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## Will Downey ever discover its cultural identity?

### APRIL 21

**Keep Downey Beautiful clean-up**  
**DATE:** Saturday, April 21  
**TIME:** 9 am  
**LOCATION:** Public parking lot, 2nd St. & La Reina Ave.

**Parks & Recreation Summer Expo**  
**DATE:** Saturday, April 21  
**TIME:** 12-3 pm  
**LOCATION:** Barbara J. Riley Center

### APRIL 22

**Sara Evans in concert**  
**DATE:** Sunday, April 22  
**TIME:** 7 pm  
**LOCATION:** Downey Theatre

### APRIL 25

**Light dedication ceremony**  
**DATE:** Wednesday, April 25  
**TIME:** 4 pm  
**LOCATION:** Apollo Park

**Light dedication ceremony**  
**DATE:** Wednesday, April 25  
**TIME:** 4:30 pm  
**LOCATION:** Furman Park

### APRIL 27

**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

### JUNE 16

**Smart gardening workshop**  
**DATE:** Saturday, June 16  
**TIME:** 9:30 am  
**LOCATION:** Wilderness Park

### JUNE 20

**Concerts in the Park: Atlantic Crossing**  
**DATE:** Wednesday, June 20  
**TIME:** 7 pm  
**LOCATION:** Furman Park

### AUGUST 25

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

Downey has invested heavily in new commercial developments and townhomes, but what will the city look like in 10 or 15 years?

**By Lawrence Christon Contributor**

**DOWNEY** - Any schoolkid who's taken math has heard of the theorem "the sum is greater than the whole of its parts." It's applicable just about anywhere, team sports, Gestalt therapy, any function that combines differing elements into an overall working system that takes on an added, inclusive characteristic.

It applies to the city of Downey too. Its parts function. Its infrastructure is sound, including city services, management, financial solvency, health and educational services, permits and licenses, police and fire support, road repair, traffic lights, the whole thing. It works.

Those are the parts. But there are people who have lived here a long time and look at the sum and find it wanting; unhealthy in more than a physical sense, increasingly dull, hectic, unattractive, haphazard, indistinct. Generic, if you will, built on the fly.

There are plenty of Downey churches that attend people's spiritual needs, and numerous civic organizations that offer all sorts of help and service to the community. The transition from a white, professional and semi-professional class majority (aerospace) to a largely working class (manufacturing, service industry) latino majority (73.7%) has been smooth. And Downey's residential housing, most of it anyway, remains its best appeal to a good life.

But in a larger sense, for those able to see the city over the arc of decades, there's a definite feeling of decline far greater than the pang of quaint nostalgia. A lot of bad decisions have been made regarding Downey's future, and they've been made by the current and past few cycles of the city council, our purported leaders. And there's no indication that things will get better.

Some of this has come to light in the past few weeks in the letters section of the Downey Patriot, by Jim Rodriguez, who claims he was booted off the city's planning commission because he insisted on "greater transparency and public engagement" on the part of the commission; by councilman Alex Saab, who implies he was vilified by Rodriguez, which he wasn't, at least in those letters; and by Roy Shabla who, in a semi-hysterical, semi-coherent broadside against Christianity, or Christian churches (he doesn't distinguish), demonstrated one of the reasons why the struggling arts community, of which he's a prominent part, has virtually disqualified itself from any more meaningful conversation about sharing Downey's future than it's already had.

A line in Rodriguez' letter caught my eye. He was writing about KB, the massive townhouse development on Paramount Boulevard, and what he thought it needed by way of improvement, only to be met by the rejoinder, "The design, elevations, and site-plan has (sic) been peer-reviewed by an outside professional and renowned architectural firm, in addition to staff reviews..." Fine, you would think, if you were in the room to argue for improvement. But let's hear what our own city architect has to say.

Guess what: the city doesn't have one.



**Marsha Moode, executive director of the defunct Downey Civic Light Opera, greets guests at a 2011 performance of "Funny Girl" at the Downey Theatre.**

Photo by Joan Anderson, DowneyDailyPhotos.com

Downey has an expert engineering department that can look over specs and blueprints to see that any submission meets the legal requirements of various building and safety codes. But it doesn't have anyone to comment on the overall conception of a building or a building complex; that is, what it looks like, how it fits its surroundings and the overall urban design of the city. (When the McMansion issue first came up a decade or so ago, they hired an outside consultant to help them figure out what to do.)

But that's another problem: the city doesn't appear to have an idea of that either. Its reflexive submission to the needs of the business community includes acceptance of whatever a business's designer or architect comes up with. That's it. Fait accompli.

This came home to me when I overheard two perplexed city councilmen comment to each other about how weird it was, objectionable really, to see how much sidewalk space the KB project had gobbled up. Clearly they didn't like it. It was insulting to their responsible judgment. But there was a nothing they could do about it.

This isn't about KB or Jim Rodriguez or the intramural squabbles of a planning commission or the semi-opacity of city officials having it out in the editorial pages of The Downey Patriot. It's about the sum of what Downey is becoming, has become, and how the values and decisions of the city's leaders in all of its parts are very specifically shaping Downey's identity, which will harden and persist long after this cast of characters has left the stage.

We've seen destructive people on the city council, blowhards, opportunists, people who use their position for financial and political gain. And we've seen very good, capable people give quite a bit of time, at very low pay, to help the city through good times and bum times. Its abandonment of the venerable Downey Art Museum and the popular Downey Civic Light Opera is nothing less than a disgrace. But the city worked us out of the stinging Tesla betrayal. It scrambled to stay solvent through the Great Recession of '08. It's kept us reasonably safe.

Still, something of critical importance seems to be missing. Why does the Promenade look like it belongs in the Mojave desert? Am I alone in dreading

what that proposed commercial and residential complex south of Rancho Los Amigos will look and feel like? I don't think so. The fact is that Downey's political leaders are far too enamored of the commercial sector at the expense of other parts of the whole. That's all you hear about when they talk up the city: business, police (both authoritarian by nature). The minutiae of road paving, lighting improvement in the parks—they're all important. But, to quote the old Peggy Lee song, Is that all there is?

Nor can we discount the deadening effect of an apathetic, uninformed general public, which results in who gets elected to office.

As I've watched the city council in action over the past decade or more, I sense what's missing. I keep hoping that it would include at least one cosmopolitan figure, one public intellectual, someone who understands history and culture and civilization, what art and ideas do to shape a society, someone who understands the arc of human development in a given place in both immediate and historic time. Its sum, if you will.

And how much all this rests on consideration of the individual as a citizen with layers, and not just a customer. Maybe that's what we've been missing in our building and licensing of the future—the intimate human scale.

I once interviewed an accomplished Westwood architect named Chuck Kanner, who insisted I meet him in front of an apartment building he'd designed in Koreatown. It was a modest building, well-constructed, nicely appointed and landscaped. A low wrought iron fence stood in front, with a couple of gaps filled by wide marble benches.

"People in this neighborhood," he said. "Joggers, dog-walkers, folks out at dusk to take the air, strangers to each other, often stop to comment on one thing or another. Sometimes the commentary stretches into talk, and they sit on these benches to continue. Relationships develop. These benches have created a community. They're my proudest achievement."

I wonder if our evolving Downey will find its bench.

## Downey restaurant grades

**Ice Cream View**  
319 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 4/5/18  
Grade: **A**

**Ichiban Sushi**  
11020 New St.  
Date Inspected: 4/5/18  
Grade: **B**

**L.A. Buns**  
8237 2nd St.  
Date Inspected: 4/5/18  
Grade: **A**

**Bastards**  
11045 Downey Ave.  
Date Inspected: 4/4/18  
Grade: **A**

**Peking Restaurant**  
11039 Downey Ave  
Date Inspected: 4/4/18  
Grade: **B**

**Lock and Key Social Drinkery**  
11033 Downey Ave.  
Date Inspected: 4/3/18  
Grade: **A**

**Poke Mom**  
11011 New St.  
Date Inspected: 4/3/18  
Grade: **A**

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

**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**

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

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

**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**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 80°

Saturday 85°

Sunday 79°

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**Clint Black**  
**Friday - La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, 7 pm**  
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**Minefaire**  
**All Weekend - Los Angeles Convention Center**  
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### TWEETS OF THE WEEK

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@RealCFrampton: If you get knocked down 9 times you only need to get up 9 times

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# Shared Stories: Randy's Final Breath

Almost two years ago, Yolanda Reyna shared a story in this column of her chance encounter with a homeless man who had a big impact on her life. Yolanda's compassion had an impact on more people than she could have imagined. 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 Yolanda Reyna

I met Randy over two years ago. We were just two strangers crossing paths. He was a short little man walking with a slight hunch - a drifter in need of a meal. I was fortunate to provide that for him.

Although needing nourishment in his body, he wasn't spiritless. He was soft-spoken, kind and gentle, and welcomed me with a genuine

and everlasting smile. After that encounter, I never stopped thinking about him. I wrote a story about how we met.

My story was published in the local newspaper in June 2016, titled "Randy." In my story I wrote, "I don't know if I will ever see him again".

A year and a half went by and I did see him on the street again, but in another town. I was so moved and excited. I was able to share with him that I never stopped thinking about him. I hugged him and told him I wrote a story about him.

Surprisingly he remembered me! He thanked me for writing his story and unveiled the most lovely smile. There was something about this man that I was so drawn to. By then, he was living in a homeless shelter and I was able to visit him.

I spent time with him on his 65th birthday. In the months I kept in touch with Randy, we created a unique friendship. He was my friend and almost like a brother to me. I called him regularly to make sure he was

doing OK. He, in return, would telephone me just to say hello.

I asked if he had any relatives close by, or family members visiting him. He told me he had a daughter and three grandchildren who lived in Colorado, but he hadn't spoken to them in a very long time. He never mentioned anything about any friends, and I didn't want to pry into his life too much.

While he lived in the homeless shelter he was restricted from drinking alcohol, of course. There were rules set and he was unable to make long distance phone calls too. Miraculously, while living in the shelter, he did not drink alcohol for a year.

One day while visiting Randy, I couldn't help but ask him about his life. He told me he had been homeless for 10 years. His mother had passed away in 2005 and he lost the home where she had passed away, leaving him to fend for himself. He also confided in me that he had started drinking at an early age, and that was all he knew.

He often found shelter with

friends from time to time, but then he would pack up with what little he had and drift back into the streets. I knew one day he would leave the shelter as he often told me he would. Sadly, when he did leave the shelter, he went on a drinking binge.

He called me days before Thanksgiving, and told me he wanted to get a job, and get his life in order. We had planned on meeting during the week for a cup of coffee, something we had always talked about doing, but that day would never come.

Just a day before Thanksgiving, I received a text message. It read, "I'm in the hospital. Call me." I called immediately. When asked if I was a family member, I told the person I was just a friend. Apparently, one of the staff members looked through Randy's cell phone and found my number.

They couldn't give me any information but told me I could visit him. When I arrived at the hospital, I was shocked and heartbroken to see he had been placed on life support. The hospital knew he had a daughter and was desperately trying to get a hold of her.

Randy was unrecognizable. His hair was matted, and he looked pale and bloated. It was obvious he had had a fall. He had a chunk of dry blood on the bridge of his nose, and the side of his face was scraped pretty bad. I recognized his hands, because he was a nailbiter.

I felt helpless, but I kept thinking about his smile. He always had a smile from ear to ear before this happened. It was gut-wrenching to see my friend needing the aid of a machine to help him breathe.

In the days I visited Randy, I was able to pray over him, talk to him, caress his hand, and whisper in his ear, thanking him for our wonderful friendship. I had placed my story "Randy" by his bedside.

One day while visiting Randy, I couldn't help but ask a nurse, "What happened to him?"

She said, "I'm not supposed



to tell you, but since you have been the only one visiting him, I will. He was brought in by an ambulance. He was found unconscious behind a liquor store."

One day I found a man visiting Randy when I entered the room. I introduced myself and he told me his name was Richard. He was a friend of Randy's family and had received a phone call from Randy's daughter. She asked him to be at the hospital with her father. When Richard asked me how I knew Randy, I handed him my story.

We went to the cafeteria and Richard confirmed everything Randy had shared with me about his mother passing away and his homelessness. Richard also informed me Randy was going to be taken off life support that day. Randy's daughter, Christina, finally called and gave her consent. I was present in the room along with Richard when the life support was removed.

I gestured to Richard to give me his hand so that I could pray. We bowed our heads and I asked the Lord to have his will with Randy and I thanked the Lord for allowing me to meet this kind man.

I said to Randy, "Go, you're at peace now." At 2:43 pm, November 28, 2017, Randy took his last breath. I leaned towards him and kissed him on his forehead. It was a profound experience.

Richard and I embraced each other. I was honored to meet

Richard and he thanked me for watching over Randy and for writing my story "Randy."

Meeting Randy was by far one of the best experiences in my life. There was a time when I would have never approached any homeless people, but once again, there was just something about this man. I cherished our friendship. He was soft-spoken, kind and gentle. Before his final last days, he always had a smile from ear to ear.

Randy was laid to rest three weeks later when his daughter came from Colorado. I was able to meet Christina and a host of Randy's friends. She hugged me and thanked me for being by her father's side. I was then asked by Richard if I would give a eulogy at Randy's funeral. I was honored and moved.

Before Christina and friends of Randy went up to the podium to speak, I went up. I opened in prayer and read Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd," and I read my story "Randy" to a host of about 30 guests.

In closing, I shared how much Randy meant to me and how grateful I was to meet him.

Thinking back on this wonderful encounter and journey that I had with this total stranger, I marveled. From just two strangers crossing paths, who would have ever thought that I, a complete stranger, would give Randy's eulogy!

May you rest in peace, Randy. I will never forget you.

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# City of STEM kicks off with help from Bill Nye

► Bill Nye the Science Guy kicks off month-long science celebration, culminating with April 28 event at Columbia Memorial Space Center.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – The 2018 City of STEM Science Festival officially blasted off last week from the steps of Los Angeles City Hall with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Bill Nye the Science Guy in attendance.

The month-long festival is composed of numerous events for all ages occurring all throughout communities within the Greater Los Angeles area. It will culminate in a large-scale City of STEM celebration to be held at the Columbia Memorial Space Center on April 28.

It is spearheaded by the

Columbia Memorial Space Center and its President Ben Dickow, who also serves as the festival organizer.

"This morning begins one month of science, technology, engineering and math activities that are happening all over LA," said Dickow. "City of STEM is a platform to unite the diversity of Greater Los Angeles, rallying the public around science and drawing attention to the region's continued national importance in STEM research, education and industry, from aerospace to biotech. We will bring STEM activities to a variety of audiences, opening access to STEM throughout the region."

Also representing Downey at the kickoff was Mayor Sean Ashton.

"It is events like this that are really encouraging to me as a teacher because our job is

not to prepare students for the careers of today. It's our job to prepare students for the careers of tomorrow," said Ashton. "When you have partners like the City of LA, the Columbia Memorial Space Center, the City of Downey involved with this, it's really encouraging what we can do with our children. We're very excited to have the opportunity to sponsor this in our city."

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti described LA as "an innovation incubator."

"City of STEM is an opportunity for LA to showcase a science, technology, and engineering ecosystem that is creating new opportunities every day and putting LA at the center of a global movement to envision tomorrow and build it today."

Famous scientist Bill Nye said

that "Los Angeles can be a model for the world."

"We can ensure that our home here remains a world leader by providing science, engineering and math curricular to students of all ages," said Nye. "It is through education that we produce the scientists, mathematicians and engineers who will produce the technologies of tomorrow."

It's about the wellbeing and

quality of life for each and every one of us...Here in the 'City of Angels' we have almost 750,000 students in our schools, so providing them with what they need is not only a great responsibility, I view it as a great opportunity; an opportunity for all of us to – dare I say it – change the world."

More information – including a calendar of events – can be found at [cityofstem.org](http://cityofstem.org).

Partnering with the CMSC for this year's festivities will be the City of Los Angeles, Northrop Grumman, Ozobot, Los Angeles County Alliance for Boys and Girls Clubs, Biocom, Amgen, Los Angeles Public Library, YMCA, SpaceX, Aerojet-Rocketdyne, Planetary Society, Sierra Club, Two Bit Circus, Natural History Museum, Aquarium of the Pacific, Virgin Orbit, JPL, Impossible Science and Financial Partners Credit Union.



Mayor Sean Ashton, Bill Nye and Ben Dickow. Photo by Alex Dominguez

## In Memory of Kenneth William Thompson

February 9, 1917 - March 12, 2018



Kenneth William Thompson, 101, was born on February 9, 1917 in Virginia, Minnesota to William Holmes Thompson and Eleanor Swendby and went to meet his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on March 12, 2018 in Downey, California.

Ken was welcomed to Heaven by his loving wife, Vivian, and brothers, Don, Wayne and Roger Thompson, who preceded him in death.

Ken grew up during the Great Depression in Duluth, Minnesota. He later moved to California where he was supervisor of field training for the Maytag Company for over 35 years. A veteran of the United States Army during World War II, he served as a radar technician in five major battles, including Battle of the Bulge and Bastogne. Until the day he died, Ken was a great patriot who deeply loved the United States of America.

Kenny was a devoted husband to his sweetheart, Vivian, for over 53 years until her death in 2000, and was a loving father to his three daughters, Joan, Kathy, and Mary. He cherished his role of grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle, serving as a role model to three generations. Above all, Ken deeply loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, whom he faithfully served at the Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton and Trinity Baptist Church of Downey.

Kenny was also dedicated to his friends and community, the City of Downey. His warm heart, friendliness, sense of humor, enthusiasm, helpfulness, and hard work endeared him to many. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Ken leaves behind his loving family: Daughters: Joanie Hinson (Alan) of Placentia, California; Kathy Broy (Larry) of Brea, California; and Mary Parke (Jim) of Placentia, California. Grandchildren: Joshua Hinson, Kate Gardner, Kari Broy, Laurie Padama, Daniel Gardner, Dustin Broy, Kristen Merrill, Bonnie Fagan, Nicholas Barrington, and eleven great-grandchildren ranging in age from newborn to eighteen, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, Ken's family would ask for contributions to be made to Courage Forward, an organization for Veterans & at-promise youth, finding purpose together at [www.Couragefwd.org](http://www.Couragefwd.org).

Risher Mortuary and Cremation Service are Funeral Directors. Condolences may be sent to the family through our website, [www.rishermortuary.com](http://www.rishermortuary.com).

## Memorial service Saturday for Elinore Corse

**DOWNEY** – Elinore Corse, a longtime resident of the Downey and Bellflower communities, died March 29 at home surrounded by family and friends.

Born March 14, 1933, in Huntington Park, Elinore grew up in Downey and attended Alameda Elementary and graduated from Downey High School in 1951.

After a career as a long-distance

operator for Pacific Telephone, she served in the Telephone Pioneers Club doing service for schools, Long Beach Memorial Hospital, Adopt-A-Highway, and repaired and maintained cassette players for the Braille Institute.

She is survived by her daughter, Linda O'Connell; two grandsons, Ryan and Kevin; granddaughter Katie Joy; cousin, Jeanne Martin; three great-grandchildren, Penny,

Seamus and Jack; and adopted daughter, Kelly Holt.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 14, at 11 a.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Downey. Graveside services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to Messiah Lutheran Church.

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# Nothing posted online is totally secure

By Froma Harrop

Mark Zuckerberg in 2006: "We really messed this one up. ... We did a bad job of explaining what the new features were and an even worse job of giving you control of them."

Zuckerberg in 2010: "Sometimes we move too fast. ... We will add privacy controls that are much simpler to use."

Zuckerberg early this year: "It was my mistake, and I'm sorry. ... There's more we can do here to limit the information developers can access and put more safeguards in place to prevent abuse."

Zuckerberg this week at the Senate hearing on Facebook's failures regarding privacy, fake news and foreign interference in elections: "It was my mistake, and I'm sorry. I started Facebook. I run it. And I'm responsible for what happens here."

Well, that makes us feel a whole lot better. Zuckerberg wisely dressed up for the grilling but still issued kid-in-a-T-shirt apologies.

Facebook has delivered Zuckerberg a net worth of over \$60 billion — and that includes the big drop in wealth during the recent corporate troubles. He thus could have given a pass on some of the less savory schemes for monetizing the "friends" information without much impact on his lifestyle. Sure, there's money to be made vandalizing democracies, but he and Facebook would have done fine without it.

Given over a decade of childish promises to do better, the company has clearly shown it isn't into fixing itself. Some of the senators threatened regulation, but saber rattling is, in the end, only noise.

By contrast, the European Union has approved impressive new rules for tech companies and the information they trade in. The law will require them to obtain consent for use of personal information in simple language.

(Users shouldn't have to take a night course to understand privacy and security settings.)

The companies will have to notify users of a data break-in within 72 hours of its discovery. They'll have to give up monopoly control of the personal information; people will have the right to obtain a copy of their data and share it with others.

Zuckerberg has said Facebook will honor the European regulations and intimidated he will apply them worldwide. Just to be sure, American lawmakers should copy and paste what Europe has done — perhaps dialing back on parts that verge on censorship. Hate speech enjoys some First Amendment protections.

Zuckerberg has defended the company in the past by insisting that Facebook is a platform and not a media company. In other words, it provides the truck for transport and is not responsible for the zombies, vampires and reptiles that climb on board.

He's retreated somewhat on that excuse, but there is something to it. To the extent that Facebook is only a platform, it can be easily replaced by others. Facebook's success comes from a design that draws in billions of users. This is a triumph of marketing and psychology, not building an enormous infrastructure. The social media entrepreneur doesn't have to punch a railroad through the Rockies.

Many of us have a need to connect and share. But expecting much privacy in a business model that relies on selling your information is highly unrealistic.

A social network could be funded by cheap subscriptions. App-based Vero already operates on this model.

Tech investor Jason Calacanis has set up a contest — the Open Book



Challenge — to create a Facebook replacement. Finalists will be given \$100,000 and residence in a 12-week incubator.

At the end of the day, though, people should all know that nothing they put online is totally secure from inspection. That Facebook created a mega-mall to sell your data is simply the extreme. That Facebook is not going to change its stripes is obvious.

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# Trump succeeds at preserving his ignorance

By Steve Chapman

Presidents can tap a fount of information unlike any in the world. A corps of foreign service officers, multiple intelligence agencies and thousands of federal bureaucrats exist to learn all they can about crucial matters and convey it upward. The White House can also call on professors, think tanks, advocacy groups and corporations. If the president can't find the answer to a question, it's probably because no one can.

Being able to get all the best information gives the person occupying the Oval Office a unique perspective. How many times have you heard someone defend a president's decision by saying he knows many things we don't and must have sound reasons?

But that theory doesn't apply to Donald Trump. He is the rare president who doesn't know things we don't know. He has access to facts that others lack, but they are wasted on him.

He can't be bothered to read his top-secret daily intelligence briefing (or anything else) because he's too distracted by "Fox & Friends" — which is where he got the idea that a caravan of dangerous migrants was about to storm our southern border. Trying to load his brain with verified data is like trying to pound a wooden peg through a steel plate.

Trump, like every president, came into office facing a steep learning curve. "As he governs, he is realizing that the campaign talk doesn't fit neatly into governing and he needs a different approach, one that gets results," his friend and Newsmax Media chief executive Christopher Ruddy said.

Early on, Trump occasionally exhibited an awareness of his limits. After he urged Chinese President Xi Jinping to force North Korea into line, Xi explained to him the relationship between the two countries. "After listening for 10 minutes," said Trump, "I realized it's not so easy." During the debate on repealing the Affordable Care Act, he marveled, "Nobody knew that health care could be so complicated."

But unlike his predecessors, he has seen no urgent need to climb the learning curve. Years ago, he developed his fundamental opinions without knowing much, and he maintains them the same way.

Trump does not treat his ignorance as a flaw to be fixed. He treats it as a precious jewel to be protected. Far from handicapping him, it furnishes a rich supply of half-baked excuses for following his whims, and he strives mightily to preserve it.

His penchant for nonsense, misinformation and falsehoods is as strong as ever. Anytime he has to talk about the substance of policy, he makes it plain that he doesn't know what he's talking about.

He also doesn't care. In a meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, he insisted that the U.S. has a trade deficit with Canada. He later boasted, "I didn't even know. ... I had no idea."

And why wouldn't Trump make things up to support his claims? He always got away with it before. When the boss (or father or host) is rich, opinionated and overbearing, few people are going to make a habit of correcting him.

Trump, like every low-information gasbag, seizes stray bits of information — or invents them — to bolster what he believes. He has no interest in learning anything else.

Those who want to educate him do it at their peril. National security adviser H.R. McMaster got on his nerves by acting as though Trump had some use for information. Reported Politico, "The president at one point

gestured toward the general in the midst of a lengthy briefing and said to others in the room, 'Look at this guy, he's so serious!'"

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, after joining with other top officials in a determined but futile effort to make Trump understand the Iranian nuclear deal, concluded that his boss was a "moron." Like McMaster, he's gone.

It's become clear that Trump has decided he knows all he needs to know and can dispense with subordinates who challenge him. Trade adviser Peter Navarro captured the secret of pleasing the president when he explained that his job is to supply Trump with "the underlying analytics that confirm his intuition."

But even as he remains impervious to learning, Trump imagines that he's mastered everything he needs to know. "Some worried aides," reported The New York Times, "say privately that Mr. Trump does not understand the job the way he believes he does" and "fear he will become even less inclined to take advice."

No surprise there. Ignorance is not a bug in the Trump operating system. It's not even a feature. It is the operating system.

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# The real threat to Donald Trump

By Andrew Napolitano

In the midst of worrying about North Korea, Syria and Democrats taking control of the House of Representatives this fall, President Donald Trump is now worrying about a government assault on his own business, which targeted his own lawyer.

Michael Cohen has been the personal lawyer for Trump and for the Trump Organization — the umbrella corporation through which Trump owns or manages nearly all entities that bear his name — for many years. Cohen is so closely connected to the Trump Organization that one of his two law offices is located on the 26th floor of Trump Tower, just a few doors from the corner office formerly occupied by Trump himself.

On Monday, shortly before dawn, a team of FBI agents bearing a search warrant from a federal judge broke in to the offices of the Trump Organization and removed computers, files, tax returns and telephones from Cohen's office. At about the same time, three other teams of FBI agents performed raids. One was at another of Cohen's offices a few blocks away, and his vacant New York City apartment and hotel rooms he had been occupying were searched, too; and agents also seized personal and professional files and equipment from those venues.

Did the FBI lawfully break in to the headquarters of the president's family business and cart away files and equipment from his lawyer, as well as legal and financial files of the president himself? The short answer is: yes.

Here is the back story.

In October 2016, when the federal government began its investigation of alleged attempts by the Russian government to interfere with the 2016 presidential election, then-Attorney General Loretta Lynch managed the work.

After Trump became president and Jeff Sessions became attorney general and Sessions recused himself from this investigation, the No. 2 person in the Department of Justice appointed former FBI Director Robert Mueller as special counsel in charge of the Russia investigation. The investigation in Washington is 18 months old and has been run by Mueller for about 11 months.

If a criminal investigation stumbles upon evidence of crimes substantially removed by geography or subject matter from the location and principal responsibilities of the investigation, it is the prosecutors' duty either to prosecute those crimes if feasible or to pass whatever evidence has been found on to another prosecutor closer to the place of the alleged crime.

Sometimes, keeping that evidence is a temptation too great to resist. That's because one of the techniques that prosecutors in America use to gather evidence about a crime is to indict those at the fringes of the behavior they are investigating and then attempt, by coercion and bribery, to turn those indicted individuals into cooperating witnesses. Sometimes the indicted crime is truly at the fringes, both rationally and geographically. But the targets of these fringe prosecutions are rarely attorneys who are representing a person who is a subject of the investigation.

Until now.

Though Cohen does not represent Trump in the Mueller investigation, he does represent him in nearly all other legal matters, and his files

contain a treasure-trove of confidential and financial materials from and about Trump. Judges are very reluctant to sign search warrants authorizing the seizure of legal files, with two exceptions.

The first is the so-called crime/fraud exception. Under this rule, if the client is using his confidential communications with his lawyer to further an ongoing crime, fraud or tort, the communications are not privileged, and evidence of them may be seized.

The other exception is the independent criminal activity of the lawyer. That appears to be the case here. It seems that Cohen — who claims he borrowed \$130,000 from a bank to pay an adult-film actress to remain silent about her relationship to Trump, which Trump denies was sexual — did not tell the bank from which he borrowed the funds the true purpose of the loan.

If so, that may be evidence of bank fraud on Cohen's part. If he wired those funds over interstate lines, that is evidence of wire fraud. If he used the U.S. Postal Service to facilitate a material part of the deal with the actress, that would be considered mail fraud. Each of these fraud charges carries a prison term of five years.

When FBI agents arrive for a raid, they rarely take the time to examine fully all the documents they have seized — even if the documents are protected by the attorney-client privilege and even if the client is the president of the United States. Needless to say, there are safeguards in place to prevent the prosecutors who dispatched the agents from viewing the privileged materials.

When Mueller in Washington came upon evidence of Cohen's bank fraud in Manhattan, he passed it along to the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan. That office — not Mueller — examined the evidence and obtained the search warrants for Cohen's personal and professional premises, authorized the raids of those premises and received the fruits of the raids.

What will become of Cohen? Federal prosecutors in Manhattan will now decide whether to ask a grand jury to indict him on the fraud charges, and if he is indicted, Mueller will enter the picture looking to make a deal.

Trump's lawyer was Mueller's bait.

All of this has understandably infuriated Trump. His rights as a client were violated. His attorney of many years and on many matters will soon be a defendant. Can Trump restrain himself from offering to pardon those who could harm him or firing those who are tormenting him or waging war against real or imagined enemies? Will his anger, frustration and disgust at the violation of his financial and personal privacy push him and America into what even congressional Republicans fear would be a constitutional crisis?

The potential failure of self-restraint is the real threat he now faces.

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## Elected vs. appointed

Dear Editor:

A History and Government teacher for most of her career, my wife taught some very important lessons to thousands of students, including me, that are pertinent to recent articles in this newspaper.

In the city of Downey, City Council members are elected. Planning commissioners are appointed, and serve at the pleasure of the elected official. When the elected official chooses to appoint another commissioner, the former appointed commissioner thanks the elected official for the opportunity to serve.

If an appointed official wants to have a stronger voice, that person has the choice to run for office and become an elected official. It is just as simple as that.

Hal Nelson  
Downey

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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Diabetes and pre-diabetes are surging worldwide, and new tools are being developed to help deal with them. The **glycemic index** is one such tool and is also being used by those who suffer from hypoglycemia, react strongly to sugar, or are simply striving towards a nutritious diet.



The concept of a glycemic index was first developed in 1980 at the University of Toronto. Foods with carbohydrates that break down quickly during digestion and release glucose rapidly into the bloodstream tend to have a high glycemic index. Foods that break down more slowly release glucose more gradually into the bloodstream, and have a low glycemic index. A lower index usually results in a lower demand for insulin, and may improve long-term blood glucose and lipid control. A rapid rise in blood glucose levels, following consumption of foods with a high glycemic index, is great for energy recovery after exercise, or for a person experiencing hypoglycemia. However, it's not ideal in quantities

for day-to-day life.

The glycemic index is calculated by measuring the rise in the blood sugar level two hours after eating. It ranges from 0 to 100:

- Foods with a low glycemic index (55 or less) include most fruit, non-starchy vegetables and carrots, beans, nuts, seeds, 100% stone-ground whole grains, pumpernickel bread, rolled or steel-cut oatmeal, oat bran, muesli, barley, bulgur, sweet potato, yam, peas, legumes, lentils, and mushrooms.
- Foods with a medium glycemic index (56-69) include white sugar or sucrose, enriched wheat, pita bread, basmati rice, couscous, boiled unpeeled potato, raisins, prunes, sweet potato, and banana.
- Foods with a high glycemic index (70 and above) include glucose, high fructose corn syrup, white bread or bagel, white rice, instant oatmeal, corn flakes, most non whole grain breakfast cereals, maltose, white potato, white pasta, and other highly processed carbohydrates like white flour tortillas, chips, pretzels, rice cakes, popcorn, and saltine crackers.

Interestingly, some foods considered to be unhealthy can have a low glycemic index, like chocolate cake (38) and ice cream (37), and pure fructose (19). Foods like potatoes and rice have a glycemic index around

100, yet they're a staple of the diet in some countries that have very low rates of diabetes. The science is far from straightforward.

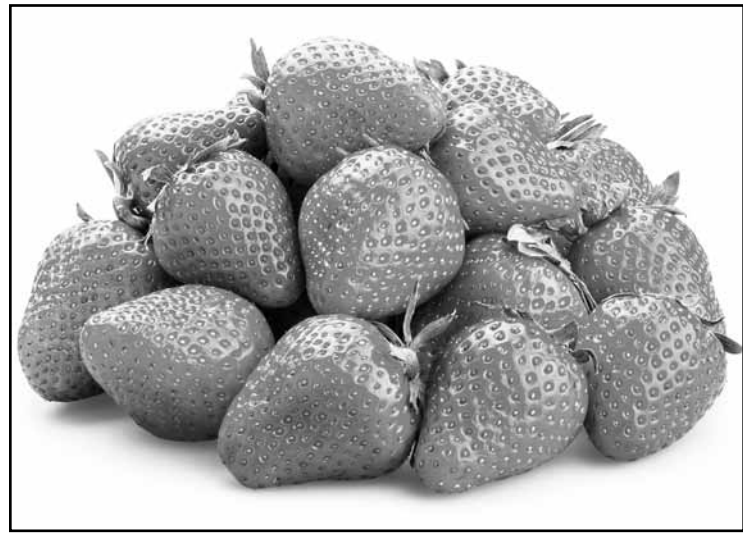
Why adopt a diet focusing on low glycemic foods? They reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease, and age-related macular degeneration. Research is ongoing regarding other diseases, and on the benefits for pregnant women and their babies. Weight loss is easier when carbohydrates in the low glycemic range replace saturated fats. Many weight loss diets now incorporate the glycemic index, including the South Beach Diet and Nutrisystem.

The glycemic index can be a useful tool. Use common sense - many nutritious foods have a higher glycemic index than do foods with little nutritional value (oatmeal has a higher glycemic index than chocolate!). Eating a food with a high glycemic index alongside a food with a low index can balance out the effect on blood glucose.

Be reasonable, exercise moderation, and enjoy your good food!

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## Strawberries top list of dirtiest fruits



Once again, strawberries top the list of the 12 "dirtiest" fruits and vegetables, according to the Environmental Working Group.

Every year since 2004, the group -- a nonprofit, nonpartisan environmental organization -- ranked pesticide contamination in 47 shopper's guide to pesticides in Produce.

Pesticides include a wide array of chemicals that kill unwanted insects, plants, molds and rodents.

Spinach is the second dirtiest item on the "Dirty Dozen" list, followed by (in order of contamination) nectarines, apples, grapes, peaches, cherries, pears, tomatoes, celery, potatoes and sweet bell peppers. Each of these foods tested positive for pesticide residues and contained higher concentrations of pesticides than other produce.

In fact, nearly 70% of conventionally grown -- non-organic -- produce samples were contaminated, the tests indicated.

### The 13th Suspect

The shopper's guide is based on results of tests by the US Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration on more than 38,800 non-organic samples. The Environmental Working Group looks at six measures of contamination including the average number of

pesticides found on samples and the average amount of pesticides found.

When testing samples, the USDA personnel wash or peel produce to mimic consumer practices.

A single sample of strawberries showed 20 pesticides, the report indicated. More than 98% of strawberries, spinach, peaches, nectarines, cherries and apples tested positive for at least one pesticide residue. And, on average, spinach samples had 1.8 times as much pesticide residue by weight than any other crop.

This year, the Dirty Dozen list is actually a "baker's dozen" and includes a 13th suspect: hot peppers. These were found to be contaminated with insecticides toxic to the human nervous system, according to the organization. Anyone who frequently eats hot peppers should buy organic, it says.

"If you cannot find or afford organic hot peppers, cook them, because pesticide levels typically diminish when food is cooked," the authors of the report noted.

### Chronic health implications

Children are of special concern as younger bodies have greater susceptibility to pesticides than adult bodies, the report emphasizes.

Research "suggests that pesticides may induce chronic health complications in children, including neurodevelopmental or behavioral problems, birth defects, asthma, and cancer," noted the authors of a 2012 American Academy of Pediatrics report quoted by the Environmental Working Group.

Other studies indicate that a child's earliest exposure to pesticides -- through the mother during pregnancy -- may also be harmful.

Consumers who want to eat the dirty dozen fruits and veggies should buy organic, according to the organization.

Rinsing produce under tap water is an effective way to eliminate pesticide residues from produce, according to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, a government-run scientific group. Scientists there advocate rinsing all fresh produce under tap water for a minimum of 30 seconds before using.

Water is enough, the scientists say, as mild detergents or commercial vegetable washes do not increase the amount of pesticide residues you are able to wash away. However, a recent study from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, suggests that soaking produce in a solution of baking soda and water is a more effective way to rid fruits and

veggies of pesticides.

Tom Stenzel, president and CEO of the United Fresh Produce Association, says consumers should not rely on a shopping guide when deciding which fruits and vegetables to purchase. The industry group represents growers, shippers, fresh-cut processors, wholesalers, distributors and retailers.

"Consumers have more choices now than ever before when it comes to the fruits and vegetables they consume," Stenzel said.

"Food safety is a top priority for the industry, from field to fork," he said. "The fresh produce industry seeks to ensure a safe, efficient and timely supply chain, allowing consumers to experience fresh fruits and vegetables at the peak of their performance."

He encourages consumers to continue educating themselves about food safety and consult the Safe Fruits and Veggies website from the Alliance for Food and Farming, which represents both organic and conventional farmers.

"Empowering consumers with knowledge is key to helping them make healthy choices for their diets and that of their family," Stenzel said.

### The Clean 15

On a positive note, the Environmental Working Group also creates a lesser-known companion to the Dirty Dozen: the "Clean 15" guide to produce containing the least amount of pesticides.

Avocados lead 2018's clean fruits and veggies list, followed by

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## Police issue warning about IRS scam

**DOWNEY** – Residents are being warned not to fall victim to a rising number of phone scams targeting taxpayers.

According to the Downey Police Department, the latest scam involves scammers pretending to be IRS employees. The scammers insist the victim pay back taxes through a pre-loaded credit card or wire transfer to avoid arrest, deportation or suspension of a driver's or business license.

The IRS never asks for a credit card number over the phone or requests a specific form of payment, such as a wire transfer or debit card.

Also, the IRS never initiates contact by email, text message or social media to request personal or private information. The IRS will first send a bill in the mail.

The IRS also never asks for PINs, passwords or similar confidential access information for credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

Finally, the IRS will not discuss the possibility of arrest for any police department because that it is not under its authority.

If you owe money to the IRS, call them directly at (800) 829-1040. If you believe you have been a victim of an IRS scam, call the Downey Police Department at (562) 861-7771.

## Downey Library's April auction items

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

"Lost Moon-The Perilous Voyage of Apollo 13" (an hour by hour look into the almost ill-fated mission);

"A Crack in the Edge of the World" and "Denial Disaster" (two books tell the story of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and its far-reaching aftermath);

"Tales from Shakespeare" (ten classic plays retold with illustrations);

"How We Got to Now-Six Inventions That Made the Modern World" (explores the history of innovation over centuries, tracing six key technologies of modern life);

"Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans" (history comes alive with a true story that brings a new understanding of one of America's great, history changing battles);

"The West-An Illustrated History" (tells the story of a unique part of the country,,includes many historical pictures);

"World Poetry-An Anthology of Verse from Antiquity to Our Times" (more than 1600 poems drawn from dozens of languages and cultures spanning 4000 years);

"Camera-A History of Photography" (from the first faint images of 1826 to the images snapped by today's cellphones...hundreds of cameras and historic pictures);

"The Comfort Table" (Paula Deen's guide to creating unforgettable meals for occasions big and small);

"Garden Flowers" (plans and ideas for large and small gardens with 500 color photos);

"Titanic-The Ship of Dreams" (a pop-up book), "National Geographic Dec. 1985 & 1986" and "Music as Heard on the Fateful Voyage"

"Divinely Elegant-The World of Ernst Dryden" (one of the most famous fashion designer and poster artist of his time-includes many examples of his work and the story of his life).

Items have opening bids from \$5-\$8 and are on display in the library lobby. Bids can be made through noon, Saturday, April 28, on cards in the Friend's Bookstore located in the young adult section of the library.

## Chamber has open seats on its board of directors

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for three vacant seats on its board of directors.

To be eligible, potential board members must have been an "active" member for one year and their membership investment paid up to date.

To have your name added to the slate of candidates, present a letter signed by you to nominating committee chairperson Laurie Tyler or any other member of the nominating committee in care of the Downey Chamber. The letter may be faxed to the chamber at (562) 869-0461, delivered in person, or mailed to the chamber at 11131 Brookshire Ave., Downey CA 90241.

Deadline to apply is April 20. Nominations are for two terms of three years each.

## Downey named one of nation's best cities for business meetings

**DOWNEY** – Downey has been named one of the top cities in the nation to hold a business meeting, according to an online ranking released this week.

"There are plenty of locations across the country outside of New York, L.A. or Chicago that strike a balance between fun and affordability," said Roman Shteyn, CEO and co-founder of RewardExpert, which compiled the rankings.

Downey was named No. 3 among cities in the Pacific West, earning praise for its shopping and restaurant selections. It ranked behind West Covina (No. 1) and Huntington Beach (No. 2) but ahead of Irvine (No. 4) and Burbank (No. 5).

"Downey is the tenth most affordable midsize city on our list with rankings in the top 25% for climate, the presence of restaurants, bars and hotels, and availability of events," RewardExpert wrote in its comments.

The website erroneously refers to Stonewood Center as "newly-built" -- the mall opened in 1958 -- but nonetheless praises the shopping center for offering a "wonderful after-meeting shopping and entertainment experience."

The top city in the Pacific West was West Covina, which earned high marks for its extensive open space and panoramic mountain views.

To determine the ranking, RewardExpert analyzed 20 data indicators broken down into seven overarching categories: affordability, climate, commute, business atmosphere, events, accommodation and dining, and safety.

Other top cities listed in the ranking include Edison, New Jersey; Elgin, Ill.; Peoria, Ariz.; Savannah, Ga.; and Irving, Tex.

## Downey administrator named VP of troubled water agency

**DOWNEY** – John Oskoui, an assistant city manager for the City of Downey, was appointed vice president of the Central Basin Municipal Water District board of directors on March 26.

Oskoui has served as an appointed director on the water board since March 2017. He also serves on the water district's communications and finance and audit committees.

Meanwhile, the board also voted to re-appoint Central Basin directors Leticia Vasquez and William Gedney to represent the water board on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California board of directors.

Central Basin is a public agency that wholesales imported water to cities, mutual water companies, investor-owned utilities and private companies in southeast Los Angeles County.

The agency has been scrutinized in recent years. A 2015 state audit accused the water district of avoiding competitive bidding for contracts and spending thousands of dollars on potentially illegal gifts of public funds.

"They have had poor leadership on the board and instability at the top executive levels for many years. The role of the financial director has been unstable as well," Margarita Fernandez, the state auditor's chief of public affairs, said at the time. "This makes it difficult to put an effective structure in place to provide for the agency's financial viability."

## CRIME REPORT

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

At 3:30 p.m., officers located a stolen vehicle in the Denny's parking lot (Firestone Blvd. and Dolan Ave.). The driver was arrested for grand theft auto and the passenger was arrested for an outstanding warrant.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 25

In an on-going effort to enhance public safety, the Downey Police and Fire Departments collaborated in a series of "active shooter" trainings to cross train police and fire staff on current best practices to handle "active shooter" incidents. Approximately 25 police officers and firefighters from each department demonstrated their capability to respond to dynamic situations. Over 50 volunteer role-players, consisting of members from Downey's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Downey's Fire Auxiliary, and Police Explorers from both Downey and nearby cities, added to the realism.

At approximately 5:00 p.m., a resident in the 10300 block of Julius heard glass breaking from a neighbor's residence and observed a possible burglary in progress. When officers arrived, two male juvenile suspects were inside the residence. The suspects surrendered and were arrested for burglary.

At 8:00 p.m., officers located a stolen vehicle on Firestone Blvd. at Brookshire Ave. The driver and passenger were arrested for grand theft auto.



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## Trading Post revives 'old-town feel' with new convenience store

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - After a local convenience store became run-down, two new owners have brought it new life.

George Cervantes and Flower Huizar purchased the former ABC Liquor at 9956 Lakewood Blvd. in November 2016 and have transformed it into Trading Post - a convenience store with a "prohibition era, Old Town" feel dealing in everything from rare liquors to classic candies.

"We're focusing on things like whiskeys and craft beer, and things like that," said Cervantes. "We felt that there's nothing like this around here, and we feel that our neighbors, it's kind of what they're looking for.

"One thing that we've really

expanded on is retro candy. We have a lot of great candy that people haven't seen in a long time. People come in and it's great seeing their smiles because they've seen this candy or gum that they had when they were 10 years old. There's a lot of stuff from the 70's, 80's and 90's."

The store also hopes to cash in on some of the lottery luck that ABC Liquor once had.

"The previous owner, they actually won the lottery themselves twice," said Cervantes. "We're waiting on one of our customers to win."

Before Cervantes and Huizar stepped in, the prior establishment had seen better days.

"It was a little run-down already," said Huizar. "I just saw the opportunity to make it nice."

The business duo has been friends for over 15 years, having met while working at a radio station. Huizar is already a business owner herself, running the neighboring tanning and waxing studios.

She says Cervantes's work ethic drew her to make him a business partner.

"Our work ethic was very similar. When we worked together, we were so into it...He always put in the effort," said Huizar. "When I was opening my businesses next door, he was with me the entire time...He helped me there, so I knew that when I wanted to buy this store I wanted him to be my partner. I knew he'd be into it, and he is. We work really well together."

Huizar says that the theming of the store comes from her time

spent with family in Old Town San Diego and Temecula.

"My family is in San Diego... we meet in Old Town Temecula or San Diego, and I love those areas," said Huizar. "It's like a really nice old feeling, but very comforting, very 'home.' I wanted this store to be similar to that. I wanted it to feel like home, and I wanted our customers to come in and have the same feeling. I wanted to bring that here."

Both Huizar and Cervantes say that they hope the store will continue to grow and expand.

"I want it to grow. I want people to know we're here," said Huizar. "They lost a lot of customers towards the end of the previous owner's reign because they just weren't into it anymore. I just want people to know that



Flower Huizar and George Cervantes opened Trading Post in 2017. The store is located at 9956 Lakewood Blvd.

Photo by Alex Dominguez

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# Mitzi Shore, owner of Comedy Store, dies



**LOS ANGELES** – Mitzi Shore, co-founder and owner of the influential Comedy Store, has died at the age of 87, according to multiple news sources.

She passed away from Parkinson's disease Wednesday. The Comedy Store released a statement on her passing:

"It is with great sadness and very heavy hearts that we report the passing of Mitzi Shore, the legendary Godmother of the world famous Comedy Store." "Mitzi was an extraordinary businesswoman and decades ahead of her time who cultivated and celebrated the artistry of stand-up comedy. She was also a loving mother, not only to her own four children, but to the myriad of comedians who adored her. She leaves behind an indelible mark and legacy and has helped change the face of comedy."

She co-founded the celebrated comedy club in 1972 with her husband, comedian Sammy Shore, and comedian Rudy DeLuca.

She took over sole ownership in 1974 as part of a divorce settlement with her husband.

Mitzi was the mother of comedian Pauly Shore who tweeted that his "heart lays heavy."

Some of the most famous comedians honed their craft at the Comedy Store.

In 1994, Mitzi Shore told the Los Angeles Times, "We're here to help people develop their skills and to get them seen by supportive comedy crowds, as well as by TV and movie people."

Robin Williams, Jerry Seinfeld, Freddie Prinze, Howie Mandell, Whitney Cummings, and Chelsea Handler are a few of the many who made a name for themselves at the Comedy Store.

She had a reputation as a mother like figure for the aspiring comedians.

"Mitzi was a maternal influence," said David Letterman, in Richard Zoglin's 2008 book, "Comedy at the Edge: How Stand-Up in the 1970s Changed America." Letterman had driven out to LA to try and make it in show business. "She had this place where we could all come and be silly and make mistakes and have fun and go home with a waitress. I left a job for what I thought could be nothing and then found this life and friends and home and creative order. And without Mitzi, I don't know what I would have done."

Many comedians paid tribute to Shore on social media:

Whitney Cummings, "I love you Mitzi Shore. Rest In Peace. Thank you for giving me a family and a home."

Marc Maron, "Mitzi Shore made an indelible mark on comedy and my brain. 'You're a poet. You should wear a scarf on stage.' RIP"

Eddie Griffin, "She got me off the streets gave me a place to stay I worked 2 jobs; doorman & paid comic. Thank you Mitzi for giving social misfits a place to call home & grow into social engineers. I love you. Richard & Robin will greet you. Give em the Light!"

Kathy Griffin, "Mitzi Shore was a pioneer who gave more comics their start than I can count...I did my first legit comedy gig at the Store. She was a woman in a male dominated business who pulled no punches, something I always admired. My heart goes out to @paulyshore and the entire Shore family."

Survivors include sons Pauly, Peter and Scott and a daughter, Sandi.

McCann died Sunday of congestive heart failure in a Los Angeles hospital, according to his publicist Edward Lozzi.

McCann was born Sept. 2, 1934 in Brooklyn. He became a household name in New York when he took over a variety show, entertaining a generation of children with light-hearted humor and puppets.

In 1968, McCann appeared in his first major film: "The Heart is a Lonely Hunter." He expanded his work into animation acting and created the voice of Sonny the Cuckoo Bird, who cried "I'm cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs!" in commercials for General Mills.

He moved to Los Angeles in the 1970s and made guest appearances on shows including "Little House on the Prairie," "Bonanza," and "Columbo."

McCann was a prolific voice actor, lending his voice to characters such as Mayor Grafton on "The Garfield Show," Duckworth in "DuckTales: Remastered," and Heff Heffalump in Disney's "The New Adventures of Winnie The Pooh."

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Fanning, and two daughters.

**YVONNE STAPLES:** Yvonne Staples, member of the gospel/soul family singing group The Staple Singers, has died at the age of 80, according to the Chicago Sun-Times.

A Chicago funeral home confirmed that the singer died at her home in the South Shore neighborhood.

She was born in Chicago to Pops and Oceola Staples. She began singing at a young age in church with her sister Mavis and brother Pervis.

The Staple Singers were known for their beautiful harmonies. The group began in the 1940's and signed their first record label contract in 1952. They recorded for many labels including Checker and Epic.

Yvonne took over for her brother Pervis in 1970, joining Pops, Cleotha, and Mavis.

The group took their gospel roots and combined that with soul, funk, blues, and pop to create their sound. They had many hit songs including "Respect Yourself" and the number one song, "I'll Take You There." Yvonne performed on those songs and other classics.

The Staple Singers performed with the Band on their legendary concert for the film "The Last Waltz." Bob Dylan was a big fan of the group and mentioned them as an influence.

The group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1999.

**CECIL TAYLOR:** Cecil Taylor, the visionary pianist who revolutionized jazz by launching the free-jazz movement in the late '50s, died last Thursday at his home in Brooklyn. He was 89.

Taylor's legal guardian, Adam C. Wilner, confirmed the death to The Associated Press. No more details were provided.

Taylor, born in New York on March 25, 1929, was known as one of the pioneers of the free jazz movement, and was seen as both a grounding breaking and uncompromising artist.

Taylor released his first album, "Jazz Advance," in 1956. He was also known as a poet and would recite his poems at live shows.

"Cecil had a magical touch on the keys and was a genius at the arts. He lives on through his uncanny ability to express his music and poetry in various forms of beauty, pain, injustice and peace," Wilner said in a statement to the AP. "He will always be remembered in the history of Jazz for his free-form improvisational notes. He will be missed by his family, friends and fellow musicians."

Taylor returned to the stage in 2016 in New York City after years away, using a cane and holding his assistant's arm. He received a standing ovation.

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since feeling is first  
who pays any attention  
to the syntax of things  
will never wholly kiss you;

wholly to be a fool  
while Spring is in the world

my blood approves,  
and kisses are a far better fate  
than wisdom  
lady i swear by all flowers. Don't cry  
--the best gesture of my brain is less than  
your eyelids' flutter which says

we are for each other: then  
laugh, leaning back in my arms  
for life's not a paragraph

And death i think is no parenthesis

- E. E. Cummings

A poem should surprise, and Cummings uses syntax to do just that, despite his saying that feeling comes first. He delights in contradiction, and ends his love poem by dismissing all formality and forms. April is Poetry Month and Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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# Two more candidates emerge for state Senate vacancy

► Rudy Bermudez and Ali Taj tout legislative records as they seek to claim the vacant 32nd district state Senate seat.

**By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer**

**DOWNEY** – Two more candidates have thrown their names into consideration for the 32nd District state Senate race. The special election will be held June 5.

**Bermudez says community has been left behind**

Rudy Bermudez says that “we need leadership in the district.”

“Our district has been negatively impacted,” said Bermudez. “In some areas we not only do not have a senator, but we no longer have an assembly member either. The fact [is] that our community has been left behind by those in leadership, and we are in desperate need of new jobs.”

The 59-year-old La Mirada resident is running on a platform

surrounding job creation, education, and crime.

“It’s about good paying jobs that enhance the quality of life of all our residents. It’s about improving education, to ensure that our children have every advantage available to them at the K – 12 level all the way to the community college and university systems,” said Bermudez. “It’s about reducing crime. There’s been a number of shootings...the homicide rate is going up. It’s about providing a better quality of life overall.”

Bermudez identifies as a Democrat.

Bermudez is a former school board member for the Norwalk - La Mirada Unified School District, a former Norwalk City Council Member, and a former Assembly member of the 56th District. He is also a retiree from the Department of Corrections, where he spent 30 years. He has two sons.

Bermudez established a long list of accomplishments while

having a track record of providing an impact on their lives daily, to positively enhance their quality of life (matters).”

“I created a code of conduct with procedures for disciplining school board members who breached those codes of conduct. I drafted an anti-nepotism policy that precluded school board members or elected members from hiring their relatives...we increased the salaries of our employees by 18 percent and created a budget reserve over three times the state mandated requirement over 10 percent simultaneously while opening new schools,” said Bermudez.

“For State Assembly, I drafted a law that prohibits sex offenders from practicing medicine in California, from being OBGYN’s and pediatricians. Also, I drafted a piece of legislation that helped working families bring their kids to Kindergarten.”

Bermudez says to voters that “experience matters.”

“Having experience and

having a track record of providing an impact on their lives daily, to positively enhance their quality of life (matters).”

**Candidate Taj looking at bigger picture**

Democrat Ali Sajjad Taj says that he had been considering a run for State Senate sometime around 2022, however the seat opened up sooner than expected.

“My intention has been to serve our communities, and that’s what I’ve done when you look at the track record,” said Taj. “As an elected official, I’ve always looked after the communities and served the communities in a way where I can make a difference in a very positive way.”

Taj is a current city council member and former mayor in the city of Artesia, elected in 2013. His term will expire later this year in November.

Before he came to Artesia,

Taj was born in Lahore, Pakistan. After finishing his high school level schooling at the International British School in the Netherlands, he returned to Pakistan where he completed his Bachelor’s Degree in Economics and Masters in Public Administration.

Taj says he had been coming to the U.S. since he was 16, before moving here permanently in the 60’s and eventually into the district 20 years ago.

Taj has a 20-year-old son who studies school locally at Cerritos College.

Coming from a financial planning background, Taj says that he was able to help pull the City of Artesia from the clutches of financial ruin.

“The City of Artesia at one point was about to be bankrupt,” said Taj. “When I came on board in 2013, (I helped) turn around the city from financial emergency (to) now balancing the budget and having financial reserves...”

He hopes to now use that same expertise to “look at the bigger picture” and benefit the district and State of California.

“My message is that I’ll fight to cut the waste, increase the accountability, and improve the quality of life for our residents and constituents.

My goal is to work with each community individually as well as collectively to improve the quality of life...I’ll be representing not just my district, I’ll be making legislation for the entire state of California.”

Taj added that “the accountability of our elected officials is extremely important.”

“People who vote should not have to worry about their elected official. They elect us because they believe and trust in us to do certain things on their behalf...,” said Taj. “Representation is critical. I want (voters) to know I am a servant of theirs...whatever they are asking me to do, it is my responsibility to do that.”

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The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s)/applicant(s) is/are: KAUSHIK PATEL AND HARJIT SINGH, 10944 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, NORWALK, CA 90650. The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, ABC OFF SALE GENERAL LIQUOR LICENSE #P21-556979 and is/are located at: 10944 IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, NORWALK, CA 90650.

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S/ SERGIO NEGRETE, PARTNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on MARCH 16, 2018

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**File Number 2018081272**

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State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

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State of Incorporation: N/A

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ CESAR GARCIA LOYOLA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 22, 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  
3/29/18, 4/5/18, 4/12/18, 4/19/18**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2018076942**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TRAVEL CHIRO CLINIC, 12927 FOXLEY DR, WHITTIER CA 90602, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SHIRO CHIRO, 12927 FOXLEY DR, WHITTIER CA 90602  
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/ SHIRO CHIRO, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 29, 2018. Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2018054946**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BE INSPIRED UNLIMITED, 38713 TIERRA SUBIDA AVENUE #200, PALMDALE CA 93551, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHAD ROBERT TEBBITT, 38713 TIERRA SUBIDA AVENUE #200, PALMDALE CA 93551  
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/ CHAD ROBERT TEBBITT, 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).

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2018073049**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PACIFIC COAST CBT, 301 E. GLENOAKS BLVD, #3, GLENDALE CA 91207, LA COUNTY, 12340 SEAL BEACH BLVD, #B226, SEAL BEACH CA 90740  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NIKKI N FROUSAKIS, 8632 CRIDER AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240  
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/ NIKKI N FROUSAKIS, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 23, 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  
4/5/18, 4/12/18, 4/19/18, 4/26/18**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2018078012**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BROCHAS DE METAL TATAJES (2) METAL BRUSHES TATTOOS, 14702 JETMORE AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDITH BARRERA, 14702 JETMORE AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/ EDITH BARRERA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 30, 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  
4/5/18, 4/12/18, 4/19/18, 4/26/18**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2018076528**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MERIT CAPITAL GROUP (2) MERIT CAPITAL MORTGAGE, 17520 STUDEBAKER RD, CERRITOS CA 90703, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 17203 ALFRED AVE, CERRITOS CA 90703  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3499761  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MERIT CAPITAL GROUP, INC., 17520 STUDEBAKER RD, CERRITOS CA 90703  
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: 06/2013  
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/ MERIT CAPITAL GROUP, INC., CEO, JOEY GONZAGA  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 29, 2018. Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2018062109**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SNJ TRANSPORT, 5721 TAFT AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SULEMA ANGELICA SILVA, 5721 TAFT AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/ SULEMA ANGELICA SILVA, 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).

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  
4/5/18, 4/12/18, 4/19/18, 4/26/18**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2018084597**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GB SERVICES, 9423 BAYSINGER ST., DOWNEY CA 90239, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, P.O. BOX 40651, DOWNEY CA 90239  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICHARD DEAN GIBSON, 9423 BAYSINGER ST., 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: 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/ RICHARD DEAN GIBSON, OWENR  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 6, 2018. Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**File Number 2018078012**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BROCHAS DE METAL TATAJES (2) METAL BRUSHES TATTOOS, 14702 JETMORE AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDITH BARRERA, 14702 JETMORE AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/ EDITH BARRERA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 30, 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.

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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 Duro Jr.**  
**7726 Philox Street**  
**Downey, CA 90241**  
**(562) 879-9801**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS030848**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Linda De Los Angeles Bobadilla filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Linda De Los Angeles Bobadilla to Proposed name (1) Linda Aceves  
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**

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.  
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at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States all the right, title and interest of the debtor(s) in the above described property or so much as will be sufficient to satisfy said writ or warrant with interest and all costs on 05/09/18, 10:00 AM at the following location.  
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Creditor's Attorney  
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THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. **BARRETT DAFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP**, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 09/28/2006 as Instrument No. 062156993 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: **DERIC RANGELL AND TRACEY M. RANGELL, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT** or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924(h), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), DATE OF SALE: 04/30/2018. TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM. PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10352 BELLMAN AVENUE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241. APN#: 6252-003-011. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created 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 \$717,461.35. 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 to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also

be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924 of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 0000005992904. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES and POSTING 714-730-2727 www.servicelinkASAP.com BARRETT DAFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 03/21/2018 BARRETT DAFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4651466 03/29/2018, 04/05/2018, 04/12/2018

**The Downey Patriot**  
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: VS030844**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Diane Matkovich Martyn filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Diane Matkovich Martyn to Proposed name (1) Diane Shirley Martyn  
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 90650**

**The Downey Patriot**  
4/12/18, 4/19/18, 4/26/18, 5/3/18

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: NS034249**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Perry Chima Isichei filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Perry Chima Isichei to Proposed name (1) Perry Chima Taylor  
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 18, 2018, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: 527, Room: 5400**  
**The address of the court is Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse, 275 Magnolia, Long Beach, CA 90802**

**The Downey Patriot**  
4/12/18, 4/19/18, 4/26/18, 5/3/18

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS030845**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Stephanie Ambrocia Chavez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Stephanie Ambrocia Chavez to Proposed name (1) Stephanie Ambrocia Villanueva  
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 00000005992904 Title Order No. : 730-1604221-70 FHA/VA/PM No. : ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 09/22/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS030844**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Diane Matkovich Martyn filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Diane Matkovich Martyn to Proposed name (1) Diane Shirley Martyn  
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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:  
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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  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS030850**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Francesca Thao Dan Hoang Ngo filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Francesca Thao Dan Hoang Ngo to Proposed name (1) Francesca Thao Ngo  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: VS030846**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Maria Y. Chaires filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
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# Female leaders honored at Soroptimist's Women of Distinction breakfast

► Local women are honored for courage and leadership, and impacting change in the Downey community.

**DOWNEY** - Seven Downey women were honored Thursday morning for their significant contributions to the Downey community.

The recognitions were made by Soroptimist International of Downey at a breakfast event at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Soroptimist President Linda Haines opened the event, followed by an invocation by Ellie Eck and the Pledge of Allegiance by Beverly Mathis. Judy McDonnell led the introductions.

Giggy Saab, chairperson of the Women of Distinction committee, presented the awards.

Those honored include Maria Villegas, a sergeant with the Downey Police Department; Christina Ciatti, an instructor at Downey Adult School; Claudia Marroquin-Frometa, an emergency management worker with Kaiser Permanente; Wendy McKinsey, a retired DUSD administrator; Maria Dolores Torres, a non-profit executive director; Mikayla Bisson, a Downey High student; and Jasmine Mijangos, also a Downey High student.

Below are brief bios of each of the honorees:

## Maria Villegas

Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women

Maria Villegas has been a police officer with the Downey Police Department for 18 years. She has been a Sergeant for seven years. She is married to Angel Villegas, who is also a police officer for the city of Downey. They have six children and one granddaughter.

Villegas is currently assigned as a Field Supervisor working patrol. During her time here, she has been able to work a variety of assignments. She was the first female Narcotics detective. She was also a juvenile, forgery, child abuse and Robbery Homicide detective prior to promoting to Sergeant in 2011.

Sgt. Villegas has been in charge of Downey's Police Explorer program for over 10 years. It is a program that she holds near and dear to her heart. As she reflects back on her career, Maria is very grateful for the opportunities given to her by the Downey Police Department, however, her most fulfilling assignment has been mentoring the police explorers. This program is for kids 14-18 years old. She has seen several become police officers, members of our military, police aides, park rangers, dispatchers, records clerks, jailers, attorneys and parents. She feels fortunate to be

a mentor especially for the young women that come through the program.

Villegas enjoys sharing with them how with some hard work and determination we can do anything we set our heart and minds to.

## Christina Ciatti

Women of Distinction

Christina Ciatti is a resident of Downey since 1986, when she married her husband Bob. They have three grown children, Melissa, Justin, and Carli, son-in-laws, Gary and Luke, and two granddaughters, Zoe, 18 months and Isabella, 10 months. Christina works for Downey Adult School as an instructor for the Medical Biller and Coder program. Ciatti and her husband also own Medical Billing Solutions, Inc., where she does medical billing for physicians and other healthcare facilities. Prior to this, Ciatti worked as an office manager and medical biller for a podiatry office for 27 years.

Christina has been a member of SI Downey since 2009, and currently holds the office of Village Director. She enjoys volunteering and participating in all of the club's activities.

In her free time, Ciatti enjoys traveling, biking, walking, cooking, going to the casino, as well as spending time with her family and pets.

## Claudia Marroquin-Frometa

Women of Distinction

Claudia Marroquin-Frometa is part of the National Emergency Management Team for Kaiser Permanente Foundation and Health Plan. She provides support and consult to all Southern California hospitals. Marroquin-Frometa has a combined 20 years of experience in disaster preparedness, education, communication, and communications, and motivational public speaking. She is a former journalist and newspaper publisher.

Marroquin-Frometa has spent the last eleven years in emergency management, improving disaster response strategies with Los Angeles County hospitals and state



initiatives.

She is a member of the National Advisory Committee on Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) for the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA). She is a member of the California Hospitals Association (CHA) Emergency Management Advisory Council (EMAC). She is also an instructor for the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) quarterly Hospital Disaster Management Training Series at LA County USC Medical Center.

She is a Terrorism Liaison Officer. Locally, Claudia is a current Board member for Downey's Foundation for Educational Opportunities (DFEO). Recently, she was appointed to the City of Downey Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee on Measure S representing the 4th District.

Previously, she has been involved as a Board member for the Living Help Center and is a past member of the Assistance League, Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary.

Marroquin-Frometa holds a Bachelor's degree in Communications. She is looking to pursue a Master's degree in Public Health. Marroquin-Frometa and her husband Nolveris Frometa have been married for 22 years and are longtime residents of Downey. Together, they raised four children in the Downey Unified School District.

## Wendy McKinsey

Women of Distinction

Wendy McKinsey attended Rio Hondo Elementary School (where she later was the principal for six years), North Junior High School (now Griffiths Middle School) and Warren High School. She is a graduate of California State University at Long Beach and California State University at Los Angeles.

McKinsey retired with 38 years of service in the Downey Unified School District as a teacher and administrator in 2004. Her volunteer activities began in 2005 when she was encouraged (by her dear friend Linda Kennedy) to join the Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary of the Assistance League of Downey.

Wendy has served as vice chairman and secretary as well as being chairman or co-chairman of the resource development, membership, thrift shop and hospitality committees. Most recently she has been instrumental in getting philanthropic agreements in order and securing signatures from the organizations that Assistance League provides funds and/or services to.

Additionally, McKinsey volunteers at the Downey First Christian Church and at the PTA HELPS Room.

Wendy is a 30-year breast cancer survivor. She was a Reach to Recovery Volunteer with the American Cancer Society. In 2001, she walked in the 3-day sixty

mile walk from Santa Barbara to Malibu. She raised over \$6,800 for breast cancer research prior to the walk. McKinsey resides in Downey with her husband John.

## Maria Dolores Torres

Women of Distinction

Maria Dolores Torres, or "Marilola," was born in Zacatecas Mexico and migrated to Los Angeles as a child with her parents and five sisters. Maria's parents always taught her to always be responsible, take dignity in her work and lend a hand to others. Torres began attending college while still a junior in high school.

Since then, Torres has earned a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology on top of her Bachelor's degree in the same field where she was invited to attend the Honors Convocation as a Cum Laude graduating student.

For nearly 12 years, Torres has worked in the non-profit sector. Feeling that a need existed in the community for more consistent access to free legal resources, Torres and a small group of attorneys, community leaders, and mental health experts established a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization known as Ferias Legales (Spanish for "Legal Fairs").

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# Women of Distinction honored by Soroptimist

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Through Ferias Legales, Torres has ensured the delivery of services to women. She launched the first Ferias Legales "Break the Cycle: A Free Domestic Violence Clinic" where battered women obtained free assistance with legal, mental health, and victims services.

They have provided free legal services to underserved communities. Overwhelmingly, the recipients of these services have been women. In her capacity as Executive Director, Torres was instrumental in establishing a Mentorship Program for Rio Hondo College Students. The mentorship program paired attorneys and judges with students who are enrolled in the Rio Hondo College Pathway to Law School program, which is designed for college students with an interest in law with the goal of increasing diversity in the legal field. She also oversees multiple interns that are young women and stresses to them the importance of "paying it forward" to other young girls and women in the community through legal clinics and volunteer opportunities. Torres believes that with unity and collaboration among women, the world and our communities will be a better place for our families.

**Mikayla Bisson**

Violet Richardson Award

Mikayla Bisson's passion into community service began at Doty Middle School, when she became vice president of Builders Club. After matriculating to Downey High, she began as service project chair for the school's KIWIN's club, a service organization for teens in California, Nevada, and Hawaii.

Bisson went on to become the club's treasurer and president before becoming KIWIN's ambassador. On April 23 of this year, she was voted to lead KIWIN's as its governor, an important position that puts her in charge of all 53 KIWIN's clubs and its 2,600 members. She also presides over district conventions and meetings of the 18-member Board of Trustees.

Boasting a 4.32 GPA, Bisson is on track to graduate early at age 17. She plans on attending Ohio State University or Central Michigan University.

**Jasmine Mijangos**

Violet Richardson Award

Jasmine Mijangos was born in Los Angeles and did not move to Downey until the fourth grade. However, she immediately felt the strong community spirit present and has been volunteering in some capacity ever since. As a freshman at Downey High, she joined a burgeoning club focused on human trafficking. As a founding member, her passion was ever present, with her own experiences with the foster care system fueling her determination. This insight into one of the most vulnerable demographics of our society has led her to not only head the club at Downey, but attend larger events on the issue and decide to dedicate her life to helping women.

Mijangos maintained a demanding schedule, because she valued the rigor that honors and AP classes offer, and knew that she could adept in comprehension. Her passion for social sciences has led to her decision to go into women's studies. As a prospective Women's Studies major, she hopes to go to law school and continue her work as a human rights activist.

# In Whittier, students see graphic consequences of drunk driving

► Before prom, Pioneer High students attend assembly where the Grim Reaper makes a cameo appearance.

**WHITTIER** - Broken glass and car parts littered the street in front of Pioneer High School as the motionless body of a student lay on the hood of the vehicle, her feet caught where the windshield once was - a stark and unforgettable start to the "Every 15 Minutes" two-day program.

Presented to Pioneer High School juniors and seniors on April 4-5, "Every 15 Minutes" shows the lethal and unforgiving consequences of operating a vehicle while distracted or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs by displaying a trio of scenarios, beginning with a simulated car crash.

The simulated crash, held April 4, included a mock sobriety test that led to a student arrest, emergency responders surveying the scene and firefighters cutting open totaled cars to retrieve survivors. A Grim Reaper paced the scene while two fatalities were declared by a medical examiner, before the student actors were carted into the coroner's van.

"This crash reenactment really shook me," Pioneer High School senior Daniella Con said. "With prom coming up, I hope people are smart about how they celebrate - taking an Uber or taxi should always be the first plan."

Throughout the day, the Grim Reaper pulled students from classes to become the "living dead," symbolizing 30 lives lost to intoxicated driving. Faces painted white and eyes blacked out, the students followed behind the Grim Reaper and coroner van and later participated in an overnight retreat to reflect on the event and to write farewell letters to family.

Pioneer High hosted the event in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Fire and Police departments, California Highway Patrol, MADD, LA County Coroner, CARE ambulance, Health First Medical and Del Angel Mortuary in Pico Rivera.

"I hope students take this seriously because what they are seeing may be simulated, but the reality is that these things happen too frequently in everyday life," CHP officer J. Tolen said. "Driving distracted or intoxicated unravels lives throughout the U.S. and the consequences affect everyone."

On April 5, students and families of the "living dead" gathered in the gym to watch a short film on the previous day's scenario.

A mock funeral was held for the students, with parents delivering poignant eulogies. Student participants read their letters of regret, imagining the impact of being involved in or affected by drunk driving-related crashes.

"These last couple of days were traumatizing," said Leticia

Ortiz, parent of a Pioneer senior who participated as one of the "living dead" students. "I hope my son and the other students make smart choices and think about the repercussions of their actions."

Launched in 1990, "Every 15 Minutes" challenges high school students to take responsibility for mature and safe decisions and understand the impact their choices have on others.

"The lessons students

learn through this program are indispensable, and as educators we strive to impart the need for students to stay safe and smart when they are not on campus," Pioneer High School Principal Lilia Bozgian said.

"Thank you to all of our community organizations and Pioneer High staff for their effort in preventing these tragedies."



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