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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

FEBRUARY 28

Downey Chamber anniversary luncheon

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 28
TIME: 12 pm
LOCATION: Embassy Suites

MARCH 3

Movie Night at the Columbia Memorial Space Center

DATE: Saturday, March 3
TIME: 6:30 pm
LOCATION: Columbia Memorial Space Center

MARCH 10

Era of a King: Elvis Presley tribute show

DATE: Saturday, March 10
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

MARCH 17

Arc Walk

DATE: Saturday, March 17
TIME: 7:30 am
LOCATION: Stonewood Center

MARCH 18

Treasure Island

DATE: Sunday, March 18
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

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 26

State of the City address

DATE: Monday, March 26
TIME: 12 pm
LOCATION: Rio Hondo Event Center

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

APRIL 28

Miss Downey Pageant

DATE: Saturday, April 28
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

MAY 5

Downey Street Faire

DATE: Saturday, May 5
TIME: 10 am to 3 pm
LOCATION: Brookshire Avenue (between Firestone & 5th St.)

JUNE 1

Soroptimist casino night fundraiser

DATE: Friday, June 1
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: Rio Hondo Event Center

Griffiths, Stauffer middle schools named model campuses in California

MODEL CAMPUSES: Middle school campuses named "schools to watch" for academic excellence.

DOWNEY – Griffiths and Stauffer middle schools have been named "schools to watch" in California for demonstrating academic excellence, social equity, and responsiveness to the needs of young adolescents.

Only 22 schools in California were recognized in the 2017-18 Schools to Watch – Taking Center Stage program. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson announced the schools last week.

Downey Unified is one of only three school districts in California to have more than one middle school within their district recognized as a Schools to Watch high-performing middle school.

"Congratulations to these schools for doing excellent work to help students believe in themselves, set high goals and dream big," Torlakson said. "These schools are outstanding examples of how educational innovations can keep students engaged and learning throughout a transitional time in their lives."

Celebrations have been set for March 9 at 10 a.m. at Griffiths and at 1 p.m. at Stauffer, with students, staff, district leaders, school board members, local officials and dignitaries expected to attend.

The celebration will feature an address to the student bodies announcing the schools' selection as models, along with a presentation of banners.

The schools will also be honored in Washington, D.C. in



Griffiths Middle School Principal Dr. Rani Bertsch and Stauffer Middle School Principal Alyda Mir pose as they celebrate their schools being selected as 2017-18 Schools to Watch.

Photo courtesy DUSD

June as national schools to watch.

"We are thrilled to have received this recognition," said Griffiths Principal Dr. Rani Bertsch. "Our staff and students have worked very hard to demonstrate strong student achievement."

Dr. Irvin Howard, past president of the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform, noted, "Both Griffiths and Stauffer middle schools are models of what an outstanding middle school can be. School leaders from across the state will now turn to these two Downey Unified middle schools for guidance on improving their programs to better serve their own students."

"This ceremony is an affirmation of the fantastic work so many have done within our school, our Board of Education, the district and even our larger community," added

Stauffer Middle School Principal Alyda Mir.

California's Schools to Watch -- Taking Center Stage program uses a competitive, rigorous review process to identify high performing, high impact middle schools so that all middle schools may have models of real-world success. Griffiths and Stauffer middle schools are two of the 112 model schools that have been identified statewide since 2003.

To earn this designation, schools must complete an extensive application that is reviewed by middle grades experts. In order to retain the designation, each school is re-evaluated every three years.

All of the schools will be recognized in Sacramento at the California Middle Grades Alliance annual luncheon on March 1.

Downey superintendent named 'superhero' for literacy efforts

SUPERHERO AWARD: Dr. John Garcia honored for efforts to curb "summer slide."

DOWNEY – Downey Unified School District superintendent Dr. John Garcia was one of three superintendents statewide to receive the Superhero Award for his efforts to expand learning opportunities for low-income children.

The award was presented Jan. 25 at a gathering of the Association of California State Administrators Superintendent's Symposium at the Monterey Convention Center.

The Superhero Award was established in 2013 by the Summer Matters campaign, which supports access to high quality summer learning opportunities for students in California. The award highlights efforts by superintendents to provide quality programs that help children living in low-resource communities avoid the effects of summer learning loss.

Awardees are nominated by summer learning stakeholders from throughout the state, and selected by Summer Matters.

"The documented reduction in summer learning loss, the number of nourishing meals served, and the experiences enjoyed in robust summer programs for students who otherwise would likely not get those opportunities, is a moral imperative," said Mike Berg, a former Superhero Award recipient and retired superintendent who presented this year's award.

At Downey Unified, Garcia



DUSD Superintendent Dr. John Garcia

challenged his Board of Education to think outside the box with regard to summer learning programs. Since the program's creation, Garcia has consistently set aside LCAP monies for programs, and has presented about the importance of summer learning programs at statewide conferences.

Garcia has built a full-day program focused on academics in the morning, and enrichment in the afternoon.

"As a district with many students who would otherwise not be able to experience a camp "type" environment, I appreciate that our Board of Education challenged us as a staff to create and implement an engaging program that combats summer learning loss in our most vulnerable students," said Garcia. "This recognition acknowledges the constant effort put forth to address

the needs of ALL students each and every day."

In addition to Garcia, also honored was Dr. Cesar Morales of the Oxnard Elementary School District and Rich DuVarney of Tehama County Department of Education.

Morales set aside nearly \$1 million to operate a five-week summer learning program to serve students in need. He also secured a summer feeding program operated at several Writing and Science Camp locations.

DuVarney keeps kids reading and actively engaged throughout the summer in order to prevent "summer slide" – the time of year when kids fall behind in their academic achievement levels unless they're enrolled in summer learning enrichment programs.

Downey restaurant grades

Fatima Grill
7840 Firestone Blvd. Ste A101
Date Inspected: 2/2/18
Grade: **A**

Dennys
8350 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/2/18
Grade: **A**

Third Street Coffee
8221 3rd St. Ste 101
Date Inspected: 2/1/18
Grade: **A**

Cafe Opa
9905 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/1/18
Grade: **A**

Hall of Fame Market and Deli
10846 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 2/1/18
Grade: **A**

Albertsons Deli
7676 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/1/18
Grade: **A**

Albertsons Bakery
7676 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/1/18
Grade: **A**

Albertsons Meat and Seafood
7676 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/1/18
Grade: **A**

Jenny's Donuts
12637 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/1/18
Grade: **A**

Tacos El Gavilan
7947 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 2/1/18
Grade: **A**

Mart One
9913 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/1/18
Grade: **A**

Little Caesars
12555 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/1/18
Grade: **A**

Los Pollos
7940 E Florence Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/1/18
Grade: **A**

Yoshinoya Beef Bowl
7910 E Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 2/1/18
Grade: **A**

Frantone's
9148 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 1/30/18
Grade: **A**

Mr. M's Tacos
8642 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/30/18
Grade: **A**

Hully Gully
9559 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/26/18
Grade: **B**

Club DB Lounge
8206 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/26/18
Grade: **A**

Jimmy John's
12018 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/25/18
Grade: **A**

Ono Hawaiian BBQ
12028 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/25/18
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 77°

Saturday 69°

Sunday 79°

THINGS TO DO



Calvin Spencer Memorial Fundraiser

Sunday - Los Amigos Golf Course, 3 pm
A free event to raise money for the family of Calvin Spencer. Live music and beer garden. Donations accepted at the door.



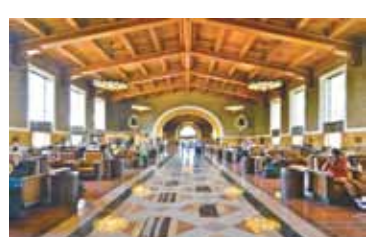
Cookie Festival

Saturday - Anaheim Convention Center, 10 am to 5 pm
Meet celebrity bakers, sample cookie recipes and desserts, and browse products from dozens of vendors. \$6 child, \$20 adult



East L.A. Art Walk

Sunday - 3501 E. 1st St. in East Los Angeles, 12-6 pm
Live music, art demonstrations, crafters, handmade jewelry, and local brands. Family-friendly.



Union Station art & architecture tour

Sunday - Union Station, 10:30 am
Discover art, architecture and spaces not generally open to the public in an exclusive free tour of Union Station.



Chocolate Festival

Saturday - Belmont Shore, 12-4 pm
More than 25 restaurants along 2nd Street will be offering chocolates and sweet treats. 12 dessert tickets for \$10

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

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Bessie Gonos, longtime civic leader, dies at 100

DOWNEY – Bessie V. Gonos, who celebrated her 100th birthday last year, passed away Jan. 28.

Born June 24, 1917, Gonos lived in Downey for over 60 years and was influential in the Downey community as a volunteer. She was a charter member of the Downey Emblem Club 309, sponsor of the Downey Theatre, involved in PTA, YMCA, member of St. George Greek Orthodox Church and other organizations.



Gonos grew up in a large family with two brothers and six sisters. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Gonos, and son, James William Gonos.

She is survived by her daughter, Georgia Gonos Ananias; son-in-law, Dean Ananias; sister-in-law, Bessie Gonos; grandchildren, Valerie (Chris Manneh), Debbie (Jonathan Garcia) and Cindy Ananias; and two great-grandsons, Jonathan James and Zane William.

Services will be held Feb. 12 at 11 a.m. at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Downey. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Riverside National Cemetery where she will be laid to rest with her husband.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association would be appreciated.

Devion Smith graduates basic training

DOWNEY – U.S. Air Force Airman Devion D. Smith 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 skill.

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

Smith is the son of Latasha Sheridan of Bellflower.

He is a 2015 graduate of Downey High School.

Victor Plummer was founding member of St. Raymond's

DOWNEY – Victor R. Plummer was born in Cicero, Ill., to Stella and Frank Plummer and was the fifth of six children. He attended Columbus School where he was among the first group of students to operate motion picture projectors as part of the educational experience in the classroom.

He graduated from Morton High School and joined the Navy, serving in World War II in the Pacific Theater.

He worked in the aeronautic industry for 34 years, starting at North American Aviation and retiring from Rockwell International. He loved his career, which took him from the B1 bomber, through the Apollo manned missions, to the Space Shuttle and the many moon landings.

He died of pneumonia and complications of the flu on Jan. 25 surrounded by his three daughters and sons-in-law.

He and his wife Ann lived in Downey for 65 years and were founding members of St. Raymond's Catholic Church. They were both greeters and Eucharistic Ministers.

Plummer was preceded in death by his wife, Ann, and is survived by his three daughters and sons-in-law Suzanne (Glenn), Marshann, Annette (Rick); grandchildren Courtney (Kevin) Travis, Cody (Stephanie), Caitlin (Jake), and Kurt; great grandchildren Nick and Whitney; brother Frank Plummer of Murietta California and sister Lorraine Dickhaus of Park Hills Covington Kentucky as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Raymond's Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. preceded by a viewing. Burial will follow at 1 p.m. at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach.

Downey rents flat in January

DOWNEY – Rents in Downey have remained flat over the past month, however, they have increased 2.7% year-over-year, according to statistics released by Apartment List.

Median rent prices here prove to be less affordable than comparable cities nationwide - Downey's median two-bedroom rent of \$1,790 is above the national average of \$1,160.

Over the past year, rent increases have been occurring not just in the city of Downey, but across the entire metro. Of the largest 10 cities that Apartment List has data for, in the Los Angeles region, nine of them have seen prices rise.

Eric Pierce, editor

Driver who killed Downey teen was high on marijuana, DA says

DOWNEY – A Whittier woman has been charged with manslaughter in connection with a fatal traffic collision that killed an 18-year-old Downey resident last year.

In addition to manslaughter, prosecutors also charged Ilse Moreno-Arredondo, 21, with driving under the influence of marijuana and prescription medication.

Witnesses reported seeing Moreno-Arredondo speeding eastbound on Firestone Boulevard at about 9:10 p.m. on Oct. 22 when she collided with a vehicle stopped at a red signal at Brookshire Avenue.

The crash killed Karla Salazar, a 2017 graduate of Downey High School.

Salazar was a passenger in the vehicle that was struck. The vehicle's driver and a second passenger were seriously injured but survived. All were 18 years old.

Moreno-Arredondo was treated at a local hospital for minor injuries.

She was arrested on the night of the collision for driving under the influence of marijuana but charges were not formally filed until Feb. 1.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 26 at Downey Superior Court.

Eric Pierce, editor

Downey hosting military career day

DOWNEY – A Downey Military Career Day will be held on Feb. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:55 p.m. at St. Pius X, St. Matthias Academy for high school juniors and seniors.

The event will give students the opportunity to get information on the benefits each service has to offer from money for education to career field training and more.

For more information go to the event page on Facebook, located at <https://goo.gl/fYv8s3> or contact Fernando Sanjurjo at (818) 609-8622 or Fernando.Sanjurjo.civ@mail.mil.

Register now for Arc Walk

DOWNEY – Registration is now underway for the Arc Walk for Independence, taking place March 17 at Stonewood Center.

Early registration is \$25 per person. The price increases to \$30 on Feb. 17; on-site registration is \$35.

For more information, visit arcwalk.org.

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SPORTS: Warren shuts out Downey in pivotal soccer game

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Warren High School girls' soccer team currently has an overall record of 19-2 and are 9-0 in S.G.V.L. play. Warren defeated cross-town rival Downey at Downey 1-0 on Monday night.

The Lady Bears traveled to Roosevelt Middle School to face the Dominguez Lady Dons on Wednesday night in their regular season finale.

As of Wednesday, Warren is in first place with a record of 9-0, Downey is in second place with a record of 6-2-1, Paramount is in third place with a record of 5-3-1, Lynwood is in fourth place with a record of 3-5-1, Gahr is in fifth place with a record of 2-6-1 and Dominguez is in sixth place with a record of 0-9.

Coach Dussan her staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play undefeated and making a deep run in the C.I.F. Division Two playoffs.

WARREN BOYS SOCCER: The Warren High School boys' soccer team currently has an overall record of 10-9-4 are 5-3-1 in S.G.V.L. play.

Warren tied cross-town rival Downey at Downey 0-0 on Monday night. The Bears traveled to Roosevelt Middle School to face Dominguez on Wednesday night in their regular season finale.

As of Wednesday, Downey is in first place with a record of 6-1-2, Dominguez is in second place with a record of 6-3, Warren and Paramount are tied for third place with records of 5-3-1, Lynwood is in fifth place with a record of 2-7 and Gahr is in sixth place with a record of 1-8.

Coach Pena, his staff and players are all looking forward to finishing the regular season strong and qualifying for a C.I.F. Division One playoff spot.

DOWNEY BOYS BASKETBALL: The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 10-16 and are 3-6 in S.G.V.L. play.

The Vikings were defeated by Gahr at Gahr 55-43 on 1/24, defeated Paramount at Paramount 61-47 on 1/26, were defeated by Dominguez at Downey 60-40 on 1/31 and were defeated by Lynwood at Lynwood 69-64 on 2/2. Downey defeated cross-town rival Warren 64-61 at Downey on Tuesday night and hosted Gahr yesterday in their league finale (score unavailable at press time).

As of Wednesday, the San Gabriel Valley League standings have Dominguez on top with an overall record of 19-6 and a league record of 8-1.

Warren is currently tied for second with Lynwood and has an overall record of 15-9 and a league record of 6-3. Lynwood has an overall record of 11-14 and the same league record of 6-3. Gahr is currently fourth with an overall record of 11-13 and a league record of 4-5 and Paramount is currently sixth with an overall record of 9-15 and a league record of 0-9.

DOWNEY GIRLS BASKETBALL: The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 20-5 and are 7-2 in S.G.V.L. play.

The Lady Vikings defeated Paramount at Paramount 62-28 on 1/26, defeated Dominguez at Downey 51-33 on 1/31 and were defeated by

Lynwood at Lynwood 52-40 on 2/2 in their much anticipated rematch. Downey defeated Warren 65-46 at Downey on Tuesday night and hosted Gahr at Downey yesterday in their league finale (score unavailable at press time).

As of Wednesday, the San Gabriel Valley League standings have Lynwood on top with an overall record of 18-6 and a league record of 9-0.

Warren is currently third with an overall record of 14-10 and a league record of 5-4 and Gahr is currently fourth with an overall record of 11-12 and a league record of 4-5. Dominguez is currently fifth with an overall record of 12-9 and a league record of 3-6 and Paramount is currently sixth with an overall record of 7-12 and a league record of 0-9.

WARREN BOYS BASKETBALL: The Warren High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 15-9 and are 6-3 in S.G.V.L. play.

The Bears are currently tied with Lynwood (11-14, 6-3) for second place behind Dominguez (18-6, 7-1). Warren defeated Paramount at Paramount 56-53 on 1/31 and defeated Gahr at Warren 56-50 on 2/2. The Bears traveled to Downey on Tuesday night and were defeated by the Vikings 64-61. Warren concluded their regular season schedule yesterday against Dominguez at Warren (score unavailable at press time).

Warren will qualify for postseason play based on their performance this season. Once the regular season concludes this week the Bears will find out who they play and where on Sunday afternoon.

Coach Leflore, his staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play strong and making a run in the C.I.F. Division 3AA playoffs.

WARREN GIRLS BASKETBALL: The Warren High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 14-10 and are 5-4 in S.G.V.L. play.

The Lady Bears are currently in third place in league play behind Lynwood ((17-6, 8-0) and cross-town rival Downey (20-5, 7-2). Warren was defeated by Lynwood at Lynwood 61-48 on 1/26, defeated Paramount at Paramount on 52-29 on 1/31 and defeated Gahr at Warren 51-43 on 2/2. The Lady Bears were defeated by cross-town rival Downey at Downey Tuesday night 65-46 and hosted the Dominguez Lady Dons yesterday (score unavailable at press time).

Warren will qualify for postseason play based on their performance this

season. Once the regular season concludes this week the Lady Bears will find out who they play and where on Sunday afternoon.

Coach Palmer, her staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play strong and making a run in the C.I.F. Division 3AA playoffs.

DOWNEY FOOTBALL: The Downey High School football program will be hosting a free football clinic for student-athletes ages 6-14 (1st-8th graders) on Saturday, March 3.

The camp will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Downey High School on the football field. All campers are encouraged to come out in their football jerseys and/or spirit packs to represent and show pride for each city he or she may play for.

Training includes the following: ladder drills, cone drills, resistance training, hurdles and speed training. Head coach Jack Williams encourages all campers to come get coached up on position specific drills and individual sessions. Campers will be coached in age appropriate group skills. These group skills will include: lineman 1 on 1's, skills 1 on 1's and 7 on 7 drills.

Please note that all campers and parents must sign a waiver to participate in Downey Football camps. Cleats and mouthpieces are required.

For more information on this free football camp please contact Coach Anthony Valenzuela at acvalen85@gmail.com.

DOWNEY BOYS SOCCER: The Downey High School boys' soccer team currently has an overall record of 12-7-4 and a S.G.V.L. record of 6-1-2.

The Vikings tied cross-town rival Warren 0-0 on Monday night at Downey. Downey is currently in first place atop the San Gabriel Valley League standings and will qualify for C.I.F. postseason play.

DOWNEY GIRLS SOCCER: The Downey High School girls' soccer team currently has an overall record of 11-6-4 and a S.G.V.L. record of 6-2-1.

The Lady Vikings were defeated by cross-town rival Warren 1-0 on Monday night at Downey. Downey is currently in second place in the San Gabriel Valley League and will qualify for C.I.F. postseason play.

School board pushes back election one year

DOWNEY – The Downey Unified School District Board of Education approved to change the date of the Governing Board member election from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd years to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even years.

According to officials at the District, the change comes from the passage of the California Voter Participation Rights Act, in which the Legislature indicated its interest in providing for the greatest possible voter participation in local elections, including local elections.

The Board of Education complied and approved the switch at their meeting held on Oct. 10 last year.

Each current officeholder will now have their terms extended by one year.

The change will be effective in November 2020. Tod Corrin (Trustee Area 2), William Gutierrez (Trustee Area 3), Donald LaPlante (Trustee Area 4), and d. Mark Morris (Trustee Area 6) will all be up for reelection.

Last year's election – in which the seats held by Martha Sodetani, Nancy Swenson and Barbara Samperi were all up for reelection – was cancelled due to lack of competition against the three incumbents.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

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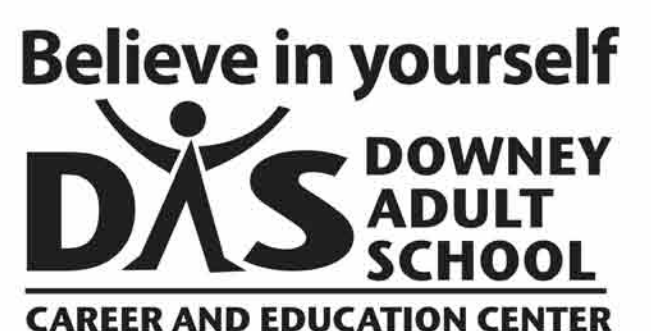


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Treason: A common liberal accusation

By **L. Brent Bozell III**

At a speech in Cincinnati, President Trump heard someone in the audience yell “treasonous” as he mentioned the Democrats’ pouting at the State of the Union address. “Somebody said, ‘treasonous,’” he mused. “I mean, yeah, I guess. Why not?”

Meltdown.

The media outrage was summarized by CNN chief legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin: “It is so grotesque! It is so appalling. ... I just wonder what the cost is, in terms of the future of our civic discourse!”

At this point, we should just start laughing at the press. These self-appointed watchdogs of the “civic discourse” weren’t a bit outraged when liberals tossed that T-word like a Frisbee at anyone criticizing former President Obama. Here are just a few examples.

—June 11, 2014: Then-CNN anchor Carol Costello brought on leftist Cliff Schecter to promote his article suggesting leaders of the National Rifle Association are “treasonous and murderous.” Costello could only add: “I don’t know. ... That’s really strong.”

—July 9, 2014: MSNBC political analyst Michael Eric Dyson went ballistic over former Gov. Sarah Palin’s suggestion that Obama be impeached: “The president’s push towards positive and crucial change was met with treasonous accusations.”

—June 27, 2015: The Daily Beast posted an article on dissenters of

the Supreme Court’s same-sex-marriage decision. The headline read: “Did the Four Dissenting Justices in Gay Marriage Case Just Suggest Treason?” Columnist Jay Michaelson suggested that those criticizing the court majority created a “shocking display of treason.”

—Oct. 1, 2015: Leftist radio host Thom Hartmann was incensed that anyone could consider then-House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy for House speaker, citing some Republican inauguration-night conspiracy to deny Obama any success. He said, “(T)hey have committed treason, maybe not the kind of treason that is elevated to the level of ... prosecution or firing squad ... a moral treason.”

In fact, this liberal treason talk just kept going once Trump took office, but he became the perpetrator.

—March 2, 2017: On Attorney General Jeff Sessions, CNN political commentator Maria Cardona said: “He knows that he is smack in the middle of this investigation having to do with, perhaps, treasonous activities by the Trump campaign.”

—March 28, 2017: MSNBC anchor Kate Snow brought on liberal CNN presidential historian Douglas Brinkley to discuss the Trump-Russia investigation and promoted his quote: “You told the Washington Post last week that ... ‘There’s a smell of treason in the air’ when it comes to this investigation.”

—May 11, 2017: On ABC’s “The View,” co-host Joy Behar screeched about the press having been barred from a Trump meeting with Russian

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov: “This is ... treason to me! This is un-American ...”

—June 25, 2017: Hollywood director Rob Reiner uncorked treason as a Twitter hashtag, tweeting: “When Fox says that (Trump) colluding with the enemy is not a crime, the fight to save Democracy is now an all out war. US-Stay strong. #Treason.”

—July 18, 2017: In reply to the president asserting that most politicians would have met a foreign official to get negative information on their opponent, as Donald Trump Jr. had, then-MSNBC star host Keith Olbermann tweeted: “Sure! Benedict Arnold would have. And Aaron Burr. And Charles Lindbergh. And Quisling. And Marshal Petain. That’s politics! Annnnd treason!”

Speaking of “grotesque” and “appalling” overstatements, let’s consult the accuser himself, Jeffrey Toobin. On CNN on Jan. 3, 2018, he referenced former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon’s suggestion that Trump Jr. is treasonous, saying, “the idea that people involved in an American presidential campaign would greedily reach out to the Russian government for dirt on their opponent, as Donald Trump Jr. and company did, does feel treasonous in a sort of colloquial sense.”

Liberals are the worst hypocrites on “civic discourse.”

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What Trump wants on immigration is ethnic cleansing

By **Peter Certo**

I’ll be honest: I didn’t watch Trump’s State of the Union address when it aired.

Instead, I put my baby to bed and watched reality TV with my wife. If that rattled a few brain cells, hopefully I saved a few more by not guzzling the bourbon I’d set aside to steel myself for the speech.

The next day’s headlines put an end to this brief indulgence in self care.

Trump had extended an “open hand” to work with Democrats on immigration, they reported. He crowed that he’d come up with a “bipartisan approach” that “should be supported by both parties as a fair compromise.”

The first part of the deal should sound familiar: Trump said he’d support “a path to citizenship” for nearly 1.8 million undocumented young people, or Dreamers, in exchange for his border wall.

What Trump didn’t say was that he’d already removed deportation protections from the 700,000 young people who rely on the DACA program, which Trump unilaterally revoked. And he’d already rejected an offer by Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer to fund the wall in exchange for authorizing those same people.

Democrat Luis Gutierrez, perhaps the staunchest wall critic and

immigrant advocate in the House, even said he’d “take a bucket, take bricks, and start building it myself” if it saved the Dreamers.

Trump’s about-face on that deal is why the government shut down this January.

Now Trump wants two more enormous concessions: an end to the so-called “diversity visa” program and the end of family reunification policies for documented immigrants who are already here.

Trump rattled off these demands like they were perfectly reasonable — “a down-the-middle compromise,” he called them. They’re not. In fact, one former speech writer for the last White House called them “a white nationalist wish list.”

That’s because, according to immigration analysts, those latter two provisions would cut legal immigration by nearly half. Half.

And to get that, Trump’s ransomed nearly 2 million Dreamers, whom 80 percent of Americans support legal status for.

He’s taking them hostage, he says, “because Americans are Dreamers, too.” All you need to know about that last remark is that former KKK leader David Duke quoted it right back on Twitter, adding “Thank you, President Trump.”

Let’s put all this in context. Trump’s offering a fig leaf of legal status for a relatively small slice of the undocumented population. In return,

he wants to permanently — and drastically — reduce the number of all immigrants who come to this country.

What Trump and his GOP backers want is ethnic cleansing.

It’s not just the Dreamers Trump has endangered, after all. He’s unleashed his ICE stormtroopers on hundreds of thousands of immigrants with no criminal backgrounds, often in hospitals, churches, and schools.

And wherever he can, he’s turned perfectly legal residents into deportable immigrants overnight.

With the stroke of a pen, he ended protections for 200,000 Salvadorans and 60,000 Haitians, while 57,000 Hondurans wait in limbo. And he’s brought refugee admissions to their lowest levels in over three decades, despite a global refugee crisis.

All that tracks perfectly for a guy who called darker-skinned countries “s—holes” and wondered why we can’t have more immigrants from Norway.

Democrats who’d offer a border wall in the face of all this miss the point: That “open hand” is full of poison pills.

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Factors to consider in immigration debate

By **Pierre Dauphin**

I wish to thank you for publishing both sides of the immigration debate. (The Downey Patriot, 2/1/18) However, some overwhelming key issues are missing in both arguments.

Probably the primary issue should be the environmental impact of immigration into this country. Given that the world climate is changing, the polar ice caps are melting, climate disasters from hurricanes to fires abound, can this country afford to take millions from third world countries where their carbon footprints are minimal and probably put them behind the wheel of a gas guzzling car? This is a highly dangerous practice which much of the world may not live to regret.

Another overwhelming fact has to do with the employment trends in this country. Per a recent PBS presentation, the number of day laborers, meaning people working on contract with no benefits, has topped 30% of the workforce and will soon top 40%. Is a society with such a substantial proportion of day laborers desirable? This means more than 40% of the population without health insurance, without pension plans, without the security of a permanent job whereby they can plan for themselves and for their families.

Immigration has played a substantial role in the creation of this situation. A primary example is with the taxicab industry in New York City. We had a friend who for nearly 40 years drove a cab within NYC. He bought himself a house. And toward life’s end had a pension.

Today, cab drivers are effectively day to day laborers. They lease the cabs for 24 hours. Good business, bad business, good weather, bad weather, they make or don’t make the lease amount that is their problem. An American doesn’t want to earn the \$20,000 or so likely yearly salary for driving a cab in a city where a \$300,000 apartment is a cheap one. There is someone from China who will do it. Don’t want Chinese, here are five or more Indians; no Indians? How about 20 or more Mexicans? We may also throw in a few Haitians. A similar situation has occurred in many other industries.

The above brings to mind the impending radical changes to be

brought about by automation. It is quite possible that, within the next five years, there will be driverless taxicabs. What is to be done with the Indians and others driving taxicabs within N.Y.? Has anyone thought of that? Has anyone thought of all the industries to be automated? This doesn’t come up in the debate.

Ignoring the above at one’s own peril is in addition to the nonsense spewed by Linda Sanchez and her cohort Ms. Chu starting with the title of their article. If the system worked, we wouldn’t be having this debate, would we?

There is, then, the story of a Filipino woman who came to the U.S. to take care of her father. How does such an occurrence benefit the average U.S. resident? That woman came here when she was over 60 years old. What financial means did she have to assure us of being able to assume her obligations, particularly regarding healthcare? Every time she is brought to the hospital, someone, perhaps the hospital, will face bills possibly in the tens of thousands of dollars. Such costs, particularly due to visitors and immigrants walking away from hospital debts incurred, have been the cause for the closure of many such facilities.

The Chu- Sanchez article mentions Ted Kennedy in a positive light. The fact of the matter is that Ted Kennedy factually misled the American people by saying that diversity immigration would approximate 300,000 people per year. By the time Kennedy died, it had reached a million per year not counting the Reagan amnesty to more than 3 million and the impending amnesty to more than 11 million.

Keep the Dreamers

Dear Editor:

President Trump recently announced that he would be ending DACA with about 800,000 recipients of DACA at risk of being deported. With nearly 1 million people at risk of deportation, we ask ourselves whether or not DACA should be repealed.

Many people argue that DACA should be repealed and that those illegal immigrants that came to the U.S. should return to their country since they were brought here by their parents when they were minors. Although that may be true, these minors had no choice but to be brought by their parents and come to the United States as a family. Most of these DACA recipients have spent most if not all their lives in the U.S., not even visiting their home country.

Having about 800,000 known illegal immigrants that shouldn’t be in the U.S. some may say that we need to take action and deport these immigrants. About 700,000 people could lose important jobs and/or college degrees if DACA ends up being repealed. Dreamers are doing more good than bad in this country, gaining expertise in career jobs and their studies in universities.

When President Obama first introduced DACA, most Republicans and some Democrats were against the idea of a two-year, no-worry plan for illegal immigrants that were brought into the U.S. when they were minors. Although most had concerns for the program, most people in DACA are given the option of having a social security card, driver’s license in most states, and building a credit score -- all living and paying the same amount of taxes as if they were legal immigrants in the U.S.

Repealing DACA would be a huge loss for the U.S. and President Trump should reconsider his actions against DACA with all the positive outcomes that DACA has had on the U.S.

**Alexis Larios
Downey**

The dynamic duo then mentions diversity. Factually, there is no diversity since the pendulum has swung the other way. The LAUSD, for example, is 85% Hispanic. Is this the diversity of which they are talking?

We need people to represent the interests of the current legal residents of this country. I have never heard of a German caucus, of an Irish caucus or of an Italian caucus. By joining the ethnic caucuses which they have, Chu and Sanchez represent, at best, the interests of these groups and apparently the interests of these ethnic groups more outside of this country.

We need people who represent the interests of all the current legal residents of the U.S. I doubt whether even Hispanics or Chinese go to the polls to elect a representative to serve the interests of Chinese or people from Guatemala for example. Global warming, the automation of work, the use of H1B visas to knock Americans out of work are threats to the quality of life of all residents of this country and should be matters of concern to all our representatives.

Finally, is this the same Linda Sanchez whose election campaign against Dornan was hounded by insinuations of illegal alien voting to give her the seat? If so, this article follows.

Americans hate the tax bill because it’s not for them

By **Jim Hightower**

It’s odd that Washington Republicans are so loudly crowing about their passage of the Trump-McConnell-Ryan tax law. Odd because the people outside of Washington hate that law.

Yes, hate. With a public approval rating of only 30 percent, the GOP’s trillion-dollar giveaway to multinational corporations and multimillionaires turns out to be Congress’ second-most disliked domestic law in the past quarter-century.

Second only to the multiple attempts by Trump, McConnell, and Ryan last year to take away the healthcare coverage of 23 million Americans — a move so mingy that 77 percent of the public opposed it.

Why do these doofuses keep trying to shove such wildly unpopular measures down people’s throats? Because, as columnist Michael Tomasky succinctly explained for the New York Times, “They are serving their megarich donors and the most extreme elements of their base.”

Yes. In today’s rigged political system, the special interests of a tiny minority trump the will of the great majority.

Since the GOP’s tax bill drastically reduced corporate taxes and increased many of ours, a few corporations are trying to dodge public fury by pulling a trickle-down trick on us. They’re awarding a tiny portion of their bonanza to workers — not as pay raises, but as one-time “bonus” payments. Bank of America, for example, is doling out \$145 million in worker bonuses, while pocketing \$2.6 billion it will get this year alone from the tax cut.

What they don’t tell you is that many of those bonus-paying corporations are also laying off thousands of workers.

In addition, the tax boondoggle for corporate giants guts our public treasury, so Washington Republicans and their army of corporate lobbyists are now demanding cuts in our Social Security, Medicare, and other safety-net programs.

That is where America’s inequality comes from. If the corporate-GOP syndicate wonders why they’re so despised, there it is.

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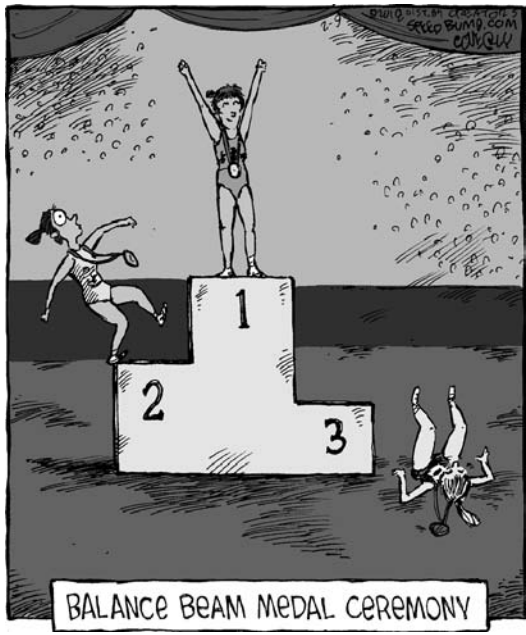
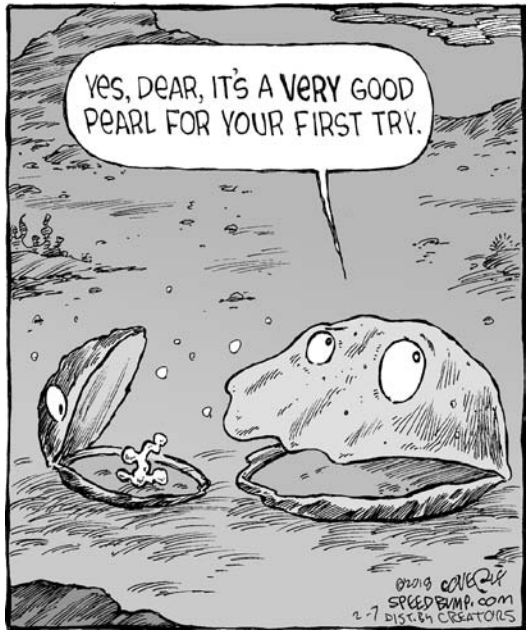
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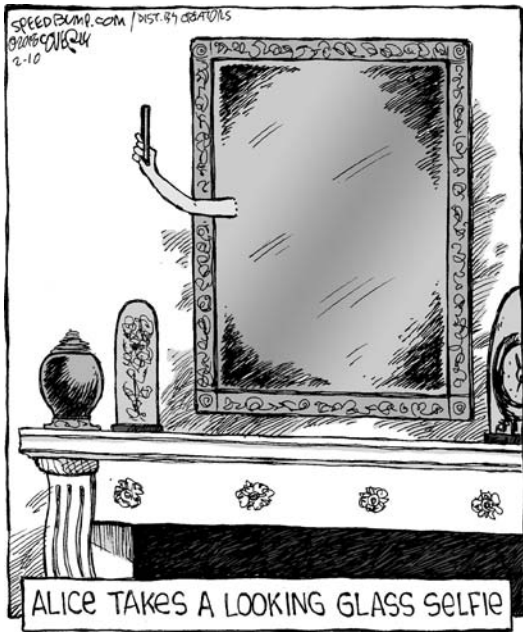
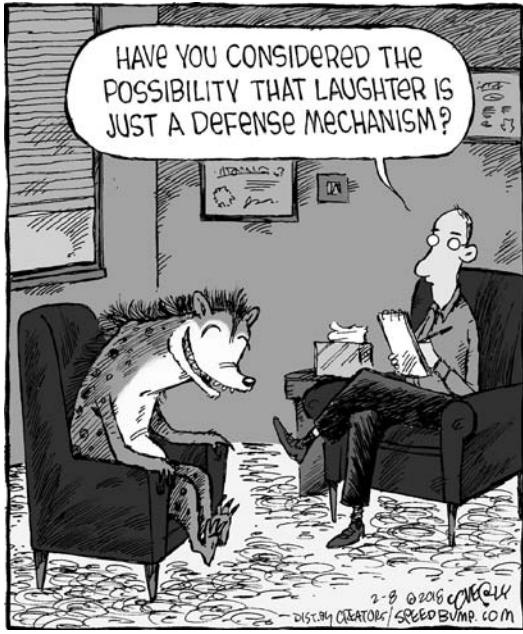
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

On This Day...

Feb. 8, 1910: The Boy Scouts of America, which is modeled after the Boy Scouts of England, was incorporated.
1918: During World War I, "The Stars and Stripes" was published under orders from General John J. Pershing for the United States Army forces in France. It was published from February 8, 1918 to June 13, 1919.
1968: U.S. Senate leaders named seven members of a select committee to investigate the Watergate scandal.
1978: The U.S. Senate deliberations were broadcast on radio for the first time. The subject was the Panama Canal treaties.

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

There is still no cure for Alzheimer's disease. It affects more than five million Americans, a number that could balloon to 16 million by 2050. Alzheimer's dementia accounts for 60-80% of all forms of dementia. 10% of those 65 and older have it, and that number goes up to almost 50% by the age of 85.



We all know someone with dementia, and we've seen how devastating this disease is, yet there have been no new approved medications to offer to patients in nearly 15 years. Tragically, we are still a long way from a cure...but what treatments are out there on the horizon?

In 2015, Australian researchers found that ultrasound waves cleared amyloid plaques in mice. Amyloid plaques clump around neurons and are

believed to contribute to Alzheimer's. After treatment, 75% of the mice performed better on memory tests. There was no damage to surrounding tissue, and the treatment has the potential to be much cheaper than prescription medication. Clinical trials with humans have just begun.

Trazodone had been used as an antidepressant for many years, and today is mostly used to treat insomnia. Researchers are now finding that it can stop brain cells from dying. It is already being used in late-stage dementia, and is being considered for use in early stages as well. Testing in mice is underway. (Researchers are also looking at whether trazodone can be helpful for those with multiple sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's, Huntington's disease, and other motor neuron diseases.)

Dibenzoylmethane, originally found in licorice, is now being used as a cancer drug. It is being tested to see whether it can slow or stop brain cell death.

Victoza, a diabetes medication, shows some early promise. In early studies it appears to reverse memory deficits in mice.

There are a growing number of teas, herbal remedies, and dietary supplements being promoted for the delay or prevention of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The list includes coconut oil, coenzyme

Q10, coral calcium, ginkgo biloba, and Omega-3 fatty acids. Note that claims about the safety and benefits of supplements and herbal products are often based on testimonials, but very little science. The rigorous scientific research required by the FDA for the approval of a prescription drug is not required in order to market dietary supplements or "medical foods."

Almost everything that is scientifically known about Alzheimer's has been discovered during the past 20 years. It has become a huge focus of neuroscience and biomedical research. The less that is known about a cure for a condition, the more creative (and unproven) are the cures that present themselves. That has certainly been the case when it comes to Alzheimer's dementia. Be cautious when considering potential treatments, and stay tuned for new advances in the field.

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Asthma attacks declining among U.S. children

Children with asthma in the U.S. are having fewer asthma attacks, missed school days, and visits to the hospital, according to a new Vital Signs report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Tuesday's report shows that the percentage of children with asthma who experienced one or more asthma attacks in the preceding 12 months declined from 2001 (61.7%) to 2016 (53.7%). Even so, approximately half of children with asthma had one or more asthma attacks in 2016.

Asthma is the most common chronic lung disease of childhood, affecting approximately 6 million children in the United States. Although asthma cannot be cured, asthma symptoms can usually be controlled by avoiding or reducing exposure to asthma triggers (allergens and irritants) and by following recommendations for appropriate medical care.

Tuesday's report shows that some children are more likely to have

asthma than others, including boys, children ages 5-17 years, non-Hispanic black children, children of Puerto Rican descent, and children from low-income families. In 2016, asthma attacks were most common among the youngest children, 4 years old and under.

Other study findings:

Asthma hospitalizations for children with asthma declined from 9.6 percent in 2003 to only 4.7 percent in 2013.

The percentage of children who reported asthma-related missed school days also was lower in 2013 than it was in 2003.

More children with asthma are getting asthma action plans and being taught how to recognize the signs and symptoms of an asthma attack and how to respond quickly.

Despite this progress, 1 in 6 children with asthma still ends up in the

emergency department and about 1 in 20 is hospitalized each year.

No single strategy is the magic bullet that prevents asthma attacks. But recent evidence from small CDC-funded projects show that a combination of actions can be highly effective:

Work with children and parents to determine the severity of each child's asthma, to develop an action plan for each child, and to share the plan with families, schools, and others.

Teach children and parents how to manage asthma by using control and rescue medicine properly and avoiding asthma triggers such as tobacco smoke, mold, pet dander, and outdoor air pollution.

Work with community health workers, pharmacists, and other community providers to help ensure that children with asthma receive the services they need.

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Smollygoster, surge-pricing, puggle among new words added to Oxford dictionary

Put down your *fidget spinner*, turn away from the *popcorn movie*, and switch off *airplane mode*, because the Oxford Dictionary has been updated.

Take some time off from creating a *face swap* of you and your *puggle*. Don't worry: we'll try to be *breviloquent*, though feel free to give your deep dive in a letter to the editor.

From faithless electors to civic nationalism

This year has brought significant changes to the political landscape, and this is reflected in the number of new terms relating to politics entering the English lexicon. Last year's US presidential election saw increases in the use of, for example, *faithless elector* – a member of the electoral college who does not vote for the candidate for whom they had pledged to vote – and nineteenth-century term *snollygoster* – an insult for a shrewd and unprincipled person, used particularly of politicians.

A snollygoster is the sort of person who might engage in a *sweetheart deal*, i.e. an agreement benefiting a particular group and reached in an unofficial or illicit way. They may also be the type to be guilty of *non-denial*: a statement that appears to deny a particular claim, but that in actuality fails to do so, such as stating that you don't remember saying something rather than claiming not to have said it at all.

Responding with non-denial could be the result of an *ambush interview*, when the interviewer catches the interviewee off-guard, meaning there isn't time to put much thought into their answers. North American politics also gives us the term *sanctuary city* to refer to cities where the local law tends to protect undocumented immigrants from deportation.

Oxford has added *state-building* in its most recent update: this is the activity of strengthening the institutions and infrastructure of a weak or failing state, typically performed by a foreign power. It would take a *deep dive* – an in-depth examination or analysis – to fully understand the possible consequences of state-building. A more domestic focus gives us the term *civic nationalism*: 'a political attitude of devotion to and vigorous support for one's country combined with a feeling of shared community with fellow citizens'. This term is especially used in contrast to views of nationalism based on ethnicity, race, or religion.

From robo-advisers to face-swapping

Technological innovation has always gone hand in hand with lexical

innovation, and in this update we continue to see linguistic development arising from new technology. Unfortunately, a *robo-adviser* is slightly less futuristic than it might sound: rather than a humanoid robot doling out wisdom, this newly added word refers to an online app that provides automated financial guidance.

Similarly, if asked twenty years ago what *airplane mode* (or flight mode) might refer to, you'd be forgiven for thinking of a jet ski that can take to the sky when a switch is flipped. The reality is a little more mundane, though a tad more practical: a setting to prevent wireless signals on smartphones and tablets from interfering with an aircraft's communication systems.

Mobile technology has also brought us the ability to order many different services through apps, often resulting in competitive prices – watch out though, though prices can change dramatically when the service is in high demand! This practice is called *surge-pricing* and has been particularly controversial in some cases.

If you're clever enough to spot any errors in one of the new programmes or applications, perhaps you should *screen-grab* it (save an image of what is displayed on your screen) and send it to the developers in return for a *bug bounty*. More and more developers are offering rewards by the way of bug bounties to users who alert them to issues with their technology.

Of course, not all innovation is widely accepted: Oxford recently added the term *woo-woo*, which is used in a derogatory way to refer to beliefs that lack a scientific foundation, particularly beliefs relating to mysticism or alternative medicine. But technology does not always have to be practical: lately, it has also given us the ability to create a face swap.

From Generation Z to the Silent Generation

A *face swap*, for the uninitiated, is not sci-fi level cosmetic surgery but the result of an app that switches the faces of two subjects in a photo for humorous effect. Usually this will be of two people, but it can include animals for more extreme results. If this doesn't appeal, don't worry, it might be a *Generation Z* thing (i.e. something enjoyed by the generation after millennials, just starting to reach adulthood now), the way that *dabbing* is often a Gen Z thing.

When you *dab*, you perform a dance move or gesture with one arm bent across the upper chest and one arm extended, with the face turned

into the bent elbow. This move is often performed as a celebration, and so is the sort of thing a *triple threat* will have plenty of opportunity for! Well established and now included in the dictionary, a *triple threat* is a person who is particularly skilled in three areas within their field, such as a person who is able to sing, act, and dance well.

It's not just the youngest generation who have been keeping their hands occupied with *fidget spinners*, a simple toy that can be spun between the fingers. If spinning isn't your style, you might prefer to fidget with a *stress ball* instead: these balls of malleable material can be squeezed or manipulated with the fingers in order to relieve stress, and the use of one might be considered a form of *self-care*. Self-care can have two meanings: one relating to health, and the other to managing stress and happiness. Everyone – from the *Silent Generation* through to Generation Z – needs to relax a little at some point; sometimes this can mean vegging out and watching a *popcorn movie* (an entertaining film that lacks depth) rather than anything more serious.

From cheat days to dine-ins

Just because you are watching a popcorn movie doesn't mean you have to be munching on popcorn. There may be something on offer at our buffet of new food terms to tempt you instead; let's hope it's your *cheat day*! For fans of spice, you could sit down to a plate of *shakshuka* – a dish originating in North African and Israeli cooking consisting of eggs poached in a spicy tomato sauce – or perhaps you'd rather spread *nduja* – a spicy paste of cured pork and peppers, originating in Italy – on your sandwich. For something a bit lighter, *onigiri* – a Japanese dish of rice balls stuffed with pickled fillings – might be ideal. Just make sure you eat your dessert last, or you'll have the whole thing *backwards*!

To wash it all down, you could reach for a class of *amaro*, an Italian liquor consumed as an aid to digestion, or – for a non-alcoholic choice – *switchel*. This North American drink of water and vinegar sweetened with molasses or maple syrup has seen a recent revival in popularity.

Whether you're taking it away, or opting to *dine-in*, hopefully there is something on the menu that appeals!

Downey Library's February auction items

The Friends of the Downey City Library holds monthly silent-bid auctions to raise money for library programs. The book auction items this month include:

"Celine Dion - For Keeps" and "Celine - All the Way...A Decade of Song & Video" (a collector's edition that brings together beautiful and personal photographs of the performer with some of her favorite mementos);

"Dollhouses" (presents a collector's overview of the early dollhouses of the 1700's to the most recent models with lots of pictures and lots of history);

"Barefoot Contessa - Back to Basics" (here's ten ways to boost the flavor of your ingredients and ten things you shouldn't serve at a party);

"100 Yards of Glory - The Greatest Moments in NFL History" (the great coaches, players and games with hundreds of pictures and lots of stats – also

contains a DVD);

"Picturing Los Angeles" (over 550 photos help tell the story of this colorful and complex city);

"Guide to Places of the World - A Geographical Dictionary" (Readers Digest brings together materials available through different sources and organizes them alphabetically for easy reference);

"The Sweet Scented Rose - A Treasury of Verse and Prose" (from as few as only ten varieties in 1581 we now have a multitude of varieties-here is the history of the rose in verse and prose);

"A Knight's City" (the day-to-day life of peasants, knights, ladies and lords as they lived in the year 1325 are all shown in this pop-up book);

"Southern California Gardening...a Month-to-Month Guide" (a great book for the experienced as well as the novice gardener-includes color photographs and hands on advice);

"The Book of Hours" (a Christian devotional book of the middle ages, discussion and illustrations from thirty-four of these give us a look into the lives and character of their owners);

"The Queen's Jewels" (traces the course of the most fabulous and historically important jewelry collection worn by seven generations of queens);

"State of the Blues" and "Blues for Dummies" and "Little Blues Book" (expand your knowledge and learn about "the Blues")

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Elton John tickets go on sale Monday



if I would stop touring I would have said no. But we had children and that changed our lives," John said. "I have had an amazing life and career but my life has changed. My priorities are now my children and my husband and my family."

Tickets to next year's concert start at \$165 and can be purchased on TicketMaster.com starting at 10 a.m.

Born on March 25, 1947, in England, Elton John's unique blend of pop and rock styles turned him into one of the biggest music icons of the 20th century.

He excelled in music from a young age, and released his first self-titled American album in 1970, making him a huge international star. Some of his most famous hits include "Crocodile Rock," "Philadelphia Freedom" and "Candle in the Wind."

He also found success on Broadway, composing the score for Billy Elliot (2008), which went on to win 10 Tony Awards. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994 and was knighted in 1998.

INGLEWOOD – Tickets to see Elton John perform at the Forum in Inglewood next year go on sale Monday.

John will play the forum Feb. 2, 2019 as part of his farewell tour, which the iconic British musician says will be his last.

Dubbed the "Yellow Brick Road," the tour kicks off in September and consists of more than 300 shows around the world, finishing in 2021.

John, 70, cited spending time with his children as the reason for his retirement.

"Ten years ago if you asked me

2018 season announced for Garden Grove community theater

STAGE THEATRE: 'The Producers,' 'Hello, Dolly' highlight Gem Theatre's 2018 calendar.

GARDEN GROVE – One More Productions has announced its 2018 season at the Gem Theatre in Garden Grove.

"Bullets Over Broadway" (Feb. 22 - March 18): "Bullets Over Broadway" is a musical comedy about the making of a Broadway show.

David Shayne is a straight-arrow playwright who plans to stand firm against compromising his work, until his producer finds a backer to mount the show on Broadway. The production is a love letter to the Golden Age of Broadway complete with showgirls, gangsters and a cast of zany characters.

Based on the 1994 Woody Allen film, this six-time Tony-nominated musical features hits from the 1920's, including "Let's Misbehave," "Tain't Nobody's Biz-ness If I Do" and "There's a New Day Comin'!"

"Always...Patsy Cline" (April 12 - May 13): Returning for a third and final run, the musical that earned the two-women show Broadway World Regional Awards nominations for Best Leading Actress in a Musical is back by popular demand.

Based on the true story of Patsy Cline's friendship with Houston housewife Louis Seger, Seger becomes an immediate and avid fan of Cline after hearing her on the "Arthur Godfrey Show" in 1957.

Over a pot of strong coffee, the two women spend the night chatting about their common concerns about life and family, which ultimately grows into a lasting friendship until Cline's untimely death in a plane crash in 1963.

Seeger supplies the narrative while Cline floats in and out of the set singing her famous tunes, all backed by a live country band.

"Hello, Dolly" (July 12 - Aug. 5): Since its debut in 1964, "Hello, Dolly" has entertained audiences worldwide and garnered 15 Tony Awards and three Academy Awards, including the recent award-winning revival starring Bette Midler.

Set in New York City at the turn of the century, Dolly Levi is a widow, a matchmaker and a professional meddler. But everything changes when she decides that the next match she needs to make is to find someone for herself.

"The Producers" (Sept. 27 - Oct. 21): Based on the 1968 film, Mel Brooks' "The Producers" is a laugh-out-loud farce that has been a smash hit since its 2001 Tony Award-winning debut.

Fading Broadway producer Max Bialystock is desperate to get to the top of his profession again

and he finds an unlikely ally in mousy accountant Leo Bloom, who hypothesizes that one could make far more money with a flop of a show than with a hit. Together, the two set out to produce the worst musical ever to hit Broadway, with the worst script, the worst director, and the worst cast they can find.

The catch is that they will raise \$2 million to finance the show, and they plan to take the money and head to Rio when the show inevitably closes after just one performance. Too bad for Bialystock and Bloom that against all odds, the show is a total hit.

"The Holiday Gem" (Nov. 23 - Dec. 16): Ring in the holidays with a production backed by live musicians, stunning costumes, a whimsical set, Santa Claus, and his tap-dancing elves.

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All shows have performances Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 general admission, \$26 seniors (ages 60 and older), and \$26 children (12 and younger).

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to OneMoreProductions.com or call (714) 741-9550, ext. 221.

Shakira concert rescheduled

SAN DIEGO – Saturday's concert at Valley View Casino Center by Colombian pop star Shakira has been rescheduled for September.

Shakira rescheduled several dates on her El Dorado world tour due to a vocal cord injury.

"Though I very much hoped to be able to recover my vocal cords in time to pick the tour back up in January, and after exploring many options to that effect, I have accepted that this is an injury that simply needs more time and care to heal," Shakira said.

"I feel for all of you who planned ahead to come to these shows and who have been so patient as I took the time needed to figure out the best course of action with my doctors. Thankfully, I am so relieved and happy to share with you that I will be getting back on the road in June 2018 with my El Dorado World Tour in Europe, and the US, with Latin America dates to be announced soon."

Shakira also has summer dates set for Honda Center and Staples Center.

Born in Colombia on February 2, 1977, hugely successfully Colombian pop singer and dancer Shakira has won multiple Grammy, Latin Grammy and American Music

Awards.

Known for hits like "Whenever, Wherever" and "Hips Don't Lie," Shakira is the highest-selling Colombian artist of all time, with estimates of more than 70 million albums sold worldwide.

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John R. Echeveste

June 24, 1924 - December 16, 2017



John R. Echeveste, a long-time Norwalk newspaper editor and columnist, died December 16, 2017 in his hometown of Norwalk at the age of 93.

Echeveste was widely known as "Mr. Norwalk" for his 40-year career with the Norwalk Herald American and active involvement in civic affairs. He penned a weekly column, "Johnny on the Spot," that offered wry, humorous and touching stories about life in the growing city and in his own home with five children.

Echeveste started his long and colorful career in local journalism in 1946 at City News Service in Los Angeles while attending Woodbury University in Los Angeles, where he received his BA in journalism and business administration.

He started his career at the Herald American, under the guidance of publisher Col. C.S. Smith, in 1949. He left the newspaper 40 years later as executive editor/manager of the Norwalk office to retire in Paso Robles, California. Retirement lasted less than a week when he joined the Paso Robles Daily Press.

Echeveste was actively involved with Norwalk at a time when the city was coming of age, including the city's incorporation in 1957 and founding of Cerritos College. He created the Citizen of the Year program in 1953 and organized the Miss Norwalk Beauty Pageant for 27 years. He was active with the Norwalk Rotary International, Lions Club, Elks Lodge, City of Hope, Norwalk Sister City Commission, Jaycees, Seven Cities Press Club, Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles County Norwalk Sheriff's Station Authority Board, and other charitable and community organizations. He ran for City Council twice and was recognized for his work with commendations from the California State Senate and Assembly.

A decorated veteran, he served with the Second Marine Division as a hospital corpsman in World War II, receiving three battle stars and a Presidential Citation. He was recalled during the Korean conflict from 1950 to 1953.

He was a big sports fan, particularly enjoying boxing, football, horse racing and golf. He especially enjoyed telling stories about his experiences in escorting actress Jayne Mansfield to a Norwalk parade and taking his family to the opening of Disneyland in 1955.

Echeveste returned to Norwalk in 2000 and had been living in an acute care facility for three years. Per his request, no funeral service was held and his ashes will be scattered at sea February 10.

He is survived by former wife Margaret; children John A. Echeveste, Margaret Reid, Irene Pesquera, and Lydia Kobayashi; sister Lila Foley; and 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren with 1 more on the way.

In Memory of
John Thomas Henzel

April 11, 1929 - December 8, 2017



John T. Henzel, a Downey CA resident for 42 years, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on December 8, 2017 at his home in Waikoloa, Hawaii. He was 88.

Born in Irvington, New Jersey to Stanley and Helen [Scrupski] Henzel on April 11, 1929, John was a retired business executive who held senior positions with New York and California based publishing companies. John was an amazing, strong and courageous man with an unflinching spirit and great sense of humor. He joyfully and purposefully lived each day, encouraging and inspiring a wide circle of family, friends, business colleagues and youth throughout his lifetime. John was a proud founder and served on the executive board of The Association of Catholic Student Councils (TACSC), a non-profit organization committed to developing leadership skills among Catholic school K-12 students nationwide.

John is survived by his beloved wife of 44 years, Pat Sanford, of Waikoloa, HI; daughters Susan (Kevin) Pestano of Pahala, HI and Theresa (Frank) Hutchinson of Junction City, CA; two granddaughters (Jessica Carol and Nichole Helen Hutchinson); daughter in law Marla Henzel (Yucca Valley, CA); numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, step-grand and step-great grandchildren, cousins and other family members, stretching from New Jersey to California, Hawaii and beyond, who treasured John. His son, John Jr., preceded him in death.

Family and friends celebrated John's life during a Funeral Mass at Ascension Catholic Church, Puako, Hawaii, December 31, 2017 and at a family distribution of ashes, Punalu'u Black Sand Beach, Hawaii, January 7, 2018. A celebration of John's life will continue at the family's Downey, CA home on February 11, 2018.

John would want us to remember him with a smile, and to all "shine on." In his honor, a John Henzel Scholarship Fund has been established by TACSC to continue John's legacy and help fund deserving students attendance at future TACSC leadership conferences. Contributions to TACSC, including credit card donations, may be made online at <https://tacsc.org/be-the-change>. Please note in the gift message box "the John Henzel Scholarship Fund" or write that on the memo line of checks to TACSC. The TACSC mailing address is The Association of Catholic Student Councils, 530 S. Lake Ave, Suite 889, Pasadena, CA, 91101.

May perpetual light shine upon him ...
Aloha, Dearest John

Dennis Edwards, lead singer of The Temptations

CHICAGO – Dennis Edwards, lead singer of Motown's famed vocal group The Temptations, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, according to multiple news sources. He was 74.

Roberts, said that Edwards died after a long illness.

Edwards replaced David Ruffin as lead vocalist of The Temptations in 1968. He brought soulful lead vocals to the band's psychedelic, funk, and disco era of the late 1960s and 1970s. The group's song lyrics also shifted during this era to address social issues. Hits during

that time included "Cloud Nine," "I Can't Get Next to You," "Ball of Confusion (That's What the World is Today)," and "Papa Was a Rollin' Stone."

He left the band in 1977, around the time the band changed labels from Motown to Atlantic Records. He returned to The Temptations for several reunion albums and tours

during the 1980s.

As a solo artist Edwards scored a hit with "Don't Look Any Further," that reached number two on the R&B charts in 1984.

He was briefly married to Ruth Pointer, of The Pointer Sisters, in the 1970s. The couple had a daughter, Issa Pointer.

He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1989 as a member of The Temptations. During his tenure the group won Grammys for "Cloud Nine" and "Papa Was a Rollin' Stone."

Jon Huntsman Sr.: Utah billionaire and philanthropist Jon Huntsman Sr., who overcame poverty to become one of the state's most successful and powerful people, died Friday at age 80.

Huntsman's longtime assistant Pam Bailey said he died in Salt Lake City but she declined to name a cause of death. The Huntsman Corp., which he founded, said in a statement that Huntsman died at his home, surrounded by family.

Huntsman was the founder and longtime executive chairman of the \$11 billion company that refines raw materials that go into thousands of products. He was

also the father of Jon Huntsman Jr., the U.S. ambassador to Russia and former Utah governor, presidential candidate and ambassador to China and Singapore.

The elder Huntsman and his family have given away more than \$1.4 billion, including donations to a Salt Lake City cancer institute that bears his name.

"Cancer is hideous and deplorable and must be conquered, and it will be, as any evil eventually is defeated," Huntsman wrote in his 2014 autobiography. He said he would see to it that the institute continues its mission "if it takes my last dollar--and I expect that will be the case."

In 1970, Huntsman founded the Huntsman Container Corp., which focused on food packaging and pioneered the clamshell container used for McDonald's Corp.'s Big Mac hamburger. He formed Huntsman Chemical Corp. in 1982 and more than a decade later, consolidated his companies as Huntsman Corp., producing materials used in a wide range of products, from textiles and paints to plastics and aviation components.

Huntsman stepped down from his role in December and his son Peter Huntsman took over as the company's leader. His

father continued to serve on the company's board of director and was named chairman emeritus.

After amassing his fortune, Jon Huntsman gave more than \$100 million in the mid-1990s to establish a research center at the University of Utah dedicated to finding a cure for cancer through human genetics. Huntsman, who lost both his parents to cancer and fought his own battle with the disease, eventually gave more than \$400 million to the Huntsman Cancer Institute and its foundation.

He also wielded his power as a billionaire benefactor to the center. After the cancer institute's director and CEO was fired in April 2017, Huntsman mounted a public campaign criticizing leaders of the university and took out full-page newspaper advertisements calling the officials "inept and uncaring." The director and CEO was reinstated a week after her firing and the school's health care leader and president stepped down.

The billionaire and his family also gave generously to Utah's homeless shelters as well as more than \$50 million to the Armenian people after a 1988 earthquake in that country left thousands homeless.

He also played key roles in state and national politics.

Huntsman was a special assistant to President Richard Nixon and briefly ran his own 1988 campaign for Utah's governor.

Huntsman later served as a finance chairman for Mitt Romney's 2008 presidential bid and in 2012, worked for his son's presidential bid, giving more than \$1.8 million to a super PAC supporting the younger Huntsman.

Following his son's short-lived race for the Republican nomination, Huntsman kept a toehold in Utah current affairs, occasionally offering political commentary to Utah newspapers and even expressing an interest in purchasing The Salt Lake Tribune.

His son Paul Huntsman purchased the newspaper in 2016 and named his father chairman emeritus.

Huntsman said the family was exposed to the dark side of wealth and fame in 1987, when his then-16-year-old son James Huntsman was kidnapped at knife-point from his driveway.

The teenager was forced to call his father to arrange payment of \$1 million ransom. He was later rescued by FBI agents.

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Red Cross asks for blood donations

DOWNEY – The American Red Cross will be in Downey later this month to collect blood donations.

Blood and platelet donations have dropped recently due to winter weather and flu season, which is causing people to cancel their donation appointments, officials said.

So far this year, severe winter weather forced about 600 blood drives around the country to cancel, resulting in more than 17,500 uncollected blood and platelet donations. Widespread flu has resulted in lower turnout at blood drives.

The Red Cross will be at St. Raymond's Catholic Church on Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) RED-CROSS. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

People at least 17 years old, in generally good health and weighing at least 110 lbs. are eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors ages 18 or younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements, and have parental consent.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.



Congratulations to Officer Ralph Diaz who was promoted to the rank of Corporal on Tuesday. Ralph is a 9-year veteran of the department, currently assigned as a Field Training Officer. He is also the current President of the Downey Police Officer's Association.



Congratulations to Corporal Melissa Clemann who was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on Wednesday. Melissa is an 11-year veteran of the department and has worked both patrol and administration during that time.

Shared Stories: Conversations with winos

Like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz, Vince Madrid finds the reality in a wino's dictum, "Everyone has a palace." Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Vince Madrid

Time spent with winos at the streetcar depot across the tracks from mom's house was surprisingly rich. Not the sort of moments that are generally taken to be rich, no great occasions, just plain old fashion good times.

Decked out with meticulously ironed khaki pants and Sir Guy shirts with stylish French-toe dress shoes spit-shined like a mirror, dressed to impress, my friends and I craved acceptance, and for the most part we got it.

Our parents, bless their hearts, worked seven days a week cooking and cleaning to make ends meet

No time for philosophy.

Thankfully, for the price of a cheap bottle of booze, neighborhood wine drinkers who loitered at the train depot entertained us with fascinating conversation.

The most vocal of the group was cara de huevo. He acquired the name after participating in so many street fights that his face looked like scrambled eggs. For a generous donation cara de huevo would ceremoniously remove his glass eye from its socket and display it on the palm of his hand like a sports trophy.

Even though his speech was slurred, cara de huevo spoke with the confidence of a university professor. "The important thing," he said, "is to find your palace."

"What palace?" we asked. He smiled with the few teeth he had left, leaned toward us as if he was about to reveal the greatest secret.

"This is important, Boy. Don't you know that each of us has a palace somewhere?" He took a deep breath, squeezed his nose

with his index finger and blew out a wad of snot while we stepped back respectfully, giving him space to aim for the rail tracks.

"Yes, don't look at me with that face like you don't have a clue what I'm talking about. Everybody's born with a palace assigned to them so they can live there and do whatever they want, or desire or aspire to do."

"Every, everybody?" I asked? Cara de huevo took a swig, wiped his chapped lips with the back of his hand and widened his smile as if he was having a great time.

"All's quiet on the Western front," he said in a tone that implied the conversation was over.

"Where's my mom's palace and my pop's?" I insisted.

"They got palaces, but that doesn't mean they've found them. You have to search for your palace, search good and hard. Maybe lots of people never find theirs."

"Have you found yours?"

"Don't ask so many questions boy."

"Where will I find mine?"

"Listen to you, all you ever do is ask-don't ask so much. Shit, whoever said it takes so many questions to find something? Look for it and you'll find it."

After a lifetime of searching, I found my palace filled with miracles and sweet memories at Willowbrook Avenue, on the north side of Compton. Dad lived there, my brothers and sisters lived there, Great-grandma Cuca lived there, Grandma Carmen and Mama Sarita lived there.

Together they left an oasis of peace, knee-deep with love so thick you could slice it with a knife, divvy it with neighbors and still have left-overs.

My palace had been there all along in a barrio with nopales and graffiti and Spanish-language music blaring from powerful speakers in competition with the metro passenger train which broke the sound barrier every hour, on the hour, in front of the house where I grew up.

POETRY MATTERS

poem for February

this morning I fetch my birthday breakfast
overnight I have marked another year
living this long has made me indulgent
I savour my pleasures
sleeping on eiderdown pillows
going barefoot on fleecy-carpeted stairs

I delight in the lacy hairlines of raspberries
bubbles plucked in Chile two days ago
then stacked like a delicate clutter of eggcups
in a steel bird's belly
to be flown past the Equator in straw-lined baskets
while I slept under a warm counterpane

I was born in icy February
this is my weather
and what have I learned to be impatient
to take the impulse not wait for local berries to ripen
daydreams are so perishable
as they slide toward summer

-Lorine Parks

There was a time when it was beyond imagination that an airplane would cross the hemispheres loaded with raspberries. Just as unreal as these eighty degree days in February in California. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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CALENDAR

City Council agrees to continue Stay Gallery financial support

Weekend at a Glance
Friday 70°
Saturday 71°
Sunday 76°

THINGS TO DO

Memorial Day Ceremony
Monday - Downey Cemetery, 11 am
Downey pays solemn tribute to fallen heroes at Downey Cemetery. Free shuttle from Green Line station.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

City continues financial support of Stay Gallery

Downey Patriot wins 5 journalism awards

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE
(Division 6 of the Commercial Code)
Escrow No. L- 036120-MK

(1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.

(2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: TECHNPIO, INC, 12836 ROSECRANS AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650

(3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:

(4) The name and business address of the Buyer(s) are: RIVCO, LLC, 5810 ORANGE PLACE, WHITTIER, CA 90606

(5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURE, EQUIPMENT, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, GOODWILL, TRADE-NAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER of that certain business located at: 12836 ROSECRANS AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650

(6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: Y WIRELESS

(7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is FEBRUARY 27, 2018, at the office of TOWER ESCROW INC, 3600 WILSHIRE BLVD, #426, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010, Escrow No. L-036120-MK, Escrow Officer: MARTHA KIM

(8) Claims may be filed with Same as "7" above.

(9) The last date for filing claims is: FEBRUARY 26, 2018

(10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code. (11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE

Dated: JANUARY 31, 2018
TRANSFEREES: RIVCO, LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
LA1962724 DOWNEY PATRIOT 2/8/18

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CIVIL

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 30-2017-00956876-CL-BC-CJC
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): ADLA NASSAR
DEBE RESPONDER AL INTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): HESTON & HESTON, Attorneys at Law
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response to the court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le queda más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le de un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a relamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desahar el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT 700 Civic Center Drive West P.O. Box 1994 Santa Ana, California 92702-1994 The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): RICHARD G. HESTON, ESQ. Heston & Heston, Attorneys at Law 1970 Fairchild Road, Suite 280 Irvine, California 92612-2528 (949) 222-1041 (949) 222-1043 Date (Fecha): 1/20/2017 Notified by YAMASAKI Clerk, by (Secretario), VICKY HUANG Deputy (Asistente)

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE
LAMOREAUX JUSTICE CENTER**
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 30-2017-00956876-CL-BC-CJC
CITACION AND NOTICE OF HEARING
In the Matter of the Petition of:
JENIFFER AVILA SHERIDAN, Petitioner
On Behalf of:
HAYDEN GEORGE AVILA, Minor Child
TO: PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
TO: JUAN JESUS GAONA-GARDNER
YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to appear on March 2, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter, can be heard in Department L-611 of the above-entitled Court, located at 341 The City Drive, Orange, California 92668, and show cause, if any you have, why the Court should not make an order declaring HAYDEN GEORGE AVILA, free from parental custody and control. You have a right to appear in person and/ or by counsel. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and the Court determines you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for you without charge. If you fail to appear at the time and place stated above, the Court may terminate your rights to the control and custody of the minor child.
Date: December 12, 2017
David H. Yamasaki, County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, In and For The County of Orange By: Doria Hanzlich, Deputy ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
ELLERIE CONRAD, CLERK
Lawrence H. Geller Bar No. 89572
J. Christian Conrad Bar No. 178449
Glen D. Duvel Bar No. 209962
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will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association. Tiene 30 días de calendario después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario F-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutención, y honorarios y costos legales. Para asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o poniéndose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado. **NOTICE - RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2:** These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

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2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): JUDITH M VIGIL, 1895 CHESAPEAKE WAY, CORONA, CA 92880, 702-612-7033
Date (Fecha): 9-6-17 Clerk, by (Secretario, por) A. AGRAMON, Deputy (Asistente)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018029289

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KAMURA OFFICE, 6118 FLORENCE AVE SUITE C, BELL GARDENS CA 90201, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 5045, DOWNEY CA 90241
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAMES F KAMURA, 8600 CONTRERAS ST, PARAMOUNT CA 90723
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: 01/2018
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/ JAMES F KAMURA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 2, 2018
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 residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018031090

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HELADOS Y PALETAS MUSICALES, 121 W LEXINGTON DR STE 414, GLENDALE 91203, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ABRAHAM CONTRERAS, 121 W LEXINGTON DR STE 414, GLENDALE CA 91203
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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/ ABRAHAM CONTRERAS, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 6, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018022247

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AK DARCY SHOWS AND EVENTS (2) BELMONT SHORE CAR SHOW, 5318 E. SECOND STREET, SUITE 420, LONG BEACH CA 90803, LA COUNTY, 1760 MONROVIA A-22, COSTA MESA CA 92627
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: NV #20090871923-11
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AK DARCY CORPORATION, 1760 MONROVIA SUITE A-22, COSTA MESA CA 92627
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ AK DARCY CORPORATION, CEO, DARRELL GILBERT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 26, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018022724

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DANNY'S TEST AND REPAIR, 5501 DAIRY AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90805, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DANIEL ESPINOZA, ENRIQUEZ, 2084 E. HATCHWAY ST, COMPTON CA 90222
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: 02/2015
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/ DANIEL A. ESPINOZA ENRIQUEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 26, 2018
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 residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018024325

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) REBELTOWN ROLLERS, 452 E. 52ND ST., LONG BEACH CA 90805, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) REBELTOWN ROLLERS, 452 E. 52ND ST., LONG BEACH CA 90805
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2017
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ REBELTOWN ROLLERS, PRESIDENT, ANA ARVIZU
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 29, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

2018008561

FILE NO: 2017324518 DATE FILED: NOVEMBER 13, 2017
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): FINANCIAL PARTNERS INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 8700 E. IMPERIAL HWY, DOWNEY, CA, 90242
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FINANCIAL PARTNERS SERVICES, LLC, 8700 E. IMPERIAL HWY, DOWNEY CA 90242
IF Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Business was conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ FINANCIAL PARTNERS SERVICES, PRESIDENT, MARIO OSORIO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on JANUARY 10, 2018

The Downey Patriot
1/18/18, 1/25/18, 2/1/18, 2/8/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018014239

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MATTES ENTERPRISES, 11606 GARVEY AVENUE, EL MONTE CA 91733, LA COUNTY, 9737 GARVEY AVENUE, SOUTH EL MONTE CA, 91733
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 201700510382
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MATTES ENTERPRISES, LLC, 11606 GARVEY AVENUE, EL MONTE, CA, 91733
State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ MATTES ENTERPRISES, LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, MIKE MATTES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 18, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
1/25/18, 2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017357454

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MOONSHINERS DISTRIBUTION, 15937 MINNETOUSA AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, LA COUNTY, 10313 WALNUT AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ERICA BRADY, 10313 WALNUT AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280 (2) RALPH MAGANA, 7933 6TH ST, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: Copartners
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2017
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/ ERICA BARRAGAN, PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 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 residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
1/18/18, 1/25/18, 2/1/18, 2/8/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018026058

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BILINGUAL CPR, 13803 FAUST AVE., BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARCELA BRADY, 13803 FAUST AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
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/ MARCELA BRADY, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 31, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018013503

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BLUE OAK HR

SOLUTIONS, 612 ROCKING HORSE RD., WALNUT CA 91789, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANGELICA BARRERA, 612 ROCKING HORSE RD, WALNUT CA 91789
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: 12/2017
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/ ANGELICA BARRERA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 17, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
1/25/18, 2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018015950

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALIANZA CLEANING SERVICE, 14714 GRAYVILLE DR, LA MIRADA CA 90638, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALMA LETICIA LOPEZ, 14714 GRAYVILLE DR, LA MIRADA CA 90638
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ ALMA LETICIA LOPEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 19, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
1/25/18, 2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018002432

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PICO RIVERA WOMEN AND CHILDREN HEALTH CENTER, 5060 ROSMEAD BLVD, PICO RIVER CA 90660, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SAYEEDA SULTANA, 19845 CRISTO LN, ROWLAND HTS CA 91748
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: 01/2015
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/ SAYEEDA SULTANA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los

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The Downey Patriot 1/25/18, 2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030776

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner David Ortiz Gallegos filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) David Ortiz Gallegos to Proposed name (1) David Ortiz

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: March 21, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, 3rd Floor, 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, **The Downey Patriot** January 22, 2018

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
David Ortiz Gallegos
7121 Egilse Avenue
Pico Rivera, CA 90660
(323) 329-8994

The Downey Patriot 1/25/18, 2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030768

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jennifer Ramirez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Jennifer Ramirez to Proposed name (1) Jennifer Pelcastre

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: March 14, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, 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, **The Downey Patriot** January 16, 2018

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Jennifer Ramirez
5102 Lindsey Ave.
Pico Rivera, CA 90660
(562) 274-8457

The Downey Patriot 2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030793

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Alberto Hernandez Jr filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Alberto Hernandez Jr to Proposed name (1) Alberto Oliveros

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: April 4, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, 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, **The Downey Patriot** February 02, 2018

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Alberto Hernandez Jr
4028 E. 54th St.
Maywood, CA 90270
(323) 482-9151
ahern149@gmail.com

The Downey Patriot 2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18

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

FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030778

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Michael Lopez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Michael Andrew Lopez to Proposed name (1) Michael Andrew Hernandez

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: March 21, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., 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** January 30, 2018

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Michael Lopez
11403 Darcy St
Santa Fe Springs CA 90670
(562) 964-4996

The Downey Patriot 2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030769

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Enrique Francisco Barba filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Enrique Francisco Barba to Proposed name (1) Enrique Francisco Morales

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: March 14, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., 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** January 16, 2018

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Enrique Francisco Barba
9362 Danby Ave.
Santa Fe Springs, California 90670
(562) 387-6727

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030795

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Blanca Liliana Cruz Moreno filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Blanca Liliana Cruz Moreno to Proposed name (1) Liliana Moreno

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: April 11, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, 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** February 06, 2018

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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The Downey Patriot 2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030752

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Susana Castaneda filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Amir Castaneda to Proposed name (1) Maximiliano Amir Davila

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 28, 2018, Time: 1:30, Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, 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** December 22, 2017

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Susana Castaneda
(323) 479-0160
c.dayanara@icloud.com

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
WORLD BUSINESS LEASERS SYNERGY SWITCHGEAR & CONT
CASE NO: BC636083 R

Under a writ of Sale issued on 03/20/17. Out of the L.A SUPERIOR COURT STANLEY MOSK, of the CENTRAL DISTRICT, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on a judgment entered on 01/25/17. The described property is sold subject to the right of redemption. The amount of the secured indebtedness with interest and costs is \$392,389.60 (Amount subject to revision)

In favor of **WORLD BUSINESS LEASERS, LLC, A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** and against **DELGADILLO, DARIO**.

I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of said judgment debtor(s) in the property in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows:

REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
A CONDOMINIUM COMPOSED OF:
A) AN UNDIVIDED 5.80 INTEREST IN LOT 1 OF TRACT NO. 30154 IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 831, PAGES 76 TO 79 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY B) UNITS 8, 33 AND 50 AND DEFINED ON THE MAP OF SAID TRACT. APN: 6252-019-055
Commonly known as: 10420 DOWNEY AVE. #202 DOWNEY, CA 90241

Public notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States all the right, title and interest of the debtor(s) in the above described property or so much as will be sufficient to satisfy said writ or warrant with interest and all costs on 03/07/18, 10:00 AM at the following location:
STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE
111 N. HILL STREET, ROOM 125B
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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Creditor's Attorney
NATALIA MINASSIAN OF HATKOFF & MINASSIAN ALC
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By: **LISA MOJARRO, Deputy**
Operator Id: E229646

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TRUSTEE SALES

Title Order No. 95518314 Trustee Sale No. 82425 Loan No. 399129138 APN 6255-027-065 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/4/2016. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On 2/20/2018 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 8/15/2016 as Instrument No. 20160961134 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by **HOLKE LP A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP** as Trustor **OCRE INVESTMENT FUND I, LLC, as Beneficiary** WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held

by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described the land therein: **LOT 1 OF TRACT NO. 67602 AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 1390 PAGES 76 AND 77 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.** The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: **8435 FONTANA STREET DOWNEY, CA 90241.** The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$194,230.35 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. **DATE: 1/18/2018 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE: VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.** "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office of a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed or trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or

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CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS Attn: Teri Snyder 8190 East Kaiser Blvd. Anaheim Hills, CA 92808

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Trustee Sale No. 14-001356 730-1708399-70 APN 6286-004-019 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 04/10/07. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** On 02/28/18 at 11:00 am, Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Mariana E Ramirez, a Single Woman, as Trustor(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as Nominee for Countrywide Bank, FSB., as Beneficiary, Recorded on 04/30/07 in Instrument No. 20071031171 of official records in the Office of the county recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described as: 10279 CASANES AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90241. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the

note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$882,670.40 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. **DATE:** January 26, 2018 **AZTEC FORECLOSURE CORPORATION** Elaine Malone Assistant Secretary / Assistant Vice President Aztec Foreclosure Corporation, 3636 N. Central Ave., Suite #400, Phoenix, AZ 85012 Phone: (877) 257-0717 or (602) 638-5700; fax: (602) 638-5748 www.aztectrustee.com **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit the Internet Web site, using the file number assigned to this case 14-001356. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. www.homesearch.com 800-758-8052 or Aztec Foreclosure Corporation (877) 257-0717 www.aztectrustee.com NPP0325212 To: **DOWNEY PATRIOT 02/08/2018, 02/15/2018, 02/22/2018**

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Josie Estrada named executive director of Stay Gallery

DOWNEY – Stay Gallery has named Josie Estrada as its new Executive Director.

Estrada, 43, has been a resident of Downey since 1992. She brings a diverse background in business to the gallery.

"I worked in corporate America and also worked in non-profit, so I had exposure to both," said Estrada. "One that has led me to be here today with Corporate America is knowing that those companies, there's people and corporations that do want to help the community and want to give back."

With her experiences in nonprofit, Estrada says she learned "how to ask."

"Knowing that there are people willing to give, I learned I have to ask; the worst they can say is 'we can't at this time,'" said Estrada. "But we can also introduce ourselves...when people see based on our results and what we've done, then we revisit them. I've had a good opportunity to build relationships with the community as well because of that in the nonprofit world."

More specifically, Estrada worked in community relations with Alta Public Schools from Oct. 2015 to Nov. 2017, having been responsible for developing and implementing social and school awareness programs.

Estrada was also involved with Kaiser Permanente as Marketing Representative for Labor and Trust Large Group accounts from Oct. 2009

to Oct. 2015, where she lists one of her accomplishments as increasing membership from 11,000 to 35,000 members.

She has also been the owner of Fina Boutique Fashion on Wheels since Oct. of 2011.

As she steps into her new role, Estrada says those who have come before at Stay Gallery have developed an "amazing base." She now hopes to expand the gallery's exposure.

"The base is solid and there's not much I can go from there but up," said Estrada. "I think we need to expand a little bit more. We have great groups like our youth programs, our volunteer programs...I also think I want to work more with the Downey Arts Coalition and expand our audience."

She also says she wants to give back to the youth who are currently involved with the Gallery.

"[I want to] work with other big corporations to create internship programs where these kids aspire to be a part of Stay because there's a goal at the end that they can reach," said Estrada. "Whatever we can help with – whether it's through education, through just asking for more resources and asking people to be a part of our city to contribute some of their own resources and their knowledge – I think this would be great for our community, for our kids."

Estrada says that communication between her and the already long-



Josie Estrada is Stay Gallery's new executive director. Photo by Alex Dominguez

established Stay Gallery team is crucial moving forward.

"They're very accessible to me, and whatever I need and any questions I have" said Estrada. "It's been good for me because they're very involved and so they're willing to help me and kind of guide me along the way."

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Pioneer High senior headed to Cornell University to advocate for civil rights

WHITTIER – Pioneer High School senior Sabrina Hawthorne is looking forward to a career fighting for justice and equality as a civil rights lawyer for immigrants and those living with disabilities – a dream job she is one step closer to achieving after being accepted into Cornell University's Industrial and Labor Relations program.

Inspired by her mother, who is disabled, Hawthorne will be the first among her five siblings to attend college. The Pioneer High girls water-polo captain and MVP credits her mother for showing her the benefits of healthy living and instilling in her a work ethic that has helped launch her success in school.

"My mother taught me that I could do anything I put my mind to," Hawthorne said. "When I was younger, I would notice some kids would have more than us, and she told me that it didn't matter where you started, you can still achieve what you want. It means a lot to me to be accepted to Cornell and pave the way for my siblings. I want them to learn that they can come from little, but still make an impact."

Hawthorne, who holds a 4.2 GPA, has completed eight Advanced

Placement courses at Pioneer, with U.S. History being the most influential in kindling her interest in workforce discrepancies and exploring challenges individuals face while pursuing their dream jobs.

"Pioneer has really helped prepare me for this moment. The staff has always been there to support me," Hawthorne said. "I am determined to make it a better, healthier world for everyone, especially those with disabilities."

A committed advocate of healthy living and physical fitness, Hawthorne created Pioneer's Good Eats Club as a junior to encourage her fellow students to exercise more and eat better. The Good Eats Club schedules regular hiking trips for the entire community, as well as organizes potluck picnics on weekends, where participants also play Frisbee and football.

The Good Eats Club has already made an impact in the Whittier community with one member recently hired at the YMCA of Greater Whittier as an eating coach.

Hawthorne's athleticism has made a big splash on campus as well. As

a freshman, Hawthorne was named captain of Pioneer's varsity girls water polo team, a position she has maintained for four years. Hawthorne is also captain of the girls' swim team and a member of the girls' volleyball team. Hawthorne has been named Most Valuable Player on each team.

Hawthorne plans to try out for the Ivy League university's women's water polo team as a walk-on and would also like to start a vegetarian club at the school if no such organization exists.

"We are exceptionally proud of Sabrina, who has excelled in academics and athletics and has taken advantage of Pioneer High School's small school setting," Principal Lilia Bozgian said. "Sabrina is determined to see that all people, no matter their background or limitations, are treated with fairness and equality. We wish her the very best in her studies and future career."

Clippers honor pair of Paramount schools

PARAMOUNT – Two Paramount Unified middle schools were honored in January at Staples Center after one won a robotics challenge and the other finished second place in the Los Angeles Clippers Read to Achieve educational program.

The Paramount Park Middle School Panthers Robotics Club took first place over nine other teams in the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) Robotics Challenge middle school division.

The Panthers built, designed and programmed a "Buzzer Beater" robot that shot a ball into a basket with nearly 100 percent accuracy. The group competed during the STEAM Fair at the Staples Center on Jan. 13, prior to a Clippers home game. As a result of the triumph, Paramount Park will receive a \$2,000 grant from the Clippers to continue its STEAM curriculum.

In the reading challenge, more than 150 Zamboni Middle School students helped the school to finish second in minutes read among participating middle schools across the state.

Zamboni sixth-grader Melody Bradley was recognized before the tipoff of the Clippers Jan. 17 home game as the top student in her grade level among all schools participating in the Read to Achieve Minutes Challenge. Melody logged 14,841 minutes – nearly 250 hours – from Oct. 2 to Nov. 10.

Paramount Unified is enjoying its second year of participation in the Los Angeles Clippers educational programs, which include the Minutes Challenge, where students log their minutes as they read books, as well the STEAM fair.

Bradley's individual victory came with a Clippers "Read to Achieve" T-shirt, a commemorative plaque and she was selected to participate on the Clippers Student All-Star Reading Team.

She is often seen in the Zamboni halls reading a book as she walks to class and is a big fan of the

Percy Jackson & the Olympians fantasy series by Rick Riordan. Already looking toward high school, Bradley wants to study math and technology and apply her knowledge to a potential career in medicine.

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5 steps to successfully refinance your home

As mortgage rates dip to multiyear lows, many homeowners wonder if a new loan could save them money.

Others fear the rate on their adjustable-rate mortgages might move up significantly and crave the certainty of a fixed-rate loan.

Whatever the reasons, mortgage refinance activity has exploded in recent weeks. Perhaps you are among the millions planning to swap your old mortgage for something better.

If so, there are five crucial steps you need to follow to guarantee a successful refinance:

Step 1: Weigh the pros and cons

A refinance allows you to take out a new loan that pays off your current mortgage. Although you are then obligated to make payments on the new loan, your costs typically are lower after refinancing.

A new mortgage with a rate that's just a half-percent lower may save you hundreds of dollars each month.

Refinancing allows you to enjoy a do-over if you didn't get the mortgage process right the first time. It sounds simple: refinance and save.

But it's important to look beyond the immediate monthly savings, warns Mike Dubis, a Certified Financial Planner in Madison, Wis.

"Consider how much interest you'll be paying with a new loan in total, compared to what you've already paid with your old loan," he says.

For example, if you've had your mortgage for 10 years, you've paid mostly interest thus far. Lenders structure loans so that borrowers pay off interest charges in the first years. After that, more of the monthly payment reduces the principal owed.

"Even though your monthly payment is lower, you might be paying more interest over the life of the new loan than you've got left to pay on your old mortgage," Dubis says.

For those who want to refinance yet still hope they'll someday own their home free and clear, lending companies often provide loans with terms matching the years left on your old mortgage. Or they offer terms of 10, 15, 20 and 30 years.

Rates often — though not always — are lower on loans with shorter terms. However, monthly payments on these loans tend to be higher. The lure of low monthly payments is the reason many homeowners keep selecting new 30-year loans.

Many middle-class families live paycheck to paycheck, and a new 30-year fixed-rate loan with more economical payments may be their only realistic option, says Margot Saunders, counsel to the Boston-based National Consumer Law

Center.

Step 2: Gather important documents

If you took out a mortgage during the housing boom, you may be surprised at the increased scrutiny lenders now apply to potential borrowers.

You'll need to prove — through bank statements and pay stubs — exactly how much money you have coming in and how much you have in reserves.

If in doubt, don't throw it out. Instead, save recent pay stubs, as well as the last few income tax statements and W2 forms from your employer.

Bank and brokerage statements for at least the past couple of months often are required.

Know your credit score before you refinance. Only homeowners with stellar credit will qualify for the best rates.

Errors can be corrected, but it takes time to inform the credit bureaus of mistakes. So the sooner you check your credit, the better. You can get a free copy of your credit report at AnnualCreditReports.com. If you also want your credit score, you'll need to pay a fee.

Lenders approve borrowers based on credit scores derived from information found in credit reports.

When a customer indicates serious interest in a mortgage, many lenders will offer a free initial information session. As part of this service, the lender will pull your credit score for free, says Jerry Surface, owner of Pinehurst Mortgage in Pinehurst, N.C.

Step 3: Shop several lenders

Everybody wants a new loan that matches their needs at the best terms and is offered at a reasonable cost. That means finding the right lender.

If you were satisfied with the firm that provided the loan you have now, start shopping with your current mortgage provider, suggests Barry Zigas, director of housing policy for the Consumer Federation of America in

Washington.

"If you tell them you want to refinance, they may not want to lose your business, and will cut costs," he says.

Also, consider shopping around to see what other lenders are offering. When shopping for a loan, check with different types of lenders, including banks, credit unions and mortgage brokers. The more you compare rates and closing costs, the more confident you'll be that the loan you decide on is fair, says Saunders.

Step 4: Ask about all fees

When you take out a mortgage, you incur a host of small fees known as closing costs. These can easily tally \$2,000 or more. So it's crucial to ask all prospective lenders for a detailed breakdown of these fees.

Within three days of applying for your mortgage, law requires that you receive a "good-faith estimate" of these charges, explains John O'Brien, chairman of the Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Association.

However, you should expect the lender to give you specifics on all costs before you pay a couple of hundred dollars in a loan application fee, Saunders says.

Charges associated with a new mortgage include the application fee, credit check fee, appraisal fee, origination fee, document processing fee and underwriting fee. Other charges may go by various names, including copying fees, broker fees and yield spread premiums.

Title charges are also part of a new loan's cost structure. These include the cost for the search that ensures the home title is clear, title policy insurance and a closing or settlement fee.

When consumers use a mortgage broker (as opposed to a bank), looking at the good-faith estimate may not provide enough information to decipher exactly how much money the broker is making on the loan, Zigas says. For instance, the broker may earn a fee from charging a slightly higher rate on your loan, known as a "yield spread premium."

"Ask him specifically what he's getting, and if you don't think it's

fair, say so," Zigas says.

Step 5: Watch the little details

Once you've selected the lender and loan that is best for you, it's time to apply for a refinance. From this point forward, it's important to keep an eye on the small details that can make a big difference to your bottom line.

Because mortgage rates move up and down — sometimes significantly — from day to day and week to week, it's important to lock your rate when you find a good deal. A rate lock is a contract guaranteeing that the rate your lender offers will remain in effect for a specific period.

"Most people lock in their rate so they get the rate at closing that they were (quoted) at application," says lender Palandri.

Ask your lender for a rate lock that doesn't cost you anything — or at the very least, a minimal amount. Moreover, look for a lock that guarantees your rate won't go higher, but will go lower if mortgage rates continue to fall.

You may feel great relief once the application process is over and you are ready to close. But it's important to remain vigilant, particularly in terms of extra fees.

Although good-faith estimate

of closing costs lists what the charges for your loan, it's not always exact. It can be especially complicated to figure out exactly how much homeowners insurance and property taxes must be paid at closing.

Make sure you have enough

extra cash in your savings account to cover these extra fees. If you don't think you can do so, talk to your lending firm about adding the extra amount to the mortgage principal you're requesting.

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