then there's the Nordic diet, full of fish and dairy, that helps make longevity in Sweden and Norway among the longest in the world.

Countless studies have tried to identify the critical ingredients in these diets. Should we eat grilled squid like the Greeks? Or more lingonberries like the Swedes?

But the closer you look at the link between specific diets and health, the fuzzier the link becomes.

The French live some of the longest lives on earth. The oldest known person was Jeanne Calment, a French woman who lived to 122 (and a half). And yet the French diet has become known as "the French paradox," because it's suspiciously high in saturated fat.

The diet-focused answer? The red wine must protect them!

Other countries, like Germany and Canada, have long lifespans, yet no one puts schnitzel and poutine on our list of health foods. What if the apparent link between a country's diet and its health is an illusion?

One reason that people leap from longevity to diet is a mental quirk known as the "you are what you eat" fallacy. Psychologists have found

that people assume that the properties of food are transferred to those who eat it. In some parts of Asia, for example, tiger penises are eaten to increase men's virility.

But it's not specific to Asia. American college students show a similar superstition.

In one study, students learned about the cultural practices of two tribes. One was said to eat wild boars, whereas the other ate turtles. When the students were asked to describe the members of each tribe, they said the boar eaters were bearded and aggressive, and the turtle eaters were good swimmers with long lifespans.

The leap from healthy lives to healthy-seeming foods might just be the same error.

Medical evidence suggests that differences in lifespans across countries are better explained by social conditions than diet. Researchers have found that among economically developed countries, income inequality is a major predictor of longevity.

In fact, the most equal nations are Japan, Sweden, and Norway, which also have the longest life spans. Not far behind are Mediterranean nations including Spain, Greece, and Italy.

It's no coincidence that all these highly equal countries have inspired fad diets.

If social equality is really the active ingredient keeping people healthy

in these countries, then other mysteries start to make sense. Germany and Canada have low inequality and accordingly, long lives. France is no longer a paradox: Their low inequality explains their longevity. The Bordeaux might have nothing to do with it.

At the bottom of the longevity list are high-inequality counties like the United States. Despite being among the wealthiest countries on earth, American life expectancy lags behind those of poorer, but more equal, countries like Ireland and Greece.

The biggest health advances of the 20th century — antibiotics, sanitation, vaccines — were biological. The biggest public health insights of this century, in contrast, are social. Societies that allow extreme inequality to shred the social fabric pay the price in illness, unhappiness, and mortality.

American life expectancy decreased last year for the first time in decades. The best way to reverse that decline isn't diet plans, but economic policies that reduce inequality. Fresh fish and olive oil are nearly miraculous gifts. But if you want to live longer, my bet is on a living wage and affordable health care.

Keith Payne, Ph.D., is a professor of Psychology and Neuroscience at the University of North Carolina and author of "The Broken Ladder: How Inequality Affects the Way We Think, Live, and Die."

Hypocritical left is silent on Bob Menendez, the Democratic senator accused of fraud

By Michelle Malkin

The verdict is in.

I pronounce Democrat leaders, left-wing feminists and Beltway journalists guilty of gross negligence and hypocrisy over a dirty rotten sleazeball in their midst.

For the past 11 weeks, Bob Menendez has been on trial for 18 counts of bribery, fraud and corruption involving nearly \$1 million in gifts and donations. The jury remained deadlocked as of Tuesday. A new Media Research Center analysis reported that ABC, CBS and NBC devoted 40 times more of their morning and evening TV newscast coverage this past week to Alabama GOP Senate candidate Roy Moore's alleged sexual assault accusers than to the ongoing federal trial of one of the Democrats' most powerful, visible and entrenched figures on Capitol Hill.

Four years ago, when the FBI raided the Florida home of creepy Democratic donor and eye doctor Salomon Melgen, Menendez suddenly remembered that he had failed to pay back his "hermano" \$60,000 for

private-jet flights to the Caribbean — where Melgen owns a tony home in the private Casa de Campo resort.

As the party-boy buds tell it, their two decades of favor-trading were innocent, brotherly acts of affection. That little reimbursement thing for joy rides shuttling Menendez, his girlfriend, his son and his son's office manager around the world? It "fell through the cracks," the former chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and lawyer explained.

Ooopsie.

As government investigators discovered, the "friendship" entailed much more than backslaps and beach nights. Melgen was convicted this spring on 67 counts of massive Medicare fraud totaling \$90 million. Prosecutors allege Menendez and his staff pulled strings and put pressure on public officials to back off Melgen's billing blow-up. Menendez asserts he did nothing illegal and acted not out of obligation to a high-dollar donor, but because of his sincere policy concerns about how Medicare is run.

How noble.

My favorite M&M production involves what I dubbed the 36DD visa program. This is not in dispute: Menendez and his staff pressured the State Department to expedite the foreign tourist and student visa approval processes for a bevy of buxom foreign beauties. One of them, Brazilian actress and porn pinup star Juliana Lopes Leite (a.k.a. "Girlfriend 1"), had her F-1 student visa application moved to the top of the pile in 2008 after Menendez and his staff intervened as a favor to model-lovin' Melgen.

Another, Rosiell Polanco-Suera, testified that her rejected visa application (along with her sister's) received reconsideration and instant approval after Melgen promised to "fix it" by reaching out to Menendez.

Flying the crony skies on taxpayer time. Systematically bilking sick old people. Turning America's visa programs into an international dating app for Dem donors.

Ho-hum.

Top Democrat leaders, so quick to call for the resignation of GOP candidates convicted in the court of public opinion, remain noncommittal about where they'll stand if Menendez is convicted. Liberal media partisans are deliberately ignoring the story because they are incapacitated by Trump Derangement Syndrome. Women's advocates looked the other way at Justice Department court filings on "specific, corroborated allegations that defendants Menendez and Melgen had sex with underage prostitutes in the Dominican Republic."

The collective silence on Sleaze-Bob — busy raising more than \$6 million for his re-election campaign and legal defense fund — roars louder than Melgen's private jet engines.

Turns out "The Resistance" can't and won't resist a crapweasel when Democratic Party coffers and the balance of power in Washington are at stake.

Michelle Malkin is an author and syndicated conservative columnist.

One monstrosity Trump won't want his name on

By Jim Hightower

If you've been to any of the cities graced with a Trump hotel, casino, or resort, you know that The Donald splashes his name in giant, gaudy letters across every structure he owns — preferably in gold.

Now he's taken ownership of a massive new structure, but he might not want his name on this one. It's Trump's towering re-do of America's tax law. And it's truly golden — for the super-rich, that is.

The plan reveals in hard numbers whom this presidency really serves: Not just the 1-percent, but the one-tenth of 1-percenters who are multimillionaires. People like Trump himself.

First and foremost, the Trump tax plan slashes the payments that giant corporations make to support our nation. He claims that this will let corporate elites raise the wages of workers and create jobs, winking at the fact that, of course, the elites will pocket every dime of his tax giveaways.

And — shhhh — he doesn't mention a little secret gotcha: A third of his corporate benefits go to foreign owners of American corporations.

Meanwhile, Trump's luxurious new tax structure eliminates many benefits for middle class families, such as tax deductions for medical expenses, college tuition, and interest paid on student loans.

He wants modest-income families to pay more, so he can eliminate current taxes on his own uber-rich family — including killing the alternative income tax paid by the rich, and the estate tax, which applies only to the immense fortunes of a handful of America's richest families.

Did I mention that the gilded tax structure proposed by this self-described business genius would hang an additional \$1.5 trillion in debt around our children's necks?

No surprise, for Trump's grandiose luxury projects were often built with other people's money. Trump would cash in before he slipped away, leaving others to grapple with the bankruptcy.

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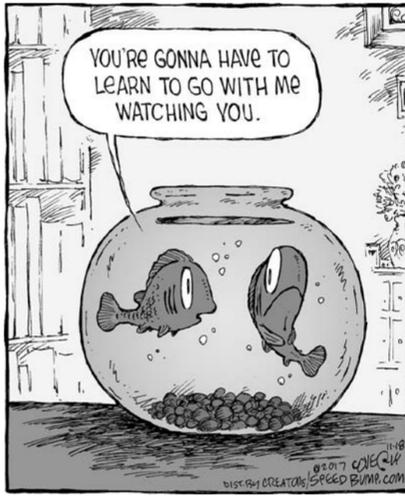
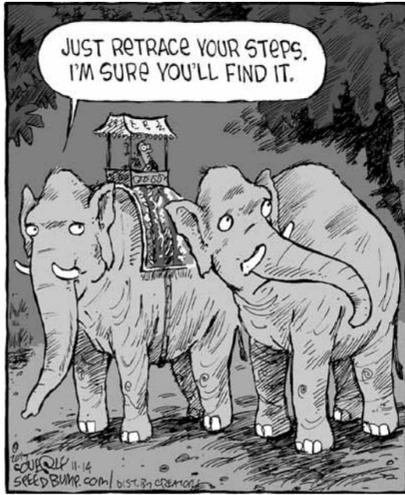
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Downey Community Calendar

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

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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.

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

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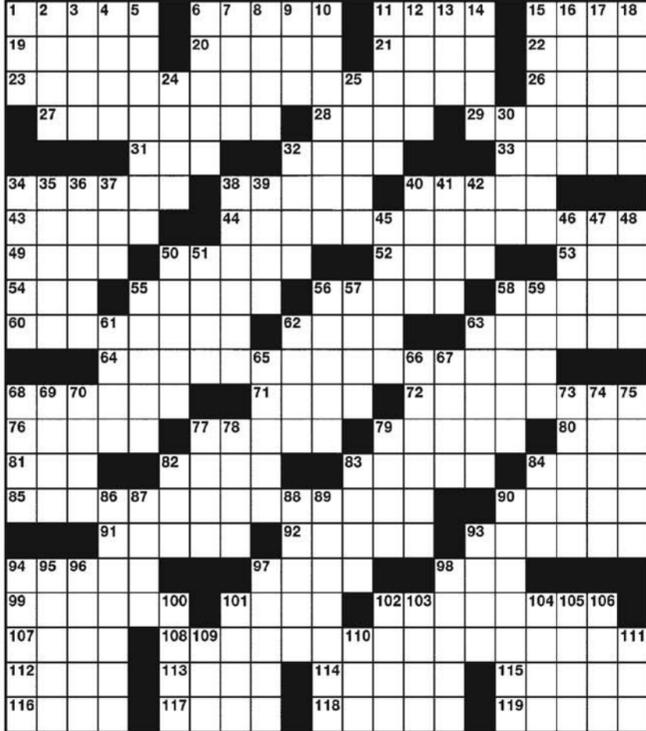
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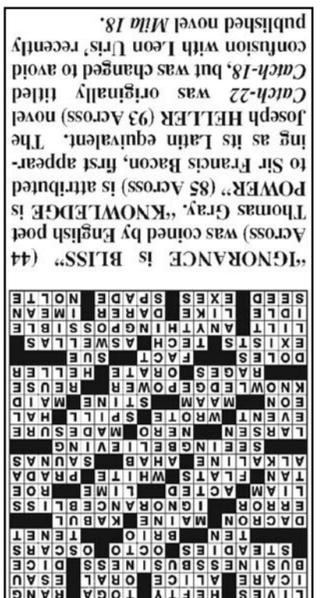
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Shared Stories: Coming to America in 1973

Nida Ferrer worked hard to build a good life for her children and persevered when faced with an obstacle. 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 Nida Ferrer

On September 26, 1973, the petition of my husband was approved for us to join him in America. My husband had been working in the United States for Bechtel for five years. I was excited to come here and to be reunited with my husband and for my kids to be with their dad.

Before this happened, I had to complete all of the paperwork. I went to the Philippine Embassy many times for them to approve all of the papers first. I applied for all of our green cards as immigrants.

It took three months to complete all of my papers and to prepare everything. I took my children for their shots. My oldest son Peter was eleven years old, my daughter Elvira was ten, my daughter Wilhelmina was eight and my son Robert was five.

I went to apply for our flight tickets to the airport. After a week our tickets were ready. I prepared our luggage and packed all of the clothes needed. During this week I received a letter from my husband, special delivery, saying for us not to come. He said he could not find a house for us.

I was so angry and disappointed, but I told my children that we have to go. Your daddy can not stop us. My decision was to write to my Uncle

Eddie, the brother of my father, and tell him that I and my four children were coming, and, if possible, could he meet us at the airport.

He responded to my request and said he would come. I told him that our flight was American Air Lines and that we would be in LAX around 4:00 PM.

I met my uncle only one time before when I was a little girl, so I sent a picture of me and my children. When I and my children arrived at the airport I would have to imagine how my uncle would look. I thought he must look like my father. When I saw him, he did resemble my father.

When I saw Uncle Eddie, I was so happy. Finally, we were in America. We stayed at their house for one week. He already reserved the first floor for us. They had a three-story house. His wife was a German lady and very sweet. Their two children, my cousins, were already grown. I met

them as well.

I saw my husband for the first few months, but it didn't work out. A fifth child was born, but after a year we divorced.

We all ended up staying at Uncle Eddie's house for 14 years, and I paid only \$100 per month. I got a job with Prudential Insurance for six years. Then they offered me a job in New Jersey, but I couldn't move my family. I got a job with Kaiser in Los Angeles and I worked there for 16 years.

My children grew up. They all went to college. I helped them until they finished their careers. I bought a car for my son Robert so he could go to college and also find a job. I also helped my youngest daughter Josephine. She went to Biola University and graduated in accounting. She also went to USC for her master's degree. I did my best to help them all, because I cherish them.

Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons performing hits in Cerritos

CERRITOS – Oldies music icon Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, who gained worldwide fame with their hits "Sherry" and "Big Girls Don't Cry," will perform at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m.

Tickets, which start at \$110, can be purchased online at cerritoscenter.com or by calling the box office at (562) 916-8500.

Revered for his falsetto and three-octave range, Franki Valli and his band, The Four Seasons, celebrate the classics that propelled them onto the music charts and into entertainment history, including "Walk Like a

Man," "Rag Doll," "Who Loves You" and "December 1963 (Oh, What a Night)."

From 1962 to 1978, the group sold more than 100 million records, climbing music charts with a streak of Top 40 tunes. When the Beatles and the British invasion bands gripped the United States in the 1960s, the band endured with their catchy rock-pop-doo-wop blend.

The group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990 and joined the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 1999.

NOV. 16 BIRTHDAYS

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LONG BEACH – Long Beach Transit (LBT) and the City of Long Beach today announced a pilot program to provide a free connection between the Long Beach Airport (LGB) and the Metro Blue Line via an express bus shuttle operated by LBT called the Blue Line 2 Airline.

The Blue Line 2 Airline will connect the Metro Blue Line Wardlow Station with LGB's historic terminal beginning Saturday, Nov. 18, and will offer direct airport service every 30 minutes from 5:45 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. daily through Sunday, Jan. 7.

"We are committed to moving Long Beach forward and since joining the Board of Directors of L.A. Metro, we have been exploring new strategies for connecting our transportation infrastructures," said Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia. "This direct LBT bus connection between the Blue Line and the airport is another step forward in providing transportation alternatives."

"A direct LBT bus connection between the Blue Line and the airport

will speed travel times, reduce congestion and enhance our customer experience," said LBT Chief Executive Officer Kenneth McDonald. "Launching the Blue Line 2 Airline service during the busy holiday travel season will help reduce the number of car trips taken in and around the airport."

Long Beach Airport is a city-owned facility that handles nearly 3.5 million commercial airline passengers per year.

"The Blue Line 2 Airline shuttle service is an alternative ground transportation choice for local passengers traveling to and from the airport and creates more connection to the rest of the network," said Long Beach Airport Director Jess L. Romo.

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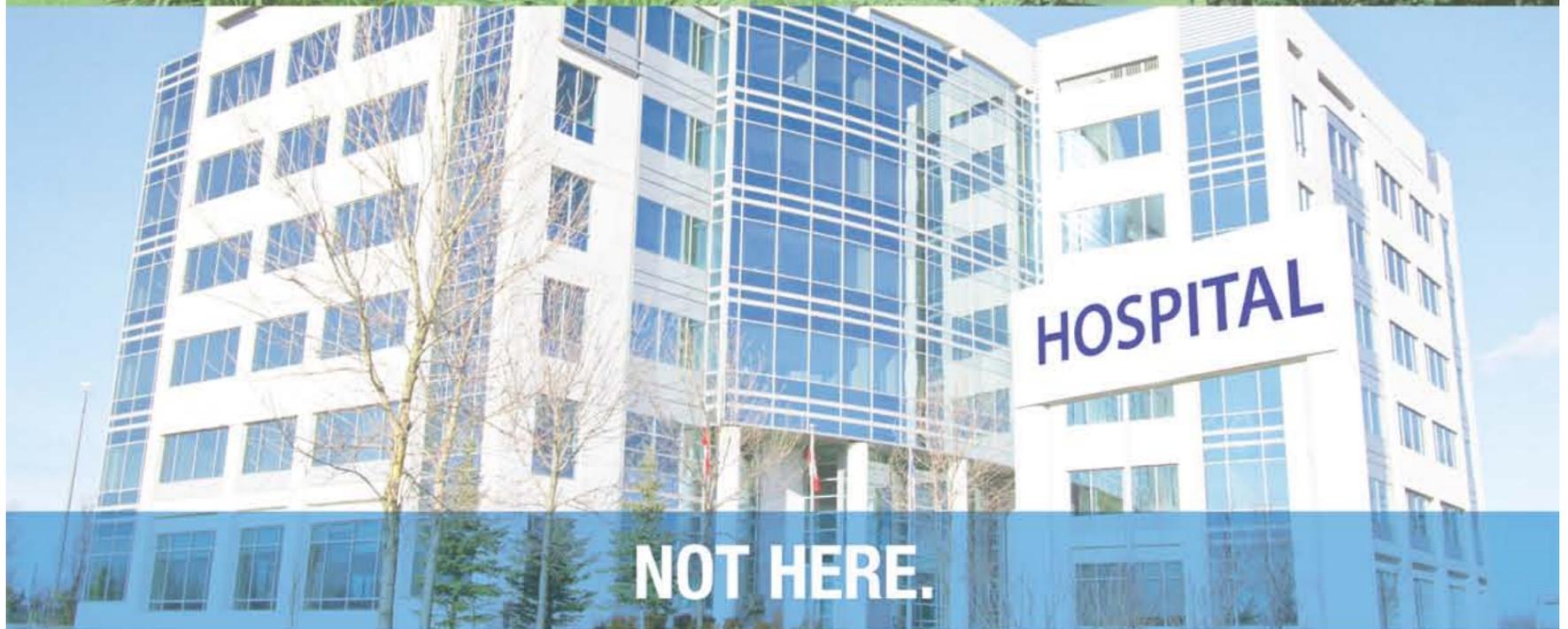
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Vikings advance to second round of CIF playoffs

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team defeated Etiwanda last Friday night at Downey, 47-14, in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 4 playoffs.

With the win, Downey improved to 9-2 overall and will travel to Corona del Mar on Friday for their game against the Sea Kings. Corona del Mar is 10-1 overall and was 5-0 in Pacific Coast League play.

Corona del Mar defeated Roosevelt, 42-35, in their first-round game last Friday.

In the Downey/Etiwanda game, the Vikings scored early and often. Downey led 19-0 at the end of the first quarter and 26-7 going into the locker room at halftime.

The Vikings outscored Etiwanda, 8-0, in the third quarter and led 34-7 after three quarters of play. Downey scored 13 more points in the fourth quarter and won convincingly, 47-14.

Downey quarterback **Kijon Fouts** completed 9/16 pass attempts for 176 yards, two touchdowns, no interceptions and had a passer rating of 134.4. Fouts also ran the ball 13 times for 114 yards and one touchdown.

The Downey ground game was led by **Baraq Ross**'s 30 carries for 197 yards and three touchdowns and **Shane Olden**'s five carries for 31 yards and one touchdown.

The Viking receiving corps were led by **Christopher Atkins**' five catches for 127 yards and one touchdown. **Nicholas Whitney** caught one reception for 31 yards and a touchdown.

The Downey defense was led by **Malcom Perry**'s seven solo and five assisted tackles, Noah Skobis' eight solo and two assisted tackles, **Jacob Manetta**'s five solo and two assisted tackles and **Eli Garcia**'s one solo and five assisted tackles.

WARREN GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY: The Warren High School girls' cross-country team advanced to C.I.F. Finals this weekend at the Riverside Course in Riverside.

The Lady Bears finished 7th in Heat 2 with a score of 218. Warren finished in a team time of 1:34.54 and an average runner time of 18:58. Warren finished 11th, 27th, 48th, 68th and 69th, respectively.

Nadine Gomez was the first Lady Bear to finish in a time of 18:06.6, **Leann Pavana** was the second Lady Bear to finish in a time of 18:35.4, **Natalie Esparza** was the third Lady Bear to finish in a time of 19:09.6, **Adriana Cervantes** was the fourth Lady Bear to finish in a time of 19:31 and **Marissa Lule** was the fifth Lady Bear to finish in a time of 19:31.6.

WARREN BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY: The Warren High School boys' cross-country team saw their season come to an end last Friday morning at C.I.F. Prelims in Riverside.

The Bears finished 9th in Heat 2 with a score of 240. The Bears finished in a team time of 1:19.13 and an average runner time of 15:50. Warren finished 29th, 33rd, 51st, 60th and 75th, respectively.

Emiliano Rodriguez was the first Bear to finish in a time 15:32.5, **Antonio Munoz** was the second Bear to finish in a time 15:36.6, **Alex Guardado** was the third Bear to finish in a time of 15:57.1, **Alfredo Santana** was the fourth Bear to finish in a time of 15:58.8 and **Fabian Gomez** was the fifth Bear to finish in a time of 16:08.3.

DOWNEY BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY: The Downey High School boys' cross-country team saw their season come to an end last Friday morning at C.I.F. Prelims in Riverside.

The Vikings finished 14th in Heat 3 with a score of 420. The Vikings finished in a team time of 1:21.55 and an average runner time of 16:23. Downey finished 75th, 76th, 86th, 98th and 101st, respectively.

Pablo Calderon was the first Viking to finish in a time 16:09.1, **Jaime Quinones** was the second Viking to finish in a time 16:11.0, **Fabian Zuniga** was the third Viking to finish in a time of 16:19.1, **Matthew Enriquez** was the fourth Viking to finish in a time of 16:36.1 and **Sergio Salas** was the fifth Viking to finish in a time of 16:40.2.

DOWNEY GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY: The Downey High School girls' cross-country team saw their season come to an end last Friday morning at C.I.F. Prelims in Riverside.

The Lady Vikings finished 16th in Heat 2 with a score of 421. Downey finished in a team time of 1:40.6 and an average runner time of 20:01. Downey finished 31st, 65th, 97th, 116th and 130th, respectively.



Downey High defeated Etiwanda, 47-14, last week to advance to the second round of CIF playoffs. Photo courtesy @downeyvikings on Instagram.

Laura Velasco was the first Lady Viking to finish in a time of 18:42.3, **Adriana Higuera** was the second Lady Viking to finish in a time of 19:25.1, **Mia Neuman** was the third Lady Viking to finish in a time of 20:04.1, **Vanessa Vanda** was the fourth Lady Viking to finish in a time of 20:36.9 and **Juliana Cuevas** was the fifth Lady Viking to finish in a time of 21:17.6.

CALVARY CHAPEL FOOTBALL: The Downey Calvary Chapel football team saw their season come to an end Nov. 3 in the first round of the C.I.F. 8 Man Division 1 playoffs.

The Grizzlies were defeated, 58-6, at Faith Baptist of Canoga Park. With the loss, the Grizzlies finished their season with an overall record of 4-4, while Faith Baptist remained undefeated at 11-0. The Contenders are currently ranked number one in the state in the 8 Man Division and are scheduled to play Orcutt Academy later today.

In the DCC/Faith Baptist game the Contenders jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. Faith Baptist scored 42 points in the first quarter and another 8 points in the second quarter to take a 50-0 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Contenders outscored the Grizzlies 8-6 in the third quarter and led 58-6 at the end of the third quarter. Neither team scored in the fourth quarter and the score remained 58-6.

Grizzly quarterback **Jacob Escalante** completed 10/21 pass attempts for 84 yards and one touchdown. Escalante also rushed 16 times for 42 yards. **Luke Manriquez** contributed to the DCC ground game with six carries for 35 yards.

The Grizzly receiving corps were led by **Carlos Fuentes**' four catches for 29 yards and one touchdown, **Andrew Rangel**'s four catches for 25 yards and Manriquez's two catches for 30 yards.

The DCC defense was led by Manriquez's five solo and four assisted tackles, **David Zarate**'s six solo and two assisted tackles, **Carlos Fuentes**' three solo and four assisted tackles and Rangel's four solo and one assisted tackle.

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Thanksgiving the leading day for home cooking fires

While Thanksgiving tops the charts for family and friends coming together to enjoy food and one another's company, it's also the leading day for U.S. home cooking fires.

According to the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) latest "Home Fire Involving Cooking Equipment" report, nearly four times as many home cooking fires occurred on Thanksgiving Day in 2015 as on any other typical day of the year; the day before Thanksgiving represents the second-leading day for home cooking fires.

Between 2011 and 2015, U.S. fire departments responded to an annual average of 170,200 home structure fires involving cooking equipment, which resulted in 510 civilian fire deaths, 5,470 civilian fire injuries, and \$1.2 billion in direct property damage. Unattended cooking was, by far, the leading contributing factor in these fires and fire fatalities.

In that same five-year period, cooking equipment was involved in almost half (47%) of all reported home fire incidents. Cooking fires caused 20% of home fire deaths, and was the source of nearly half (45%) of the reported home fire injuries. In terms of direct property damage, 17% of damage resulting from cooking fires.

"At Thanksgiving, when people are cooking multiple dishes and entertaining guests, it's easy to get distracted," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "These distractions may prompt

them to walk away from the kitchen or forget something is cooking on the stovetop or in the oven. These factors can all increase the likelihood of a cooking fire."

Fortunately, Carli notes, there are many simple steps you can take to greatly reduce the risk of cooking fires on Thanksgiving and beyond. Following are NFPA tips and recommendations for cooking safely:

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking to keep a close eye on the food, especially when frying and sautéing with oil.
- Use a timer to keep track of cooking times, most notably when cooking a meal that takes a long time like roasting a turkey, baking a roast or simmering. Check the stove or oven frequently. Consider putting timers in different rooms so that you can hear them over music, football games, and party chatter.
- Stay alert and focused when cooking. To help minimize the risk of injury, avoid cooking when drinking alcohol or if you're sleepy.
- Keep things that can catch fire like oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers and towels away from the cooking area.
- Kids should stay 3 feet away from stovetops, as well as from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, or gravy could cause serious burns.

Frying turkeys at Thanksgiving has become more popular in recent years. However, NFPA discourages the use of turkey fryers, as they can lead to devastating burns, other injuries, and the destruction of property due to the extensive amount of hot oil used with fryers.

NFPA urges those who prefer fried turkey to look instead for grocery stores, specialty food retailers and restaurants that sell deep fried turkeys.

Additional tips and resources can be found on NFPA's Thanksgiving webpage. General cooking safety information including safety tip sheets, infographics, videos and more can be found on NFPA's Cooking Fire Safety Central webpage.

The "Home Fires Involving Cooking Equipment" report also provides home fire cooking statistics for other holidays such as Christmas, Christmas Eve, and the New Year.

Nearly half of U.S. adults will have high blood pressure under new guidelines

Nearly half the U.S. adult population has high blood pressure under new guidelines announced Monday by the American Heart Association.

The revised guidelines define high blood pressure, or hypertension, as 130/80 and higher, down from the old definition of 140/90 and higher.

The top number in a blood pressure reading refers to the amount of pressure in your arteries during contraction of your heart muscle. This is called systolic pressure. The bottom number refers to your blood pressure when your heart muscle is between beats. This is called diastolic pressure.

It is the first revision of the guidelines since 2003.

The new guidelines are designed to help people address the potentially deadly conditions earlier, according to the association.

High blood pressure accounts for the second largest number of preventable heart disease and stroke deaths, second only to smoking. It's known as a "silent killer" because often there are no symptoms.

The more stringent definition means the share of U.S. adults with

high blood pressure will rise from 32 percent to 46 percent. But there will only be a small increase in the number of U.S. adults who will require medication, the authors of the guidelines said.

The impact of the new guidelines is expected to be greatest among younger people. The prevalence of high blood pressure is expected to triple among men under age 45 and double among women under 45.

Blood pressure categories in the new guidelines are:

- Normal:** Less than 120/80;
- Elevated:** Top number between 120 to 129 and bottom number less than 80;
- Stage 1 high blood pressure:** 130-139/80-89;
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- Hypertensive crisis:** Top number over 180 and/or bottom number over 120.

Church hosting jazz festival Saturday

DOWNEY – Redeemer Covenant Church is hosting a jazz festival this Saturday, Nov. 18, from 7-10 p.m.

There will be performances by Ron Eschete on a seven-string guitar and by the Pablo Sune jazz trio.

Eschete is considered one of the greatest jazz guitarists in the United

States.

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POETRY MATTERS

Butter

My mother loves butter more than I do, more than anyone. She pulls chunks off the stick and eats it plain, explaining cream spun around into butter! Growing up we ate turkey cutlets sauteed in lemon and butter, butter and cheese on green noodles, butter melting in small pools in the hearts of Yorkshire puddings, butter better than gravy staining white rice yellow, butter glazing corn in slipping squares, butter the lava in white volcanoes of hominy grits, butter softening in a white bowl to be creamed with white sugar, butter disappearing into whipped sweet potatoes, with pineapple, butter melted and curdy to pour over pancakes, butter licked off the plate with warm Alaga syrup. When I picture the good old days I am grinning greasy with my brother, having watched the tiger chase his tail and turn to butter. We are Mumbo and Jumbo's children despite historical revision, despite our parent's efforts, glowing from the inside out, one hundred megawatts of butter.

- Elizabeth Alexander

Butter becomes a symbol of love and family tradition, the happy aspects of holidays like Thanksgiving. But a shift occurs with the images of the tiger and the Little Black Sambo story. Mumbo and Jumbo speak of an alienation within America. "I want to amplify the response of the reader," says Alexander, who was commissioned to write "Praise Song for the Day" for the inauguration of President Barack Obama in 2009. She also wrote "The Venus Hottentot." Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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City Council agrees to continue Stay Gallery financial support

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City continues financial support of Stay Gallery

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BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(U.C.C. Sec. 6105)

Escrow No. 9196-AK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are: JOANNA Y BALBUENA, 8720 IMPERIAL HWY, DOWNEY, CA 90242. Doing Business as: PIZZA MAN & EL PULLON EXPRESS.

All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE. The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s) is/are: SHAMSHER BHANDARI, 8720 IMPERIAL HWY, DOWNEY, CA 90242.

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, INVENTORY, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, LEASE AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT and are located at: 8720 IMPERIAL HWY, DOWNEY, CA 90242.

The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13737 ARTESIA BLVD. #105 CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the anticipated sale date is DECEMBER 7, 2017.

This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2. [If the sale is subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided.] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: DETAIL ESCROW, INC, 13737 ARTESIA BLVD #105, CERRITOS, CA 90703 and the last day for filing claims shall be DECEMBER 6, 2017, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

Dated: NOVEMBER 7, 2017
BUYER: SHAMSHER BHANDARI
LA1919765 DOWNEY PATRIOT 11/16/17

The Downey Patriot
11/16/17

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)

(U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.)

Escrow No. 048242

Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and address of the Seller/Licensee are: PANAGIOTIS BOUKRIS AND ISIDOROS DIMITRIOS LOGICRIS, 9905 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90240.

The business is known as: CAFÉ OPA. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: KONSTANTINE ELIAS MAROUGAS, CHRISTOS MAROUGAS AND PENNY MAROUGAS, 9905 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90240.

All other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE. The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE INCLUDING INVENTORY, SUPPLIES, MERCHANDISE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL AND TRADE NAME and are located at: 9905 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90240.

The kind of license to be transferred is: Type: ON SALE BLEND WINE EATING PLACE, now issued for the premises located at: 9905 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90240.

The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is DECEMBER 22, 2017 at the office of: SECURITY LAND ESCROW COMPANY, 10805 PARAMOUNT BLVD, STE A, DOWNEY, CA 90241.

The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the escrow indicated herein, is the sum of \$135,000.00 which consists of the following: It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

DATED: NOVEMBER 7, 2017
KONSTANTINE ELIAS MAROUGAS, CHRISTOS MAROUGAS AND PENNY MAROUGAS
LA1916356 DOWNEY PATRIOT 11/16/17

The Downey Patriot
11/16/17

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017324551

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KEEPERZ KARZ, 8639 MEADOW ROAD, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: 3314805 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KEEPERZ CORPORATION, 8639 MEADOW ROAD, DOWNEY CA 90242.

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ KEEPERZ CORPORATION, VICE PRESIDENT, CHARLES J. BRISCO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 13, 2017

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

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
11/16/17, 11/23/17, 11/30/17, 12/7/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017306628

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ELECTRIC REPAIR AND INSTALLATION, 3149 INDIANA AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOHNNY E ESPINOSA, 3149 INDIANA AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 09/2017

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ JOHNNY E ESPINOSA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 24, 2017

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
10/26/17, 11/2/17, 11/9/17, 11/16/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017303551

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALCHEMY PROPERTIES, 4135 LOS COYOTES DIAGONAL, LAKEWOOD CA 90713, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KIM Y GUECHE, 4135 LOS COYOTES DIAGONAL, LAKEWOOD CA 90713

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ KIM Y GUECHE, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 20, 2017

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

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The Downey Patriot
10/26/17, 11/2/17, 11/9/17, 11/16/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017302340

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PERKINS PERFORMANCE ELITE, 9531 FLOWER PT, #24, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANGEL L. PERKINS-MCLEAN, 9531 FLOWER ST, UNIT 24, BELLFLOWER CA 90706

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ ANGEL L. PERKINS-MCLEAN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 19, 2017

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

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
11/9/17, 11/16/17, 11/23/17, 11/30/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017306495

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ICICLE AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING, 945 VINELAND AVE., LA PUENTE CA 91746, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MIGUEL M. MARROQUIN HERRERA, 945 VINELAND AVE, LA PUENTE CA 91746

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ MIGUEL M. MARROQUIN HERRERA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 24, 2017

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
10/26/17, 11/2/17, 11/9/17, 11/16/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017319727

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) WALTONS POOL INC., 340 S LEMON AVE # 1675, WALNUT CA 91789, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: 4079677 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) A PLUS POOL MANAGEMENT INC., 340 S LEMON AVE # 1675, WALNUT CA 91789

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

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

or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ A PLUS POOL MANAGEMENT INC., CEO, PAUL OH

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 6, 2017

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The Downey Patriot
11/16/17, 11/23/17, 11/30/17, 12/7/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017315711

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) H&R DISH MACHINE SVC, 13806 DILWORTH ST, LA MIRADA CA 90638, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RENE BRITO, 13806 DILWORTH ST., LA MIRADA CA 90638

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ RENE BRITO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 2, 2017

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The Downey Patriot
11/9/17, 11/16/17, 11/23/17, 11/30/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017305297

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BEAUTYPOSH, 12255 DUNROBIN AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ERIC HAWKINS CONSULTING, 16405 CORNUATA AVE, SUITE 29, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ DIANA P HUOTH, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 31, 2017

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The Downey Patriot
11/9/17, 11/16/17, 11/23/17, 11/30/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017306363

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HAWKINS CONSULTING, 16405 CORNUATA AVE, SUITE 29, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ERIC HAWKINS, 16405 CORNUATA AVE, SUITE 29, BELLFLOWER CA 90706

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2017

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ ERIC HAWKINS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 31, 2017

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The Downey Patriot
11/2/17, 11/9/17, 11/16/17, 11/23/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017314635

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RIVERIAS ENTERPRISE, 5049 CHURCH ST #2, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CESAR B. RODRIGUEZ, 5049 CHURCH ST #2, PICO RIVERA CA 90660

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2017

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ CESAR B. RODRIGUEZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 1, 2017

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The Downey Patriot
11/9/17, 11/16/17, 11/23/17, 11/30/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017283077

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SORTO CONSTRUCTION, 5730 MAIN ST, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRANCISCO SORTO, 5730 MAIN ST, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ FRANCISCO SORTO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 2, 2017

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SORTO CONSTRUCTION, 5730 MAIN ST, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRANCISCO SORTO, 5730 MAIN ST, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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

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Here are your local Black Friday store hours

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – With “Black Friday” one week away, here is a list of shopping hotspots and their hours for those who plan to shop until they drop after they finish their Turkey.

The Stonewood Center

251 Stonewood Street

Stonewood Center will open from 6 p.m. to midnight on Thanksgiving, then reopen at 6 a.m. through 10 p.m. on Friday.

Notable Stores: Aeropostale, Bath and Body Works, Charlotte russe, Foot Locker, Forever 21, G by Guess, H&M, Hollister Co., Hot Topic, JCPenney, Journeys, Kay Jewelers, Kevin Jewelers, Kiko Milano, Kohls, Lids, Macy's, Pac Sun, Pink, Samuels Jewelers, Sears, See's Candies, Spencer's, Sunglass Hut, The Children's Place, Tilly's, Things Remembered, Torrid, Vans, Victoria's Secret, Zales, Zumiez

Best Buy

12188 Lakewood Blvd.

Best Buy will be open from 5 p.m. through 1 a.m. on Thanksgiving, then reopen from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday.

Target

10600 Firestone Blvd., Norwalk

Target will be open from 6 p.m. through midnight on Thanksgiving, then reopen at 6 a.m. through 11 p.m. on Friday.

Walmart

9001 Apollo Way

Walmart will be open for normal business hours on Thanksgiving, with sales starting at 6 p.m. Walmart will then reopen at 6 am on Friday, and operate until midnight.

Los Cerritos Center

239 Los Cerritos Center, Cerritos

The Los Cerritos Center will be open from 6 p.m. to midnight on Thanksgiving Day, then reopen from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday.

Notable Stores: Abercrombie and Fitch, Adidas, Aeropostale, Apple Store, Banana Republic, Bath and Body Works, Ben Bridge Jeweler, Box Lunch, Build-a-Bear Workshop, Coach, crocs, Daniel's Jewelers, Dick's Sporting Goods, Disney Store, Flight 23 at Footaction, Footlocker, Forever 21, Gap / Gap Kids, Guess, Gymboree, Hollister Co., Hot Topic, Jared the Galleria of Jewelry, Journeys, Kay Jewelers, Kiko Milano, Lids, Macy's, Michael Kors, Microsoft Store, New York and Company, Nordstrom, Oakley, Pacsun, Pandora, Payless ShoeSource, Pink, Sears, See's Candies, Sephora, Spencer's, Sunglass Hut, The Children's Place, Things Remembered, True Religion, Vans, Victoria's Secret, Zara, Zumiez

Lakewood Center

500 Lakewood Center Mall, Lakewood

The Lakewood Center will be open from 6 p.m. to midnight on Thanksgiving, then reopen from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday.

Notable Stores: Aeropostale, Aldo, Bath and Body Works, Bed Bath and

Survey: Kohl's has best Black Friday deals

The personal-finance website WalletHub this week released its report on 2017's Best Stores for Black Friday.

WalletHub surveyed nearly 10,000 deals from 35 of the biggest U.S. retailers' 2017 Black Friday ad scans to identify the stores offering the biggest discounts in various product categories such as “Appliances,” “Jewelry” and “Toys.”

The following are some highlights from the report:

Kohl's has the highest overall discount rate at 66.32 percent, whereas Bass Pro Shops has the lowest at 20.83 percent.

The overall average discount for Black Friday is 37 percent. Consumers should aim for this discount amount or higher to avoid Black Friday traps.

The “Apparel & Accessories” category has the biggest share of discounted items, 28.03 percent of all offers, whereas the “Consumer Packaged Goods” category has the smallest at 1.62 percent.

Beyond, Best Buy, Book-Off, Box Lunch, Charlotte Ruse, Daniels Jewelers, Disney Store, Finish Line, Foot Locker, Forever 21, G by Guess, Gamestop, Gap / Gap Kids, H&M, Hollister Co., Hot Topic, JCPenney, Journeys, Kay Jewelers, Kevin Jewelers, Kiko Milano, Lane Bryant, Lids, Macy's, New York & Company, Nordstrom Rack, Pacsun, Payless ShoeSource, Regis, See's Candies, Spencer's, Sunglass Hut, Target, The Children's Place, The Home Depot, Thing's Remembered, Torrid, Vans, Victoria's Secret, Zales, Zumiez

Should a widow wait collect survivor's benefits?

By Rusty Gloor

Dear Rusty:

I am a 58-year-old widow, born in 1958. My husband, born in 1953, was collecting Social Security Disability benefits when he died, worked throughout his lifetime and had earned enough credits to be eligible for regular Social Security benefits had he lived long enough.

I know I can start collecting survivor's benefits at age 60, but I'm not sure if that's smart because I'd like to keep working and I'm not sure if working would affect my widow's benefits. I should also mention that I don't have the full 35 years working that Social Security uses to calculate my own retirement benefit amount, so I'm unclear about when or whether to consider switching from survivor's benefits to benefits based on my own work record.

Please help me figure out the best way forward.

Signed,
A Survivor

Dear Survivor:

You already know that you're not eligible for survivor's benefits until you are 60 years old, and your plan to continue working after that does,

indeed, add a wrinkle. While you will be eligible to begin survivor's benefits at age 60, the benefit you receive will be reduced to 71.5% of what you would receive if you wait until your widow's full retirement age (FRA). Note too that as a widow, your full retirement age is 4 months earlier than the normal FRA for someone born in 1958 - 66 years and 4 months vs. 66 years and 8 months for the normal.

In the immediate future I suggest you focus on eliminating some of those zero-salary years in your 35-year work record because they will reduce the Social Security benefit you will be entitled to. You said you want to continue working, and for each year you work now one of those zero years will be eliminated and your benefit amount from your own work record will increase.

If working provides enough money to keep you financially comfortable, then delaying the start of your survivor's benefit beyond age 60 will improve the reduction factor by about 4.5% for each year you delay, up to your FRA. The actual amount of your survivor's benefit will be based upon your deceased husband's primary insurance amount (the amount of benefit he would have been entitled to at his full retirement age) and the age at which you apply for survivor's benefits.

Even if you are still working, there's no advantage to waiting beyond your FRA to start survivor's benefits because the maximum survivor's benefit is reached at FRA. Whenever you apply for your survivor's benefit you will need to apply in person at your Social Security office, and you should be specific that you are applying only for survivor's benefits, not your benefits based on your own work record.

If you choose to start collecting survivor's benefits early and continue

to work, Social Security's “earnings test” could affect your benefit. Except for the year in which you attain your FRA, Social Security will take back \$1 for every \$2 you earn above their annual earnings limit, which for 2017 is \$16,920.

Unlike survivor's benefits which stop growing at FRA, the benefit available from your own work record will continue to increase if you wait beyond your full retirement age to start collecting it. In fact, your benefits from your own work record will increase by about 8% for each year you delay beyond your FRA, until you reach the maximum at age 70.

A prudent approach might be to continue collecting your survivor's benefits until some years past your FRA (but not later than 70) and allowing your benefit from your own work record to grow. Provided your own benefit is larger than your survivor's benefit, you can then switch over to the higher benefit. In any case, do not wait past your FRA to start your survivor's benefit, nor after age 70 to start your own retirement benefits.

Rusty Gloor is a certified Social Security advisor with the Association of Mature American Citizens.

Residents urged to enroll in Smart 911

DOWNEY – The city of Downey is asking residents to register their household information on Smart911, a free service that allows families to provide personal information to 911 in the event of an emergency.

At Smart911.com, users can create a personal profile for their entire household, including medical conditions, disabilities, phone numbers, home and work addresses, and even pet information.

When a user calls 911, that information is automatically displayed to dispatchers, allowing police and firefighters to receive up-to-date emergency information about the household they are responding to.

Signing up for the service is free and takes about 5-10 minutes. Users will need to log in to update and verify their profiles every six months.

For more information about Smart911, contact Downey Fire Department battalion chief Dan Hurlock at (562) 904-7301 or dan.hurlock@downeyfire.org, or Downey Police Department lieutenant Scott Loughner at (562) 904-2346 or sloughner@downeyca.org.

Vendors sought for 'quartermania' fundraiser

DOWNEY – The American Legion Auxiliary, Hollydale Unit 723, in Downey is hosting

“quartermania” auction Sunday, Dec. 3, from 1-4 p.m.

Admission is \$15 and includes lunch, a raffle ticket, and a paddle and chip.

There will also be vendors and boutique shopping.

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7 kitchen items you really need for Thanksgiving

Nobody wants unnecessary kitchen clutter. Marie Kondo and Alton Brown have drilled it into our heads that our artfully arranged kitchen storage spaces should be stocked (never stuffed) only with multipurpose, untrendy, chef-style kitchen gear; leave the Spiralizer for somebody else's yard sale!

And yet, if you're planning to host a classic turkey-and-fixin's Thanksgiving dinner every year, there are a few specialty items that you're better off investing in. And yes, some of them are even (gasp) uni-taskers.

We talked to Kristen Miglore, creative director at Food52.com, to reveal some kitchen gear you actually need for Thanksgiving dinner.

1. A roasting pan with nonstick rack

The most essential piece: a place to cook that bird. Sure, you could wrestle a disposable foil roasting pan on top of a cookie sheet, but it takes only one wrong move with those flimsy things and your precious bird is all over the floor.

"A sturdy roasting pan with a nonstick rack will make your life so much easier on Turkey Day," says Miglore. It's a pan you can actually use year-round for roasting chickens, big cuts of beef, fish, or even veggies. "I just used mine to braise a couple of bunches of collard greens last week—the pan was stuffed!"

A Mauviel version includes a rack and flavor injector (\$170, Food52.com). A more budget-friendly choice is available as an Amazon special (\$30.56, Amazon.com).

2. A fat separator

"A fat separator is a one-off, but they're inexpensive, and by that point in the day, you'll be very glad you have it," says Miglore. Fat separators make it easy to extract the meat drippings from the fat by allowing the fat to rise to the top. The spout pulls from the bottom of the cup, so that you get only the lean juices.

An Oxo version (\$14.99, Oxo.com) has a 4-cup capacity, stopper, and strainer cap on the top to catch little pieces of vegetables or spices that fall in with your drippings as you pour off the pan. If your family is like

mine, good gravy is perhaps the most essential part of the holiday meal, but getting it right can be tricky, especially if you make it only once a year. Treat yourself to a fat separator, and make that last-minute task stress-free.

3. A long, sharp carving knife

A sharp chef's knife can work in a pinch, but if you're going to do it right, a carving set is the way to go.

According to Miglore, a proper carving set should include the stabilizing fork that makes carving much easier. And when the pressure is on, you should probably take every advantage you can get. Nobody wants to see the looks of horror on their guests' faces as they destroy an innocent roast turkey in front of them.

If you want to splurge, a teak-handled set (\$79, Food52.com) is perfect for special occasion roasts. The reviewers at Wirecutter suggest a more affordable set from Messermeister (\$48.95, Amazon.com) for its "good looks, wallet-friendly price, and high performance."

4. A meat thermometer

Gone are the days of waiting for a button timer to pop up on the turkey and calling it done. Inaccurate cooking results in dry, overcooked turkey breasts and/or dangerously undercooked thighs. There are a host of techniques for producing the perfect, juicy, delicious bird, but all involve a meat thermometer.

"I pull out my meat thermometer not just on Thanksgiving, but to be more confident every time I roast a chicken or sear a steak," explains Miglore.

If you want a basic model, the Lavatools PT12 (\$24.99, Amazon.com) is recommended by Wired for its fast readings and Thermopen-style folding probe. If you prefer to read the temperature from afar without having to open the oven, the ThermoPro TP07 is a best-seller (\$35.99, Amazon.com) and has a 300-foot range, pre-set meat temperatures, and programmable temperature alert options.

5. A big carving board with a moat

"A big carving board with a moat will save you from having juices escape onto your counter," explains Miglore.

Great for cutting anything with juice, from turkey to watermelon, a cutting board with a moat is the rare kitchen tool that is incredibly practical but also beautiful and special for the holiday.

Food52 sells an eco-friendly 24-by-18-inch model (\$130, Food52.com). For smaller kitchens, Kohl's has a 16-by-12-inch model (\$37.99, Kohls.com).

6. A large, rimmed serving platter

"A large serving platter with a good rim is handy for passing at the table," says Miglore.

If you're not planning to carve the turkey at the table, it's also the perfect vessel for getting your turkey from the kitchen to the table. Without a rim on your platter, it's easy to spill turkey juice over the side—especially if the person bearing the platter has been indulging in predinner cocktails. It's best to play it safe.

A 20-inch platter from Fishs Eddy is what I use (\$42.95, Fishseddy.com). It doubles in the summer as a gigantic salad platter.

7. Quality pie pans

Pie can be a fiddly thing to make. The crust can be fussy: It has to be browned but not burned, and baked just right so the filling is set but not dry. My first few years hosting Thanksgiving, I used disposable pie pans, but they broke the crust if you let them bend at all while moving them. The next year, I cheated out and got glass pie pans at the dollar store. I paid the price because one of them split in half in the heat of the oven, ruining that pie and flooding the oven floor with uncooked filling.

The lesson I learned, twice, was to pony up for decent pie pans, even if you use them only once a year. They're easy to store and just might motivate you to bake a peach pie this summer. A Pyrex three-pack from Amazon has nice handles and is extremely affordable (\$13.17, Amazon.com).

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Happy Thanksgiving. Here are 5 things to never flush down the toilet

Best Service, a leading residential electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning company serving Orange County has timely plumbing advice for all homeowners.

Sewer and septic systems are designed for a very specific purpose. Adding modern convenience items to the system can cause serious plumbing problems, which in turn, can become a serious money problem for homeowners and rental property owners. To avoid expensive repairs, never send the following five things down the toilet:

Anything made from cotton: Cotton balls and swabs will not dissolve in water and will clog pipes.

Dental floss: Floss isn't biodegradable and can contribute to pipe clogs.

Disposable cleaning wipes and sponges: Wipes and sponges don't break down like toilet paper. Not even those marketed as flushable are acceptable for flushing down the drain.

Feminine hygiene products and disposable diapers: These highly absorbent products are designed to soak up liquid and will not dissolve in water.

Hair: Hair doesn't break down in water, it floats and gets stuck as it moves through the system.

Other things not to flush down the toilet: celery, potatoes, carrots, onions, lettuce, grease, oil, fat, bones, egg shells, pastas, rice and coffee — all of these items are difficult for the blades to grind up and cause more blockage in your drains.

"The toilet is something we all

use daily," said Brian Vardiman, owner of Best Service.

"It has one purpose and should never be used as a general disposal for things that belong in the garbage. Some may be surprised to learn that items marketed as flushable aren't. Disposable wipes can collect in pipes and cause a system backup.

"Sewer systems can process two things — toilet paper and human waste."

Downey Real Estate Market

In October, 2017 Downey had 62 new listings (down 18% from 2016) and 38 closed listings, (down 1% from 2016). The average sales price was \$596,250 which is down 2% from September 2016. There is currently an inventory of 136 Downey homes for sale. Year to date, 437 homes averaging a selling price of \$606,803 have sold in the city of Downey. Report provided by the Greater Downey Association of REALTORS (DAOR)

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