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## Sean Ashton takes oath as Downey mayor

**GOVERNMENT:** In his first address as mayor, Sean Ashton promises "aggressive upgrade" to roads and parks.

**By Alex Dominguez**  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Sean Ashton has officially been sworn in as mayor of Downey.

City Hall's chambers were practically standing room only on Tuesday evening as several local elected officials, organization representatives, family members, and residents wished outgoing mayor Fernando Vasquez well and welcomed in the term of Sean Ashton.

The position of mayor is transferred between city council members each year. Ashton was unanimously voted to serve in the position for 2018 by his council mates earlier this month.

### A mayor's farewell

Much of the evening was dedicated to Vasquez, who will finish out his last year of his final term on the city council next year.

Vasquez was honored by several officials from surrounding communities, local organizations, Downey Unified School board, the office of Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn, and State Sen. Tony Mendoza.

After all the special presentations, Vasquez gave his final mayoral address, highlighting several of Downey's accomplishments during the last year including in public safety, housing and healthcare.

"The half-cent sales tax was very important for our city. As you know, it's a challenging environment right now these days," said Vasquez, referring to Measure S, a sales tax increase approved in a 2016 ballot measure. "But the voters spoke very loud and said they want to continue to invest in public safety...with Measure S we were able to achieve that."

"Property values continue to soar, and the Downey real estate market continues to be a very, very attractive market."

"We saw the healthcare growth. Rancho Los Amigos is a jewel here in our city, and we're very fortunate to have Supervisor Janice Hahn who continues to believe in it."



Sean Ashton takes the oath of office to become Downey's 44th mayor. Photo by Alex Dominguez

Vasquez also touched on the development of the Imperial Highway corridor and the Smart 911 radio system implemented this year.

Vasquez took the time to address his successor.

"I want to thank you for being able to work with us for the last three years," said Vasquez. "We wish you the best of luck and have the utmost confidence that you'll be able to lead us to continue to be that leading city in the region."

### A new mayor sworn in

Flanked by his two sons and his wife, who was holding a bible, Ashton was sworn in as mayor.

After being administered the oath of office by Supervisor Hahn, Ashton ditched the podium and resumed the approachable, casual demeanor that he has become known for through his several coffee events and town hall style meetings.

"I'm truly honored, I'm truly humbled to be here as the 44th person in the City of Downey to be mayor," said Ashton.

This is Ashton's first time as Mayor. Rick Rodriguez will serve as mayor pro tem.

Ashton laid out several ideas and plans that he hopes to put into action over the next year.

"When I look at my goals for 2018, Downey will continue to be a fiscally responsible and transparent city, Downey will continue to provide the best in public safety, Downey will aggressively upgrade our roads and parks, and Downey will recognize the heroes within our community," said Ashton.

As part of his plans for public safety, Ashton announced a new paramedic engine program.

"Four out of every five calls deal with emergency medical services, not fires," said Ashton. "We want to make sure that we are fine tuning our services to make sure that we are using our resources effectively."

Ashton also announced that Downey will be rehabbing its fire stations.

"We have four fire stations in the city of Downey. Three of them were built in the 60's, and the 'new' one was built in the 70's," said Ashton. "They need a little love and care, and with this Measure S money we're going to be taking care of the necessities to make sure that...our fire stations are usable, more modernized so that way our firefighters have what they need to do the job that they do."

Ashton said that he plans to tackle road infrastructure, which was one of his major platforms when he ran for city council.

"In 2016, we were fixing five miles of residential streets a year. This current year in 2017, we upped that to nine miles," said Ashton. "With the monies that will be coming in through Measure M, through the county bond measure, through SB1 and also through our Measure M monies, we're going to be having up to 13 miles of roads – and that's a tentative number, it might even go higher."

"It's unacceptable to have a road that looks like a cobblestone street."

## Newspaper publisher fined in defamation case

**JOURNALISM:** Brian Hews, publisher of Los Cerritos Community News, is fined \$2,500 for withholding evidence from the court.

**By Eric Pierce**  
Editor

**CERRITOS** – The publisher of a local weekly newspaper was fined \$2,500 for withholding evidence as part of a defamation lawsuit filed against the publisher, a newspaper reported.

Brian Hews, publisher of Los Cerritos Community News, reported earlier this year that Central Basin Water board director Leticia Vasquez and Montebello councilmember Vanessa Delgado attempted to extort money from a Newport Beach real estate firm in 2016.

Vasquez denied the charges and

sued, accusing Hews of fabricating the story "out of thin air."

The Gateway Guardian Newspaper, a competing newspaper in Cerritos, reported that Hews was fined \$2,500 on Nov. 6 for withholding evidence without legal justification.

The newspaper also reported that Hews "finally admitted" in court that the sources for his stories were Central Basin board members Art Chacon and Phil Hawkins.

Vasquez told the Gateway Guardian she plans to amend her lawsuit to add Chacon and Hawkins as defendants.

She filed an injunction "to prevent future fake news stories" by Hews and is seeking compensation for damages and attorney's fees.

As part of the lawsuit, Randy Economy and Jerry Bernstein, former journalists at Los Cerritos



Brian Hews, left, with former L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca.

Community News, filed sworn declarations in which they claimed Hews regularly published false stories about public officials he feuded with or who did not support his newspaper via advertising.

Asked for comment, Hews told the Patriot to "f--- off."

## Downey restaurant grades

**Fresh Griller**  
8855 Apollo Way  
Date Inspected: 12/4/17  
Grade: **A**

**Hometown Buffet**  
8432 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/4/17  
Grade: **A**

**Panera Bread**  
8900 Apollo Way  
Date Inspected: 12/4/17  
Grade: **A**

**Drinx Drive-Thru**  
9236 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/5/17  
Grade: **A**

**Yoli's Mexican Kitchen**  
9009 Gallatin Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/5/17  
Grade: **A**

**Domino's Pizza**  
7840 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**Old River Restaurant**  
7395 Stewart & Gray Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**Starbucks**  
7954 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**Five Guys**  
8901 Apollo Way  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**Kentucky Fried Chicken**  
7865 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**Cinemark**  
8840 Apollo Way  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**Carl's Jr**  
7200 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**Jersey Mike's**  
8855 Apollo Way  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**El Charro Taco Shop**  
8504 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**Carl's Jr**  
9002 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**Golden Bakers**  
9444 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

**Anatel Liquor**  
9414 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

**Junction**  
9370 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

**Southern Calif. Gas Co.**  
9240 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

**Alpha Energy**  
9706 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 80° ☁️

Saturday 71° ☁️

Sunday 74° ☀️

### THINGS TO DO



#### Beauty and the Best

All Weekend - Casa 0101 Theater in Los Angeles

This classic story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped in a spell.



#### Car Show & Toy Drive

Saturday - Front Street in Norwalk, 10 am to 3 pm

A classic car show by Victory Outreach. Bring a toy to benefit local children in need.



#### A Christmas Carol

All Weekend - Glendale Center Theatre

Charles Dickens' classic Christmas tale is performed live on stage.



#### Polynesian Paradise Dancers

Friday - Whittier Center Theatre, 7 pm

A traditional Polynesian dance show includes dances from Hawaii, New Zealand and Tahiti.



#### The Nutcracker

All Weekend - Downey Theatre

Southern California Dance Theater performs the classic tale of a young girl's adventure into the fantasy of the holiday.

### TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@pukdaddy: Proud parents of our Miss Downey girls in the Downey Christmas parade today!

@FP\_CU: Thank you to everyone who came out to the 2017 #DowneyChristmasParade today. We are proud to support this unifying #community event year after year.

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### DECEMBER 16

The Nutcracker

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 16

TIME: 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### DECEMBER 17

The Nutcracker

DATE: Sunday, Dec. 17

TIME: 2:30 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### DECEMBER 20

Downey Chamber of Commerce open house

DATE: Wednesday, Dec. 20

TIME: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

LOCATION: Chamber of Commerce

### DECEMBER 21

Santa Claus visit

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 21

TIME: 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Downey Library

### JANUARY 20

Keep Downey Beautiful clean-up

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 20

TIME: 9 am

LOCATION: 12152 Woodruff Ave.

Downey Symphony

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 20

TIME: 8 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### JANUARY 27

Astronaut Commemoration

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27

TIME: 10 am to 5 pm

LOCATION: Columbia Memorial Space Center

Parks & Recreation job fair

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27

TIME: 12-4:30 pm

LOCATION: Barbara J. Riley Community Center

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

### FEBRUARY 24

Healthy Downey 5K

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 24

TIME: 7:30 am

LOCATION: Apollo Park

Smart Gardening workshop

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 24

TIME: 9:30 am

LOCATION: Wilderness Park

### MARCH 24

Carnival of Champions

DATE: Saturday, March 24

TIME: 9 am

LOCATION: Warren High

Brunch with the Bunny

DATE: Saturday, March 24

TIME: 9:30 am

LOCATION: Golden Park

### 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

# Longtime Downey police officer Kevin Kendall retires

Kevin Kendall and his wife, Sarah.



Team where he conducted background investigations, issued police permits, conducted undercover stings with members of the Alcohol Beverage Control, coordinated the Citizen's Academy, and assisted with Police Department recruitment.

As a valued employee, Kevin's leadership abilities assisted the Department in many ways, notably as a Field Training Officer for new sworn and non-sworn employees.

Additionally, Kevin served as a Board Member of the Downey Police and Fire Foundation where he devoted a considerable amount of his time to fundraising and organizing special events like their annual golf tournament.

In 1999, Kevin was selected by the Chamber of Commerce as the Field Operations Employee of the Year. In 2004, Kevin was presented the "Community Leadership Award" by the Masons of California.

Also in 2004, Kevin received his teaching credentials from the Downey Unified School District to teach a Law Enforcement class for the Los Angeles County Regional Occupational Program (R.O.P.).

Besides being a member of the Field Training Program and a School Resource Officer, Kevin was also a member of the department's "Range Staff" helping to train officers and keep them proficient with their firearms.

Kevin is a true example of a Downey Police Officer. Besides being an outstanding "street cop" he also understood the importance of community relations. He was someone that always treated people with respect and went out of his way to help those in need.

Throughout his 32-year career, Kevin donated countless hours to charity work, including participating in the department's annual Thanksgiving turkey drive and the Christmas toy drive to help families in need.

The department wishes Kevin and his wife, Sarah, many years of happiness in his retirement. He will definitely be missed at the police department.

**RETIREMENT:** A Downey High alumnus, Kevin Kendall spent his entire law enforcement career with the Downey Police Department.

**Contributed by the Downey Police Department**

**DOWNEY** – The Police Department would like to recognize one of Downey's own, Corporal Kevin Kendall who retired Wednesday after 32 years of service with the Downey Police Department.

Kevin grew up in Downey and graduated from Downey High School in 1982. Kevin's interest in a law enforcement career began in

1985 when he became a Police Aide at the Downey Police Department. After successfully completing the police academy in 1988, Kevin became a police officer.

Kevin served in a variety of assignments during his career. He was one of the original officers assigned to the School Resource Officer Program which began in 1998. Kevin continued to participate in the program until his retirement.

He was also involved in the "Every 15-Minutes Program" at Downey High School, which educates students on the dangers of drunk driving.

In August of 2000, Kevin was assigned to the Special Enforcement



Home sales jumped 95% last month compared to a year ago. This home at 10436 Pangborn Ave. is currently listed by Michael Berdelis of 24 Hour Real Estate. MLS photo

# Downey home sales surge from one year ago

**REAL ESTATE:** 43 properties sold in Downey last month, a 95% increase from one year ago; however, sale prices dipped 5.8%.

**By Eric Pierce Editor**

**DOWNEY** – Real estate sales remained brisk last month, with 43 closed transactions in November, a 95% jump from a year ago, according to statistics released by the Downey Association of Realtors.

Downey saw 40 new listings last month, down 4% from 2016. The average sales price was \$574,916, representing a 5.8% decline from November 2016.

There is currently an inventory of 110 Downey homes for sale. Year to date, 479 homes averaging a selling price of \$603,349 have sold in Downey.

**RENTAL MARKET:** The median rent for a 2-bedroom home in Downey is \$2,000, up 7% from the same time last year, according to a survey conducted by Apartment List.

In comparison, the national median two-bedroom rent is \$1,160, up 2.7% year-over-year.

The survey found that one in four renters is cost-burdened, spending over 50 percent of their income on rent. Rental affordability remains a challenge in both expensive and more affordable metros.

After years of decreases from the 2004 high of 69.2 percent, the homeownership rate appeared to have bottomed out, with a slight increase in 2017. In the second quarter of 2016, the homeownership rate hit 62.9 percent.

This is the lowest homeownership rate since 1965, but still significantly higher than at the first half of the 20th century when the homeownership rate was well under 50 percent.

The homeownership rate increased to 63.9 percent in the third

quarter of 2017, the highest rate since 2014. The homeownership rate is expected to stabilize next year, or potentially increase slightly, as more millennials purchase homes.

The lack of supply of homes for sale and, in particular, starter homes for first-time buyers is likely to prevent large increases in the homeownership rate over the next couple of years.

From 2005 to 2016, the number of renter households increased by 19.2 percent from under 37 million to nearly 44 million. In comparison, the number of owner households increased 0.9 percent from 74 million to 75 million.

Despite a predicted decrease in the share of renters due to increasing homeownership rates, the overall number of renter households will likely continue to grow as new millennial households enter the rental market.

Overall, rental affordability improved in 2016, with growth in renter incomes outpacing growth in rent prices, causing cost burden rates to fall to their lowest rate since before the Great Recession.

However, much of this improvement in affordability appears to be caused by a change in the composition of the renter population.

The share of high-income renters increased, as renter households delayed homeownership, and the share of low-income renters decreased as poor renters moved to more affordable metros or were forced to double up with family.

While the large number of 2017 multifamily deliveries expanded the rental supply, the shortage of more affordable apartments at the lower end of the market worsened.

While affordability improved for the overall renter population, affordability remains a major concern for lower-income renters.

# Downtown bar gets city approval for expansion

**EXPANSION:** 20/20 Draft House will expand into the former Net Electronics space on Firestone Boulevard.

**By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer**

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Planning Commission unanimously approved plans last week for a downtown bar's expansion.

20/20 Draft House has been in operation since 2013, and lies on the south side of Firestone Boulevard within the Downey Gateway, adjacent to Crossfit Downey.

The Draft House will expand westward into what is currently a vacant space, which was formerly occupied by Net Electronics. Net Electronics closed its doors early this year after over 55 years of

business.

The currently 2,013 square-foot space will now acquire an additional 2,304 square feet due to the expansion, for a total size of 4,317 square feet.

The interior of the two spaces will be remodeled to become one space. The façade of both spaces will be redone, and the former entrance for Net Electronics will be used for emergency egress

only. The bar, bathrooms, and a portion of the kitchen will also be remodeled, and the current stage for live entertainment will be relocated to the north-west corner of the restaurant.

The Planning Commission also decided to allow the Draft House to use the rear entrance during the day.

Current hours of operation and live entertainment will remain the same.

# Police announce crackdown on drunk drivers

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Police Department announced an end-of-the-year crackdown on drunk drivers.

Starting Friday and continuing through Jan. 1, officers will target impaired drivers in an enforcement detail they're calling "Drive Sober or Get PULLED Over."

A DUI checkpoint will be conducted at an unspecified location Friday night, with DUI saturation patrols planned the following weekends.

"This holiday season, drivers will notice increased enforcement watching closely for anyone who is driving impaired," said Police Chief Carl Charles.

"It is vital that we keep our roads and travelers safe, not just at the holiday, but every day.

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# Downey off to fast start in preseason basketball

**BASKETBALL:** After dropping season-opener, Lady Vikings have won eight straight, including four victories in their own tournament.

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 8-1 and will begin league play when they host Paramount at Downey on Jan. 10.

Downey was defeated by Los Alamitos at Downey 58-50 on 11/21 in their opening game and have won eight straight games since then.

The Lady Vikings hosted the 40th Annual Downey Varsity Classic Nov. 24-30. Downey defeated CAMS 60-19 on 11/24 in their first game, defeated Nogales 56-27 on 11/25 in their second game, defeated Torrance 69-32 on 11/28 in their third game and defeated La Palma Kennedy 58-41 on 11/30 in their fourth and final game.

The Lady Vikings finished their own tournament with a record of 4-0.

The Lady Vikings also competed in the Duarte Tournament Dec. 4-9. Downey defeated La Canada 54-42 on 12/4 in their first game, defeated Duarte 65-49 on 12/6 in their second game, defeated Montebello 57-18 on 12/8 in their third game and defeated Upland 66-47 on 12/9 in their fourth and final game. The Lady Vikings played Legacy High School of South Gate yesterday (score unavailable at press time).

Downey will participate in the Southern California Holiday Prep Classic over Christmas Break December 27-30. The Lady Vikings begin league play on January 10th and will travel to cross-town rival Warren for the first of their two scheduled league meetings on Jan. 19.

Downey finished last season with an overall record of 22-7 and a S.G.V.L. record of 9-1. The Lady Vikings were eliminated by Camarillo at Camarillo in the third round of the C.I.F. Division 2AA playoffs.

**WARREN GIRLS BASKETBALL:** The Warren High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 3-1 and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they host Lynwood at Warren on Jan. 10.

The Lady Bears will host cross-town rival Downey on Jan. 19 in the first of their two scheduled league meetings.

Warren recently competed in the Ocean View Seahawk Classic Tournament held Dec. 4-9. The Lady Bears defeated Lakewood 48-38 on 12/4 in their first game, defeated Cypress 49-48 on 12/6 in their second game, were defeated by Oxford Academy 62-39 on 12/8 in their third game and defeated Sage Hill 57-46 on 12/9 in their fourth and final game. The Lady Bears also played Whittier at Whittier on Tuesday (score unavailable at press time).

Warren will also be competing in the Larry Doyle/Dan Wiley Basketball Tournament over the Christmas Break from December 26-30. The Lady Bears are scheduled to play Tustin in their first tournament game on 12/26 and will see who they play in their second game based on the result of their first game.

The Lady Bears finished last season with an overall record of 15-13 and were 5-5 in San Gabriel Valley League play. Warren was defeated by Carter at Carter 53-50 in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 2A playoffs.

**CALVARY CHAPEL GIRLS BASKETBALL:** The Downey Calvary Chapel girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 3-5 and recently competed in the Grizzly Classic Tournament held Nov. 27 through Dec. 1.

The Lady Grizzlies defeated Samuelli Academy 45-37 on 11/21 in their first game, defeated Calvary Baptist 56-22 on 11/27 in their second game and defeated Connelly 35-27 on 11/28 in their third game.

DCC was defeated by Ontario Christian 47-13 on 11/30 in their fourth game and were defeated by Mary Star of the Sea 54-33 on 12/1 in their fifth and final game. DCC finished their own tournament with a record of 3-2 and fourth place finish.

DCC was defeated by Santa Ana Calvary Chapel at Santa Ana Calvary Chapel 50-30 on 12/4, were defeated by Capistrano Valley 44-32 on 12/5 and were defeated by Loara 55-39 on 12/5. The Lady Grizzlies played Saddleback at Saddleback on 12/9 and Samuelli Academy on Tuesday (scores unavailable at press time).

DCC will play Cantwell-Sacred Heart on 12/19 in the Santiago Tournament and will also compete in the Cavalier Classic Tournament December 20-21. DCC will play San Bernardino on 12/20 at 4:30 p.m., Central City Value on 12/20 at 6:00 p.m. and Estancia on 12/21.

DCC finished last season with an overall record of 17-8 and an Academy League record of 7-5. The Lady Grizzlies were defeated by Westridge 42-34 in the wild card round of the C.I.F. Division 5AA playoffs.

**CALVARY CHAPEL BOYS BASKETBALL:** The Downey Calvary Chapel boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 1-3 and recently competed in the Grizzly Classic Tournament Dec. 4-8.

The Grizzlies defeated Anaheim Discovery Christian 74-48 in their first game on 12/4, were defeated by Ontario Christian 54-45 in their second game on 12/5, were defeated by Southlands Christian 54-49 in their third game on 12/7 and were defeated by La Quinta 66-40 in their fourth and



Downey's girls basketball team is off to an 8-1 start in preseason competition. Photo courtesy Downey High

final game on 12/8.

DCC also competed in the Santa Ana Calvary Chapel Four City Classic Tournament held at Santa Ana Valley High School December 11-13. The Grizzlies played Los Amigos of Fountain Valley on Monday and played Santa Ana Calvary Chapel on Wednesday (scores unavailable at press time).

The Grizzlies are scheduled to play Santa Ana at DCC on 12/19 and El Segundo at DCC on 12/21. The Grizzlies will also be competing in the Estancia Coast Classic Tournament over the Christmas Break December 27-29. DCC is scheduled to play Estancia on 12/27, Bolsa Grande on 12/28 and Savannah on 12/29.

The Grizzlies finished last season with an overall record of 8-18 and an Academy League record of 2-10. The Academy League consists of Crean Lutheran, Calvary Chapel, Brethren Christian, Oxford Academy, Sage Hill, St. Margaret's and Whitney.

## 60-unit apartment complex to be built in Whittier

**WHITTIER** – Whittier's Planning Commission last week approved plans for a 60-unit apartment complex at the site of Five Points Car Wash, which closed earlier this year.

The car wash, known for its distinctive Googie architecture, will reopen at the site in a revamped format, officials said.

Located on a 3-acre triangular lot where Whittier Boulevard, Washington Boulevard and Santa Fe Springs Road converge, the apartment complex will feature entry points on the north and south sides.

A traffic study confirmed that traffic at the intersection will likely be impacted but not by a significant amount.

The property was purchased by Newport Beach-based Clearwater Communities, which said it would keep the car wash for its cultural significance.

"This is something that will draw people in," said Phil Cacerra, a spokesman for Clearwater Communities. "People want to see landmarks."

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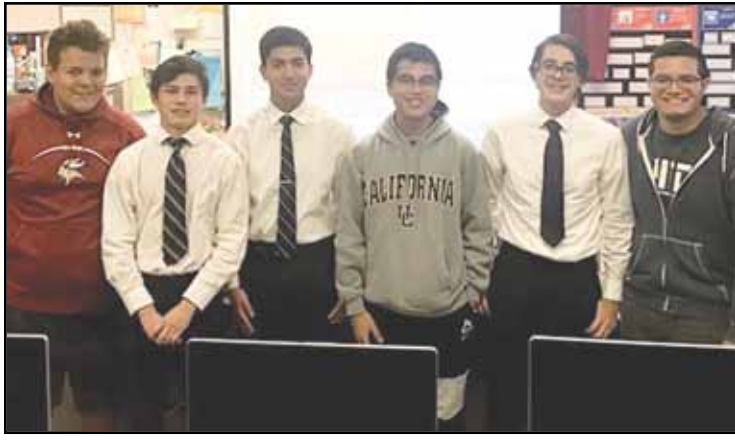
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# Downey High robotics students qualify for international tournament



The Cosmic Vikings will travel to MIT next month for the Zero Robotics 2017 tournament. From left: Noah Palacios, Chance Perkins, Captain: Akhil Sharma, Earldrene Dubongco, Evan Saracay and Jose Cisneros

**ROBOTICS:** Downey High's Cosmic Vikings robotics team will compete against other students from around the world.

**DOWNEY** – The Cosmic Vikings, a team of Computer Science students from Downey High School, have qualified to compete in the International Space Station (ISS) finals in the Zero Robotics 2017 tournament that will take place in January.

The team, advised by Downey High Computer Science teacher **Michael Crosby**, is led by team captain **Akhil Sharma** and consists of **Jose Cisneros, Earldrene Dubongco, Noah Palacios,**

**Chance Perkins and Evan Saracay.**

The goal of this tournament is to build critical engineering skills for student competitors that include problem solving, operations training, design thought process and team work.

The Zero Robotics tournament is organized by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in partnership with NASA which opens the world-class research facilities on the ISS to high school students.

In Zero Robotics, student teams write programs in the computer language, C++, to control satellites online in a game that is driven by a current problem of interest

to DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency), NASA and MIT. This student written software controls satellite speed, rotation, direction of travel, etc.

Contingent upon the game premise, students must program their satellites to complete game objectives (navigate obstacles, pick up virtual objects, etc.) while conserving resources (fuel, charge, etc.) and staying within specified time and code-size limits.

The programs are autonomous, meaning they are preprogrammed and students cannot control the satellites during the test itself.

This year's challenge was to get the satellites to assemble other satellites while competing with a rival in gathering the building blocks. The game enhances student's skill in core subjects such as coding, math and physics, and in addition, promotes "soft-skills" in strategy, team-work and leadership.

This is the second year Downey High has qualified to participate in the contest.

The tournament began in September and in the initial phase, the teams had to compete through a series of 2-Dimension challenges that then excelled into 3-D challenges.

The competition is open internationally and this year's

competitors consisted of 232 teams from all ISS member countries (USA, Canada, Australia, Italy, Germany, France and Russia). Last year, a total of 174 teams competed in the Zero Robotics tournament.

In November, the top 28 teams moved to the "Alliance Round" where the game was crafted to be even more complex. Downey High's team joined the alliance of two other teams: Cora's Eleven from Liceo G.B. Brocchi High School in Italy and Tachyons from Saratoga High School in Saratoga, California.

MIT encouraged all alliances to submit their code online each day and these would be run in simulations to determine their rankings.

Only 14 alliances were declared as finalists. The alliance that included Downey High, coined Cosmic TaCo, finished ranked 13th and have been invited to travel to MIT to participate in the ISS finals.

This final competition, held in January, is a live championship aboard the ISS that will be broadcast live. An astronaut will run the Cosmic TaCo's code to compete with other alliances in microgravity and the ultimate results of this competition will be announced in mid-February.

More details on Zero Robotics can be found at <http://zerorobotics.mit.edu/>.

# Eagle Scout donates 100 crosses to Downey Cemetery

**CEMETERY:** The donated crosses will be used during patriotic ceremonies at the cemetery.

By **Alex Dominguez**  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Cemetery District received 100 crosses for future use during patriotic holidays during a Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony held last Thursday at Downey Cemetery.

The crosses were donated and the ceremony led by 15-year-old Eagle Scout **Thomas Giese** of Venturing Crew 181, who - with help from his troop - handmade the crosses as part of his Summit Project.

"I was looking for something meaningful to me," said Giese. "I knew that this cemetery put up the crosses on veterans' graves, so I wanted to see if I could build more."

"There's a lot of veterans here, so a lot of crosses were getting torn down and all that; so, I thought maybe I could make some more crosses, new ones, as well."

There is a history of military service in Giese's family, including his father, who was a 20-year veteran of the Marine Corps. Giese also has plans to join the service one day.

"Veterans have always been a huge part of my life, other than my father," said Giese. "I have a lot of friends that are joining the military, and a lot of friends that are retired now. The veterans, they have protected the country for a long time and I have a lot of respect for them."

Giese's father, **Lt. Col. John Giese** (ret.), said that there are a number of things that the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor



15-year-old Thomas Giese donated 100 crosses to the Downey Cemetery. Photo by Alex Dominguez

attack reinforces.

"There is hope and courage and compassion that you can find, even in your darkest moments," Lt. Col. Giese said. "In addition to that, it really shows what Americans can do when they're united with each generation. Whether it's Pearl Harbor or the events of September 11th, I think each generation will look to those events as way to reinforce what is meaningful to them as an American."

Last Thursday marked the 76th anniversary of the attack.

The 100 crosses were accepted by **David Gafin** and **Brian Heyman**, chair and vice chair of the Downey Cemetery District Board of Trustees.

"It's a pleasure to see young men like what is represented today from Boy Scouts come in and consider things other than themselves, which most youths seem to do," said Gafin.

"We really thank Boy Scouts, especially Mr. Giese for putting these together. It's always an honor to respect our veterans alive and deceased, and this is an especially warm tribute to them."

During the ceremony, Giese was also presented a proclamation from the office of L.A. County Supervisor **Janice Hahn**.

# \$12.2 million library opens in Artesia

**ARTESIA** – A new \$12.2 million county library officially opened in Artesia on Monday.

Located within Artesia Park, the library measures 10,850 square feet, more than doubling the square footage of the original 46-year-old library, which will now be used as an expansion of the community center.

The Community Development Commission of the County of Los

Angeles managed the development of the project, funded by the office of Fourth District Supervisor **Janice Hahn**.

The new library includes adult, teen, and children's reading areas, early childhood and family areas and programming space, a homework center, two group study rooms, a teen study room.

For community events, the new library features a 100-

seat community meeting room with audio-visual system and kitchenette, public restrooms, and parking for 45 vehicles.

In line with modern technology, the library offers express-service checkout machines at the lobby, laptop vending machines, information service pods, public access computers, and Wi-Fi access.

Artesia Library was designed to achieve a Leadership in Energy

and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Rating, and contains many sustainable features such as permeable paving, high-reflective roof, bicycle storage and drought tolerant landscaping.

A photovoltaic system is integrated to provide an alternative onsite energy source.

The library is located at 18801 Elaine Ave.

**An Environmental Reminder...**

## Stop the Drip: Recycle Used Motor Oil

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The City of Downey and local 5th grade students remind you:  
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# The Downey Patriot

## Would like to wish all the residents of the city of Downey

## A Wonderful and Safe Holiday Season

## More needs to be done to stop intoxicated drivers

By James Eberspacher

In 1988, Larry Mahoney drove his pickup truck down the wrong side of Kentucky's I-71, hitting a church bus head on and killing 24 children and three adults. The incident, which became known as the Carrollton Bus Crash, remains the deadliest impaired-driving incident in American history. The crash received national media attention and resulted in a crackdown on impaired driving. Between 1982 and 2014, the number of annual alcohol-impaired driving fatalities decreased by 51%. But after nearly three decades in decline, the numbers are starting to rise.

A new report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows that in 2016, alcohol-impaired driving fatalities increased for the second year in a row to 10,497—the highest level since 2009. While the opioid epidemic has rightly received significant attention of late, impaired driving remains one of the single most serious threats to public safety—and it's one that is entirely preventable. Progress has been made, but the rising number of fatalities shows more must be done.

December marks Impaired Driving Prevention Month, and there is no better time to explore solutions to this public safety issue. The National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC) and the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility (FAAR) recently embarked on a nationwide Reform & Responsibility Tour to promote ways to immediately reduce impaired driving deaths. Here is what we recommend:

**Screen and assess all driving while intoxicated (DWI) offenders.** More robust clinical screening and assessment for DWI offenders allows them to be matched to the appropriate level of supervision and treatment, and research shows that the earlier this occurs, the greater the likelihood of success.

For the majority, a DWI arrest is a huge wakeup call: many need only

one arrest to never re-offend. They can change their behavior and do so out of fear of being rearrested. But others are not capable of changing without outside intervention. According to FAAR, repeat DWI offenders commonly suffer from mental health and substance use disorders. Left untreated, repeat offenders are statistically the most dangerous drivers on the road and over-represented in fatal crashes. Better screening and assessment can identify drivers likely to become repeat offenders and ensure they receive more supervision, stricter accountability, and evidence-based treatment.

**Expand and improve DWI courts.** For over two decades, drug treatment courts in the US have proven that a combination of accountability and treatment can lead people into recovery, reduce crime, and save resources. DWI courts build on the success of the drug treatment court movement by focusing on repeat and/or high blood alcohol content (BAC) DWI offenders with substance use disorders. DWI court participants are under strict supervision: they have mandated home visits, continuous alcohol monitoring, and frequent appearances in court. They undergo rigorous, evidence-based individual treatment and participate in group therapy. They must pass frequent and random drug tests. In addition to all of this, they're required to hold down a job, perform community service, or advance their education.

Research on this combination of accountability and treatment shows that DWI courts are the most successful way to reduce impaired driving, decreasing recidivism by as much as 60%, all while saving taxpayers money: an incredible \$3.19 is saved by society, for every \$1 invested in a DWI court. Learn more at [DWIcourts.org](http://DWIcourts.org).

**Increase evidence-based supervision technology.** Used in conjunction with clinical assessment and appropriate treatment interventions that target individual needs, technology can play a vital role in getting DWI offenders the supervision and support they need.

For example, many states have adopted ignition interlock programs for repeat offenders. Ignition interlock requires offenders to pass a breath test before their car will start and has been found to reduce repeat impaired driving by about two-thirds. Continuous alcohol monitoring (CAM) technology is another effective tool for ensuring compliance with supervision requirements: it relays real-time alcohol consumption data to law enforcement. Research has found that the use of CAM improves enforcement of abstinence orders and is more effective than random drug testing.

Unfortunately, despite the passage of legislation supporting the use of such technologies, they remain underutilized by local communities in their efforts to reduce impaired driving.

Larry Mahoney was not a first-time offender on the night he took 27 lives. Several years before the crash, he was arrested and charged with a DWI. If we knew then what we know now, would the Carrollton bus tragedy have been avoided? We may never know the answer to that question, but we do know that we must do everything we can to prevent another tragedy like it. There is an urgent need to robustly implement and strengthen solutions that will protect public safety and save resources while holding impaired drivers accountable and getting them the evidence-based treatment and they need to achieve long-term recovery.

We've made tremendous progress on this issue since the 1980s, but we must act if we are to reverse this dangerous upward trend, and we must act now. Lives are at stake.

**James Eberspacher is division director at the National Center for DWI Courts.**

## For 60,000 Haitian immigrants, this holiday season is filled with fear and uncertainty

By Jessica Pierre

Two months after experiencing the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti in January 2010, my dad finally made it back home to Boston. What had started as a holiday vacation turned into weeks of sleeping outside the family home in Haiti, fearful that it would collapse on anyone sleeping inside.

My family members lived that way for weeks, as daily aftershocks kept them reliving the traumatic experience that rattled the country's capital. They never knew whether the next aftershock wouldn't kill them as the quake had killed their neighbors nearby.

This devastating natural disaster took nearly 316,000 lives and displaced 1.5 million Haitians. Many of these victims sought refuge in the United States — legally, under a classification called Temporary Protective Status (TPS).

Now again, in this holiday season — eight years after the quake — they're reliving this fear and uncertainty. The Trump administration has moved to end the TPS program, causing many Haitians to face deportation after July 2019.

For these Haitian immigrants, TPS offered a chance to start fresh and build a new life — an opportunity that's hard to come by in Haiti, a country that's spent decades struggling with widespread poverty.

Widespread poverty that the U.S. has contributed to both economically and politically.

See, the U.S. has a long history with Haiti, dating back to the early 1800s when Haiti defeated France in the world's first successful slave rebellion, leading Haiti to become the first independent black nation.

While black people around the world celebrate this moment in history, this victory didn't come without costs.

After the 1804 revolution, France found a way to gain economic control of Haiti, forcing the new country to pay back 150 million francs for the enslaved Haitians that were freed after the war.

In order to pay this debt, Haiti was forced to take out a major loan from the young U.S., which didn't recognize Haiti for another 60 years. This debt wasn't paid off till 1947, at a current value of over \$20 billion.

Haiti's economic dependency on the U.S. didn't end there, though. From 1957 to 1986, Haiti's government was run by two U.S.-backed dictators, "Papa Doc" and "Baby Doc" Duvalier.

"Duvalier stole millions from Haiti and ran up hundreds of millions in debt that Haiti still owes. Ten thousand Haitians lost their lives," longtime Haiti human rights advocate Bill Quigley explained in the Huffington Post. "Estimates say that Haiti owes \$1.3 billion in external debt and that 40

percent of that debt was run up by the U.S.-backed Duvaliers."

Although this era had a ripple effect of negative consequences that the people of Haiti still face, the U.S. continues to play a big role in Haitian economics and politics, including efforts to rebuild the nation after the earthquake.

But instead of using relief funds to provide some much needed assistance to the country, the Red Cross used half a billion dollars to build just six permanent homes in Haiti.

Now, the Trump administration's decision to terminate TPS will force up to 60,000 Haitians back to a country that's still facing food shortages, widespread homelessness, and lack of access to schools and medical facilities to say the least.

This isn't only wrong — it's inhumane. The U.S. should use this as an opportunity to reverse the damage it's done to Haiti.

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

## Corporate interests are warping the internet

By Mark Luskus

My identity was stolen this year. The perpetrator didn't open credit cards in my name or gain access to my finances. Instead, they used my name to submit a comment to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in support of repealing net neutrality rules.

Those rules, enacted in 2015, declared the internet to be a free and open place. They prevent internet service providers, or ISPs, like Comcast and AT&T from restricting access to any websites — either permanently or to charge you more money to access them.

Imagine your water company charging you more for the water that comes out of your shower than the water that comes out of your sink. Or imagine not being allowed to use your shower at all, even though you pay a water bill.

That's what net neutrality rules protect consumers from when it comes to the internet.

But Ajit Pai, the current FCC chairman and a former lawyer for Verizon, has scheduled a vote to repeal net neutrality. To do this, he had to solicit public to comment on the matter.

In the past, this has resulted in millions of pro-net neutrality comments — which makes sense, because most Americans support it. But this time,

an unusual number of anti-net neutrality comments showed up.

Why? Because of the 22 million comments received, half or more of them appear to be fake, likely posted by bots or special interest organizations attempting to sway the FCC's opinion. When I checked the FCC's website, I learned that one of those fake comments used my own name and address.

Someone had stolen my identity to advocate for a position that I didn't agree with.

Several people and organizations, including the New York attorney general, have petitioned the FCC for information on the scale and origin of fake comments. However, the FCC has rejected these petitions.

As a federal agency, the FCC should be far more concerned about the identity theft of the citizens they're tasked to represent.

Internet providers like Verizon, the former employer of the FCC chairman, complain that net neutrality rules slow their investments in internet technology. However, ISPs exist in a shockingly non-competitive market.

More than 50 million households in the United States have only one choice of provider, and those providers score the lowest customer satisfaction rates of all 43 industries tracked by the American Consumer

Satisfaction Index. Personally, I've never had an ISP that offers reasonable customer service or internet speeds and reliability at the levels I pay for.

This isn't an industry that consumers are satisfied with, so why should they hold even more power than they already do? No wonder they have to rely on sleazy tactics like stealing identities and posting fake comments.

The internet has become an essential tool in the 21st century. A small handful of companies shouldn't have the power to decide which parts of it people can access.

Corporate-funded lies and identity theft highlight a major threat to the benefits of increased communication. How can we prevent special interest groups from warping the internet to spread misinformation and further their political goals?

That's a question we must answer, because misinformation campaigns are rampant, and they're being used to restrict your rights and freedoms. But at the very least, a former Verizon employee shouldn't hold the power to give ISPs a major win at the expense of consumers — and a free and open internet.

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### Korea and Japan

Dear Editor:

I read Nobuyo Avery's "Shared Stories" article in your issue dated 12/7/17 and want to tell you the following.

I am also a first-generation immigrant from Korea who speaks English as a second language. Learning and speaking a second language is tougher than you think.

She said in her story that "Korea and Manchuria were part of Japan until the end of WWII." She may not have paid good attention in her word selection, but this is totally wrong and I felt very bad.

Korea has never been a part of Japan in their 5,000-year history.

Japan occupied Korea between 1910 and 1945 by military force while fighting against China, Russia, and later the USA.

Japan brought thousands of Korean young men to sacrifice in the war and Korean young girls as comfort women for Japanese soldiers.

Koreans having their temporary government at Shanghai, China, fought against Japan to recover their land. Some Korean Americans did too.

I am writing this, worrying about the people may have the wrong idea from the paragraph.

**Chung Sup Song**  
Downey

### Social Security benefits

Dear Editor:

Today I received my new Social Security benefits for 2018. It says I am going to get a 2% increase in 2018 due to the cost of living.

Well, let me explain this 2% raise over last year's benefits in dollars and cents.

After paying an increase in my Medicare insurance, my total income per month is an increase of \$5 per month. If you take \$5 a month times 12 months, I get an increase of \$60 a year. Do you have any idea what \$60 a year buys?

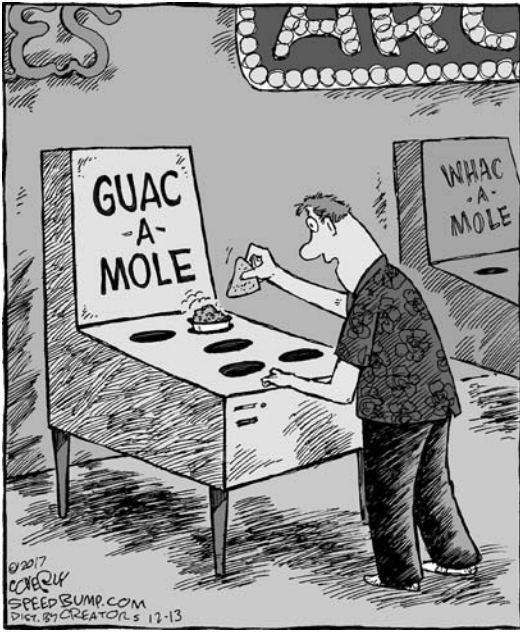
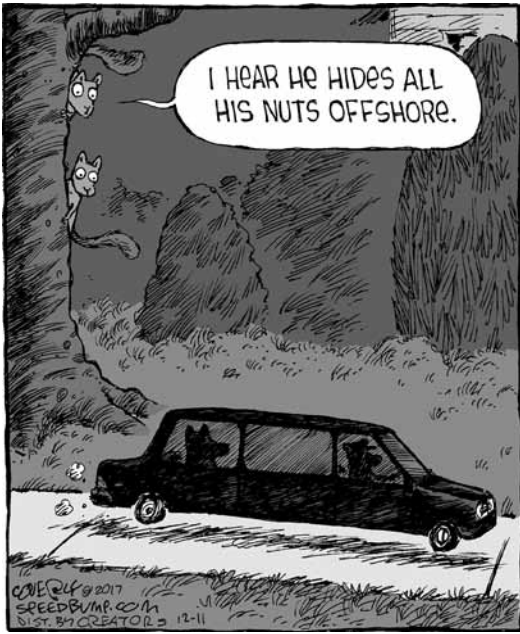
The people we vote into our government do not – I repeat – do not pay into Social Security because they have their own retirement system. An increase of \$5 just barely buys a gallon of gas, not including any cost of food or housing.

Being a senior citizen at 81 years of age on Social Security, I have no way to keep up with inflation or the cost of living. Everybody else on Social Security is having the same problems.

Social Security does not keep up with the real cost of inflation.

**Don Herlinger**  
Downey

## SPEED BUMP



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# Downey Community Calendar

### CITY MEETINGS

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

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

#### TUESDAYS

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

#### WEDNESDAYS

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

#### THURSDAYS

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

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

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

### On This Day...

- Dec. 14, 1902:** The Commercial Pacific Cable Company laid the first Pacific telegraph cable, from San Francisco to Honolulu.
- 1903:** The Wright brothers made their first attempt to fly with the Wright Flyer at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.
- 1972:** Eugene Cernan became the last person to walk on the moon, after he and Harrison Schmitt complete the third and final extravehicular activity of the Apollo 17 mission.
- 2012:** A gunman stormed Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newton, Conn., killing 27 people, including 20 children between the ages of 6-7.

### THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman (www.StanXwords.com)  
**E-LAST-IC TRIOS: A rather "stretchy" use of the term**  
 by S.N.

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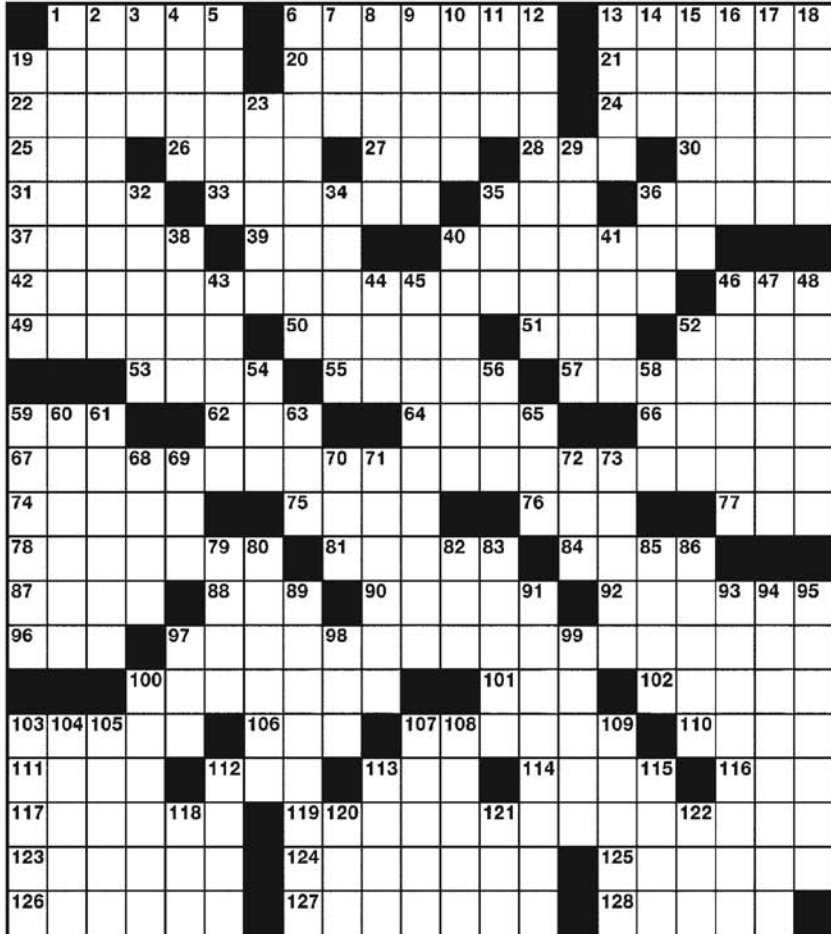
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Gentleman thief/sleuth ARSENE Lupin (19 Across) was created by Conan Doyle contemporary Maurice Leblanc. The comedy categories of the nine PrimeTime Frays received by TINA Fey 26 Across) include producing, writing, lead actress and guest address. Benedict ARNOLD (40 Down) is one of a very few people whose full names have generic dictionary meanings: others include John Hancock and Beau Brummell.



## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

This has been a banner year for insect bites, and I've been hearing many more complaints from patients. It's likely that our last long wet winter, followed by warm weather, is responsible.



Which insects are causing the problem, and what can we do about it?

■ Mosquitoes are the most common source of bites. In fact, there is a new invasive and aggressive species found here in Southern California called *Aedes aegypti*. They are black with white stripes, and don't behave like typical mosquitoes. They will aggressively follow their victim, and bite during daytime hours, unlike the typical dusk biting behavior of most other mosquitoes.

For the most part, mosquitoes are found near standing water, even very small quantities of water, where they breed. Their bites cause local pain, itching, swelling and redness. Typically, within 20 minutes there is an itchy bump. It peaks within two to three days, and then goes away.

Some people, particularly young children and highly allergic people, can develop dramatic swelling surrounding the bite, and even a low-grade fever (often mistaken for cellulitis).

Mosquitoes pose an additional problem; they can transmit serious

diseases. Locally, there have been cases of West Nile virus, St. Louis encephalitis, and Zika virus. Worldwide, they also transmit malaria, yellow fever, dengue fever, La Crosse encephalitis, and chikungunya virus.

■ Spider bites pose a variety of problems, depending on the variety of the spider. Symptoms of bites can include itching, rash, bite site and muscle pain, sweating, trouble breathing, headaches, nausea and vomiting, fevers, chills, anxiety, restlessness, and even high blood pressure.

Venomous spiders found in the United States include the black widow, brown recluse, and hobo. Although they are especially dangerous to those who work outdoors, we all know that they do occasionally find their way inside.

Stay calm, wash the skin with soap and water, apply cold water or ice, elevate the bite, attempt to identify the type of spider, and see your doctor if necessary.

■ Ticks can transmit several infectious diseases, including Lyme disease (which is rarely seen in California).

■ Flea bites are usually only a nuisance. It's possible for the site to become infected, though, by scratching that annoying itch!

■ Houseflies can't actually bite. They can, however, transmit intestinal infections in conditions where the water and general hygiene are poor.

Some insects can cause a general (systemic) allergic reaction. These are uncommon but can be caused by mosquitoes, ticks, fleas, blackflies, deerflies, louse flies, horseflies, centipedes, kissing bugs, and notably... by the sting of a bee.

The most serious (but rare) generalized allergic reaction is anaphylaxis, with hives, wheezing, vomiting, low blood pressure, and even loss of consciousness. Anaphylaxis needs immediate treatment with epinephrine. Anyone with a history of anaphylaxis should see an allergist for further education and evaluation, and carry an epinephrine autoinjector.

How much trouble should we go to in order to prevent insect bites? It depends on how significant the risk is. If we travel to a foreign country where a mosquito bite can lead to malaria, then it is critical to protect ourselves.

Strong chemical products (like DEET and Permethrin) are very effective. However, milder insect repellents may be enough in areas with lower levels of disease. Botanical oils, including sandalwood, geranium, and soybean, have been used to repel mosquitoes and ticks. However, they aren't nearly as effective as DEET or permethrin.

Of course, for those simple insect bites, treatment focuses on the relief of symptoms. Wash the area with soap and water. Reduce any local swelling with ice or a cold pack. Reduce any itching with a topical cream (containing calamine, steroids, or pramoxine), or an oral medicine (products like Claritin or Dimetapp can help during the day, and an antihistamine like Benadryl can help at night).

Whether at home or away, know your risks, and take measures as needed to protect yourself.

**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.**

## Study: Adults not eating enough fruits and vegetables

Just 1 in 10 adults meet the federal fruit or vegetable recommendations, according to a new study published in CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR).

Depending on their age and sex, federal guidelines recommend that adults eat at least 1½ to 2 cups per day of fruit and 2 to 3 cups per day of vegetables as part of a healthy eating pattern.

Yet in 2015, just 9 percent of adults met the intake recommendations for vegetables, ranging from 6 percent in West Virginia to 12 percent in Alaska. Only 12 percent of adults met the recommendations for fruit, ranging from 7 percent in West Virginia to 16 percent in Washington, D.C.

Results showed that consumption was lower among men, young adults, and adults living in poverty.

"This report highlights that very few Americans eat the recommended amount of fruits and vegetables every day, putting them at risk for chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease," said Seung Hee Lee Kwan, Ph.D., of CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity, lead author of the study. "As a result, we're missing out on the essential vitamins, minerals, and fiber that fruits and vegetables provide."

Seven of the top 10 leading causes of death in the United States are from chronic diseases. Eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables daily can help reduce the risk of many leading causes of illness and death, including heart disease, type 2 diabetes, some cancers, and obesity.

The findings indicate a need to identify and address barriers to fruit and vegetable consumption. Previous studies have found that high cost, limited availability and access, and perceived lack of cooking/preparation time can be barriers to fruit and vegetable consumption.

The CDC Guide to Strategies to Increase the Consumption of Fruits and Vegetables suggests 10 strategies to increase access to fruits and vegetables, including these:

- Start or expand farm-to-institution programs in childcare, schools,

hospitals, workplaces, and other institutions.

- Improve access to retail stores and markets that sell high quality fruits and vegetables.
- Ensure access to fruits and vegetables in cafeterias and other food service venues in worksites, hospitals, and universities.

To address other barriers, families can save time and money by chopping extra fruit or vegetables at one time and freezing the extra or choosing frozen or canned fruits and vegetables at the store.

For more tips on convenient and affordable ways to eat a healthy diet, please visit [www.choosemyplate.gov](http://www.choosemyplate.gov).



Ryan Fitzl, a personal trainer at the Downey YMCA, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis, where he spoke about exercise and healthy eating habits.

For information on how to get healthy, visit Fitzl at the YMCA.

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# The Soul of an Octopus

By Carol Kearns  
Contributor

I can't ever again be nonchalant about seeing octopus meat for sale at the fish counter after reading Sy Montgomery's book "The Soul of an Octopus" (2015).

The title is not a metaphor. I never could have imagined that I would be so overwhelmed by a book about the octopus – and the implications for what we understand about ourselves.

Montgomery is a gifted story-teller as well as naturalist, and this is a non-fiction book about her exploration of the life and world of the octopus. Through compelling anecdotes and facts she explains why so many marine biologists regard the octopus as demonstrating cognition, emotion, memory, and deliberation.

And she poses the question: Do these qualities reflect consciousness? Do other animals possess a consciousness that humans need to recognize and respect?

You don't need an interest in marine life to be enthralled by her accounts of interaction and bonding with giant Pacific octopuses in captivity – Athena, Octavia, Kali, and Karma – and the personal stories, and struggles, of the scientists, students, and volunteers who share her love for these incredible beings. This book is a love story on so many levels, and a real eye-opener.

I was drawn to this book when I saw it on display because of a novel I read every year with the 4th graders, "Island of the Blue Dolphins" by Scott O'Dell. Karana, who is left alone on a southern California island, has an epic battle with a giant "devilfish." I had always puzzled over this chapter, thinking that the creature's mental attributes were just invented for the story. But from Montgomery I found out otherwise! Writing about the octopus almost 2,000 years ago, the Roman Claudius Aelianus observed that "mischief and craft are plainly seen to be the characteristics of this creature."

## A Different Kind of Consciousness

Some scientists and philosophers find it disturbing to suggest thoughts and feelings when referring to this long-feared creature with the squishy body, the beak of a bird, the gills of a fish, the eyes of a mammal, the venom of a spider, and the flexibility of a snake.

Montgomery's quest was both simple and ambitious. "I wanted to meet the octopus. I wanted to touch an alternate reality." Determined to experience all that she could of the octopus's world, Montgomery learned to scuba dive (with great difficulty) and joined a field study in the south Pacific. (YouTube is so wonderful – you will love the available videos.)

Montgomery began her investigation at the New England Aquarium in Boston, where she visited often to join volunteers and staff in feeding and socializing with the giant Pacific octopuses. These are wild animals, captured in the oceans. A large one can overpower a man if it chooses, escape if it wants.

Yet they enjoy human company and recognize human faces! Keepers, students, and volunteers speak of the will and personality of each octopus. They use words like shy or feisty, friendly or standoffish, irascible or playful, and nearly always clever and curious. Montgomery's intimate encounters with these spirited creatures left me feeling that eating one would be like eating my dog.

Describing her first meeting with the female Athena, Montgomery wrote that she was surprised to feel that "her head is silky and softer than custard." Athena's skin changed from red (excitement) to white (calmness).

Amazingly, there is a video of the octopus Octavia (2011) at the New England Aquarium with volunteer Wilson Menashi. In this video, Octavia rises to the top of the tank when the lid is removed and stretches her arms towards Wilson.

The movement of its arms is not random. Three-fifths of the neurons are not in its brain but dispersed along its arms! A computer expert might describe this as distributed and parallel processing. The arms act somewhat autonomously, leading to the question, "Would each arm have a mind of its own?"

The sense of taste is spread over the octopus's entire body, but the sense is most strongly developed in its suckers. In addition to tasting, each sucker has tremendous strength and can bend to fit the contours of whatever it is grasping. The suckers function like our fingertips. This is deliberate behavior and it gives them a remarkable ability to solve puzzles.

The octopus inside this plastic container had to figure out how to open the screw top lid from the inside. Aquariums learned through expensive lessons to keep their octopuses occupied and amused. Octopuses have turned on water valves and stopped up filter pipes.

Though humans and octopuses evolved along different paths, scientists ascribe to the octopus qualities reflecting intelligence – the ability to learn, recognize patterns, solve problems, remember, anticipate, and make decisions.

Specialist Jennifer Mather feels that the evolutionary abandonment of its shell is what led to the octopus's intelligence. With greater mobility, this carnivore did not have to wait for food to come along. "The octopus can hunt like a tiger."

The remarkable ability of an octopus to camouflage – change the color, pattern, and texture of its skin for the purposes of hunting and self-protection – is under voluntary control and regulated by nerves and muscles.

Successful learning of this ability (not getting eaten and not going hungry) is done through trial and error. An octopus can appear like seaweed or sand in seven tenths of a second – a speed and diversity unmatched by any other species. Aquarium staff noticed that octopuses captured at a younger age did not camouflage as much because they did not have as much experience in the wild.

## Consciousness and the Soul

Sadly, Montgomery discovered that these brainy creatures all experience a condition sometimes seen in aging humans – senescence, or senility at the end of life. Most often they are not aggressive, but their spark is gone. They don't look you in the eye, they don't engage as much with their environment.

The biologists told Montgomery that the octopus is not the only aquatic animal to respond well to human interaction. After a volunteer started interacting with the anacondas, the snakes



A giant Pacific octopus at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

would slither up to her and put their heads in her lap. "Just about every animal," concludes aquarist Scott Dowd, "can learn, recognize individuals, and respond to empathy."

After her culminating dive on a field study in the Pacific, Montgomery reflected on various definitions of the "soul." She doesn't commit to any single one, but affirms: "If I have a soul – and I think I do – an octopus has a soul, too."

## The Aquarium in Long Beach and its Volunteers

Aquarium volunteers are passionate about what they do, and they are needed. We love our aquariums and their animals, and they couldn't survive without active supporters. Aquariums are an essential educational resource if we are to be good stewards of our planet and fellow creatures.

Jim Romano has been volunteering at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, Calif., for over 14 years and he says, "It's an awesome organization to be associated with – a wonderful knowledgeable staff that's very encouraging and really cares for the 11,000 animals housed there."

I was always impressed with the volunteers I encountered, and now I know why. Jim says, "The training program is second to none." The training is organized into two formal 8-hour classes, and new volunteers "shadow" an experienced volunteer for a specified time.

Jim says that right now their volunteer staff "is a mix of teens, college age, and retired folks" – about 700 in all. That's more than three times the number of paid staff. Children can volunteer with a parent or grandparent at age 9. There is also an "update" session about the animals before each shift.

The aquarium in Long Beach currently has a giant Pacific octopus named Gumball and she is about three years old. Marine biologists have to estimate age because the octopuses are caught in the wild. Gumball was found in Vancouver, weighs about 13 lbs, and is 4 ft with arms extended. She's not in a big tank, but you can see her moving a bit even if she is hiding in a crevice.

The shoreline area by the aquarium is great for a family outing. You can rent bicycles, sign on for a harbor cruise, or just enjoy a seaside stroll. There is a wide range of restaurants, but after reading Montgomery's book, I personally will never order octopus or squid.

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# Shared Stories: Love for a fish

Many of us have won a goldfish at a carnival game, and we do our best to take care of these beautiful, delicate creatures. Yolanda Reyna recounts a touching story when one of these fish became her son's first pet. 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 his free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns.

By Yolanda Reyna

Robert (my ex-husband) adjusted to life without his dog Max. After our children Reina and Li'l Robert, we had our third child, a son, Daniel.

It had been 11 years since Max had been taken away. We all seemed to be doing fine without any pets in our lives.

Although, when Daniel turned ten years old, he was becoming curious about animals. I can recall him watching his favorite cartoon shows, such as "Little Bear" or "Franklin." Franklin was a cartoon show about a turtle and his family. And, no, Daniel wasn't curious about a bear or a turtle, thank God! Well, a turtle would have been ok! As time went on he would

often ask if he could have a puppy, and of course, I'd say NO!

One day my children and I attended a harvest festival at their elementary school. It was a lot of fun. There were games, prizes, food, and music. Daniel had played a "Toss a ring-around a bottle" game, and he'd won!

He won a goldfish! It looked so cute in the little bag filled with water (floating around with such little space). It was a bold orange color. Although, I thought it looked a little blue with its mouth drooping, giving that sad expression.

When we took it home, we found a small bowl to place it in temporarily. Daniel had a responsibility to care for his first pet fish. The next day he and I went to the local pet store to purchase a fishbowl and some fish food.

Every day, before Daniel ate breakfast and dinner, he'd feed his fish without being told. I had placed the fishbowl in the kitchen where Daniel had a good clear view of the fish. He had so much love for it. He was showing a lot of responsibility for a ten-year-old boy.

He'd feed the fish, watch it as it would eat, and off to school he'd go! Sometimes, he'd just stand there tapping his little finger on the bowl. But I had the responsibility of changing the water. That was day after day.

Occasionally, his father, big Robert (my ex-husband) would feed the fish, not realizing it had been fed. I'd say to him, "Daniel fed the fish this morning."

"Oh," he'd say.

Also, I'd catch Reina and Li'l Robert feeding the fish too, and I'd say to them, "Your dad fed the fish already!"

"Ahhhhh! we want to feed the fish!" they'd say.

At times I found myself feeding the fish, thinking it hadn't been fed! Even as a mother, I worry about a fish! It seemed we all had the same love for Daniel's fish as he did!

One evening, as dinner was being served, Daniel raced to the kitchen

to feed his fish. Surprisingly, the fish was not in the fishbowl!

Daniel said, "Mommy, where's my fish?"

I looked. I said, "I don't know!" It was a mystery. We looked around and the fish was nowhere in sight!

"Well," I said, "it couldn't have just got up and walked away," or more like, "It couldn't have just jumped out of the bowl!"

But apparently, it did!

I noticed it lying on the floor, lifeless, underneath Daniel's chair in the kitchen! Not even a flap from its fin.

As my eyes set on the fish, I said to Daniel, "There it is!"

My God, what happened? I asked myself. Daniel and I looked at each other in disbelief! Either someone took the fish out or it just jumped out itself! There was no explanation.

The only answer I had for my son was, "Daniel, your fish wanted to be near you when you sat at your chair."

That seemed to have pleased Daniel, being that he was only ten years old or maybe he thought his mommy was just plain crazy! Funny, if it did jump, which it had to have, it leaped right underneath Daniel's chair.

When I told his father, brother, and sister what had happened, they were sad to hear the news. We realized we had all been feeding the fish without each other's knowledge. It just seemed the fish was being overfed and jumped out of the bowl, or it just jumped out to escape it's living conditions.

Whatever the reason was, we will never know. It was probably screaming, "Stop Feeding Me!" Rest assured, we did have a proper burial with respect to Daniel.

In the end, knowing how much my son showed love and care for his first pet fish allowed me and the rest of the family to show love and care too!

**POETRY MATTERS**

**Christmas Mail**

Cards in each mailbox, angel, manger, star and lamb, as the rural carrier, driving the snowy roads, hears from her bundles the plaintive bleating of sheep, the shuffle of sandals, the clapping of camels. At stop after stop, she opens the little tin door and places deep in the shadows the shepherds and wise men, the donkeys lank and weary, the cow who chews and muses. And from her Styrofoam cup, white as a star and perched on the dashboard, leading her ever into the distance, there is a hint of hazelnut, and then a touch of myrrh.

-Ted Kooser

As the Postal Service burdens grow heavier with the season, the mail carrier follows her Styrofoam star. In Kooser's typical metaphor-laden celebration of ordinary people, the mythic identity is not confirmed until the last word. Nebraskan Poet Laureate Kooser wooed the woman who became his second wife by depositing poems in her mailbox. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

## Poor, minority students receive lesser quality arts education, study finds

**LOS ANGELES** – The Los Angeles County Arts Commission released findings last week from an 18-month survey of arts education in K-12 public schools.

The Arts Ed Profile was administered to all 2,277 schools across LA County, including 81 districts, four charter school networks as well as a few individual charter schools.

It represents data from the 2015-17 academic years, and identifies the breadth and distribution of arts education in Los Angeles County.

In addition to the report, the LACAC has created an online Arts Ed Profile tool, which allows users to explore the data for themselves. Some of report's key findings include:

Arts instruction is offered in nearly every school in LA County and most schools offer two or more disciplines, but very few schools in the county offer year-long arts instruction to all students.

Equity continues to be a

challenge in arts education. English learners, students on free and reduced price meals (a proxy for low income) and students of color tend to receive less arts instruction and at a lower quality than their counterparts—especially in elementary grades.

In general, the quantity of arts instruction is higher in elementary grades (PreK-8), while the quality of instruction is higher in secondary grades (9-12).

Grades 7-8 are the peak years for arts instruction. During those

years, instruction in all artistic disciplines is offered at nearly every school.

Teaching artists and arts nonprofits play a critical role in arts education, providing instruction in more than half of all public schools in LA County.

The findings from this report were released as part of the Arts Now: LA County Arts Education Summit at the Japanese American National Museum in downtown Los Angeles.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2017334233  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) INDUSTRIAL CLEANERS, 713W 42ND. PLACE, LOS ANGELES CA 90037, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARCO A. MARROQUIN, 713 W. 42ND. PLACE, LOS ANGELES CA 90037  
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: 01/2016  
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/ MARCO A. MARROQUIN, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 22, 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).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2017338239  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EXPRESS FINGERPRINT & NOTARY SERVICES, 8280 FLORENCE AVENUE, SUITE 220, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY, 13921 PLACID DR., WHITTIER CA 90604  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROSA NOY, 13921 PLACID DR., WHITTIER CA 90604  
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/ ROSA NOY, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 29, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
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Copies of schedules of rates so determined are available on the Internet at ([http://www.dir.ca.gov/DIR/S&R/statistics\\_research.html](http://www.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 rate 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 Pursseglove, C.P.M.**  
Darren Pursseglove  
Director, Purchasing and Warehouse  
Downey Unified School District  
Los Angeles, County, State of California

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Dolly Arun Shah filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Dolly Arun Shah to Proposed name (1) Dolly Jay Shah  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: January 24, 2018, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** November 20, 2017  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
Dolly Arun Shah  
18751 Jeffrey Ave  
Cerritos, CA 90703  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS030733**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Fatuono Johnson Kelemete filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Fatuono Johnson Kelemete to Proposed name (1) Johnson Fatuono Lutali  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: February 7, 2018, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **Downey Patriot Newspaper** December 04, 2017  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
Fatuono Johnson Kelemete  
16437 Woodruff Ave.  
Bellflower, California 90706  
(562) 216-0609

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

**FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS030720**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Kelvin Piazza filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Kelvin Piazza to Proposed name (1) Kelvin Funchess  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: January 24, 2018, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT SOUTHEAST DISTRICT, 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, California 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **Downey Patriot** November 21, 2017  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
Kelvin Piazza  
5006 Woodruff Ave.  
Lakewood, CA 90713  
(213) 705-4343  
kelvinpiazza@aol.com

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2017329849  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALL M SERVICES, 6060 ATLANTIC AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90805, LA COUNTY, 2127 E HARDING ST, LONG BEACH CA 90805  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CYNTHIA KARINA GALINDO ARTEAGA, 2127 E HARDING ST, LONG BEACH CA 90805 (2) MARIO A ARTEAGA, 2127 E HARDING ST, LONG BEACH CA 90805  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple  
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/ MARIO A ARTEAGA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 17, 2017  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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**GOVERNMENT**

**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 22nd, 2017**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

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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 on or after **December 7th, 2017**.

Contractors must possess a C-61/D34 contractor's license for this project.

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.

**NOTICES**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS030730**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Josseline Gonzalez Garcia filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Josseline Gonzalez Garcia to Proposed name (1) Josseline Lima Garcia  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: January 31, 2018, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **Downey Patriot** November 29, 2017  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
Josseline Gonzalez Garcia  
6829 Flora Ave Apt G  
Bell CA 90201  
(323) 374-8603

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS030723**


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# La Leche League offers support for breastfeeding families

**BREASTFEEDING:** Support group for breastfeeding mothers will meet Saturday morning at First Baptist Church of Downey.

**DOWNEY** – La Leche League of Downey invites all breastfeeding mothers and their support persons to their monthly meeting this Saturday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m.

La Leche League is a breastfeeding support group that meets monthly to support breastfeeding families. The Downey chapter, in partnership with its sister group in Whittier, has just accredited three new leaders to serve local parents.

The new leaders are Becky Chavez of Whittier, Cristina Rose of Long Beach, and Christina Rodriguez of Downey. These three new leaders join the current leadership team, which is comprised of accredited leaders Lana Joy Wahlquist, Emily Niemeyer, and Elise Hamel. Leaders are available to help parents by phone, email, Facebook, or in person at the monthly meeting.

The Downey chapter was started last year by experienced breastfeeding mothers who are trained and accredited by La Leche League International to help others. They meet once per month in a group setting, in which parents share their questions, their concerns, and the things they've

learned as they raise their breastfed children.

The leaders also do phone help and moderate an online forum on Facebook. All of LLL's services are always free.

Since its humble beginnings at a picnic in 1956, La Leche League mothers have acknowledged the need for breastfeeding knowledge and support to be shared between parents. Human being are social animals, and while breastfeeding is a natural act, it doesn't usually come easily to mothers.

Today's parents have added challenges—returning to work, trauma in childbirth, and tongue-tie are just a few of the obstacles mothers and babies seek to overcome in their breastfeeding relationship.

Many of these challenges are common, therefore mother-to-mother support is at the heart of everything the organization does. As LLL has grown into an international organization, the primary focus remains on the personal, mother-to-mother sharing of information and encouragement that provides a new parent with the confidence they need to breastfeed their baby.

LLL International trains their leaders in all the variations of the normal course of breastfeeding, and gives them tools to spot medical issues that need referral. In



The Almerna family, the Segoviano family, and Marisol Garcia, all members of La Leche League.

addition, leaders are trained in all the latest research involving human lactation and infant care, so that knowledge can be passed along to parents seeking help from the organization.

As a widely respected international organization, parents can be certain that they are getting the most up-to-date and legitimate breastfeeding knowledge available.

Anyone interested in breastfeeding is welcome to attend. Dads, partners, or other support persons are encouraged to attend the Downey meeting. All children of any age are always welcome at LLL meetings.

"We encourage expectant mothers to begin attending meetings while they are pregnant, so they can be prepared when their baby arrives, however, anytime you want to start coming is a good time to come," the organization said.

La Leche League of Downey meets monthly, at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Downey, on the third Saturday of the month. Their next monthly meeting will be Dec. 16.

More information can be found on their website, [llwhittier.weebly.com](http://llwhittier.weebly.com), or search Facebook for La Leche League of Whittier and Downey.

## Downey's holiday home decorating contest winners

**DOWNEY** – Here is a list of winners of Downey's 2017 holiday home decorating contest.

### Area 1

Mark Kniep – 8602 Nada St. – Discover Downey Award  
 Rafael Cerritos – 8422 Clela St. – Best New Entry: Best Overall  
 Carlos Sandoval – 8609 Melva St. – Best New Entry: Honorable Mention  
 Emmet Fletcher – 8535 Fontana St. – Most Original: Best Overall  
 Omar Josah Mairena – 8260 Arnett St. – Most Original: Honorable Mention

### Area 2

Jennifer Fierros – 9218 Paramount Blvd. – Discover Downey Award  
 Alexander Fagundo – 8249 Nada St. – Best New Entry: Best Overall  
 Lindsay Marie Yost – 7624 Luxor St. – Best New Entry: Honorable Mention  
 Larry Osterhoudt – 7920 Melva St. – Best Window Display: Best Overall  
 Arnulfo Donado – 11603 Haro Ave. – Best Religious Display: Best Overall  
 Carol Gilbert – 7614 Yankey St. – Best Religious Display: Honorable Mention  
 Eric Silva – 8252 De Palma St. – Most Original: Best Overall  
 Jesus Guzman – 7826 Devenir St. – Most Original: Honorable Mention

### Area 3

Dan Lorenzetti – 9922 Norlain Ave. – Discover Downey Award  
 Anita Rojas – 7827 8th St. – Best Religious Display: Best Overall  
 Heidi Lockwood – 7303 Finevale Dr. – Most Original: Best Overall  
 Christine Serna – 7721 Botany St. – Most Original: Honorable Mention

### Area 4

D Messer – 10257 Mattock Ave. – Discover Downey Award  
 Ana Corona – 9217 Mel Dar Ave. – Best New Entry: Best Overall  
 Jeanne Earwood – 11018 Marbel Avenue. – Best Window Display: Best Overall  
 Melissa Barger – 9384 Suva St. – Most Original: Best Overall

### Mayor's Award

Mikey Boyd, 10945 Hasty Ave – Best Overall

## Funeral services scheduled for Felix Valles

**DOWNEY** – Felix "Juan" Valles passed away Dec. 6 in his home surrounded by family.

Felix was a resident of Downey for 35 years with his wife, Rosa. They were middle school sweethearts and were married for 51 years.

He worked as an elevator mechanic for 30-plus years until he recently retired and was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey.

He is survived by his wife, daughters, grandchildren, siblings and family.

Visitation will be on Monday, Dec. 18 from 5–9 p.m. at Forest Lawn Cypress – Church of Our Fathers with prayer vigil/rosary from 7–8 p.m.

Funeral services for Felix will be at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m.. Following the services, Felix will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn – Long Beach.

# County reaches settlement with woman struck by motorcycle officer

**LOS ANGELES** – The L.A. County Board of Supervisors authorized a \$180,000 settlement this week with a woman who was struck by a Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy who was in pursuit of a speeding motorist.

The incident began Jan. 9, 2015 at about 8:25 a.m. in Palmdale when the deputy clocked a vehicle

traveling 114 MPH in a 60 MPH zone.

The deputy, who was on a motorcycle, initiated a pursuit, reaching speeds of 100 MPH. The deputy did not activate his emergency lights or siren.

As the deputy turned eastbound onto Columbia Way, he "realized he was traveling too fast to safely

navigate the turn and 'locked up' his brakes," county officials wrote in a report.

The deputy's motorcycle crashed into the side door of a vehicle being driven by Leeze Nelly De Santiago. The deputy catapulted over Santiago's car, landing in the street.

Both Santiago and the deputy

were transported to a hospital. Santiago complained of pain to her left hip while the deputy suffered a fractured right wrist and abrasions to his hand.

Santiago later complained of emotional trauma which would require ongoing treatment.

The driver of the speeding vehicle was never caught.

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# Should you lease or buy a car?

Is it better to lease or buy a new car?

Ask most people and they'll probably tell you that car buying is the way to go. And from a financial perspective, it's true, provided you're willing to make higher monthly payments, pay off the loan in full and keep the car for a few years.

Leasing, on the other hand, can be a less expensive option on a month-to-month basis. It's also good if you're someone who likes to drive a new car every three years or so.

There isn't a clear-cut answer — each scenario has its own set of pros and cons. We say that the decision to lease or buy usually comes down to your lifestyle and how you prefer to pay for things.

For example, if you need an upscale car for business, perhaps to entertain clients, leasing allows you to have a nicer car for less money. It might also provide a good tax write-off.

However, if you're someone who tends to stick with the same car for years, the best choice would be to buy a new or used car and keep it for as long as it is reliable. You'd enjoy a few years without a car payment, which is the point of car buying. That's something people often forget.

Ultimately, you can say good things about both buying and leasing. Your choice might come down to personal tastes and priorities rather than pure dollars and cents.

Since everyone's situation is different, here are the pros and cons of leasing and the pros and cons of buying. Some of these points are financial factors and others relate to your needs and lifestyle. Keep in mind that there isn't always a perfect answer to the question of whether to lease or buy.

### Leasing Pros:

You have lower monthly payments with a low — or no — down payment.

You can drive a better car for less money.

You have lower repair costs because you are under the vehicle's included factory warranty.

You can more easily transition to a new car every two or three years.

You don't have trade-in hassles at the end of the lease.

You pay less sales tax.

### Leasing Cons:

You don't own the car at the end of the lease (although there is always the option to buy).

Your mileage is typically limited to 12,000 miles a year (you can purchase extra).

You may find lease contracts

confusing and filled with unfamiliar terminology.

You'll pay more in the long run for a leased car than you will if you buy a car and keep it for years.

You could face excessive wear-and-tear charges. These can be a nasty surprise at the end of the lease.

You will find it costly to terminate a lease early if your driving needs change.

### Buying Pros:

You can modify your car as you please.

You'll save money over the long term if you buy a car.

You can drive as much as you like. There's no excess mileage penalty.

You have more flexibility since you can sell the car whenever you want.

You can use the car as a trade-in on the next car you buy.

### Buying Cons:

You have to pay a higher down payment to avoid being upside down in the loan (owing more than the car is worth).

Your monthly car payments are higher than lease payments.

You're responsible for repair costs once the warranty expires.

You face possible trade-in or selling hassles when you decide to get your next car.

You'll have more of your cash tied up in a car, which depreciates in value.

### Summary

In a nutshell, leasing makes it easier to get more car for less money. This is because you only pay for the use of the car for two or three years, instead of paying for the vehicle itself. Buying, on the other hand, frees you from the restrictions involved in leasing, such as mileage caps. The car is yours to do with as you wish.

Ultimately, it's up to you to weigh the pros and cons, determine your needs and decide which choice best suits your lifestyle

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# L.A. County initiates stricter oversight of payday lenders

**PAYDAY LENDING:** Predatory lenders prey on the poor through high-interest installment loans and car title loans.

**LOS ANGELES**—The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed a motion Tuesday directing staff to develop a comprehensive approach toward protecting consumers from the harmful effects of high-cost loans.

Last year, the Supervisors took a unanimous vote to support a proposal by the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) to regulate short-term, high-cost payday loans. On Oct. 5 of this year, the CFPB issued their final rule to rein in abusive payday lending. That rule is set to go into effect in 2018.

Earlier this month, however, Florida Representative Dennis Ross introduced a bipartisan House resolution that would use the Congressional Review Act to repeal the CFPB's payday rule.

Of equal concern, the leadership of the Bureau is in flux and under threat, given the recent resignation of former director Richard Cordray and the ensuing conflict over who should assume the role of acting director.

The Trump Administration recently appointed Mick Mulvaney to act as interim director. Mulvaney received more than \$31,000 in campaign contributions from the payday industry during his 2015-2016 Senate campaign cycle.

It's in this larger context that the County Board of Supervisors is seeking to address predatory lending and strengthen consumer protections at the local level.

"While licensed high-cost loans are a legal industry, these products often trap our communities in an unrelenting cycle of debt," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, the author of today's motion.

"Today's action strikes a balance between ensuring that borrowers have access to affordable emergency loans, while protecting them from those who would prey on our most vulnerable low-income residents."

The California Reinvestment Coalition and dozens of faith-based and community organizations across the county are advocating for an ordinance to limit the expansion of payday, car title and installment lending storefronts in Los Angeles County, and for statewide lending reforms such as an interest rate cap.

Major California jurisdictions including the cities of San Francisco, Sacramento, San Jose, Long Beach and Fresno and the counties of Santa Clara and San Mateo have enacted local policies that restrict the number and location of such businesses.

"Payday lenders cluster in low income neighborhoods and communities of color. They target consumers who are already struggling to make ends meet with loans that carry outrageous interest and fees, which hurt people more than they help," said Liana Molina, director of community engagement with the California Reinvestment Coalition.

"Given the inaction of state and federal policy makers to reform lending laws, it's critical for local government to use their authority

to tackle the problem and initiate reforms from the ground up."

The motion, co-sponsored by Supervisors Hilda Solis and Sheila Kuehl, instructs the LA County Department of Business and Consumer Affairs, the planning department, the Treasurer and Tax Collector and County Counsel to evaluate possible regulatory approaches, develop a consumer outreach and education strategy, track relevant legislation, and identify safe and affordable financial products for county residents.

Staff will report back with findings and recommendations in spring of 2018.

"Payday lenders and other businesses that seek to get people to commit to high-interest installment loans and car title loans are simply preying on the poor," said Supervisor Kuehl.

"Their short-term, high-interest lending inevitably leads to deeper and deeper indebtedness. With this motion, the County is extending our commitment to protecting consumers from predatory lenders."

# Downey High grad finishes basic training

**DOWNEY** — U.S. Air Force Airman Jadin J. Sanchez graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who completed basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Airforce.

Sanchez is the son of James Sanchez of Downey, and the grandson of Josephine Guevera of South Gate. He is also the brother of Kadin Sanchez.

Sanchez is a 2016 graduate of Downey High School.

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