



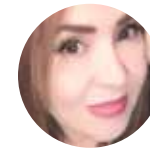
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Long Beach City College dance concert
DATE: Thursday, Nov. 30
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

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 7

Let's Do Lunch networking
DATE: Thursday, Dec. 7
TIME: 12 pm
LOCATION: The Arc

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

House fire kills father, daughter in north Downey

FATAL FIRE: Fire officials are still investigating the cause of the fire, which killed an elderly man and his daughter.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – An elderly man and his daughter were killed in a two-alarm fire that erupted overnight in north Downey last Saturday.

The blaze was reported at 1:04 a.m. by a neighbor who noticed smoke coming from a home's garage at 9520 Arrington Ave.

Upon arriving, firefighters learned two people were trapped inside. Firefighters entered the home and found a 93-year-old man unconscious near the front door.

The man's 63-year-old daughter was located in a back bedroom, also unconscious. Both were transported to PIH Health Hospital Downey where they died of their injuries.

They were later identified as Leon Thomasion and his daughter, Nancy Thomasian.

The two-alarm fire took several

A house fire killed two residents early Saturday morning.

Photo courtesy Downey Fire Department



hours to extinguish but firefighters were able to keep it from spreading to other nearby homes.

Crews from Southern California Gas Company and Southern California Edison also responded to the scene.

Karla Rodriguez, a neighbor, said she was returning home at 1 am after a night out with friends when she noticed "a dark cloud of smoke coming from my neighbor's house."

"A different neighbor came out of her car and asked if I thought the house was burning," she said. "I dropped all my belongings and ran to the front of the house to find the garage ablaze.

"The front door was locked, the water from the hose couldn't reach the flames. The fire quickly started spreading to other parts of the house. I'm thankful the Downey Fire Department got there in less than five minutes after we called."

Fire officials are still investigating the cause of the fire but urged residents to install smoke detectors in their homes.

The home was built in 1953 and was valued at \$822,679.

"The Downey Fire Department extends its sincere condolences to the Thomasian family during this difficult time," said fire chief Mark Gillaspie.

Residents get peek into future of south Rancho campus

RANCHO: Preliminary plans call for a Metro transit station, county offices, and sports fields.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Downey residents got an in-depth look at the upcoming development plans for the Rancho Los Amigos south campus, getting an opportunity to ask questions and give input.

The workshop was held at the Barbara J. Reilly Center on Nov. 16 to a full room of Downey residents and project neighbors.

Currently, there are approximately 118 existing buildings – most of which are vacant – within Rancho's south campus.

The area also houses the Office of Public Safety, a historic district (currently being reassessed as part of L.A. County's current environmental impact report), and the Downey Rose Float Association.

The project plans consist of several different parts, bringing together efforts by Metro, Los Angeles County, and the City of Downey to the approximately 74-acre parcel.

Metro's plans bring a new light rail that will connect Union Station to Artesia, which includes a stop in Downey.

The projected groundbreaking date for this plan under the Measure M expenditure plan is

fiscal year 2022.

LA County is looking to bring three new administrative buildings to the development area, including an Internal Services Department (ISD) headquarters, a Probation Department headquarters, and a Sheriff's Department Crime Lab, for a total of 650,000 square feet.

There are also plans for a 9-story parking structure.

Necessary utilities and infrastructure updates and repairs are included within the plans. The project would include some demolition of existing structures.

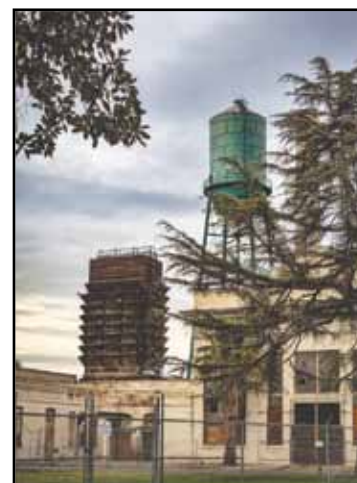
The final element in the project is the three-multipurpose sports field complex, which the city and county have partnered on.

According to county officials, the sports complex is on a separate and slightly faster track than the other buildings in the project, and the county will be looking to bring in a contractor and designer on board to design the sports center hopefully by spring of next year.

The center is being designed so that the existing building which houses the Downey Rose Float will remain in place.

County staff said they anticipate that most of 2019 will be spent in the design phase, with construction hopefully starting late that same year.

After the presentations, residents had an opportunity to give their concerns and ideas through a series of interactive activities.



Plans are underway to redevelop the abandoned Rancho Los Amigos south campus.

Photo by Pam Lane, DowneyDailyPhotos.com

Many of those in attendance shared common concerns for the future of the property, stating a desire to preserve the historic integrity and many of the trees on the grounds.

There were also several concerns for what effect the development might have on traffic, crime/safety, homelessness, and noise levels.

According to City Planner David Blumenthal, city staff was interested in the thoughts of the community.

"We want to know what they want," said Blumenthal. "We understood the traffic, parking; I get the communities concerns for that."



The new bridge being built on Florence Avenue over the 5 Freeway could open soon, officials said.

Caltrans tweeted Nov. 17 that workers were pouring concrete into a new off-ramp barrier and that new pavement was already installed.

"We plan on opening the first half of the new bridge within two weeks!," Caltrans tweeted.

Downey restaurant grades

Peking Restaurant
11039 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 11/15/17
Grade: **B**

Luis' Butcher Shop
9071 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 11/15/17
Grade: **A**

Pronto Pizza
8304 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 11/15/17
Grade: **A**

Ichiban Sushi
11020 New St.
Date Inspected: 11/15/17
Grade: **A**

Jamba Juice
12020 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/15/17
Grade: **A**

Mimi's Donuts
10303 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/16/17
Grade: **A**

Jack in the Box
10037 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/16/17
Grade: **A**

Shakey's Pizza
12030 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/16/17
Grade: **A**

Powwow Saloon
9560 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/16/17
Grade: **A**

Rubio's
12010 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 11/16/17
Grade: **A**

Papa John's
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Sunday 79°

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Santa Claus Arrival

Saturday - Norwalk Town Square, 12 pm

Watch as Santa Claus arrives by helicopter. Plus carnival games, pony rides, train rides, and real snow.



L.A. Philharmonic Concert

Saturday - East L.A. College, 7 pm

The L.A. Philharmonic will perform a free concert featuring music by Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky.



Holidays with Gwen Stefani

Friday - Barnes & Noble at The Grove, 5 pm

Join Gwen Stefani as she lights the Christmas tree at The Grove. Guests who purchase Gwen's new Christmas album receive a photo with Gwen and autograph.



A Christmas Story

All Weekend - Sierra Madre Playhouse

The heartwarming story of Ralphie and his Midwestern family at Christmastime comes to life in this stage adaptation.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

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@CityofDowney let @KBhomes take half of sidewalk [on Paramount Boulevard]. Will they give it back when done building? What about people in wheelchairs?

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Downey beats Corona del Mar in offensive showdown

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team traveled to Newport Harbor last Friday night

and defeated Corona del Mar, 49-42.

Downey improved to 10-2 on the season and will face an undefeated Capistrano Valley team (12-0) at Capistrano Valley on

Friday. In the Downey/Corona del Mar game, both offenses showcased their talent. Both teams scored two touchdowns and converted their PAT's early in the game. The score

was tied at 14 at the end of the first quarter.

Downey gained the advantage in the second quarter when they scored two more touchdowns. Corona del Mar only scored one touchdown in the second quarter and the Vikings took a 28-21 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The two teams continued battling in the third quarter and each scored a touchdown. The score was 35-28 at the end of the third quarter.

Both teams scored and traded touchdowns in the fourth quarter and Downey held on for their hard-fought, 49-42 win.

Downey quarterback **Kijion Foots** completed 19/25 pass attempts for 309 yards and five touchdowns. Foots' passer rating was an impressive 156.5. Kijion also ran the ball 20 times for 102 yards.

The Viking ground game was led by **Baraq Ross**' 22 carries for 156 yards and one touchdown.

The Downey receiving corps were led by **Chris Atkins**' highlight reel performance of 10 catches for 206 yards and four touchdowns. **Baraq Ross** also had four catches for 41 yards in the winning effort.

The Downey defense was led by **Nicholas Whitney's** four solo and four assisted tackles, **Brenden Hodge's** six solo and one assisted tackle, **Tijeer Bryant's** five solo and two assisted tackles, **Noah Skobis'** five solo and one assisted tackle and **Malcom Perry's** two solo and four assisted tackles.

Coach Williams, his staff and players are all looking forward to their game against Capistrano Valley later today. A win tonight will get the Vikings into the C.I.F. Division 4 championship game against the winner of the Cajon/Murrieta Mesa game.

WARREN GIRLS' CROSS-COUNTRY: The Warren High School girls' cross-country team saw their season come to an end last Saturday morning at the Riverside Course in Riverside.

The Lady Bears ran at 8:05 a.m. and finished 18th in the Division One Race with 421 points. Warren

finished in a team time of 1:35.10 and an individual runner's time of 19:02.

The Lady Bears finished in seventh place last week in their respective heat at C.I.F. Prelims to advance to the C.I.F. Final Saturday.

Great Oak finished in first place with 56 points, Vista Murrieta finished in second place with 138 points, Arcadia finished in third place with 164 points, El Toro finished in fourth place with 207 points and M.L. King finished in fifth place with 230 points. California High finished in 17th place with 416 points and Roosevelt finished in 19th place with 447 points.

Warren's sophomore standout **Nadine Gomez** was the first Lady Bear to finish. Gomez finished 53rd overall with a time of 18:28.4.

Senior **Leann Pavana** finished 60th overall in a time of 18:34.6 and senior **Vilma Alvarez** finished 106th overall in a time of 19:13.7. Freshman **Natalie Esparza** finished 119th overall in a time of 19:20.8 and junior **Arianna Cervantes** finished 129th overall in a time of 19:33.4.

Coach Waldron is extremely proud of this year's team. This team has improved steadily throughout the season due to their hard work and determination. The Warren girls' cross-country team was the only Downey or Warren team to advance to C.I.F. Finals.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS: Downey's middle school sports program has concluded its second rotation and five city championships were up for grabs in boys' volleyball and girls' soccer.

There were three grade level championships in boys' volleyball and two championships for girls' varsity and junior varsity soccer.

In 8th grade boys' volleyball, Griffiths finished first with a record of 6-0, Doty finished second with a record of 4-2, Stauffer finished third with a record of 2-4 and Sussman finished fourth with a record of 0-6.

In 7th grade boys' volleyball, Griffiths finished first with a record of 6-0, Stauffer finished second with a record of 4-2 and Doty and Sussman finished tied for third with

records of 1-5.

In 6th grade boys' volleyball, Doty, Griffiths and Stauffer finished in a three-way tie for first with a record of 4-2 and Sussman finished in fourth place with a record of 0-6.

In girls' varsity soccer, Doty and Griffiths were co-champions with records of 5-1, Stauffer finished in third place with a record of 2-4 and Sussman finished in fourth place with a record of 0-6.

In girls' junior varsity soccer, Doty and Sussman were co-champions with records of 5-1 and Griffiths and Stauffer finished tied for third place with records of 1-5.

After two rotations, Doty and Griffiths are tied with 3.8 championships each, Stauffer has 2.8 championships and Sussman has .5 championship(s). Outright championships are one point, co-championships are .5 point(s) and tri-championships are .3 point(s), respectively.

Doty was a co-champion in 8th grade football, won 8th and 6th grade girls' volleyball outright, were a tri-champion in 6th grade boys' volleyball and were co-champions in girls' varsity and junior varsity soccer.

Griffiths won 7th grade girls' volleyball outright, won 8th and 7th grade boys' volleyball outright and were tri-champions in boys' 6th grade volleyball. Griffiths was also a co-champion in 8th grade girls' soccer.

Stauffer was a co-champion in 8th grade boys' football and won 7th and 6th grade football outright. Stauffer was also a tri-champion in 6th grade boys' volleyball. Sussman was a co-champion in girls' junior varsity soccer.

Coaches and players are all looking forward to competing for more city championships after the Christmas Break.

The third rotation will begin in January and feature three grade level teams each for boys' and girls' basketball as well as two boys' soccer teams consisting of a varsity and junior varsity team.

Tryouts and practices at each school site will begin before the Christmas Break and games will begin on Jan. 9.

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TRAFALGAR

County cancels plans for Norwalk homeless shelter

SHELTER: After public resistance, county officials say they are no longer considering a shelter at the former CYA facility in Norwalk.

NORWALK – A controversial proposal to open a homeless shelter at a former juvenile correctional facility in Norwalk is dead.

Mayor Luigi Vernola confirmed the news to the Patriot on Tuesday afternoon. City manager James Parker made a formal announcement at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

State and county officials had been eyeing the former California Youth Authority facility on Bloomfield Avenue as a location for a winter homeless shelter.

But in a letter to Vernola -- dated Nov. 21 -- county Supervisor Janice Hahn said the Norwalk site "is no longer a viable option."

"Therefore, the County of Los Angeles will not pursue its utilization for that purpose," Hahn added.

Hahn's full letter is posted on TheNorwalkPatriot.com.

Vernola wrote to California governor Jerry Brown in October, lobbying for a homeless shelter at the state-owned property.

Vernola later backtracked, stating he opposed a shelter at the location.

The proposed shelter was located at 13200 Bloomfield Ave.,

just north of Norwalk Community Hospital. The property is currently owned by the state of California and was formerly a youth correctional reception center.

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

"My office is extremely supportive of working with the City of Norwalk to open this site to find a solution to the homeless crisis in the County," Hahn wrote in a letter to Vernola earlier this month.

By Eric Pierce and Raul Samaniego



Norwalk mayor Luigi Vernola.

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CRIME REPORT

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

At 8:00 a.m., officers located a stolen vehicle in the parking lot of 8400 Firestone Blvd. (CVS). The female driver was arrested for grand theft auto.

Officers conducted a DUI/CDL checkpoint on Imperial Hwy. at Rives Ave., which resulted in numerous citations being issued for a variety of violations. Two drivers were arrested for drunk driving and two drivers were arrested for possession of drugs.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

At 2:30 p.m., an officer detained a male suspect for walking in traffic lanes on Firestone Blvd. and Ryerson Ave. The suspect then punched the officer in the face and fled on foot. The suspect was later located in a nearby apartment complex courtyard and appeared to be under the influence of drugs. The suspect was arrested for assaulting the police officer.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5

At 3:00 p.m., a male security guard at the Downey Landing crashed his security cart into a parked vehicle. The security guard then removed his clothing and ran around the parking lot naked. Officers arrested the guard for being under the influence of drugs.

At 10:30 p.m., officers located a stolen vehicle in the Walmart parking lot at the Downey Promenade. The driver was arrested for grand theft auto.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11

At 1:30 a.m., officers located a stolen vehicle in the parking lot at Firestone Blvd. and Rives Ave. South Gate Police Department responded and arrested the male driver, who was listed as the suspect in their report.

At 6:50 a.m., a male victim was standing to the front of 8716 Imperial Hwy. Three male suspects approached and one of them pointed a handgun at the victim. The suspect demanded the victim's wallet and cell phone. The suspects then fled the location in an awaiting vehicle. Detectives are investigating.

SUNDAY, NOV. 12

At 8:15 a.m., officers responded to the 10800 block of Little Lake Rd. regarding an auto theft in progress. Officers located a female suspect inside the vehicle and arrested her for attempted grand theft auto.

Paging Dr. Frischer: Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

By Dr. Alan Frischer

AAA means one thing to a driver with a flat tire, but quite another to someone with a dilated aorta.

If you are a man older than 50, you run roughly a 4-7% chance of having an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA), and if you are a woman over 50, your odds are closer to 1%.

The aorta is the largest artery in the body, and it carries oxygen-rich blood away from the heart and supplies it to the rest of the body. The problem with an aortic aneurysm is not simply that it is a swelling of the aorta, but that as it grows larger, the risk of the aorta rupturing becomes significant.

Usually there will be no symptoms before it ruptures, and it may not be possible to have immediate emergency surgery in time to repair it. The risk for rupture depends on the size of the aneurysm, and if it does rupture, 75% to 90% of the time it is fatal. In the United States, ruptured AAA is estimated to cause 4-5% of all sudden deaths. Therefore, screening is critical for those at high risk.

Typically, an AAA is found when an exam is performed for another reason. A doctor may feel a pulsating bulge in the abdomen, or it might be detected through computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), or abdominal ultrasound.

So, should we all be routinely screened? The answer is complicated. The majority of aneurysms never rupture. As the number of screenings increase, so will the number of previously undiagnosed small aneurysms that are unlikely to ever rupture. Elective surgery can prevent aneurysm rupture, but every surgery always carries with it some level of risk. And, since the patient who is most likely to have an AAA is older, the risk that



accompanies surgery is even greater.

Surgical repair is typically considered an option only for aneurysms that have reached five and a half to six centimeters in size. Imagine knowing that you have an aneurysm of "only" five centimeters! Would it feel like a ticking time bomb? You can see how challenging those borderline cases can be.

Current recommendations suggest that men between the ages of 65 to 75 who have ever smoked cigarettes should have a one-time screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm, using abdominal ultrasound. In addition, men aged 60 and older with a family history of abdominal aortic aneurysm should consider regular screenings.

On the other hand, the statistics don't support screening of women smokers ages 65 to 75, or those with a family history. The reason is that when lower risk populations (such as women) are screened for AAA, they are twice as likely to undergo elective surgery within three to five years. While the risk of death from elective surgery is far lower than the risk of death from rupture, many of these elective surgeries are unnecessary, and pose needless risk.

The goal of treatment is to prevent a rupture. If the abdominal aortic aneurysm is too small to justify elective surgery, then it can be monitored. Monitoring would include annual x-rays, controlling blood pressure (which relieves the stress on weakened arteries), not smoking cigarettes, getting regular exercise, limiting alcohol, and eating a healthy diet. To regular readers of my columns, most of this list should look pretty familiar!

Speak with your doctor about whether you are a candidate for screening.

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

Downey woman dies after traveling to Tijuana for liposuction

DOWNEY – A 51-year-old Downey woman died Nov. 11 after traveling to Tijuana to undergo a liposuction procedure.

Irma Saenz died at Chula Vista Medical Center, the L.A. Times reported. She had been in a coma at a Tijuana hospital before an ambulance brought her across the border.

Saenz reportedly had the procedure done at Embellecete Aesthetic Surgery Group under the supervision of Dr. Guillermo Diaz Vergara.

He is not a licensed plastic surgeon, who are the only

physicians authorized to perform liposuction, the Times reported.

According to family members, Saenz found the clinic in a Facebook group. Through an intermediary, she paid a deposit, scheduled an appointment and arranged for an Uber to drive her from Downey to Tijuana on Oct. 27.

She slipped into a coma that same day and was transferred to Hospital Arcangeles, a Tijuana hospital with an intensive care center. She was transported to Chula Vista on Oct. 30.

"The doctors told us that she was not receiving oxygen to the

brain; that's why she went into the coma and was in a vegetative stage, which means she is brain dead from the lack of oxygen," said family friend David Reynosa.

Results of an autopsy by the San Diego Medical Examiner's Office are pending. Friends and family have created a GoFundMe page to pay for funeral expenses.

Friends described Saenz as a "kind hearted strong independent woman."

"She was the back bone to her family. She was always busy taking care of her elderly mother and loved rescuing animals," Reynosa



Downey resident Irma Saenz died in a botched liposuction procedure.

said. "Most holidays were spent at her house because she was the life of the party at 51 years young."

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Despite flaws, GOP tax reform is a huge improvement

By Investor's Business Daily

The House Republicans' new tax plan may well be, as the New York Times would have it, "the most sweeping rewrite of the tax code in decades." And it is certainly a major improvement on the current dysfunctional monstrosity that has been put in place over three decades. Yet it falls far short of what it could be.

While we will support the GOP's \$1.51 trillion tax reform, dubbed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, it is an imperfect vehicle for true reform of the tax code.

Let's start with its flawed underlying premise: In order to cut taxes for some, you have to raise taxes on others to "help pay" for it.

Indeed, much of congressional negotiators' time in recent weeks was spent trying to find "offsets" (that is, tax hikes) in one part of the tax code for tax cuts elsewhere. This is not tax simplification, but tax complexification.

For example, the tax plan's mortgage deduction write-off will only apply to loans of \$500,000 or less, down from the current \$1 million. (Existing mortgages won't be affected). Deductions for state and local property taxes will get capped at \$10,000. That means higher taxes, and a lot more paperwork, for many.

Meanwhile, the plan laudably cuts the number of tax rates from the current seven — ranging from 10% to 39.6% — to just four: 12%, 25%, 35% and 39.6%.

But that's deceptive, since many Americans — at last count, 47% of all taxpayers — will continue to pay either nothing or actually get money back even after paying nothing.

As for those in the higher income brackets, they'll continue to pay a top rate of 39.6% — 43.4% when the ObamaCare surtax is thrown in.

Who cares, you ask? These are rich people, they can afford it. Actually,

this tax directly hits economic growth. This is the group that is most made up of successful entrepreneurs, small business owners and investors, the group that actually creates new businesses and jobs. Why punish them with higher rates?

As the Heritage Foundation notes, "While only one of every 150 taxpayers actually pays the top rate, more than one of every five dollars of taxable income is subject to that tax rate. That means a lot of economic activity is affected by the top rate, and lowering it would have a significant and positive impact on investment, productivity, incomes, and job growth in the U.S."

Exactly. So why not just roll those now at 39.6% into the 35% rate, and get the added economic growth benefit?

By the way, even that 35% rate is deceptive: It will actually raise taxes on many upper-middle-income people because it will now kick in at an income level of \$200,000 for individuals and \$260,000 for married couples, about half the former \$417,000 in income for both single and married taxpayers. Some two-income families will be surprised to find out their taxes are going up, by a lot.

Then there are other things. The tax bill allows for full expensing of business investments, but only for five years. Why only for five years? It will "cost" too much. But, in the digital age, we need full business expensing to keep up with the rest of the world. So why not make it permanent?

This kind of thinking makes sense in Washington, where zero-sum tax-cut logic reigns supreme. But not in the real world. If politicians are truly worried about adding to the deficit, they should cut spending. One of the things that delivers the most bang for the buck to the private sector is government spending cuts.

With a little courage, big cuts could be made. The Education Department, for instance, doesn't educate a single kid. There's plenty of evidence that it has made education in this nation worse, not better. Why not get rid of it?

The Energy Department produces no energy. It mainly gets in the way of those that do. Take its essential parts — nuclear energy security and cleanup, for example — and create a smaller agency. Then get rid of the rest.

In 2016 alone, those two agencies spent roughly \$245 billion. Even cut in half, you could pay for the entire \$1.5 trillion 10-year tax cut, just like that. And there are other nonessential agencies and departments that could go on the chopping block with them.

But the sad fact is, neither party in Washington thinks of cutting spending. This year, spending will exceed \$4 trillion, a 48% rise in just 10 years. Government spending is extraordinarily wasteful, as a spate of studies, reports and white papers all confirm. Stop treating spending as if it were sacrosanct.

To get really serious, Congress must reform entitlement spending. No matter how you calculate it, both Social Security and Medicare are on the verge of insolvency. Soaring entitlements will eventually undo all efforts at permanent tax reform. Reform entitlements now, or regret it later.

To be sure, there are many things we like about this tax plan, as we said. It cuts the corporate tax rate to 20% from 35%; doubles the standard deduction (a real tax-simplification move, since millions will no longer have to itemize); it cuts middle-class taxes sharply; it phases out the estate tax; and it ends the absurd Alternative Minimum Tax. These are big accomplishments.

"Let's not let Washington special interests, the TV pundits or the pessimists fool you," said House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas. "None of them thought we'd get this far, and they were wrong."

Even with its imperfections, this is a pro-growth tax cut that will help the economy grow again at 3% a year. Let's hope that the House and the Senate can get together, iron out the rough spots and pass it by the end of the year.

President Trump is confronting an opioid crisis more severe than original expectations

New data compiled by President Donald J. Trump's Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) shows the costs of opioid abuse are much higher than previously thought:

- Opioid-involved overdose deaths doubled in the past ten years and quadrupled in the past sixteen years.

- The number of opioid-involved overdose deaths has risen by nearly one-third since 2013.

- This rise in overdose deaths involves fentanyl, a highly potent synthetic opioid, and fentanyl analogs, most of which is believed to be illicitly imported.

- Evidence suggests that drug overdoses related to opioids are underreported by as much as 24 percent, which would raise the estimated 2015 opioid overdose death toll to over 40,000.

- Drug overdoses are now the leading cause of injury death in the United States, outnumbering traffic crashes or gun-related deaths.

- According to preliminary analysis, more than 64,000 lives were lost to drug overdoses in 2016, devastating American families and communities.

- This represents a rate of 175 deaths a day in 2016.

- Since 2000, over 300,000 Americans have died from overdoses involving opioids.

The true cost of the opioid crisis has been greatly understated because the full loss of thousands of American lives was not accounted for.

- Using standard economic techniques, the CEA estimates the cost of the opioid crisis in 2015 to be \$504 billion, or 2.8 percent of GDP, once the lives lost due to opioid overdoses are accounted for.

- The CEA's high estimate puts the cost of opioid misuse at \$622.1 billion while the most conservative estimate suggests the cost is \$293.9 billion.

- CEA's study included all opioid-involved losses, not solely losses caused by prescription opioids.

- The new cost estimates include nonfatal opioid abuse, which totaled \$72.3 billion in 2015, according to the CEA.

- Consequences of nonfatal opioid abuse include billions in medical and addiction treatment costs, criminal justice costs, and the resulting decrease in productivity among users.

President Trump is taking the opioid crisis seriously, using the tools of government to aggressively confront opioid addiction.

- On October 26, President Trump directed the acting Secretary of Health and Human Services to declare a nationwide public health emergency to bring the full war chest of the U.S. government to fight the opioid crisis.

- The Trump Administration organized the most effective "Take Back Day" on record, collecting 456 tons of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

- In March 2017, President Trump established the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis, with the mission "to study the scope and effectiveness of the Federal response to drug addiction and the opioid crisis and to make recommendations to the President for improving that response."

- Since President Trump took office, more than \$1 billion in funding has been allocated or spent directly addressing the drug addiction and opioid crisis.

- Since April, more than \$800 million has been distributed for prevention, treatment, first responders, prescription drug monitoring programs, recovery and other care in communities, inpatient settings, and correctional systems.

- Since the President took office, \$254 million in funding for high-risk

communities, law enforcement, and first responder coordination and work has been awarded.

- The Department of Justice's Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit is targeting criminals and their networks that are contributing to the prescription opioid epidemic, has netted the largest-ever health care fraud takedown, secured the first-ever indictments against Chinese fentanyl manufacturers, and seized AlphaBay, the largest criminal marketplace on the Internet and a major source of fentanyl and heroin.

- The Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs are collaborating on a six-year, \$81 million joint research partnership focusing on nondrug approaches to managing pain in order to address the needs of service members and veterans.

- The Food and Drug Administration is imposing new requirements on the manufacturers of prescription opioids to help reverse the overprescribing that has fueled the crisis.

- The State Department has secured a binding U.N. agreement making it harder for criminals to access fentanyl precursors ANPP and NPP.

Contributed by the White House.

Parking scofflaws

Dear Editor:

We go to the post office on Lakewood Boulevard at least two or three times a day. My husband sells several items on Ebay and we use the post office closer to our home.

It has really become more of a pain than a convenience. Everyone who goes there thinks that it's a drive-thru; no one takes into consideration the handicap persons who really need the parking close to the entrance. People park in the handicap without a handicap placard, double park, don't even think of other people.

I really think someone or maybe a police officer should watch this location. I am sure Downey could get so much revenue just from the inconsiderate people that think that they are more important than anyone else.

M. Contreras
Downey

Drain the swamp

Dear Editor:

Roy Moore, a Republican, is running for senator of Alabama. He is accused of sexual harassment. Is he guilty? He will probably lose the election.

Bill Clinton was accused of many sexual indiscretions but served two terms. He lied to Congress and the American people. What was his punishment? He lost his law license. He didn't need it because he gets almost half a million dollars for a one-hour speech in Russia. Who needs it?

President Kennedy was also guilty of sexual indiscretions but no charges were filed. Ted Kennedy left Mary Jo Koepeckne in a water grave and went to "sleep it off" before reporting it. He and other men took their girlfriends for a special time together and what was his punishment? He was elected to serve as chairman of the Ethics Committee.

Now we learn about Al Franken. He was being groomed to run for president on the Democratic ticket in 2020. And these sleazy politicians are wondering if he should be put out of office. Really? Now we learn our state senator, Tony Mendoza, is also accused.

On top of all this, we learn that \$15.2 million of our tax money is used to pay off the ladies who have sexual harassment complaints against our government leaders. We should demand the names of these sleazeballs be released. They should be put out of office with no pension. But probably nothing will happen.

The only upside that could happen is maybe this is the only way to "drain the swamp" since we can't get much-needed term limits.

Another issue: I'm not a tax expert but I noticed in Jim Hightower's article, whose articles appear often in the Downey Patriot, that he is concerned that President Trump's tax plan will add \$1.5 trillion to our national debt. I don't recall in his other articles that he showed any interest when President Obama increased our debt more than all previous presidents combined.

Elsa Van Leuven
Downey

Washington's war on poor grad students

By Jill Richardson

The Republican tax plan winding its way through Congress includes a special middle finger to the nation's graduate students.

It's a little bit wonky, so stay with me here. I'll explain how it affects me, since I'm an actual graduate student.

Going to grad school would've been entirely out of reach for me if I had to pay full tuition for my education. Getting a PhD takes at least five years and often more. I don't have a spouse, trust fund, or parents to cover my cost of living or my tuition.

If I had to pay for my own education, it would've been simply out of the question. This is hardly uncommon.

How many adults do you know can forego five or more years of income while simultaneously paying thousands of dollars in college tuition each year?

Since the answer to that question is "not many," universities employ graduate students as poorly paid labor in exchange for an education, health insurance, and a very low wage.

In my case, I've worked as a teaching assistant for the past three years while also attending classes at University of Wisconsin-Madison. Other students worked as research assistants. A lucky few got funding that allowed them to pursue their own research. The rest of us had to work.

Forbes mentions some magical places where graduate students are given stipends up to \$50,000 per year. At Wisconsin, we weren't so lucky.

My take home pay was about \$1,300 per month, nine months of the year. The other three months (summer) I got nothing. No, it wasn't enough to live on. I'm deeply in debt with student loans.

Then there's the matter of tuition. Graduate students like me often don't have to pay it.

If a school charges \$20,000 per year in tuition but waives it for graduate students who work as teaching or research assistants, the new Republican tax plan wants to count that as \$20,000 in taxable income.

You do the math: If a student is living on a tiny stipend and maybe some loans, how on earth can he or she afford to pay thousands of extra dollars in taxes?

You may not care about graduate students. It affects 3 million of us, but you may not be one yourself.

Odds are, however, that you're affected by graduate students. Graduate students do a lot of the grunt work in universities while working on their doctorate degrees. They teach students, do research, and develop new technologies.

And they go on to become professors and experts themselves.

Without graduate students, we won't have scientists. Every PhD scientist was once a graduate student.

Without graduate students, we won't have professors. If you have an associate's or a bachelor's degree, that was only possible because your professors were able to get a graduate education.

Gut graduate education in America and you'll gut education as a whole.

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

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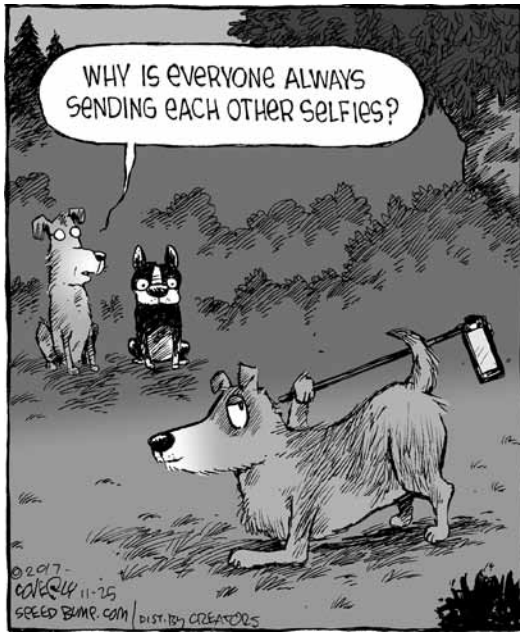
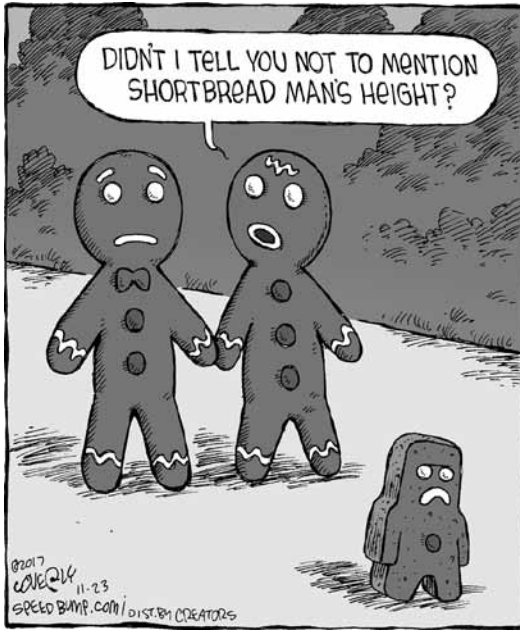
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CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Alex Lopez 441-7947.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Helen 864-7319.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed., Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Paula Mayfield, (562) 923-3518.
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

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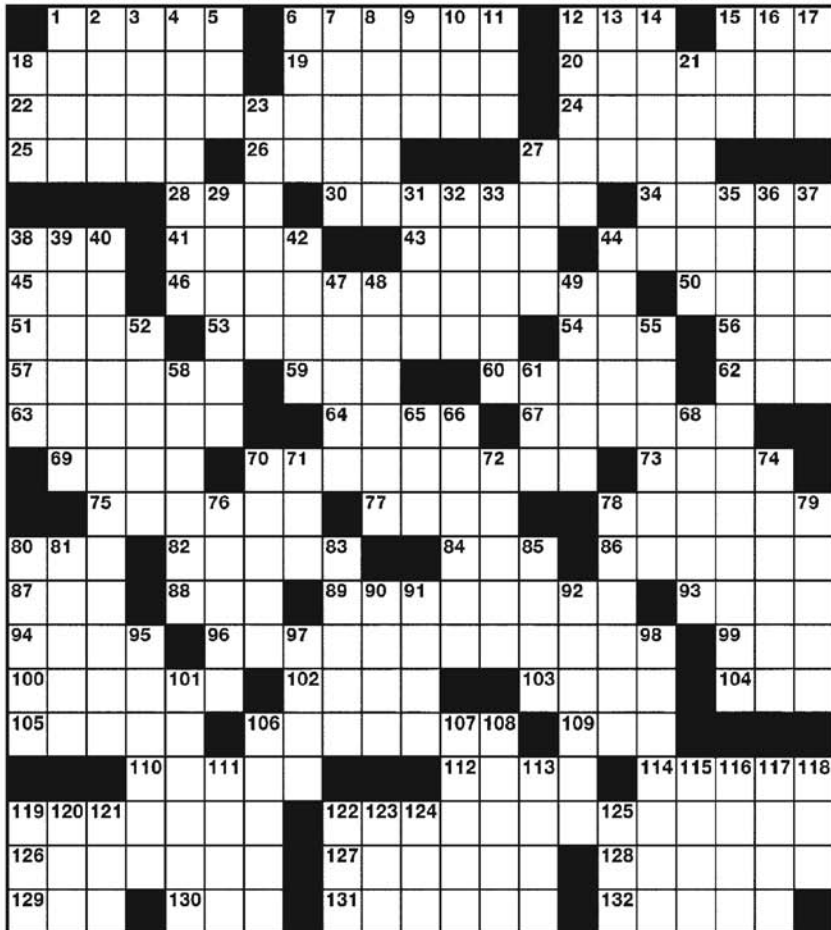
- Nov. 23, 1889:** The jukebox made its debut, at the Palais Royale Saloon in San Francisco.
- 1903:** Singer Enrico Caruso made his American debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, appearing in "Rigoletto."
- 1954:** The Dow Jones industrial average finally surpassed its pre-crash high - 25 years after Black Tuesday - when it closed at 382.74.
- 1980:** A series of earthquakes devastated southern Italy, killing some 2,600 people.

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Shared Stories: A Peace Corps Odyssey

Anthony Kingsley gave two years in service to the ideal of international brotherhood. He received much in return. It's a timely story for this Thanksgiving season. 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 Anthony Kingsley

In 1994 I was getting bored and while reading the job advertisements in the LA Times I came across a notice for a presentation at the Long Beach Library being given by some Peace Corps Volunteers who had just returned from Central America.

I attended and thought - that's neat. So I completed the application to be a Volunteer. I remember one question - Where would you like to serve? I answered Barbados, Fiji and some other places with a nice warm ocean and swaying palm trees.

I got accepted - for Poland. Later I got a letter from Medical - you cannot be cleared because your tests indicate that you have a serious heart problem. I went to a cardiologist who looked at the printout and said he knew what the problem was. He did another EKG and it was normal. The previous technician had hooked up the terminals wrong.

By this time the deadline for Poland had passed. So I was given a choice - Armenia, Bulgaria or Kyrgyzstan. I accepted Armenia. Now I did not know that these four countries had a warm ocean and swaying palm trees.

Just before Memorial Day 1995 I was on a plane to Washington DC

for orientation and to meet the other thirty-one Volunteers. We were A3, meaning the third group to Armenia.

A few days later we were on a plane to Paris. But it was only for a five-hour layover. Then it was on to Yerevan on Armenian Airlines.

As we were coming in to land there were no lights. But just before we were about to touch down they turned on the runway lights.

Peace Corps transported us to the Armenia Hotel on Republic Square. That night we went out walking and the fountains were all lit up, couples walking around and children playing in the fountains. I said to some of my friends - "This is going to be a good two years"

We stayed with host families for three months of training. My host family consisted of George, my host father, and his daughter Armenia. But we only had running water one hour a day, no heat and sporadic electricity because of the war with Azerbaijan.

We were given language lessons and one day we were told to go back to our host family and practice.

So I said to George what I thought was "Hey George, let's go for a walk on Abovian Street". Then Armenia said, "Tony, why do you want my father go find a streetwalker on Abovian? That was my last attempt at the Armenian language.

After three months I was assigned to an organization as a Small and Medium Enterprise Consultant. This organization was also responsible for my housing. I was given a house to share with Stefan, a German consultant. After a short time, Stefan moved out and Dick More, the head of the program from the Netherlands, said he was going to stay with me - he only came about once a month. And so the Kingsley Arms was

founded, a stopping point for Volunteers from all over Armenia. The full Irish breakfasts became legendary.

One day Dick said that I was living better than he was and that I should find a place of my own. He arrived at about 3:00 am and I always had cold beer and cold vodka ready for him. On his next visit I told him I had found a place and I would be gone when he came the next time. He said, well wait a little while and we will talk about it on my next trip. I never did move. Maybe I should have joined the diplomatic corps!

But the organization did not have enough work to keep me busy so I was free to take on secondary projects.

One day an A2 volunteer asked me to help her school children because they were always hungry. I set up a school lunch program that eventually served 224,000 lunches in some other schools throughout Armenia.

I was visiting a Volunteer in Vanadzor and he introduced me to his translator. She was quite pretty but her two front teeth were blackened. So I set out to research dental hygiene in Armenia. I found out that the belief was that if teeth were brushed too much it would wear away the enamel. So I set up a dental hygiene program that trained school nurses and gave 15,000 children tooth brushes and toothpaste, compliments of the Colgate-Palmolive Company.

I think we brought a lot of peace. Five male Volunteers and one female Volunteer married Armenians. But the winters were very cold - minus 15 degrees.

After two years and three months it was time for us to say goodbye to Armenia.

The best job I ever had, receiving a living allowance of \$5 a day.

Norwalk gets a Chick-fil-A and Panera Bread

GROUNDBREAKING: Norwalk celebrates new development at Bloomfield and Imperial that will also feature an LA. Fitness.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

NORWALK - Norwalk officially broke ground on the highly anticipated Norwalk Fitness Village project Monday morning.

Four of the five members of city council took shovels in hand, flanked by various business officials, city staff, and community members.

"Our residents have long requested innovative opportunities for dining, shopping, and other services," said Mayor Luigi Vernola. "We are pleased to be able to show

that we are listening and bringing popular new businesses and additional jobs to the area."

Located at Bloomfield Avenue and Imperial Highway, the new promenade-style center will include a 37,000 square foot LA Fitness gym, Chick-fil-A and Panera Bread restaurants, and an outdoor stage for small entertainment purposes. Other businesses have yet to be announced.

According to a report made by QSR, Chick-fil-A generated over \$7.9 billion in revenue in 2016, averaging about \$4.4 million per unit throughout 2,102 total stores.

The same report shows Panera Bread generating \$5.2 billion in sales, averaging \$2.7 million throughout 2,042 stores.

Vice Mayor Leonard Shryock said that he hoped the new center will signal Norwalk as a "tremendous business destination."

"We're real excited and looking forward to reaping the benefits of this beautiful development," said Shryock.

The plans were passed by

the Planning Commission back in February, and then again by City Council back in April.

Councilmember Jennifer Perez - who was serving as a commissioner at the time of the Commission's vote on the project - described the project as a "new beginning."

"It's a refresh. The new energy

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and the new excitement that's coming in from the owners of the property, the developers, to the tenants between the restaurants and LA Fitness; it's truly going to rejuvenate the excitement coming

into our city," said Perez.

"We're right at the gateway center of our city coming in from Santa Fe Springs, so it's going to create a whole new vibe."

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- Lorine Parks

In one of history's ironies, this year Thanksgiving coincides with the anniversary of JFK's being shot. Prize what you have while you have it, philosophers might say. Howl, says the poet. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Mariachi Divas performing at Downey Theatre

NORWALK - Tickets are still available to see the Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea at the Downey Theatre on Saturday, Dec. 2.

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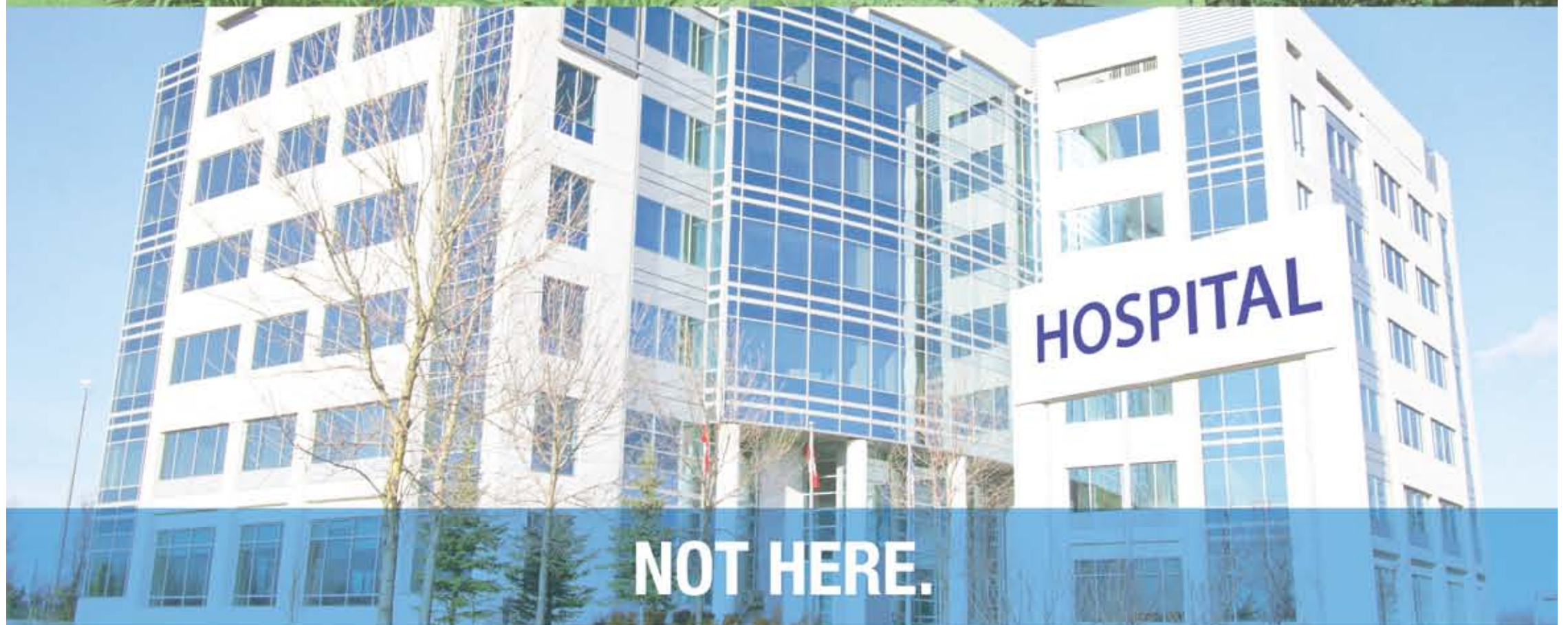
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Louise Willick passes away at 95

DOWNEY – Louise Eva Skinner Willick passed away peacefully in her sleep Nov. 11. Age 95, she died of natural causes at Vistas Assisted Living Facility in Redding, Calif.



Louise was born April 7, 1922 to James Frances Skinner and Eva Mae Skinner of Sacramento and Los Angeles. She grew up in the Los Angeles area with one older sister, Inez Ellen Skinner and a younger brother, Elmer Okerson.

Louise worked for a defense

company during WWII building military airplanes. She also volunteered at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in Downey as an aide helping patients with their grooming as a beautician for many years during the 1960's. She worked full time for over 35 years as a real estate agent in Downey until her retirement in 2000.

She was married in 1945 to Edward Lee Willick of Downey for over 61 years until his passing in 2006 at age 88. They made their home in Downey for over 44 years. Edward was the prominent owner of Willick Engineering (building

industrial x-ray machines) located in Los Angeles for over 45 years.

Louise was a devoted mother to her only child, Ronald Lee Willick born in 1948. She is survived by her son, Ronald Lee and daughter in-law of 49 years, Marilyn Granger Willick of Redding, California.

She had five grandchildren, Ryan Lee Willick of El Dorado Hills, California, Christopher Michael Willick of Santa Cruz, California, Grant Matthew Willick of Redding, California, Brooke Elizabeth Willick Vaughn of Elbert, Colorado, Kristen Nicole Willick of Reno, Nevada and 11 great grandchildren, Alexis

Willick, Gavin Willick, Chloe Willick, Brayden Willick, Nathan Willick, Lillyan Willick, Elijah Vaughn, Savannah Vaughn, Cannon Vaughn, Mandelyn Vaughn and Scarlet Boyles.

A private service will be held at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, where she will rest with her husband, Edward Willick.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the A.S.P.C.A. in Louise's honor per her wishes.

Downey sees dip in real estate sales and prices

DOWNEY – Downey had 62 new real estate listings in October, down 18% from 2016, according to statistics released by the Greater Downey Association of Realtors.

October saw 38 closed listings, down 1% from a year ago. The average sales price was \$596,250, a 2% drop from September 2016.

Year to date, 437 homes averaging a selling price of \$606,803 have sold in Downey. There is currently an inventory of 136 Downey homes on the market.

Eric Pierce, editor

It's now more expensive to rent in Norwalk than Downey

DOWNEY – Downey is the 13th most expensive city to rent in Los Angeles County, according to an analysis of real estate rental listings by Zumper, an online rental database.

The Zumper Los Angeles Metro Report analyzed active listings in October across 18 metro cities to show the most and least expensive cities and cities with the fastest growing rents. The California state median was \$1,663 last month.

Listings are aggregated by city to calculate median asking rents.

In Downey, the average rent for a 1-bedroom apartment is \$1,350 per month, more expensive than Whittier, Baldwin Park, Hawthorne, Bellflower and Pomona.

Downey rent, however, lagged behind Norwalk, where residents pay an average of \$1,390 for a 1-bedroom unit. Norwalk rental prices grew 13% last month.

Santa Monica continues to be the most expensive city to rent, with an average rent of \$3,180 for a 1-bedroom apartment.

Pomona and Bellflower tied for the most affordable city in the metro with prices at \$1,280.

Eric Pierce, editor

Downey Police awarded \$300K grant for traffic enforcement

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department has been awarded a \$330,000 state grant for special enforcements and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic-related deaths and injuries.

Residents can expect to see "stepped up enforcement watching closely for traffic violators and anyone who is driving impaired," said Police Chief Carl Charles. "We want to keep our roads safe for all travelers, so we will have zero tolerance for drunk or drugged driving."

Activities the grant will fund include educational presentations, DUI checkpoints, DUI saturation patrols, bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement, motorcycle safety enforcement, distracted driving enforcement, seatbelt and child safety seat enforcement, and traffic law enforcement.

Police also warned that drivers impaired from prescription medications or marijuana also will be arrested for driving under the influence.

The grant was issued by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Applications being accepted for new STEM school in Lakewood

NEW CAMPUS: Odyssey STEM Academy will focus on a science, technology, engineering and math curriculum.

LAKEWOOD – Paramount Unified will accept applications through Friday, Jan. 19 for the new Odyssey STEM Academy, a high school launching in Lakewood that will focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) curriculum.

Odyssey will begin with a freshman class of about 150 students in 2018-19. Students will be selected Feb. 12 through a lottery, with families living within District boundaries receiving priority.

Applications are available at Paramount Unified middle schools or on the Odyssey STEM Academy website.

Informational meetings have been scheduled to brief families about the application process at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Alondra Middle School, 16200 Downey Ave., Paramount; at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 and Saturday,

Jan. 13 at Odyssey STEM Academy, 3701 Michelson Street in Lakewood; and at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12 at Paramount Park Middle School.

"There's a great deal of excitement from the community surrounding Odyssey STEM Academy and the opportunity to provide our children with advanced education," Odyssey Academy Principal Keith Nuthall said. "The curriculum will engage scholars in society's most challenging issues and push students to be their best."

Odyssey will offer an engineering or biomedical pathway through Project Lead The Way (PLTW), the nation's leading provider of STEM curriculum, and use project-based learning to teach students to identify and solve real-world problems.

The District plans to create a bridge from its middle school's PLTW curriculum, which offers a broad scope of STEM learning, to its pathway offerings at Paramount High School and Odyssey. Paramount High School offers computer-integrated manufacturing as an engineering



Odyssey STEM Academy will begin with a freshman class in 2018-19 and add a grade level each year until achieving full enrollment at 600 students.

pathway.

"Our District's emphasis on technology has ensured that we are preparing our students for success in college and career," Superintendent Dr. Ruth Pérez said. "Odyssey will further our commitment to developing future scholars."

Odyssey will add a grade level each year until achieving

full enrollment at 600 students – significantly less than Paramount's other high school programs.

"Odyssey STEM Academy will provide our students with the tools they need to thrive in today's world," Board of Education President Linda Garcia said. "Our children deserve the best that we can offer them, and the new school represents our very best."

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SEAACA has also reduced its adoption rates by 50 percent for senior citizens. Anyone age 50 and older is invited to adopt a pet (at least 12 months old) for 50-percent off the regular adoption rate.

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Mon thru Fri - F/T split shift from 6-9am & 3-7pm & 7pm-11pm, Weekends 8am - 4pm \$10/hr. (562) 928-7917

LOOKING FOR P/T OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
Must know Quickbooks. Previous experience required. Call Bill (562) 861-8507 bill@cabin45.com

EMPLOYMENT

MEDICAL BILLER WITH 3 YEARS EXPERIENCE
Full Time or Part Time Call (562) 869-2105

FOR RENT

2 BR. 2 BA \$1,550/MO
Downey, Quiet bldg, no pets. (562) 712-1605

DWY 2 BR 1 1/2 BA HOME
2 car garage remodeled \$2,100 (310) 617-3640

N. DOWNEY HOME
4 BR 2 BA, pool \$2,850 (310) 617-3640

FOR RENT

1 ROOM FOR RENT
Priv entrance, 1 Senior only, No Drugs of any kind, Fully furnished. \$600 Gardendale & Downey Ave (562) 923-9158 (323) 384-4693

SERVICES

APPLIANCE TECH HAS ARRIVED
House calls. Same day rapid service all major brands. Washers, dryers, ovens, stoves, refrigerators, etc. Senior citizen discount. (562) 866-4291 (310) 251-3018

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NICE-N-KLEAN
Residential & Commercial Cleaning. Call for a Free Estimate. (562) 419-6577

FINE ROOFING, INC.
Roof Repair & Leaks Free Estimate*Quality Service Senior Discount. Lic 976823 (562) 879-4987

HANDY CRAFTSMAN SERVICE
for all your home improvements & repairs. All labor and material guaranteed. (562) 331-0976

SERVICES

FULL SERVICE PLUMBING
Licensed, bonded & insured, 24/7, senior discount McKinnon & Sons Plumbing of Downey (562) 904-3616

PLANS, PERMITS CONSTRUCTION
Project Design, New Construction, Remodeling & Additions Lic. #936419 Call Jeff (562) 869-1421

SERVICES

COMPUTER 1 SOLUTION
Desktop & Notebook Repair. Senior computer help & printer setup. Virus Removal. PC Sales & Upgrade Call Larry Latimer (562) 714-9876

YARD SALE

BLACK FRIDAY & SATURDAY YARD SALE
11/24 & 11/25
3 separate houses. Christmas items, jewelry, tools, furn, etc. 8702, 8706, 8712 Meadow Road, Downey 90242

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/ TONI FRANCESCO GUGURIA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 27, 2017 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. 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 2017321161

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JJ&V TRUCKING, 14400 N. CHESTER AVE, COMPTON CA 90221, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE TRINIDAD JIMENEZ, 1406 N. CHESTER AVE, COMPTON CA 90221
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: 11/2017

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/ JOSE TRINIDAD JIMENEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 7, 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
11/23/17, 11/30/17, 12/7/17, 12/14/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2017315711

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) H&R DISHMACHINE SVC, 13806 DILWORTH ST., LA MIRADA CA 90638, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 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
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 2017314635

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RIVERAS ENTERPRISE, 5049 CHURCH ST #2, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 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 2017310093

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ACAPULCO HAND CAR WASH, 10925 S MAINT ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90061, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) UGOLINO VALENCIA, 344 W 118TH PL, LOS ANGELES CA 90061
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

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

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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/ UGOLINO VALENCIA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on OCTOBER 27, 2017 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. 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
11/2/17, 11/9/17, 11/16/17, 11/23/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2017326640

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) STAND UP TACOS #3, INC., 1240 LAKES DR STE C, WEST COVINA CA 91790, LA COUNTY, WEST CENTRAL AVE #319, CHINO CA 91710
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 4059049 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STAND UP TACOS #3, INC., 1240 LAKES DR SUITE C, WEST COVINA CA 91790
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/ STAND UP TACOS #3, INC., CEO, LINO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 14, 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 2017314635

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 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

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S/ CESAR B. RODRIGUEZ, OWNER
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State of Incorporation: N/A
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11/9/17, 11/16/17, 11/23/17, 11/30/17

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A ZONE CHANGE AND SITE PLAN REVIEW
PLN-17-00052

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 6th day of December, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

A request to: 1) Rezone a portion of the site from P-B (Parking Buffer) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing); 2)

construct a new 17,656 square-foot one-story industrial building; and 3) modify the facade of an existing 1,067 square-foot industrial building. The subject property is located at 12120-12132 Woodruff Avenue and zoned M-1 (Light Manufacturing), M-2 (General Manufacturing) and P-B (Parking Buffer).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (http://www.downeyca.org/depts/cd/planning/planning_commission.asp) on the Friday prior to the public hearing. As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15332 (Class 32, In-fill Development Projects).

NOTE: STATE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65009 NOTICE: If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For more information contact Senior Planner Monica Esparza at 562-904-7154.

The Downey Patriot
11/23/17

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A TENTATIVE USE PERMIT
PLN-17-00111

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 6th day of December, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

A request to expand an existing restaurant (20/20 Drafthouse), to the tenant space directly to the west of the existing location for a total restaurant area of 4,317 square feet. The restaurant currently operates with an Alcoholic Beverage Control Type 47 On-Sale General - Eating Place) license and live entertainment. This request is to allow the expansion, while maintaining the alcohol sales and live entertainment, on property located at 8228 Firestone Boulevard and zoned DDSP (Downtown Downey Specific Plan - Firestone Blvd Gateway District).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (http://www.downeyca.org/depts/cd/planning/planning_commission.asp) on the Friday prior to the public hearing. As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15332 (Class 32, In-fill Development Projects).

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For more information contact Senior Planner Monica Esparza at 562-904-7154.

The Downey Patriot
11/23/17

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Downey Unified School District ("District") of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board ("Board"), will receive up to, but not later than, 1:30 p.m. on December 19th, 2017, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid #17/18-17

REPLACEMENT SCOREBOARDS FOR THE DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS, AND FIELD LIGHTING FOR THE DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL FIELD

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids shall be received in the office of the Director, Purchasing and Warehouse and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Each bid must conform with and be responsive to the contract documents, copies of which are on file and may be obtained electronically on or after November 16, 2017 - Contact Andrew Ulmen at aulmen@rachlinpartners.com

A mandatory bidder's conference and job-walk will be conducted at Downey High School 11040 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241 November 30, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.: No bid shall be accepted from any bidder failing to comply with attending the mandatory bidder's conference.

The District has obtained from the Department of Industrial Relations the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work for the Los Angeles County area for each trade, craft, classification, or type of work needed to execute the contract. Holiday rates shall be paid as specified in the collective bargaining agreement applicable to each particular trade, craft, classification, or type of work employed on the project.

District Office address noted above. In accordance with Section 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, the Contractor shall post a copy of the determination of prevailing rates of wages at each jobsite. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight (8) hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at time plus one-half. The Contractor and any subcontractor(s) shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. In accordance with provisions of the Public Contract Code Section 22300, substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld to ensure performance under this contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor.

No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date for the opening of bids.

All bidders and their subcontractors MUST be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and possess a current and valid DIR registration number at the time of bid submission.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive irregularities in any bid.

The Downey Unified School District is an "Equal Opportunity" employer. Qualified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) are encouraged to participate in this project.

Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.

Director, Purchasing and Warehouse

Downey Unified School District

Los Angeles, County, State of California

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

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A TENTATIVE PARCEL
MAP NO. 77188 PLN-17-00143

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 6th day of December, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

A request to subdivide two existing lots, totaling 36,807 square feet, into three separate parcels (Parcel 1 = 11,119 square feet; Parcel 2 = 7,222 square feet; and Parcel 3 = 9,136 square feet). The parcels will be accessed via a private street, on property located at 10419 Morning Avenue and zoned R-1 7,500 (Single-Family Residential).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (http://www.downeyca.org/depts/cd/planning/planning_commission.asp) on the Friday prior to the public hearing. As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15315 (Class 15, Minor Land Divisions).

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For more information contact Senior Planner Monica Esparza at 562-904-7154.

The Downey Patriot
11/23/17

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Downey Unified School District ("District") of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board ("Board"), will receive up to, but not later than, 2:00 p.m. on December 5th, 2017, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid #17/18-18

ASPHALT PAVING AT PACE AND GAULDIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids shall be received in the office of the Director, Purchasing and Warehouse and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Each bid must conform with and be responsive to the contract documents, copies of which are on file and may be obtained electronically on or after November 16, 2017 - Contact Andrew Ulmen at aulmen@rachlinpartners.com

A mandatory bidder's conference and job-walk will be conducted at Pace Elementary School 9625 Van Ruiten St, Bellflower, CA - 90706 November 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. - bidder's conference and job walk shall then move to Gauldin Elementary School 9724 Spry St, Downey, CA 90242. No bid shall be accepted from any bidder failing to comply with attending the mandatory bidder's conference.

The District has obtained from the Department of Industrial Relations the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work for the Los Angeles County area for each trade, craft, classification, or type of work needed to execute the contract. Holiday rates shall be paid as specified in the collective bargaining agreement applicable to each particular trade, craft, classification, or type of work employed on the project.

dir.ca.gov/DIR/S&R/statistics_research.html) and are on file and available at the District Office address noted above. In accordance with Section 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, the Contractor shall post a copy of the determination of prevailing rates of wages at each jobsite. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight (8) hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at time plus one-half. The Contractor and any subcontractor(s) shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. In accordance with provisions of the Public Contract Code Section 22300, substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld to ensure performance under this contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor.

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The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive irregularities in any bid.

The Downey Unified School District is an "Equal Opportunity" employer. Qualified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) are encouraged to participate in this project.

Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.

Director, Purchasing and Warehouse

Downey Unified School District

Los Angeles, County, State of California

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

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030700

TO ALL

Business group hosts Christmas party

DOWNEY – The Eldorado chapter of the American Business Women's Association will have its annual Christmas party Friday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Local magician John Zander will provide the evening's entertainment.

There will also be a Chinese auction for Christmas baskets and an opportunity drawing.

Cost to attend is \$35. For reservations, email Ilda Vaja at vajafamily@hotmail.com.

'White Christmas' plays in Long Beach

LONG BEACH – Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," a stage production based on the beloved film starring Bing Crosby, will be performed at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center in Long Beach Dec. 1-10.

The holiday classic features 17 of Irving Berlin's best-known songs, from "Blue Skies" to "I Love a Piano" and the timeless holiday favorite "White Christmas."

The musical tells the story of veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis, who have partnered as a successful song and dance team following WWII.

Performances are Dec. 1 at 8 p.m., Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., Dec. 8 at 8 p.m., Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Dec. 10 at 1 p.m.

Tickets start at \$20 and can be purchased at musical.org.

Play about L.A. riots opening at Cerritos College

NORWALK – "Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992," a blistering look at the Rodney King riots of a quarter-century ago, opens at the Burnight Studio Theatre at Cerritos College on Dec. 1 for a limited 6-performance run.

Directed by Brandt Reiter, the play attempts to make sense of one of the most complex and darkest chapters in the city's history.

Why did the riots happen? What effect did they have on the city that spawned them? Can we stop something like it from happening again?

Performances are Dec. 1-2 at 8 p.m., Dec. 7-9 at 8 p.m., and Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.

Prices at the door are \$17 general admission; \$15 for students, college staff and seniors; and \$13 for children ages 5-12. Children under age 5 are not permitted.

Tickets can be purchased online at slightly cheaper prices at cerritos.edu/theatre.

Hate crimes continue to rise in L.A. County

HATE CRIMES: Gay men, lesbians and LGBT groups are targeted the most, according to report.

LOS ANGELES – The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations (LACCHR) today released its annual account of hate crimes reported throughout Los Angeles County in 2016.

The report's significant findings include the following:

There were 482 hate crimes reported, only one less than 2015, which saw a 24% increase from the previous year and reached the highest total since 2011. By comparison, the California Attorney General's office reported an 11.2% statewide increase in hate crime in 2016.

For the first time in many years, the largest targeted group for hate crime were gay men, lesbians and LGBT organizations, surpassing anti-African American hate crimes. The 118 homophobic hate crimes also had a high rate of violence (81%). These included one murder of a gay man shot to death by his father, who has since been convicted of the homicide and the hate crime.

Hate crimes in which there was evidence of white supremacist ideology grew 67% from 63 to 105, constituting 22% of all hate crimes.

Anti-African American crimes dropped by 19%, from 139 to 112, partly due to a drop in the number of hate crimes by Latino gang members targeting African Americans.

During the post-2016

presidential election period (November 8 through December 31, 2016), hate crimes increased 9%, from 75 to 82. It's important to note that the 75 crimes during the same period in 2015 represented a sharp 47% increase from the previous year, due to the rise in anti-Muslim/Middle Eastern hate crimes following the terrorist attacks in Paris and San Bernardino.

Gender-based crimes spiked by 77%, from 22 to 39. Most of these were anti-transgender crimes which jumped from 18 to 31, a 72% increase. Latina transgender women were targeted the most.

There were 101 religious hate crimes in 2016, with two-thirds targeting the Jewish community.

After jumping 69% in 2015, anti-Latino crimes increased slightly in 2016, from 61 to 62. 77% of them were violent.

Anti-white crimes jumped from 11 to 27, a 145% rise. Whites comprised 11% of racial hate crime victims, but are about 27% of the county population.

Youth continue to decline as suspects of hate crimes in LA County. From 2006 to 2016, youth have gone from the largest age group of hate crime suspects, to the smallest.

In addition to those referenced above, county residents of diverse backgrounds were targeted for hate crime in 2016, including Armenians, Chinese, Asian/Pacific Islander, persons with mental disabilities, persons with physical disabilities, Scientologists, Afghans, Africans, Iranians, Iraqis, Japanese, and Koreans.



Hate crimes, particularly those targeting gays and lesbians, are on the rise in L.A. County.

"At the Board of Supervisors, we are leading the effort to combat Islamophobia, homophobia, and hatred against immigrants – and we are best able to accomplish these goals by having concrete reporting and data," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis.

"Today's troubling news reiterates the need to protect our residents of this County who deserve to live free of prejudice, discrimination, harassment, and violence. I will continue to make combatting hate crimes a priority for the County of Los Angeles."

"We are extremely concerned that reported hate crimes remained at an elevated level in 2016," said Robin Toma, LACCHR Executive Director. "And major cities across the country, including the city of Los Angeles, have already reported increases in hate crime during the first half of 2017."

"The fact that white supremacist crimes grew 67% is alarming, particularly in the aftermath of the "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville. It seems that organized hate groups everywhere are feeling emboldened and increasingly visible," said Commission President Isabelle Gunning.

Hate crimes occurred throughout Los Angeles County, but the largest number took place in the San Fernando Valley, followed by the Metro region that stretches from West Hollywood to Boyle Heights.

The highest rate of hate crimes occurred in the Metro region, followed by the western part of the county that includes a number of affluent cities.

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Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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Downey High School honored its October "Students of the Month" in a campus ceremony Nov. 3. Students are chosen by their teachers for their hard work and for displaying the six pillars of character.

"On behalf of the student body, we would like to thank Chick-fil-A for donating this month's reward," school officials said. "Congratulations to all you Vikings for working hard thus far."



A group of Downey residents, volunteers and business leaders treated Downey police officers to Thanksgiving treats and goodies on Tuesday. The gesture was to "thank them for all their hard work and dedication to keeping Downey safe," said Financial Partners Credit Union, which participated in the event.

Tim and Diane Garcia took a road trip last month through northern Nevada and Utah. "We are train enthusiasts and enjoy visiting historic railroads. We have been residents of Downey for 40 years and readers of the Downey Patriot so we took along a copy of the paper on our trip."

This photo was taken at the Nevada Northern Railway in Ely, Nev. Ely is located along Highway 50, "the loneliest road in America."

"We rode on the 'Ghost Train of Old Ely' - a century old excursion steam train. Our visit included a tour of the historic railroad yard and shops which are still in operation.

"We also rode on the Heber Valley Railroad in Heber City, Utah where we enjoyed the beautiful Fall foliage in the Provo Canyon. Other stops included Great Basin and Zion National Parks."



Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard was a special guest at this year's Operation Gobble event at DEL Records headquarters, helping distribute turkeys and grocery vouchers to local families.

Roybal-Allard is pictured taking a selfie with Evren Arat (left), a development associate at Designated Exceptional Services for Independence (D.E.S.I.) in East Los Angeles, and Sergio, a D.E.S.I. client.



Volunteers distribute 200 Thanksgiving meals

DOWNEY - Local volunteers distributed more than 200 Thanksgiving meals to families and senior citizens in Downey last week.

Each family receives four grocery bags of food, plus items to help make their holidays special, such as cake mix, brownie mix, hot chocolate, mashed potatoes, popcorn, etc.

Most donated items were collected at food drives at Downey schools. A local church donated the 200 turkeys.

Pictured is the Downey Council PTA HELPS advisory board that assembled all the bags. Each of the workers are volunteers.

To donate food or money for the upcoming Christmas basket distribution next month, or to volunteer, call Dorothy Pemberton at (562) 927-9908.

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Great Potential!
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