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LOCATION: Downey Theatre

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TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

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Downey Federal Credit Union food-packing event
DATE: Friday, April 27
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: Warren High gym

APRIL 28

Miss Downey Pageant
DATE: Saturday, April 28
TIME: 5 pm
LOCATION: Downey Theatre

City of STEM Science Festival
DATE: Saturday, April 28
TIME: 10 am to 11 pm
LOCATION: Columbia Memorial Space Center

MAY 5

Downey Street Faire
DATE: Saturday, May 5
TIME: 10 am to 3 pm
LOCATION: Brookshire Avenue

MAY 30

Columbus High graduation
DATE: Wednesday, May 30
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: Downey Civic Theatre

MAY 31

Downey High graduation
DATE: Thursday, May 31
TIME: 7 pm
LOCATION: LBCC stadium

JUNE 1

Warren High graduation
DATE: Friday, June 1
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: LBCC stadium

Soroptimist casino night fundraiser

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

APRIL 5

'Let's Do Lunch' networking
DATE: Thursday, April 5
TIME: 12 pm
LOCATION: Joseph's Bar & Grill

APRIL 6

'A Dance with Death' murder mystery
DATE: Friday, April 6
TIME: 6 pm
LOCATION: Elks Lodge

APRIL 8

Cradle of the Cosmic Age
DATE: Sunday, April 8
TIME: 11 am
LOCATION: Columbia Memorial Space Center

APRIL 12

Soroptimist's Women of Distinction breakfast
DATE: Thursday, April 12
TIME: 7:30 am
LOCATION: Rio Hondo Event Center

AUGUST 25

Downey Relay for Life
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 25
TIME: 10 am
LOCATION: Downey Adult School



Judge Catherine Pratt works to rehabilitate girls arrested for prostitution rather than punish them. Courtesy photo

In L.A. County, viewing teenage prostitutes as victims instead of criminals

► Girls arrested for prostitution are often ages 12-14 and come from troubled homes.

At the Compton courthouse, these girls are offered rehabilitation services instead of jail time.

By Lorine Parks Contributor

DOWNEY – The number of times a child is sexually exploited is as often as seven times per day. A pimp can make \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year per child because victims of child trafficking are used over and over again.

And the average life expectancy after a child is dragged into that life is just seven years.

What to do with these damaged victims when they are arrested and brought to court on charges of prostitution? In this exclusive interview, one woman, Judge Catherine Pratt of the Los Angeles Superior Court in Compton, tells how she has pioneered a way to connect and build new and better relationships with these girls.

WHERE TO BEGIN?

"One on one," says Judge Pratt.

"We believe in individual support for these sexually exploited minors," says the judge. No shackles, no orange jumpsuits when they come into her courtroom.

Do you have trouble, or do they, relating to you as a blond white woman, when 80% of these girls are Afro-American, and most of the rest are Hispanic?

"You have to take time to get to know them, one by one and build their trust," says Judge Pratt. "They come into the system trusting no one. One day one girl asked me if I had been 'in the life.' That's their way to describe someone who has been involved in prostitution. She said to me, 'You really seem to get it. You understand us and you get it.' That made me proud."

Every day, minor children, girls aged from 9 to 17, are arrested for the act of prostitution. They are taken off the streets and brought into courts, an action which serves to push them into jail and prisons, victimized by the real criminals, men who want nothing more than to sell their bodies for money, sometimes many times over in one night. These men who control them are treated as child molesters.

Over seven years ago Judge Pratt secured a federal grant for \$350,000 and, at her request, 50 girls were directed to her uniquely dedicated courtroom that works exclusively with victims of child sex trafficking. She named it the STAR court, an acronym that means Succeeding Through Achievement and Resilience.

Resilience means "the maintenance of high levels of positive affect and well-being in the face of adversity." It is not that resilient individuals never experience negative affect, but rather that the negative effect does not persist.

The largest share of the grant money went toward securing advocacy workers for the team.

"We try to treat them as normal," the judge says, "and give them normal experiences, like weekend outings. We have some funds, but we could use outside help with this. We take them bowling, horseback riding, remembering their birthday with cupcakes. All this is on time outside the court." The cost of cupcakes comes out of Judge Pratt's own pocket.

This new approach to empowering young victims is at the forefront of reducing human trafficking in Los Angeles County. It is a program that works and is a model for others to follow. The STAR Court has strong relationships with local law enforcement agencies and community partners.

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Composite picture of a minor arrested for child prostitution: age 12-14, comes from an abusive home, has looked for sympathy in sexually suggestive online sites. She has run away and been "befriended" by a pimp, who pays for her visits to a nail salon. She has his "brand" tattooed on her face.

The motel room is rented by the pimp: she has no money, and being a minor, couldn't rent one anyway. The pimp tells her the day's charges: "He said 80 for sex, 50 for head," one girl says. Ironically, she is afraid to ask for outside help "for fear of getting into trouble."

These young "defendants" in STAR Court are vulnerable and fragile. They often come from troubled homes and, in trying to find approval and self-worth, instead find themselves unable to escape virtual sex slavery. Outcome, if there is no intervention: prematurely old,

likely to be dead in a few years, of disease or violence.

What drives Judge Pratt? "My older sister, who essentially raised me, was in a very abusive relationship and that man ended up killing her," Judge Pratt said. When was that? "Twenty-two years ago," but who's counting.

Judge Pratt and the County Probation Department create a handicapped team to help each girl embark on the process of recovery. They partner with child advocates and legal advocates from nonprofit organizations, and agencies like the county Department of Children and Family Services and the Public Defender's Office.

Continuity is important. "I mandate that they come before me at least every month," says Judge Pratt. "In most juvenile courts, the offenders see the judge twice a year. One really important ingredient is consistency, consistency in seeing the same judge, the same public defenders each time. So they don't have to tell their stories to new people every time."

The pronoun "I" does not seem to be a part of Judge Pratt's vocabulary. Who then is "we"?

"The team: me, the social case worker, the public defender, probation officer, interested parties from non-profits," says the judge. "They take them to doctor appointments, see that they get suitable clothes to wear to school or to job interviews."

As of today, she and her teams have worked with 500 girls ranging in age from 10 to 17. How successful has this been?

"In over seven years, working with 500 girls, we have a 72% success rate." What is success? "It varies from day to day. In this case it means that they have not been rearrested as juveniles or adults for prostitution or a related crime."

"What we want is for them to become independent young women, staying away from their pimps and becoming capable of thinking and making decisions for themselves. That shows that they have learned self-respect."

Does she tell them what to do and where to be and go? "If I did, I would become their next pimp," says Judge Pratt. "That is, if I thought for them and ordered them around, I would become the

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Downey restaurant grades

LA Convenience
148 Stonewood St
Date Inspected: 3/28/18
Grade: **A**

Tropicana Bakery and Cafe
10218 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/28/18
Grade: **A**

Mambo Grill
11018 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/28/18
Grade: **A**

Prinkipia Coffee and Tea Room
251 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 3/27/18
Grade: **A**

El Pollo Loco
9341 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/27/18
Grade: **A**

La Barca Grill & Cantina
11010 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/27/18
Grade: **A**

Kaiser Cafe
12254 Bellflower Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/27/18
Grade: **A**

Pina's Pizzeria
11102 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/27/18
Grade: **A**

El Pollo Loco
9341 E Firestone Blvd.
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251 Stonewood St.
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La Barca Grill & Cantina
11010 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/27/18
Grade: **A**

Bpstpn Market
8606 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/27/18
Grade: **A**

Benihana
8801 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 3/23/18
Grade: **A**

Poke Mom
11011 New St.
Date Inspected: 3/23/18
Grade: **B**

Kyoto Sushi
8009 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/22/18
Grade: **A**

Boba Indeed
12246 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/22/18
Grade: **A**

Los Sombreros Restaurant
8019 E Florence Avenue.
Date Inspected: 3/22/18
Grade: **A**

Chocolate Covered Cafe
12250 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/22/18
Grade: **A**

Tacos Raul
8740 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/22/18
Grade: **A**

Las Palmitas Fruit
8027 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/22/18
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

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Saturday 69°

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THINGS TO DO



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Cruise to Big Bear

Sunday - 7724 Western Ave. in Buena Park, 8 am
All cars, trucks and motorcycles welcome for a Sunday morning drive to Big Bear. Family-friendly.



Spook Show

Saturday - Halloween Club in La Mirada, 12-7 pm
A Halloween festival featuring spook vendors, exhibitors, food trucks and live performances. Free but ticket required via online download.



Hargitt House Tour

Saturday - 12426 Mapledale St. in Norwalk, 1 pm
Take a guided tour of Norwalk's historic Hargitt House Museum, which once housed one of Norwalk's pioneering families.

Judge favors rehabilitation over punishment

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authority figure, and control them just as pimps do. We want them to think for themselves, make decisions for themselves."

Do they slip, after meeting her in court? "Of course they do. They violate probation, some try to run away. Sometimes they will tell us, as soon as they get into court, 'I tested

dirty for marijuana.' But we believe, it's not how many times you fall down, it's how many times you get up again."

If the girls are tempted to go back to the sex trade by their pimps while they are on probation, how can they be stopped? If you don't believe in locking them up, that is.

"No, but there are ways," says the judge. "If the 'home' gets wind

of their plans to leave, they can move them to a remote location. Sometimes it's just as simple as removing their shoes. They aren't going far without shoes, 20 miles from a paved road."

Judge Pratt favors rehabilitation over punishment so she does not immediately dismiss the prostitution-related charges against the girls. Thus, they can

remain eligible for wraparound services offered by Los Angeles County's juvenile justice system. These include placement in a group home or juvenile hall — a safe place away from pimps — gang intervention programs, educational opportunities, job training, and even family reunification services.

"I like to use gift cards," Judge Pratt said, "so they can get the simple ordinary necessities, like appropriate clothing to wear to school."

She uses some of the grant money for things the kids wouldn't normally get, to mark birthdays, the end of probation terms, and other milestones. The money for the cupcakes she buys comes out of her own pocket.

"We asked one girl what restaurant she wanted to go to for her birthday, and she said she had never been to a restaurant, in her life. And she was 18."

"Most of these kids have experienced betrayal, if not worse, from people in positions of authority throughout their whole lives that skews their view of the world," Judge Pratt said. "One of our girls even testified before Congress about the matter of foster homes

who operate only for the paycheck. The girls become a commodity, and then the foster homes are no better than the pimps who exploit them for the same dollars.

"What we're trying to do for these kids is to show them there are people in positions of authority who do care. We have 65% of our girls graduating with their peer age group from high school. That is amazing when you consider how much they have moved around."

Do you remember your successes better or failures? After a long pause, "The failures. There aren't too many. So far, in our 500 girls there have been no suicides, though there were attempts. Two girls were killed, one by an overdose, another when her pimp ran over her with a car."

Judge Pratt does everything in her power to ensure these girls have a stable place to live, receive regular counseling and mentorship, and attend school as they work towards graduation.

"For the first time in their lives, our girls feel like they have a personal champion cheering them on every step of the way."

Downey investor in hot water over Iowa real estate

DOWNEY — A Downey man who purchased an investment property in Waterloo, Iowa is facing legal action after failing to pay property taxes and allowing the historic property to fall into disrepair, a newspaper reported.

According to the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier, Henry L.N. Anderson, of Downey, acquired the former St. Mary's Catholic Church and School property in 2006 at a purchase price of \$475,000.

Anderson told the newspaper he viewed the acquisition as "an opportunity to save this property from developers and revive it by running community-based programs and services funded out of the Governor's Office and locally."

Anderson purchased the property using his grandchildren's education fund, he said.

"Within months I had put nearly \$600,000 into the property, but no funded programs were coming from the Governor's Office and nothing from the other offices either."

City officials alleged Anderson has failed to pay accumulated property taxes and code enforcement assessments. The property has since fallen into disrepair.

Last week, Waterloo's city attorney filed an action in Black Hawk County District Court seeking to take possession of the property. If successful, the city plans to tear down the former rectory and increase the height of a creek levee.

The rest of the property may be demolished, the newspaper reported.

The church is listed as one of Iowa's most endangered historic structures. It was once home to the Sullivan brothers, a group of five brothers who died during World War II.

--Eric Pierce, editor



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Stauffer Middle School students create their own sitcom, 'Stauffer Things'

► Students learn all facets of video production by producing a web series centered on campus life.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Stauffer Middle School teacher Andrea Pyle walks over to one of her students, a look of concern on her face.

"Hey, Bobby, do you know what's going on with Tyler? He's been missing a lot of class lately," she asks.

Bobby looks up sheepishly.

"I think he's been ditching," he says.

With a look of shock and a bit of sadness, Pyle replies, "I better call the office."

Just a few feet away, another student with a camera focused on her teacher and classmate, abruptly exclaims, "Cut!"

A scene has just been completed for an upcoming episode of "Stauffer Things," and is now on its way to the editors.

"Stauffer Things" is a weekly scripted sitcom written and produced entirely by the students in Pyle's class. The name is a loose reference to the popular Netflix series "Stranger Things."

"As a class, they brainstormed 20 or 25 titles and then as a class they voted," said Pyle. "Of course, they picked 'Stauffer Things' because they all like 'Stranger Things.' The only thing I had to figure out is I don't want people to think this is like 'Stranger Things' because it's not science fiction; it's not anything like that...The 'things' in 'Stauffer Things' will be the things that kids face."

The show covers a wide range of subject matter surrounding issues, obstacles, and struggles that middle school students face in their day-to-day lives. Everything from stealing, bullying, cliques, fighting, jealousy, middle school romance,



and relationships are covered.

Even heavier-handed themes such as depression, racism and sexual harassment have either been covered on the show or on the list of potential episodes to come.

"We'd have to be very careful," said Pyle. "We don't want to get too dark, but at the same time these are things that these kids face...What I try to tell them that this is a middle school so we have kids as young as 11 that go here. Whereas maybe an eighth grader can handle something a little more mature, this gets broadcasted to 1,500 students every Friday, so we have to make sure that there's still some innocence out there."

"For depression, I wouldn't want to get into suicide or cutting or anything like that; I'd want to keep it more light. Like they talked about someone's family member passing away; that is sad and could make someone depressed but it's not too dark to where I'm going to get phone calls from parents complaining."

Pyle describes the show more as a "Saved by the Bell."

"Lighthearted, but also tackle issues that these guys do deal with," said Pyle.

The show airs Fridays during second period and is also posted on YouTube.

Pyle, who had the initial idea for

a student-produced weekly episodic show, has been a teacher at Stauffer (formerly West) Middle School for 11 years.

"I was hired as an English teacher, but they partially hired me because I have a background in drama and they needed a drama teacher," said Pyle. "Over the years I've just chugged along and slowly built a drama program where now we have an advanced class where we do musicals."

"We have two film classes...that's where we do mini-movies and that's where we also produce Spartan TV. Then this semester I decided 'let's try to do a weekly sitcom,' because a lot of the students – I'd say three-fourths of the class – has been in since August, so they can get a little bit bored of just making movies. So, I thought this would be a little bit more of a challenge."

Each student has an opportunity to be a part of the entire production process, rotating jobs monthly.

"We have a chance to edit, we have a chance to write, we have a chance to film twice," said 13-year old eighth grader Joshua Vargas.

Seventh-grader Bailey Canham, 12, says it took about a week of constant practice to become comfortable with video editing.

"It's really interesting to me to see it go from a person standing in

front of a green screen to a visual masterpiece with sets and sounds," said Canham. "Adobe Premiere, the software that we use, is very complex. Some of the times I don't even know what's going on, but Mrs. Pyle really helps us. She knows a lot about it."

"We all work together," added Axel Juarez, another 13-year old eighth grader. "We can produce something that's fun and entertaining for everyone."

Students use a myriad of different high-tech equipment, including cameras, microphones, laptops, and editing software; they even have a green screen.

"The desktop Macs were all hand-me-downs...laptops [were] purchased through the district; I share them with the computer animation teacher," said Pyle. "As far as the cameras [and] microphones, a lot of that stuff was actually through Dr. [Mary] Stauffer."

Pyle says that she already has students asking to get involved in "Stauffer Things" next year. However, they might find themselves disappointed.

"I tell them this is a one-time thing; I want to keep it special," said Pyle. "We can try it again in a couple years, but it stops being special if you do it every year."

Rental prices up 2.3% in Downey

► Average rent for a 2-bedroom unit in Downey reaches \$1,790.

there costs \$2,100, while one-bedrooms go for \$1,630.

Rents are rising throughout Southern California.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – Rental prices in Downey remained flat over the past month, although they have increased 2.3% year-over-year, according to statistics released Monday by Apartment List.

Currently, median rents in Downey stand at \$1,390 for a one-bedroom apartment and \$1,790 for a two-bedroom. Downey's year-over-year rent growth lags the state average of 2.9%, but exceeds the national average of 2.0%.

Throughout 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 metro, nine of them have seen prices rise. Here's a look at how rents compare across some of the largest cities in the metro:

■ Irvine has seen rents fall by 0.3% over the past month, the biggest drop in the metro. It's also the most expensive city in the Los Angeles metro with a two-bedroom median of \$2,680.

■ Garden Grove has seen the fastest rent growth in the metro, with a year-over-year increase of 8.5%. The median two-bedroom

Los Angeles proper has the least expensive rents in the Los Angeles metro, with a two-bedroom median of \$1,740; rents rose 3.1% over the past year but remained flat month-over-month.

As rents have increased moderately in Downey, a few large cities nationwide have also seen rents grow modestly. Compared to most large cities across the country, Downey is less affordable for renters.

Rents increased significantly in other cities across the state, with California as a whole logging rent growth of 2.9% over the past year. For example, rents have grown by 3.1% in San Jose, 2.8% in San Diego, and 1.4% in San Francisco.

Downey's median two-bedroom rent of \$1,790 is above the national average of \$1,170. Nationwide, rents have grown by 2.0% over the past year compared to the 2.3% increase in Downey.

While Downey's rents rose moderately over the past year, many cities nationwide also saw increases, including Phoenix (+2.9%), Houston (+2.8%), and Boston (+2.1%).

Renters will generally find more expensive prices in Downey than most large cities. For example, Houston has a median two-bedroom rent of \$1,020, where Downey is more than one-and-a-half times that price.

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Downey, Warren baseball and softball ready for league play

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNY – The Downey High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 6-10 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play next Tuesday when they host Paramount.

The Vikings were defeated by Mary Star of the Sea of San Pedro, 2-1, in 11 innings on Monday and were defeated by San Dimas, 6-2, on Tuesday. The Vikings were then scheduled to play a "To Be Determined" opponent on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time).

The Vikings have been competing in the St. Paul Tournament over spring break. Downey defeated Schurr of Montebello, 8-2, on March 28 and defeated Serra of Gardena, 7-4, on March 31. Before the loss to Mary Star of the Sea last Monday, the Vikings were enjoying a modest four-game winning streak.

Downey will begin league play when they host and travel to Paramount on Tuesday and Friday of next week, respectively.

Downey will then host Los Altos of Hacienda Heights on April 16 before their second rotation of league play against Dominguez on April 18 and 20.

The Vikings will have their two-game series against cross-town rival Warren the first week in May.

Coach Gonzalez, his staff and players are gaining valuable experience during preseason play so they are prepared for the start of league play.

Downey finished last season with an overall record of 14-13 and were 6-4 in league play. Downey was eliminated by West Torrance at West Torrance 5-2 in the wild-card round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

WARREN BASEBALL: The Warren High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 10-4 and will begin S.G.V.L. play when they host Lynwood on Tuesday.

The Bears were defeated by Bell at Warren, 4-3, on March 28 and defeated Mayfair at Warren, 8-2, on March 30 in Warren's home tournament play.

Warren is scheduled to play Poly of Sun Valley at Warren on Monday, Lynwood at Warren on Tuesday and Lynwood at Lynwood next Friday to complete the home and away series.

The Bears will then travel to Valley Christian next Saturday and will compete in the home and

away series against Paramount on April 17 and April 20, respectively. Warren's much anticipated game against cross-town rival Downey will begin on May 1 at Warren and will conclude May 4 at Downey. Much will be determined in San Gabriel Valley League play after Warren and Downey play each other twice.

Coach Pearson, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of S.G.V.L. play and competing for a league title and playoff spot.

The Bears finished last season with an overall record of 19-10 and a league record of 8-2. The Bears defeated Long Beach Poly 3-2 in the wild-card round to advance. Warren was then eliminated by Peninsula at Peninsula 6-2 in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

WARREN SOFTBALL: The Warren High School girls' softball team currently has an overall record of 6-4 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they host Lynwood on Tuesday.

The Bears defeated Jesuit of Portland, Oregon, 12-2, on March 28 in the Savannah Showcase and are scheduled to play Trabuco Hills tomorrow in their first game of the La Mirada Showcase.

Warren will host Paramount at Warren on Thursday, will return to the La Mirada Tournament on April 14th and will host cross-town rival Downey on April 19 in

the first of their two scheduled meetings.

Warren is also scheduled to compete in the Thousand Oaks Tournament on Saturday, April 21 and Saturday, April 28.

The Bears finished last season with an overall record of 21-9 and a league record of 8-2. Warren finished second in league play last season behind league champion Gahr.

Downey and Gahr will once again be the teams to beat in league play. Gahr has returning talent from their 2017 league championship team and Downey will utilize the talent of an undefeated junior varsity team in league play last season (10-0). Things will get interesting real quick once league play gets started.

The Bears defeated North Torrance at North Torrance 6-3 last season to advance to the second round of C.I.F. Division 2 play. Warren was then defeated by Santa Margarita at Warren 8-0. Coach Starksen, her staff and players are all looking forward to the start of league play and competing for a league title, playoff spot and run in the postseason playoffs.

DOWNY SOFTBALL: The Downey High School softball team currently has an overall record of 9-4 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they host Paramount on April 10.

The Lady Vikings defeated Cal High at Downey, 7-5, on March 27 and defeated El Rancho at El Rancho 10-1 on March 29.

Downey will play Mira Costa in the La Mirada Tournament on April 7 and will return April 14 for more competition. The Lady Vikings will travel to Dominguez to face the Lady Dons on April 12 and will host Lynwood at Downey on April 17.

The Lady Vikings' varsity team finished last season with an overall record of 14-15, were 4-6 in league play and did not qualify for postseason play. Downey's junior varsity team finished last season with an overall record of 24-4 and was undefeated in league play (10-0). This season

the Lady Vikings look to compete for a league title, a playoff spot and a run in the C.I.F. Division 4 playoffs.

Two games to watch out for in league play are when Downey travels to cross-town rival Warren on April 19 and when the Lady Vikings travel to defending league champion Gahr on April 24. Much will be learned after these three teams compete against each other in the first round of league competition.

Coach Garcia, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of S.G.V.L. play. The Lady Vikings are currently ranked 168th nationally, 37th in the state and ninth in Division 4 of the southern section.



Downey Adult School students Heather Malcolm, Suzanne Firlotte, and Mischa Milan qualified recently to take the California Shorthand Reporters Examination held March 23 at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton.

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Where there's smoke, there's more smoke

By Lawrence Christon

I'm sure I'm not alone in trying to figure out just what former planning commissioner Jim Rodriguez was trying to get at in his two lengthy, tortured and virtually impenetrable letters that ran in the Patriot March 19th and 20th.

Basically it seems that, in his view, he was booted off the commission after six years of service because other commissioners and city staff didn't want to hear any more from him about "greater transparency and engagement" with the people of Downey, which he claims he was urging and they were resisting.

Except for one reference, Rodriguez doesn't offer any more transparency and engagement himself about what he thinks we should know. Nor does councilman Alex Saab, who appointed Rodriguez, then dismissed him, and then complained in yet another letter to the editor about Rodriguez's attacks on his credibility and character, which Rodriguez didn't do in those letters. Unless he did them verbally, behind the scenes. Without public transparency and engagement.

A beef like this is fairly normal in city politics, and it's normal too for the principals to want to keep it as private as they can, if only to maintain the decorum of leadership (and avoid a lawsuit). But you have to wonder if there's smoke here, beyond the clunky language of bureaucratise.

Is Rodriguez an obnoxious figure, difficult to deal with (he and I have never spoken or met)? Does he have thwarted political ambitions? Has the planning commission, as he implies, cut itself off from public review and accountability? In a city whose civic leaders continually trumpet the interests of business, has the commission unquestioningly adopted those interests without examining how they affect the larger life of the city? They are, after all, supposed to be planners.

If Rodriguez himself had been specific on the issues he challenged, we'd all have a clearer picture of what's going on with the commission, and of course Downey's future. He did specify one, however: the KB

townhouse complex billed as Centerpointe.

For anyone unfamiliar with that residential development, it's the largest of its kind in Downey and stretches from 5th to 7th on the east side of Paramount and across Parrot Street. KB's street signage advertises those new homes at \$500,000, which is about standard in a hot real estate market whose value rose 8.1% in 2017 alone. (KB's website indicates purchase prices beginning at \$602,472.)

The overall look of the site, however, suggests the depressing monotony of a low-income housing project. Far from complete, it's already an eyesore. The boxy townhouses resemble massive cargo crates. There are few design amenities, like balconies, trees, fountains, sculpture, benches, interior walkways winding through rolling lawns, any kind of sizable greenspace. Except for a small "tot lot" still under construction, there's no place for kids to play. The Paramount Boulevard frontage takes up so much space that two people would have trouble passing each other on the sidewalk. The three-story height suggests, at least by code, multiple family dwelling, which promises overcrowding.

In short, it's a slum waiting to happen.

And no one has even mentioned the health hazards of living next to one of the busiest traffic avenues in Downey, which is located in one of the most air-polluted regions in Southern California, hemmed in by four freeways, three of which carry over 20,000 cars and trucks a day, according to a recent Los Angeles Times report, and lies directly under the incoming flight path of LAX, the second-largest airport in the country.

The city can't do anything about its location, but it can consider this:

Traffic and aircraft noise, gasoline and diesel emissions, congestion and other stresses of urban life have been the subject of numerous international studies that have shown them to cause heart and pulmonary disorders, sleep disorders, shortened life spans, higher rates of premature birth and fetal impairment, anxiety, neurological disorders, higher rates of autism and cognitive decline.

I seriously doubt the City of Downey pays any attention to these reports. Its lengthy and detailed study, called "2014-2021 Housing Element" limits its environmental topics to seismic events, fires and floods.

As a footnote to all this, I asked Roger Brossmer, when he was still a councilman, if the city and planning commission ever took into account those urban studies on the physical and psychological effects of noise and pollution. "No," he replied. "We never knew about them."

Subsequently, I've reported on them in the Patriot and in an appearance before the city council. I could tell by their blank stares that this issue was dead on arrival. There's no evidence or official comment since that suggests any current city official even thinks of them.

Jim Rodriguez apparently hasn't considered them either. What he has done, according to his March 20 account, was question whether the planning commission hadn't rushed the KB plan through as it was presented and approved by, as he quotes, "...an outside professional and renowned architectural firm, in addition to staff reviews." Rodriguez writes, "A few relatively straightforward changes to the KB development plan could have made a significant difference, including greater setbacks and more defined architecture and design...We were stopped in our tracks..."

The initials KB represent Kaufman & Broad, one of the largest real estate developers in the country. Eli Broad has been one of the wealthiest Los Angeles figures of the past fifty years, active in philanthropy, politics and culture. Is it unreasonable to wonder how much power KB can exert on a small city like Downey?

One housing development doesn't make or break a city of over 113,000 people. But it's symptomatic of the well-intended but often spasmodic and short-sighted choices the city has been making over the past ten years or so, as it lurches toward its future.

Another installment will follow this one next week.

Boycott Ingraham's advertisers? What about all of Fox News?

By Froma Harrop

For Laura Ingraham, the decline came well before the fall. The Parkland teens' success in pressuring advertisers to flee her Fox News Channel show could cut her career down to tweet size. Ingraham made the mistake of mocking student leader David Hogg's reaction to being turned down by several colleges.

Ingraham is great at dishing invective, less so at taking it. Often the case with bullies, the minute someone fights back in an effective way, they get scared. Now on "vacation" from the show, Ingraham has been on her belly begging forgiveness. The fall has begun.

The decline of Ingraham, however, started some time back. It was visible in the unenthusiastic response to a nasty speech she gave in February before a Louisiana business group. A handful of attendees jumped to their feet in appreciation, but the great majority sat on their hands. The business leaders afterward issued a disclaimer.

A question remains on the wisdom of boycotting companies that sponsor commentators one detests. Is that a quashing of free speech as a writer for The Hill suggested? It isn't. No way.

If people have the right to spend their money on political activism, they certainly have the right to withhold it. That's what shunning funders of toxic views amounts to.

But is it good for democracy? Let me say right off that I believe in a diversity of opinion. My left-leaning biases notwithstanding, I read The American Conservative for its thoughtful arguments. And I value The Wall Street Journal for its excellent reporting and bypass the right-wing boobyery on its opinion pages. I subscribe to both publications, which means I support them financially.

But the excretions on Fox News have moved so beyond the bounds of civic decency that one must entertain the idea of snubbing the network's bankrollers altogether. There's all that crazy talk, without evidence, of an ongoing FBI "coup" against Donald Trump. One Fox News contributor brooded on an FBI plot to assassinate the president and didn't get the boot.

This goes beyond slavish devotion to Trump. It's a frontal assault on the civic culture. As Ralph Peters, a retired Army officer who recently quit as a Fox News analyst, wrote, the network's "prime-time lineup preaches paranoia, attacking processes and institutions vital to our republic and challenging the rule of law."

A bunch of advertisers rebelled against Sean Hannity for flogging the nutty conspiracy theory that the Clintons had Democratic Party staffer Seth Rich murdered. His program survived, but its ad revenues are down.

Whether on Fox News Channel or elsewhere, Ingraham remains free to continue vacuuming dollars from receptive audiences. If she truly believes

what she says, she should be willing to persevere at a lower income level.

Advertisers undoubtedly would prefer not being squeezed. But if they are forced to choose customers, most big names are going to prefer the young, the educated and the affluent.

For all the right's portrayal of the students as left-wing radicals, they come off as decidedly clean-cut products of the American middle class. Therein lies their power. They are so much better at hitting back than the Fox News dinosaurs and, for that matter, the hotheads on the far left.

Ingraham has a right to go after these students, even viciously, despite their age, despite the trauma of a massacre at their school. That's what free speech is about. And children or not, the students are playing a grown-up game.

What really gets the goat of Ingraham and her defenders is that they play it so well. And should the kids decide to target the entire Fox News enterprise, they must already know this: They're part of the way there.

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Don't let President Trump betray veterans

By Joe Conason

Whenever Donald Trump fires a member of his administration, the least likely reason is incompetence, corruption, abuse of authority or wasteful extravagance. If those were causes for dismissal in the Trump administration, nearly his entire cabinet would have been replaced by now. That tweet signaling the removal of Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin — an Obama administration holdover widely regarded as one of the few able appointees in the cabinet — wasn't provoked by any such

offense.

The real trouble with Shulkin, as he informed the country on his way out, was his determination to stand up against a scheme fronted by the billionaire Koch brothers to "privatize" the VA health system, a \$200 billion public enterprise that currently serves the needs of nine million veterans. Even worse, Shulkin achieved enough success in providing and improving care to win the approval of 70 percent of the nation's former service members.

If you ask veterans whether the VA should be privatized, the answer is overwhelmingly no. And if you survey the nation's many veterans' organizations, the response is unanimously negative as well, with the single exception of an outfit called "Concerned Veterans of America" — which is financed by the Koch brothers' political network.

Unfortunately for those who have served the country in uniform, the Koch network has contrived to place political operatives from "Concerned Veterans" in key positions at the VA. It was those operatives, dedicated to the Koch agenda, who helped to undermine and eventually remove Shulkin.

As for Trump, is anybody still surprised that his campaign pledge to provide the very best medical services for veterans was a fraud? By replacing Shulkin with Dr. Ronny Jackson, his personal physician, who lacks any experience or qualifications to run the VA, the president proved just how little he cares about this vital government program. In effect, he sacrificed veterans to the whims of the Koch brothers.

Known as the country's biggest financiers of right-wing officials, organizations and think tanks, Charles and David Koch relentlessly promote their ideological and commercial interests (which generally coincide). They're especially notorious for sponsoring politicians who will allow their continued destruction of the planet in pursuit of oil and coal

profits. This is an understandable if despicable approach to politics.

But why are the Kochs so determined to dismantle the VA, one of the most popular and effective federal programs in history? Perhaps they have a secret plan to profit from privatizing veterans' health care. Or perhaps their urge to destroy the VA is precisely because it has worked well. They openly hate government, which stands in the way of complete corporate domination of democratic society, and that may be reason enough. Whatever their motives, privatization poses a severe threat to veterans and ought to be opposed by every patriotic American.

Historically, the VA has provided both excellent care, as it did when the Clinton administration advanced its technological capacities, and less excellent care, as it did in the turbulent wake of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. And it is true that some veterans — who live far from VA facilities or confront long delays in obtaining ordinary medical services — could benefit from a system like Medicare that allows them to use nearby private doctors and hospitals. Yet over the decades, the VA has addressed the traumatic injuries, mental illness and substance abuse suffering inflicted by war with dedicated services that the private sector will never match. That is why the VA Commission on Care, a bipartisan panel of top health care experts, issued a report in June 2016 that firmly rejected the privatization option. That is also why privatization has met with tough skepticism among elected officials of both parties.

To disrupt or even destroy those essential services with an ill-conceived ideological notion of "reform" would be to harm millions of veterans irreparably. It is hard to imagine a worse betrayal of their sacrifice.

Joe Conason is a journalist, author and political commentator. He is the founder and editor-in-chief of The National Memo, a daily political newsletter and website that features breaking news and commentary.

Character counts

Dear Editor:

The theme of our Downey schools, displayed on giant banners hung from the fences in front of the schools is that "CHARACTER COUNTS!"

This theme is repeated in Downey government, parks, theaters, libraries, after school programs, the YMCA, sports leagues, police department and services organizations; all incorporate it into their programs.

So I couldn't believe it when I saw the article by conservative writer and radio talk show host Dennis Prager in the Opinion section of last week's Patriot. ("Character Isn't Part of the President's Job Description," 3/29/18)

What kind of message is this for our community and our country? For Mr. Prager and his followers, it doesn't seem to count.

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A sick new game from the executive suite

By Jim Hightower

Today's corporate captains like to think of themselves not as mere businesspeople, but as geniuses of modern innovation.

But innovation for what purpose? After all, some of society's most inventive minds are flimflammers, Ponzi-schemers, gamers, and embezzlers — thieves.

Sure enough, too much innovation coming out of corporate suites these days amounts to shameless schemes to dupe and rip-off rank-and-file workers.

The latest one is a hustle called "gamification." It's an attempt by such giants as T-Mobile and Walt Disney to give game-like, "psychological" prizes to employees — rather than giving pay raises or cash bonuses. As the honchos of United Airlines learned, however, not everyone bites the corporate bait.

United recently announced a new fun game for employees. Rather than giving standard bonus payments this year, the bosses were creating a dazzling sweepstakes lottery, with big prizes like luxury cars and \$100,000 in cash up for grabs.

But the sizzle quickly fizzled as United's 90,000 workers realized that more than 99 percent of them would get zero.

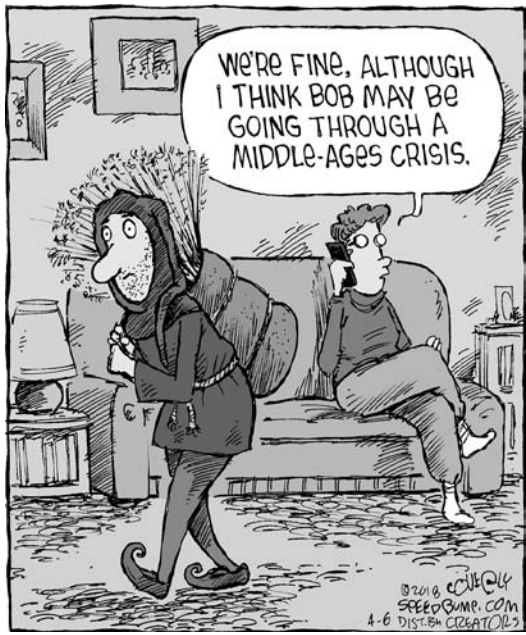
United had hoped the game would create "excitement" among the rank-and-file, but instead it created resentment. Workers, naturally preferring bonus cash to bogus corporate excitement, rebelled with such fury that United is now reconsidering the switch.

That case aside, however, the corporate push to replace real pay with cheap "psychic income" (such as bosses handing out good-work badges or doling out tickets for a sporting event) is on the rise. Major corporations are even hiring "chief behavioral officers" to analyze reams of personal data on employees to devise non-cash ways to motivate them.

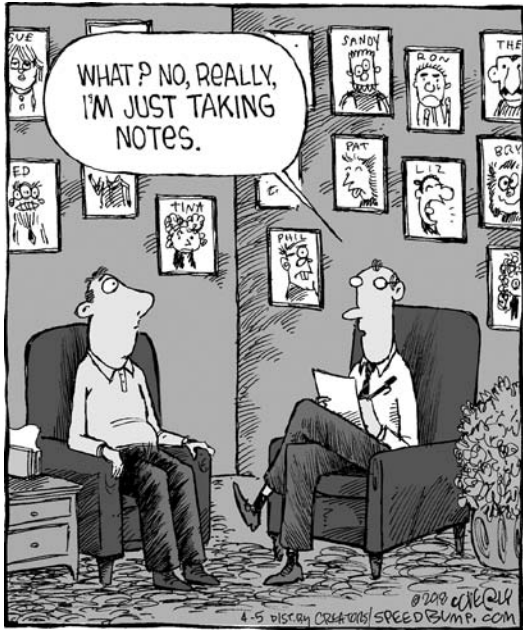
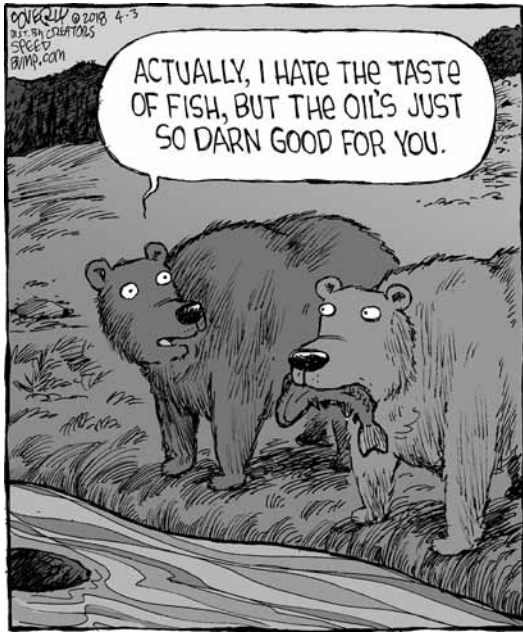
What we have here is the deterioration of executive ethics to the point that openly gaming and cheating America's workaday majority is considered fair play.

Jim Hightower is a radio commentator, writer, public speaker, and editor of the populist newsletter, The Hightower Lowdown

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 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

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7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
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 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.
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 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.
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 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
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 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

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

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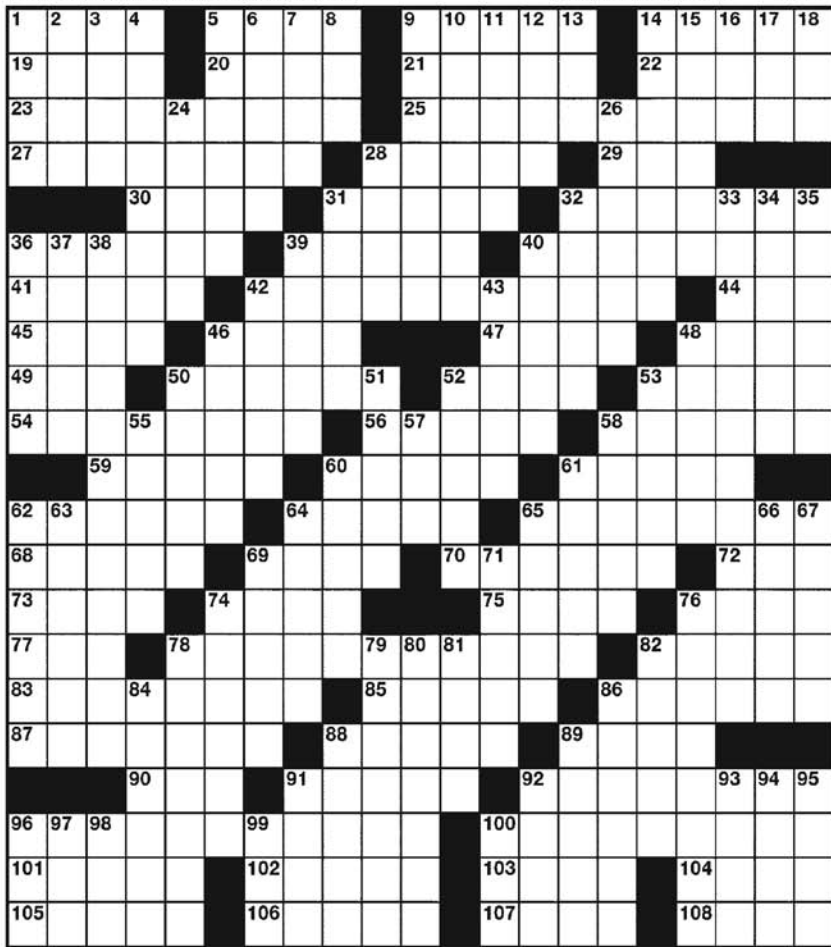
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Winnie Mandela, prominent anti-apartheid activist



JOHANNESBURG – Winnie Madikizela-Mandela, prominent anti-apartheid activist and the ex-wife of Nelson Mandela, died in a hospital on Monday after a long illness. She was 81.

"She succumbed peacefully in the early hours of Monday afternoon surrounded by her family and loved ones," Madikizela-Mandela's family said in a statement.

Madikizela-Mandela was married to Mandela from 1958 to 1996. Mandela, who died in 2013, was imprisoned throughout most of their marriage and Madikizela-Mandela's own activism against white minority rule led to her being imprisoned for months and placed under house arrest for years.

"She kept the memory of her imprisoned husband Nelson Mandela alive during his years on Robben Island and helped give the struggle for justice in South Africa one of its most recognizable faces," the family said.

However, Madikizela-Mandela's political activism was marred by her conviction in 1991 for kidnapping and assault, for which she was fined. She faced these allegations again during the 1997 hearings before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, a panel that investigated apartheid-era crimes.

As a parliamentarian after South Africa's first all-race elections, she was convicted of fraud.

Still, Madikizela-Mandela remained a venerated figure in the ruling African National Congress, which has led South Africa since the end of apartheid in 1994.

She was a veteran of the anti-apartheid struggle who continued to tell the party "exactly what is wrong and what is right at any time," said senior ANC leader Gwede Mantashe.

The ANC, which was the main movement against apartheid, had lost popularity in recent years in part because of scandals linked to former president Jacob Zuma, who resigned in February.

Nobel laureate and former archbishop Desmond Tutu, a periodic critic of the ruling party over the years, described Madikizela-Mandela as "a defining symbol" of the fight against apartheid.

"She refused to be bowed by the imprisonment of her husband, the perpetual harassment of her family by security forces, detentions, bannings and banishment," Tutu said. "Her courageous defiance was deeply inspirational to me, and to generations of activists."

Madikizela-Mandela had been in and out of hospital since the start of the year, according to her family. She had back surgery a year ago.

The family said it will release details of her memorial and funeral services when they are finalized.

Madikizela-Mandela always was aware of the danger of being submerged in the shadow of her husband's all-encompassing personality.

Even before they were separated by Nelson Mandela's long stay in prison, she had become politicized, being jailed for two weeks while pregnant for participating in a women's protest against apartheid restrictions on blacks.

The apartheid police later harassed her, sometimes dragging her from bed at night without giving her a chance to make arrangements for her daughters.

Madikizela-Mandela complained bitterly on a North American tour after she was forced to testify to South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 1997 that the commission never asked her about the treatment she suffered over 18 months in solitary confinement.

The Mandela marriage that survived decades of prison bars dissolved with a formal separation in 1992, two years after Nelson Mandela was released.

The couple divorced in 1996, two years after Mandela became president in South Africa's first all-race elections, with Mandela accusing

his wife of infidelity.

As the mother of two of Mandela's children, Madikizela-Mandela and her ex-husband appeared to rebuild a friendship in his final years, before his 2013 death.

ANITA SHREVE: Anita Shreve, the best-selling novelist who explored how women responded to crises past and present in her native New England in favorites such as "The Pilot's Wife," "Testimony" and "The Weight of Water," has died. She was 71.

Publisher Alfred A. Knopf said Shreve, who had been battling cancer, died Thursday at her home in New Hampshire. Shreve had announced her illness last year on Facebook, writing that a "medical emergency" would prevent her from touring for what became her last novel, "The Stars Are Fire."

Knopf editor Jordan Pavlin said in a statement Friday that Shreve's "writing has touched the lives of millions of readers around the world, and she did some of her most elegant, rich, and unforgettable work in the last years of her life."

"Her body of work is extraordinary, and her books will continue to be read for generations," Pavlin said.

Shreve's novels sold millions of copies, especially after Oprah Winfrey chose "The Pilot's Wife" for her book club in 1999. Shreve was also a favorite source for Hollywood. "The Pilot's Wife," "Resistance" and "The Weight of Water" all were adapted into movies. Her literary honors included an O.Henry Prize for the story "Past the Island, Drifting" and being a finalist for England's Orange Prize for "The Weight of Water." Shreve wrote 19 novels in all, and preferred to work in longhand.

"The creative impulse, the thing that gets deep inside me, goes from the brain to the fingertips," she told The Writer magazine. "When you're writing by hand, even when you're not consciously thinking about it, you're constructing sentences in the best way possible. And I still get the thrill of the clean pad of notepaper and the pencil all sharpened."

Born in Dedham, Massachusetts, and a graduate of Tufts University, she began writing fiction while a high school teacher in Reading, Massachusetts. She was a fan of Edith Wharton's "Ethan Frome" and would tell her own stories of haunted characters. In "The Pilot's Wife," a woman contends not just with grief after her husband dies in a plane crash but also suspicions about the tragedy itself. "The Weight of Water" is partially based on the deaths of two women off the New Hampshire coast, the so-called "Smuttynose Murders" of 1873.

In "The Stars Are Fire," a devastating blaze upends the world of a Maine housewife. The book was inspired by the so-called "Great Fires" that swept through Maine in 1947.

"It doesn't interest me to write about women who aren't real," Shreve told The Writer in 2014. "My mother once said, 'The minute I read that a character is beautiful, I flip the book over my shoulder.' It lacks authenticity."

JOHAN VAN HULST: Johan van Hulst, a Dutch principal who saved the lives of hundreds of children during the Holocaust, died March 22, 2018, at the age of 107, according to multiple news sources.

Van Hulst was the director of a Protestant religious seminary during World War II that bordered a day care that was being used by the Nazis to hold Jewish children before they were transported to concentration camps.

Van Hulst and resistance members smuggled hundreds of children from the day care to the seminary. When it was clear, the children would be carried over a hedge to the seminary. The children would stay at the seminary until a resistance activist would sneak them out in a basket on a bicycle to be taken to a family that had agreed to adopt a child.

It is estimated that Van Hulst saved hundreds of Jewish children from being sent to concentration camps.

Van Hulst was recognized as a Righteous Among the Nations by Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust museum in 1973. His heroism was featured in the film "Sussman."

Van Hulst talked about his experiences with Yad Vashem:

"Try to imagine 80, 90, perhaps 70 or 100 children standing there, and you have to decide which children to take with you.... That was the most difficult day of my life," he remembered of the period in 1943 when the Jewish day-care center was due to be cleared out.

"You realize that you cannot possibly take all the children with you. You know for a fact that the children you leave behind are going to die. I took twelve with me. Later on I asked myself: 'Why not thirteen?'"

Van Hulst later became a senator, serving from 1956 until 1981.

The Dutch ambassador to Israel, Gilles Beschoor Plug, told CNN that van Hulst "will be remembered especially as a hero of the Dutch resistance during World War II. His passing is a great loss. His courageous acts saving many Jewish children remain an inspiration for generations to come."

The school is now the home of the National Holocaust Museum of the Netherlands.

In Memory of Theodore Clifford Heyer August 3, 1930 - March 26, 2018



Theodore Clifford Heyer, 87, was born on August 3, 1930 in Englewood, Colorado and with the love of his family by his side, Ted peacefully went to the Lord on March 26, 2018 in Cerritos, California.

With hard working hands, Ted was an Electrical Foreman in the Electrical Construction industry for over 40 years. Ted was a veteran of the United States Army and earned an Honorable Discharge for his years bravely fighting for our freedom.

Ted was a devoted husband, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, and brother, and he will be remembered by his family and friends for his passion, humor and joy of life.

Ted leaves behind his loving family: Wife and best friend for over 67 years, Mary Heyer of Downey, California, Son, David Curtis Heyer (Cyndi) of Brea, California, Son, Gary Martin Heyer (Fran) of Indiana, Daughter, Sandy McCaughan (Jeff) of Downey, California, six loving grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren with one on the way in July, Sister, Sandy Johnson (Robby), as well as several other family members and friends who loved him and will miss him deeply.

A Memorial Service will be held on April 27, 2018 at the First Baptist Church of Downey in the small chapel at 11:00 am with a reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.

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All year long, members of the Greater Downey Association of REALTORS, will lead efforts to raise awareness of fair housing issues by reaffirming their commitment to uphold fair housing laws and offering equal professional services to all in their search for real property.

"The passage of the Fair Housing Act represents a huge step forward ensuring that all Americans have a chance to live where they choose, but there's still much for REALTORS and others in the real estate community to do," said Saenz.

President Lyndon B Johnson signed the Fair Housing Act into law on April 11, 1968, noting that the right to fair housing "is now a part of the American way of life." The legislation prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, and national origin.

The Downey Symphonic Society Presents
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Saturday, April 7th, 2018
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Pre-Concert Lecture – 7:15pm
Downey Symphony Orchestra – 8:00pm

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– Antonin Dvorak
conducted by 2017 Baton Auction Winner Josh Beall
Piano Concerto No. 2, op. 18 in C minor
– Sergei Rachmaninoff
Kevin Fitz-Gerald, Piano
Symphony No. 5, op. 64 in E minor
– Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

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Downey Symphony Orchestra
Sharon Lavery, Music Director

Downey's concerts in the park schedule released

DOWNEY – Downey's Concerts in the Park series will return this summer to Furman Park, with an opening performance by a Rod Stewart tribute band.

The full concert lineup is included in Downey's summer recreation guide, which residents began receiving in their mailboxes last week.

All performances begin at 7 p.m. at Furman Park. Bring your own chairs; no umbrellas or pop-

up shade structures allowed. Dogs must be on a leash.

Here's the complete schedule. Note there is no concert on July 4.

June 20: Atlantic Crossing

Atlantic Crossing is a touring Rod Stewart tribute band, playing all of the legendary rocker's hits. Based out of Huntington Beach, the band has played the OC Fair and at various private and public events.

June 27: Knight Ryder

The 80's and 90s tribute band has performed at Downey's park concerts before. The group's playlist skews towards rock, metal and new wave.

July 11: Suave the Band

Another Downey regular, Suave the Band is a 10-piece ensemble that plays jazz, rock, swing, R&B and, of course, Latin music including cumbia, merengue, salsa and ChaCha.

July 18: Downey Symphony

Celebrating its 60th anniversary, the Downey Symphony Orchestra will perform Broadway and film tunes under the direction of Music Director Sharon Lavery.

July 26: Third Marine Aircraft Wingband

Closing out the concert season is the Third Marine Aircraft Wingband, which plays a variety of music, including wind ensemble literature, Broadway show tunes, film scores, traditional marches, and even contemporary concert music.



Atlantic Crossing, a Rod Stewart tribute band, performs at Furman Park on June 20.



Lizbeth Leon, of Downey, daughter of Gerardo and Bertha Leon was united in marriage with Ricardo Herrera, of Bell, son of Sergio and Flor Margarita Herrera on April 16, 2017.

The ceremony was celebrated at 3pm at St. Matthias Catholic Church in Huntington Park, followed by a reception at the Renaissance Venue in Glendale. The happy couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico.

The bride is a graduate of Cal State Long Beach. The groom is a graduate of Rio Hondo College. They reside in Hawaiian Gardens and this year will celebrate their first wedding anniversary.

POETRY MATTERS

The Map

Land lies in water; it is shadowed green.
Shadows, or are they shallows, at its edges
showing the line of long sea-weeded ledges
where weeds hang to the simple blue from green.
Or does the land lean down to lift the sea from under,
drawing it unperturbed around itself?
Along the fine tan sandy shelf
is the land tugging at the sea from under?

...The names of seashore towns run out to sea,
the names of cities cross the neighboring mountains
-the printer here experiencing the same excitement
as when emotion too far exceeds its cause.
...Are they assigned, or can the countries pick their colors?
-What suits the character or the native waters best.
Topography displays no favorites; North's as near as West.
More delicate than the historians' are the map-makers'
colors.

- Elizabeth Bishop, North and South, Houghton Mifflin

National "Read a Map" Day, April 5, celebrates the ability to find out where we are, and where we are going, much like the Boy Scout's Orienteering Badge. The road goes every onward, but where does the road in fact go? Bishop explores the mapmaker's (or poet's) powers to invoke mystery and romance. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Cassini exhibit opens at space center

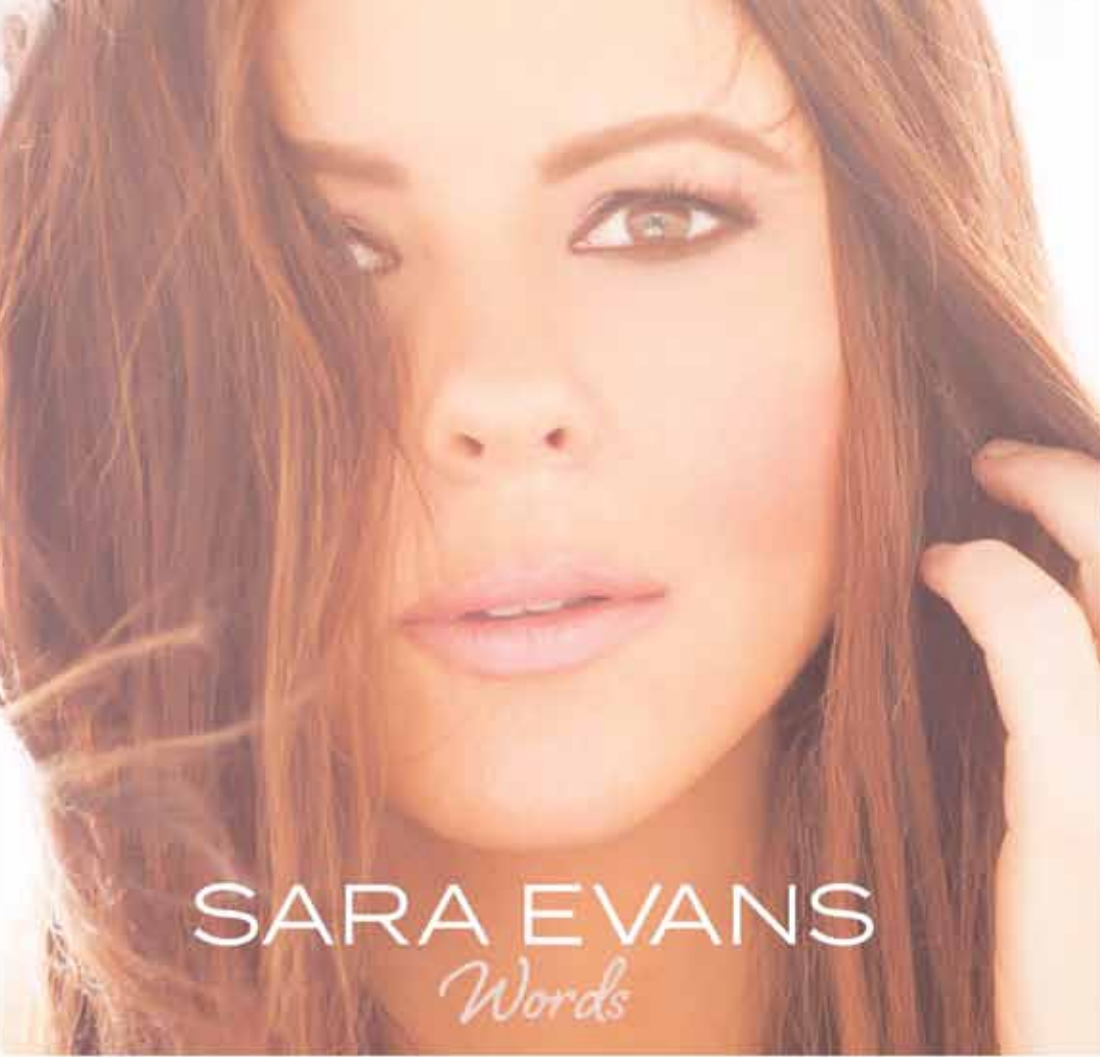
DOWNEY – A new exhibit celebrating the Cassini space mission opens Saturday at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

The exhibit is part of Downey's City of STEM festivities organized by the space center and will remain open through June.

Over the course of 13 years, Cassini, along with the Huygens Probe, send over 635 GB of data that was collected about Saturn, its many moons and possibilities of sustainable life. The exhibit highlights the hard work of all three space agencies involved in the mission and the over 5,000 people who contributed to the exploration and findings of Saturn.

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On Saturday, a night of art and classical music

► Downey Theatre closes its 59th season Saturday with a performance of Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5.

There will also be an art show curated by the Downey Arts Coalition.

DOWNEY – The Downey Symphonic Society, once again in collaboration with the Downey Arts Coalition, concludes the 2017–18 concert series of the Downey Symphony Orchestra Saturday at the Downey Theatre by presenting an evening filled with classical music and an art exhibit with the theme “Metallic Reflections.”

Music Director Sharon Lavery has another delightful evening of music planned to conclude the 59th season of the Downey Symphony Orchestra.

This concert is entitled “Russian Spectacular” and has some spectacular Russian flair: Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 and Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2.

You won't want to miss the return of international piano sensation Kevin Fitz-Patrick as he dazzles you with his exquisite and vibrant playing.

As we do every year for our spring concert, the program will open with a piece conducted by our baton auction winner. This year's lucky recipient is Josh Beall and we look forward to watching him shine as he conducts Slavonic Dance No. 1 by Dvorak.

After intermission at this concert, there will be the “Baton Auction” held to raise funds to support the Downey Symphony Orchestra and give the lucky

winner the opportunity to lead the stage full of professional musicians in April of 2019.

All of the above activity will take place within the auditorium of the Downey Theatre beginning at 8 p.m. However, the doors to the Downey Theatre lobby will open at 6:30 p.m. for the Downey Arts Coalition's art exhibit entitled “Metallic Reflections” overseen by Pat Gil, a member of the Board of Directors of the Downey Symphonic Society and the president of the Downey Arts Coalition.

Pat Gil explained, “DAC (Downey Arts Coalition) is very excited about this new exhibit; we've been wanting to do this for a while. Who does not enjoy the beauty of gold, silver, and bronze especially in art? We are very impressed by many of the art pieces in this exhibit, many of our returning artists have stepped it up, and we have some new talented artists exhibiting also.

“Our featured artist this month is Rick Ostendi. He is a Downey native who enjoys painting, sculpting, and his favorite of all - drawing. Inspired by cartoons like Looney Tunes and Tom & Jerry, Ricky thought to himself, “This is something I need to do.”

He started at Griffiths Middle School and while teachers taught him of pharaohs and pyramids, Ricky would draw them rather than take conventional notes. He felt that art opened his mind and freed him to be as creative as he wanted.

Today, you can find Ricky's

work in a number of restaurants, bars, and galleries. His original urban style art is easy to spot and even easier to enjoy. If you have a pen and blank paper, you can bet Ricky will create something that everyone in the world can appreciate.

Ricky will be showcased in the outside courtyard/patio of the Downey Theatre during the event, displaying his work while he creates a new piece of art right before your very eyes!

We welcome some new talented artists, like Susan Hawkins with her bronze and mixed media sculptures Double Helix, Double Helix 2, and 3 Figures. All three submissions depict different human figures that give a sense of movement almost as if they are dancing. Each movement of the three pieces draws the viewers in, as if they are a drama that is nearing the climax.

Also featured is Erika Reynosa with her piece Submarine Window - an acrylic that incorporates metallic paints giving the viewer the appearance of looking out from a submarine. To achieve this the artist not only paints the darkness of the water as one dives deeper into it, but uses the metallic paint on the frame itself to give it the appearance of the ship's hull allowing the viewer to become part of the art work.

Other new artists include Andrew Ruano, Katayoon Alavin, Maxwell Coppla, Jasmine Hernandez, Charina Tanaka, Paula Prager and the exhibition curator Andrew Hernandez.

We are very happy to see many of our favorite artists returning: Amelie Simmons with her piece Liquid Metal - a mixed media art work depicting an electric guitar that uses her “touch me” art style while incorporating metallic paints. This gives the overall composition vivid colors and motion as if the instrument is in the process of being played.

Also, Wendy Hernandez returns with her piece Leap - an assemblage of art pieces that are made using various metal objects including gears, bike chains and bearings that take the appearance of frogs on lily pads. The piece adds a unique elegance to the overall composition using objects others would often be thrown away or seen as spare parts.

And popular returning artist Lindsay Yost with her ceramic mosaic piece He Is Hers which incorporates her ceramic art style to create a boat anchor in the middle of blue tiles that make the anchor appear as if it is floating amongst blue water. As with her previous art work, it is both beautiful and has a sense of tranquility.

Other returning artists include Jorge Del Toro, Carolina Estrada- Del Toro, Aia White-Podue, Isabel Acosta, Linda Ikeda, Lisa Maffia-Reynoso, Stephanie Snee, and Katie McGuire.

The Downey Theatre lobby doors open at 6:30 p.m. A pre-concert talk about the music being performed is given from the stage by Music Director/Conductor Sharon Lavery at 7:15



Ricky Ostendi will be a featured artist at Saturday's symphony concert and art show at the Downey Theatre.

p.m. The concert begins at 8 p.m. concert on Saturday.

Tickets are still available at the Downey Theatre box office, open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday - Friday and one hour before the concert on Saturday. You may also order tickets by telephone at (562) 861-8211 or online at downeysymphony.org.

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S/ HECTOR R. OSUNA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 21, 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).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018055687
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LASHES WITH HAPPYNISS, 15268 ROSECRANS AVE #105, LA MIRADA CA 90638, LA COUNTY, 7365 EMILY LN #14, DOWNEY CA 90242
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANISSA KASSANDRA RAMIREZ, 7365 EMILY LN APT 14, DOWNEY CA 90242
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/ ANISSA KASSANDRA RAMIREZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 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).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018067514
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MYSTIQUE ENTERTAINMENT, 713 EAST COCOA ST, COMPTON CA 90221, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRANCIS LENWOOD HOLMES, 713 EAST COCOA ST, COMPTON CA 90221 (2) JOHN SIMS, 713 EAST COCOA ST, COMPTON CA 90221
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2018
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/ JOHN SIMS, PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 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).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018078997
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HOLLYWOOD SCIENTIFIC, 14326 ARANZA DRIVE, LA MIRADA CA 90638, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: C2876228

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GENOMEADVISORS INC, 14326 ARANZA DRIVE, LA MIRADA CA 90638
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ GENOMEADVISORS INC, PRESIDENT, NITIN S. UDAR
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 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 facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018074001
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SANTIAGOS MEATS CO., 9402 IRWINGROVE DR., DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANTIAGO HERRERA ANTONIO, 9402 IRWINGROVE DR., DOWNEY CA 90241
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: 07/1993
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/ SANTIAGO HERRERA ANTONIO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 27, 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
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STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2018062265
Current File No. 2018062248
The following person(s) has/have withdrawn as a general partner(s) from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of (1) LOP'Z WORK SHOES located at (street address of principal place of business) 4014 CORTLAND ST LYNNWOOD CA, 90262
The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on MARCH 13, 2018 in the County of LA COUNTY
The full name and residence of the person(s) withdrawing as a partner(s): PAOLA LOPEZ, 4014 CORTLAND ST, LYNNWOOD, CA 90262
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/ PAOLA LOPEZ
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on MARCH 13, 2018.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2018072076
FILE NO: 20162689339 DATE FILED: NOVEMBER 2, 2016
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): WEST PALM STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 13864 EMORY DR., WHITTIER, CA, 90605
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SABRINA MICHELLE ORTIZ, 13864 EMORY DR., WHITTIER CA 90605 (2) ALYSSA OLGA ADAME, 81685 TIBURON DRIVE, LA QUINTA CA 92253
If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A
Business was conducted by: a General Partnership
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/ SABRINA MICHELLE ORTIZ, PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on MARCH 23, 2018

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GOVERNMENT

Downey Unified School District
11627 Brookshire Avenue
Downey, CA 90241

NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PRECONSTRUCTION AND LEASE-LEASEBACK SERVICES
RFP #2017/2018-04

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Downey Unified School District ("District") is seeking proposals from qualified lease-leaseback firms to provide preconstruction and lease-leaseback construction services for the Sussman Middle School Modernization Project. Lease-leaseback firms and first tier subcontractors, that are designated in the proposal, holding an A, B, C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 and/or C-46 license, must also be prequalified. Prequalification packages must be submitted to the District, via POBids, no later than April 23, 2018. The RFP describes the scope of the preconstruction services, the scope of the project, the selection process, and the information that is required to be included in the proposal. The recommendation for award will be made to the firm that provides the best value to the District as set forth in the RFP. The RFP is available on the District's website at www.dusd.net, and by contacting Jennifer Pearson at jpearson@rachlinpartners.com. For prequalification documents, visit www.pqbids.com/downey.

The proposal in the form specified in the RFP must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m., on May 7, 2018, by:

Joseph Quinonez, Director Facilities Planning and Development
Downey Unified School District
11627 Brookshire Avenue
Downey, CA 90241

Any failure to submit the proposals before the deadline will cause the proposal to be rejected and returned unopened. Each proposer is solely responsible for the timely delivery of their proposal.
A mandatory job walk/conference is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on April 9, 2018. Please meet at 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Board Room, Downey, CA 90241. Failure to attend the job walk/conference may result in the rejection of your proposal.
The District reserves the right to waive any minor or immaterial deviations in the RFP, the proposals received, or reject all proposals if so determined by the District's governing board.
For further information on this RFP, please contact Joseph Quinonez at jquinonez@dusd.net.

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CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT
PLN-18-00035

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 18th day of April, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place consideration will be given to the following:

A request to operate a three day carnival on the Columbus High School sports field between the dates of April 20 and 22, 2018. The event includes carnival rides, game booths, and food sales. The subject site is located at 12330 Woodruff Avenue and zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential) and C-2 (General Commercial).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (http://www.downeyca.org/depts/cd/planning/working_commission.asp) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land).

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

For more information contact Associate Planner Alfonso Hernandez at (562) 904-7154, or at ahernandez@downeyca.org.

The Downey Patriot
4/5/18

LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to sections 21700 - 21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, CA Commercial Code Section 2328, Section 1812.600 - 1812.609 and Section 1988 of CA Civil Code, 353 of the Penal Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Wednesday the 18th day of April, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.**, on the premises where said property including household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at **Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, County of Los Angeles, State of California**, the following:

Customer Name	Unit#
Patricia Aguilar	2818
Omar Barranco	1518
Corene Deramus	1587

Sabrina Garcia 2611
Wayne Hall 1005
Enezyda Iribe 1357
Jorge Mendez 2490
Karla Pena 2524
Christina Rincon 1460
Gwendolyn Smith 2367
Santiago Venegas M 1571

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in cash only. All purchased items sold as is, where is and must be removed at the time of sale. **Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.**

Dated this 29th Day of March, 2018 and 5th day of April, 2018.
Self Storage Management Co. Bond #: WL1254152

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030831

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Michael Brooks Dutro Jr. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Michael Brooks Dutro Jr. To Proposed name (1) Michael Dutro Cardenas
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: May 16, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** March 19, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Michael Brooks Dutro Jr.
7726 Phlox Street
Downey, CA 90241
(562) 879-9801

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3/22/18, 3/29/18, 4/5/18, 4/12/18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030842

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Nathan Samuel Munoz filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Nathan Samuel Munoz To Proposed name (1) Nathan Samuel Munoz DeCastro
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: June 6, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA. 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** April 03, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030837

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jay Michael de Mauricio filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Jay Michael de Mauricio To Proposed name (1) JayMichael de Maurizio
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this

Nathan Samuel Munoz
9943 Tweedy Ln Apt K
Downey CA 90240
(562) 419-0736
Loyda76@yahoo.com

The Downey Patriot
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030824

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Marc Joseph Orozco filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Marc Joseph Orozco To Proposed name (1) Marc Joseph Orozco
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: May 9, 2018, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** March 8, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Marc Joseph Orozco
10236 Old River School Rd, #8
Downey, CA 90241
(562) 349-7812

The Downey Patriot
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030834

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Brenda Alcaraz, Eduardo Hidalgo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Brian David Marciano To Proposed name (1) Brian David Hidalgo
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: May 23, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Rm 101, 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** March 21, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Brenda Alcaraz
11268 Quinn Street
Downey, CA 90241
(323) 649-2484

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030837

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jay Michael de Mauricio filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) Jay Michael de Mauricio To Proposed name (1) JayMichael de Maurizio
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: May 23, 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** March 23, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Jay Michael De Mauricio
7979 Harper Ave
Downey, CA 90241
(562) 287-4888

The Downey Patriot
4/5/18, 4/12/18, 4/19/18, 4/26/18

TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 063096-CA APN: 6312-014-020 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/7/2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 4/18/2018 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/14/2007, as Instrument No. 20072540286, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JAMES ARICA AND CARMEN ARICA, HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON 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; BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 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 and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 4019 E 56TH ST MAYWOOD, CA 90270-2705. 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 held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the notes(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$339,674.36 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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. 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

CITY OF DOWNEY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT
PLN-17-00103

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Norwalk city council selects new mayor, but may have violated open meetings law

► A PowerPoint presentation with Jennifer Perez's photo was prepared before Tuesday's vote.

By Raul Samaniego
Contributor

NORWALK – Bucking tradition, the Norwalk City Council voted 4-1 on Tuesday to select first term and now sophomore fellow member, Jennifer Perez, as the new mayor of Norwalk, which is home to approximately 110,000 residents.

Vice Mayor Leonard Shryock cast a "No" vote against the nomination but joined the council in unanimously confirming the nomination of Margarita Rios as the new vice mayor.

After Perez took her seat in the center of the five-seat podium area, with the aid of a PowerPoint

presentation, she went on to highlight the direction she hoped to see the City of Norwalk move.

The PowerPoint was prepared with Perez's goals and likeness, prompting questions whether Tuesday's mayoral vote was decided before the public meeting, which would violate the state's open meeting laws.

According to Norwalk city staff member Adriana Figueroa, "We (city staff) normally prepare a generic PowerPoint (for the new mayor's use). We had a hunch that Jennifer was going to be nominated."

When asked who shared that hunch, Figueroa said that City Manager Jose Gomez "had shared that he had a hunch that there was a likelihood of Jennifer Perez getting the nomination."

The PowerPoint had Jennifer Perez's name on it at least 24 hours

prior to her actually being selected as the new mayor, city staff members confirmed.

"I speak with the council members on a regular basis," Gomez told the Patriot in an interview Wednesday night. "I had a council member say that he was going to nominate her (Jennifer Perez)."

When asked if Luigi Vernola was that source, Gomez only reiterated, "I had a council member say he was going to nominate her."

Additionally, Gomez confirmed that this statement was made to him in "the early afternoon of Monday (April 2)," prior to the closed session 5 p.m. council meeting regarding a solid waste contract.

When asked if he had knowledge of any discussion between council members of the proposed nomination, the city manager said no.

In a phone interview Wednesday, Perez said that she and Shryock "were going in a different direction."

She confirmed that "my peers and I have been having individual conversations" regarding what she described as "being ready for the new year."

"I have to be careful not to violate the Brown Act," Perez added.

According to Assistant City Clerk Marissa Asistin, "In the time in my position with the city of Norwalk [nearly 20 years], I cannot recall a vice mayor not moving up into the position of mayor."

She went on to confirm that she had also checked internal records to affirm that statement.

Shryock's family did not attend Tuesday's meeting, where theoretically he would have been voted mayor of Norwalk. Shryock declined to attend festivities celebrating Perez's selection as mayor.

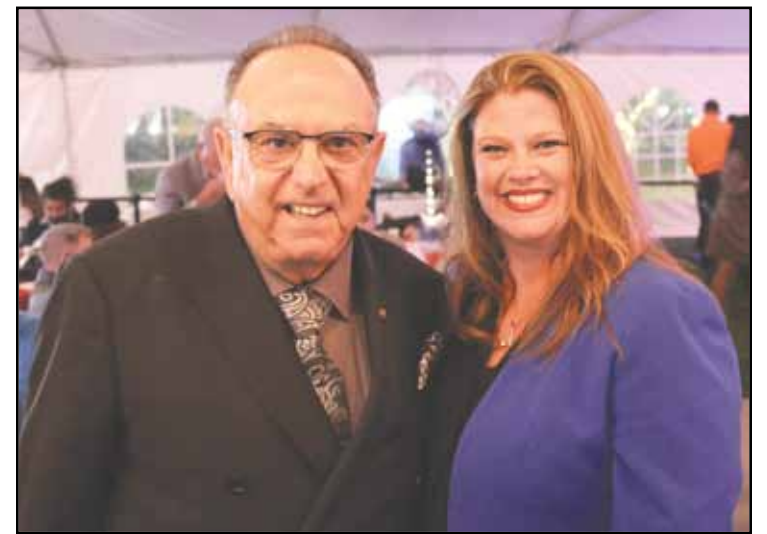
Tuesday's actions confirmed the first all-female mayor/vice mayor team in Norwalk's history. With Perez's selection as mayor, it also represents the first father-daughter pair to have held Norwalk's mayor chair. Perez's father, Bob Arthur, held the position 25 years ago.

Resembling a final farewell rather than a transition of power, a video depicting the history and accolades of now former mayor Luigi Vernola was shown with 20 guests offering their congratulations and salutations in a packed council chambers.

In what seemed tantamount to a farewell address, Vernola cited many strides he has seen in the city. He pointed out the hiring of a new city manager and deputy city manager, saying "You have brought [back] trust to the council and city."

Vernola sounded proud, if not defiant, in his words to his peers on the city council.

"To my colleagues, thank you for your support," he said. "We're on a path and we're not going to be deterred by anything or anyone."



Luigi Vernola and Jennifer Perez's after Tuesday's vote. Photo courtesy city of Norwalk

A who's who of local political and business representation lined up to present Vernola with certificates of appreciation and tokens of gratitude.

Those offering their congratulations were: US House Representative Linda Sanchez office, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor Janice Hahn's office, Los Angeles Sheriff Department, cities of Santa Fe Springs, Artesia and Downey, Little Lake School District, Norwalk La Mirada Unified School District, Cerritos College, Whittier Union High School District, Norwalk Chamber of Commerce, Norwalk Coordinating Council, Norwalk Lions

Club, Soroptimist International, United Parents Club, and the Norwalk Senior Center Bingo Board.

The positions of mayor and vice mayor will be of a one-year duration with no new council election slated until 2020.

After things settled down in the council chamber, the council and guests joined each other in a reception held on the lawn next to the city hall.

Shryock declined to attend.

Eric Pierce contributed to this report

Open mic at historical society

DOWNEY – The Downey Historical Society is hosting an open mic night April 26 where members of the public are invited to share their Downey photos, artifacts and stories.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the John Downey Room at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senio Center.

Tickets available for day trip to Pala Casino

DOWNEY – The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is kickstarting its 2018 fundraising campaign with a day trip to Pala Casino on April 24.

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Reservations are limited and will be confirmed when payment is received. There are no refunds but tickets are transferable.

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Shared Stories: The Healing Power of Touch

One cultural change over the years is that many people now hug each other in greeting, even if they are only acquaintances. Kay Halsey feels this is unadvisable for several reasons, and describes her own "MeToo" moment. 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 Kay Halsey

Educators try to upgrade the education of teachers with workshops featuring their new findings. One workshop I took was by a psychologist about communicating acceptance with children. A touch on the child's head or arm or back helps to open up friendly relations with your pupils, the leader said.

I decided to use that technique on my fourth grade class. When they were following the assignment I had given them, I decided to go around the class and touch each child and say, "You're doing fine."

I started up one aisle and down the other tapping each child on his or her head saying, "You're doing great."

I was interrupted by the school nurse who came in the door at the back of the class and said she was inspecting for lice. Apparently she had found lice in other classes and thought maybe younger brothers or sisters might also have lice. What a shock!

I had touched many heads, one after the other. My hand might have picked up lice and I might have transferred the insect.

"Yes, indeed," she said, "I have found several children who are infected and I shall inform their parents that they must treat their children before they can return to class." So much for the "healing power of touch."

I had another experience with touch. I was invited to join a mixed group of men and women for a monthly golf game. I agreed to join the group and was placed in a foursome.

On the third hole, I sat on the bench, watching the others in the group drive. Another male player was sitting there too.

He ran his hand up my thigh and said, "Oh, what beautiful legs. My wife is 92 years old, you know."

Absolutely shocked, I rose and took my turn driving, but never again did I get near him. I decided not to join the group. I was healed of taking a chance of being touched by strangers.

I am sure the psychologist leading the workshop had not followed through on his idea. And so I went back to my old policy of never touching another person except in a handshake. I don't even hug others to greet them!

'Beauty and the Beast' included in La Mirada Theatre's 2018-19 schedule

LA MIRADA – Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" is coming to the La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts next year.

The enchanting musical is one of seven performances that highlight the theater's 2018-19 season, which was revealed Monday.

Single tickets go on sale July 16, with the exception of the Donny and Marie show, which are on sale now.

Below is the full schedule:

"A Night with Janis Joplin"
Sept. 14 – Oct. 7, 2018

Janis Joplin exploded onto the music scene in 1967 and, almost overnight, became the queen of rock and roll. She recorded a slew of hits, including "Me and Bobby McGee," "Piece of my Heart," "Mercedes Benz," "Cry Baby" and "Summertime." She died of a heroin overdose at age 27.

"A Night with Janis Joplin" is a musical celebration of her life and work. It stars Mary Bridget Davies, who portrayed Janis in the original Tony Award-nominated Broadway production.

"Stormy Weather"
Oct. 19 – Nov. 11, 2018

Tony and Emmy Award-winner Leslie Uggams stars as the legendary Lena Horne in this new bio-musical.

With glamour and grace, Lena Horne took Holly and the

music industry by storm, her voice resonating throughout the decades. This production highlights not only her vocal talent, but also her determination to fight for what she believed.

"1776"

Jan. 11 – Feb. 3, 2019

Before "Hamilton," there was "1776," the musical about the founding of America.

Featuring a diverse, contemporary cast, the production begins with a deadlocked Congress (sound familiar?) as its attempts to adopt the Declaration of Independence boil over into heated confrontations.

Remarkably, these contentious Founding Fathers harness their shared determination to do the right thing for a fledgling nation.

"Singin' in the Rain"

April 19 – May 12, 2019

Dubbed "the greatest musical of all time," this production of "Singin' in the Rain" has been faithfully adapted by Broadway legends Betty Comden and Adolph Green from their original award-winning screenplay.

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"Disney's Beauty and the Beast"
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Donny & Marie
July 25-26, 2019

The beloved sibling entertainers mix the spirit of their early television specials and recordings with a nostalgic look back on their storied career.

In addition to doing concerts across the country, Donny and Marie continue their run at the Flamingo

Hotel in Las Vegas, where they were named Best Show by the Las Vegas Review-Journal for three years in a row.

Paul Anka
Nov. 16-17, 2019

The legendary singer/songwriter, and one of the biggest teen idols of the late '50s, continues to be a popular performer with a career spanning more than 60 years.

With more than 500 songs to his credit, Anka has cemented his place as one of the prolific and versatile songwriters of any generation. Among his classics are "Put Your Head on My Shoulder," "Diana," "My Way" and the famous theme from "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson."

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DOWNEY'S #1 AGENT, 2002-PRESENT WITH OVER 1,200 HOMES SOLD SINCE 1999

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Move Right In!
3 BD, 2 BA, master bedroom, large family room with fireplace, freshly painted exterior and interior. 1,557 sq. ft. living space & 2 car detached garage. LIST PRICE \$629,000



Investment Opportunity!
2 Houses on a 7,231 sq. ft. lot.
FRONT UNIT: 2 BD & 1 BA
BACK UNIT: 3 BD, 2 BA & 2 car garage
LIST PRICE: \$649,950



The American Dream Home
NW Downey! 3 BD, 2 BA, living room with fireplace, dining room & family room & large yard with POOL. Upgrades: Solar panels, central A/C & newer windows. LIST PRICE \$685,000



Remodeled Like New
NW Downey 3 BD, 2 BA pool home. Master BD with large closet and new bathroom. New kitchen, bathrooms, flooring, windows and paint. LIST PRICE \$599,000



Tuscan Villa With Pool
4 BD, 5 BA, 3,127 sq ft, pool and spa, large family room, spacious master bedroom with balcony, downstairs office, each bedroom has its own bath. LIST PRICE \$859,950



Luxury Living
Built in 2006, this home has 6 BD, 7 BA, 5,476 sq ft living space, dual staircase, large master suite, kitchen with stainless steel appliances, 3 car garage, and pool & spa. LIST PRICE: \$1,575,000



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