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Willie Gutierrez resigns from Downey school board



Willie Gutierrez has resigned from the Downey Unified School District's board of education, effective May 10. Photo courtesy DUSD

► The resignation guarantees the first new face on Downey's school board since 2005.

A special election has been called for November.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – Downey Unified School District board member William "Willie" Gutierrez announced his resignation Tuesday, saying he was moving out of the area.

The resignation, effective May 10, creates a rare vacancy on the school board, where members have typically served decades overseeing Downey's 21 public schools.

Following Gutierrez's resignation announcement, the school board unanimously called for a special November election to fill the open seat. The winning candidate will finish the remainder of Gutierrez's term, which is set to expire in 2020.

Gutierrez represents District 3, northeast Downey. The boundaries are roughly east of Lakewood Boulevard and north of Hall Road.

School board members could have appointed a member of the public to replace Gutierrez, but opted for the special election, citing reasonable costs and a desire to let voters choose their representative.

"Now with elections by district, and the ability to combine with a statewide general election which we know is going to happen, we got an estimate from the county of a cost of about \$25,000 to hold it for that one area, Area 3," said board member Donald LaPlante. "So to me, considering

the semi-reasonable cost we got from the county, I would support letting democracy take its course and let the citizens choose their representative."

Board member D. Mark Morris agreed.

"It is less expensive now than it was back in my day and it's more equitable and also something that voters in that trustee area would be able to chime in on," Morris said.

One resident has already expressed interest in the seat: Giggy Saab, a community volunteer, confirmed she will be a candidate on the November ballot.

She is past president of Soroptimist International of Downey and sits on local non-profit boards, including Downey Federal Credit Union and the Downey YMCA. Her husband is Alex Saab, a Downey city council member.

In an interview Wednesday,

Gutierrez, 59, said he was "at peace" with his resignation from the school board. His new home is located in Long Beach.

"We looked for a home in Downey – in my trustee area – but we just didn't find anything," said Gutierrez. "When we found the house in Long Beach, because we had been looking for a couple of years, I felt it was the right thing to do. I work in Newport Beach, so it saves me an hour each day.

"The Downey school district is in a good place, and I felt at peace with my decision to resign."

Gutierrez was elected to the school board in 2001. His wife, Carol, teaches second grade at Gallatin Elementary.

A farewell party is planned for May 7 from 3-5 p.m. at Pace Elementary.

Thank you, Downey

By William Gutierrez
Downey Board of Education

It was 17 years ago when I announced my intent to run for the vacant position of Trustee Area 3. With sadness, I stood at the podium once again before the Board of Education Tuesday night to formally announce my last meeting as a Board of Education member.

I remember standing in the Board room looking at all the members, not knowing who they were or what they were thinking, but I can say today I am blessed to have known and served with each of them.

My wife Carol encouraged me to run for a position on Downey Unified's Board of Education in 2001 and a major factor motivating me was based on my family: my wife – a teacher at Gallatin Elementary; my oldest son Christopher, a freshman and later a graduate of Downey High; my middle son Ryan, a 7th grade student at Griffith Middle School and later a graduate of Warren High; and my daughter Lara, a 3rd grade student at Gallatin Elementary School and later a graduate of Downey High. Despite the fear I had, I believed that I could make a difference. I want to thank the voters of Downey for having the confidence for entrusting me with this position since 2001.

There are so many highlights in my career as a Board member that I am so extremely proud of. Most personal to me were the goals I had when I was president of the Board in 2013-14: renaming West Middle School in honor of Dr. Mary R. Stauffer to thank her for her phenomenal generosity to our students; with the help of the entire district, developing a new vision and mission statement to provide a better path for our students and

staff; and lastly, working with the entire community to pass Measure O, which has resulted in major remodeling and modernization of our schools. I have also had the pleasure of working with three incredible superintendents during my time on the Board, assisting in the hiring of two of them. It has been a true blessing to work with such unbelievable people within Downey Unified.

One unique thing about Downey Unified that separates us from other districts is the relationship and partnership that the district has with the various unions and Personnel Commission. These relationships are based on one unified goal, to make the best decisions and choices that take care of each student and employee within Downey Unified.

I know I'm leaving Downey Unified in great hands. We, as a Board, have done so much to make Downey the best it could possibly be. As our Superintendent Dr. Garcia preaches, 'let's be better today than yesterday, better this year than last year.' I know the Board of Education

will continue to make the most sound decisions for the betterment of our students. As our Vision states: All students graduate with a 21st Century education that ensures they are college and career ready, globally competitive and citizens of strong character... and I know they will continue to move this vision forward as a new member is elected to fill my seat.

In conclusion, as my letter of resignation was read aloud Tuesday evening, it is with sincere sadness that I tender my resignation from the Downey Unified Board of Education, Trustee Area 3, as I will be moving out of the area after calling Downey home for the past 30 years. It has been a true blessing and honor to serve a phenomenal school district with outstanding, dedicated teachers, employees and administrators. I will greatly miss serving the Downey Unified School District and the students of the Downey community.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the community in this capacity the last 17 years,



From left: Councilman Alex Saab, Willie Gutierrez, Councilwoman Blanca Pacheco and Mayor Sean Ashton.

Downey restaurant grades

El Charro Taco Shop
8504 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

Fresh Griller
8855 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

Papa Johns
7840 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

Subway
8254 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

Starbucks
9001 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

7-Eleven
7371 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

Rite Aid
7859 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

Champs Liquor
8007 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

Circle K
9809 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

Tacos Baja
12623 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

Edible Arrangements
8855 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

CVS
7915 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

Lupitas Express
8530 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

Toyto's Chicken and Pizza
8510 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

Guardsman Lounge
7850 Florence Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/17/18
Grade: **A**

Alberto's Mexican Food
7347 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 4/13/18
Grade: **B**

Movita Juice Bar
9202 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/13/18
Grade: **A**

Yoly's Mexican Kitchen
9009 Gallatin Rd.
Date Inspected: 4/13/18
Grade: **A**

McDonalds
9250 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/13/18
Grade: **A**

Hong Kong Chef
10311 1/2 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/12/18
Grade: **A**

Joseph's Bar and Grill
11032 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/12/18
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Friday 73°

Saturday 81°

Sunday 79°

THINGS TO DO



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Saturday - Downtown Riverside, 11 am to 7 pm
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Antique Street Faire

Sunday - Downtown Torrance, 8 am to 3 pm
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TWEETS OF THE WEEK

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Congratulations to Corporal Ed Hano and Downey Fire Captain David Holcombe who were recognized today as the Downey Police Officer and Firefighter of the year.

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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

Frine Medrano, former city council candidate, hopes for better luck in Assembly race



► Frine Medrano ran unsuccessfully for Downey City Council in 2016. Now she hopes to upset embattled state Assemblymember Cristina Garcia.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Former Downey City Council candidate Frine Medrano has once again stepped onto the campaign trail, this time setting her sights on California State Assembly District 58.

Currently, the 58th District seat

remains empty after Cristina Garcia took a voluntary leave of absence due to multiple allegations of sexual misconduct, which Garcia has denied.

The 36-year-old Downey resident says she "has spent her entire adult career working as a public servant."

"I worked four years in the assembly with Senator Kevin DeLeon (who was) at the time assembly member. Now as the President of California State Senate I've worked with him ever since," said Medrano. "I worked as senior advisor working on different issues – education, immigration, women's issues, small business development – and I'm just really disappointed in what's happening in our neighborhood, in our area. It's been turmoil after turmoil for the past decade; we just can't get rid of that stain here in these communities."

"Unfortunately, we are literally left with no representation. We have a senator who has resigned for sexual misconduct and an assembly woman who's on leave for the same reason. With this administration we are currently under attack – our state of California – so we need leaders that are going to take this

job seriously."

Ironically, the senator which Medrano alluded to – Senator Tony Mendoza – gave her his endorsement during her previous campaign. However, things have changed.

"I do not have his endorsement; him and I have not spoken since the scandal broke," said Medrano. "I respect very much the #MeToo movement and what they've done to bring these issues to light. I think that many of us were disappointed with the serious allegations, and so no I do not have his endorsement...I have no attachment, no communication with the senator."

The primary election will take place June 5 later this year. The 58th District has become one of the more cluttered with candidates of all the seats up for election, however Medrano didn't see anyone she felt she could stand behind.

"I actually waited a day before deadline because I was hoping to back a strong Democrat," said Medrano. "Unfortunately, I don't see that in the list of candidates. We have folks that are tarnished, and that's not what we need more in the SouthEast...We need to

move forward. This is about having our district move into prosperity and that's what we need; we need leaders that are going to be a strong voice."

Medrano says that the district is being "choked by freeways."

"A lot of the freeways around here are bare; there's no green canopy, there's no beautification projects going on with local government," said Medrano. "I think that's something I'd love to do in terms of protecting our children. We have one of the highest asthma rates because in fact we are being suffocated by all these freeways, so I would love to work with local government to create these beautification projects and plant trees all around the freeways because that's something that can help capture some of these toxins, some of these pollutants that unfortunately we breathe every day in this district."

Medrano also says she would like to create and advisory counsel for AD 58, inviting local community and business leaders to "have a voice at the table."

"I went on a listening tour and a lot of folks felt like they were being bypassed, and some of them don't agree with some of the

policies that are coming down from Sacramento," said Medrano.

Medrano also said she would keep pushing access to higher education and public safety.

This will be the second time in just about two years that Downey resident's will find Medrano's name on their ballot, as she unsuccessfully ran for the city's District 3 seat in 2016. That election was ultimately won by Rick Rodriguez.

"I ran a very positive campaign. I ran on the issues that I wanted to tackle, the solutions I wanted to bring to the City of Downey...a lot of folks saw that as a threat. They spun my Sacramento connections as being corrupt," said Medrano.

"There were a lot of negative attacks throughout my campaign. Every week there was a hit on me because of the fact I was labeled as an outsider. That was really upsetting because I consider myself a Downey girl everywhere I go. I'm from Downey. I'm proud to be from Downey. I graduated from Downey schools, I grew up here.

"I didn't belong to the traditional clubs here in Downey, and so because I didn't belong to the traditional clubs in Downey I was labelled an outsider. Over the past year I've been trying to be more proactive in my community."

Since her last campaign, Medrano says she has worked to establish her political identity.

"I ran in a very conservative seat, but Downey is Democrat... Assembly District 58 is Democrat," said Medrano. "The fact that I now have the 'D' – the strong 'D' next to my name – it's something that individuals are going to be able to identify with that, with my party."

"I spent over the last year and a half reaching out to folks; a lot of the different community members that wear different hats. I've become great friends with Tammy Ashton and our Mayor Sean Ashton, and they've gotten to know that I do have the best interest for our city and for Downey. They know that I want to work hard for what's important for us here."

Dinner gala to support symphony

DOWNEY – The Downey Symphony Guild will hold its annual fundraising gala this Sunday, April 22, at Los Amigos Golf Course.

Admission is \$65. Social hour begins at 4:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 5:30. There will be a silent and live auction.

The guild made an \$11,000 donation to the Downey Symphony at its April 7 concert at the Downey Theatre.

"Usually the amount is more, however, we usually have our major fundraiser before the concert," guild board member Katie Hare explained to the audience. "This year, our annual gala is after the concert."

To make reservations or get more information about the gala, call Kate Hare at (562) 861-5807.

Church hosting breakfast to honor military personnel and veterans

DOWNEY – First Baptist Church of Downey will host a "Salute to the Armed Services" breakfast Saturday, April 28, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the gym.

Admission is \$5. Everyone is invited.

Guest speakers include Paul Reinhard of U.S. special forces and Joe Enriquez, a U.S. Marine sniper.

There will also be two special guests: WWII veterans Doc Ed Pepping, of Easy Company 101st Airborne, also known as Band of Brothers; and Lauren Bruner, who was aboard the battleship Arizona when it was attacked at Pearl Harbor.

Military vehicles will be on display courtesy of the Military Vehicle Club of Orange County.

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Downey YMCA adds go-karts to Battle of the Businesses competition

DOWNEY – The Downey YMCA's annual competition, Battle of the Businesses, will return June 26-30.

The week-long event pits local businesses and organizations against each other in friendly competitions. Money raised from the event benefits the Downey YMCA and its children's programs.

This year, participants will battle in 11 events: go-kart racing, miniature golf, bowling, volleyball, basketball shootout, ping pong, dodgeball, boat relay, Jenga, bean bag toss, and a main event team obstacle course.

Below is a full calendar schedule:

Tuesday, June 26

Golf N Stuff
Go-kart races (5:30 pm)
Miniature golf (6 pm)

Friday, June 29

Downey YMCA
Basketball Shootout (5 pm)
Ping Pong (6 pm)
Dodgeball (6:30 pm)

Wednesday, June 27

Del Rio Lanes
Bowling (6 pm)

Saturday, June 30

Downey YMCA
Boat relay (9 am)
Jenga (10 am)
Bean bag toss (10 am)
Main event obstacle course (12 pm)

Thursday, June 28

Warren High School
Volleyball (6 pm)

Registration for businesses and organization is \$500 for a team of 10, and includes t-shirts. Deadline to register is June 1.

To sign-up, or for more information, email Raul Pineda at raulpineda@ymca.org. Sponsorships are also available.

Sue Phillips Memorial Fundraiser returns Saturday

DOWNEY – The 12th Annual Sue Phillips Memorial Fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 21, at 6 p.m. at the Downey Masonic Lodge.

Proceeds from the fundraiser go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

The event will feature a bingo, dinner, silent auction and opportunity drawing. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society and support the One Hope Too team. The cost of the event is \$20 per person.

Longtime Downey residents Howard Phillips, Malia Phillips, Stephanie Medlin, Brenda Warner, Ryan and Alicia Edquist will be participating in the Relay for Life Pico Rivera with One Hope Too team.

The team hosts the fundraiser in honor of Howard Phillips late wife Susan Phillips, who passed away from Breast Cancer in 2002.

For more information or to RSVP, go to <https://www.facebook.com/SuePhillipsMemorialFundraiser>

The fundraiser is in memory of Susan Phillips, who lost her battle with breast cancer in 2002. Sue was active in Downey PTA, West Downey Little League, Job's Daughter's and Warren High Band Boosters. She also taught Tot Time for the City of Downey.

Mayor's Corner: Spring and summertime events in Downey

► Downey parks and facilities preparing for summer events; learn more at a summer expo this Saturday.

**By Sean Ashton
Mayor of Downey**

Hello Downey,

With spring and summer just around the corner, City Hall has been working diligently to deliver educational and fun activities to our community. The Parks & Recreation Department, the Downey City Library and the Columbia Memorial Space Center have planned programs and events with the goal to create meaningful and educational experiences.

On April 21 the Parks and Recreation Department will host its First Annual Summer Expo from noon to 3 pm at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center. There, staff will showcase upcoming summer programs and be on hand to answer any questions. Registration and payments will be taken on site.

As part of the city's continued commitment to improve our parks, the Independence Park Sport Field Lighting Improvement Project is scheduled to commence on Monday, April 16. Installation of new sport field lighting will take about two months to complete. A section of the parking lot will be closed off to allow for storage of temporary materials.

Two of our city parks already have their new lighting installed and we will be celebrating the completion of these two projects with a dual ribbon cutting event on Wednesday, April 25. First event will take place at 4 pm at Furman Park and then immediately following a second event at 4:30 pm at Apollo Park. All are welcome to attend!

National Library Week falls in April. To celebrate, the Downey City Library has invited authors and other guests to read to patrons of all ages. Other activities the

library has planned are Family Game Nights, Teen Zone events, and Baby/Toddler story times. Libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and our librarians and library staff continue to fuel efforts to better our community. I encourage all residents to visit the library and explore what's new.

Also this month we celebrate the City of STEM Science Festival. I had the honor to join Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti and Bill Nye, The Science Guy at the official launch of the month-long festival on the steps of Los Angeles City Hall.

The Columbia Memorial Space Center has coordinated at least one STEM event nearly each day in the month of April happening at various locations all over the region. And all eyes will be on Downey on April 28th as we hold the culminating festival here at the Space Center with over two dozen industries, educational and civic organizations participating. The event will be from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information please visit cityofstem.org.

This year's student contest is titled "If I Were Mayor". The contest is open to all students kindergarten to twelfth grades who live or attend schools in the City of Downey. I encouraged all students to submit their ideas on how to make our City

Mayor Sean Ashton and Ben Dickow, executive director of Columbia Memorial Space Center.

Photo courtesy city of Downey



a better place to live. Entries may be an essay, artwork or a photograph. Winners will be recognized with an official city certificate by the Mayor and the City Council at a City Council Meeting.

Nominations are still open for the Mayor's Downey DNA Award. The Mayor's Downey DNA Award recognizes individuals and businesses which through their actions have demonstrated extraordinary leadership and exceptional service in an effort to make our community and world a better place. Winners will receive special recognition at a City Council meeting.

Lastly, this Saturday at 8 am, CalMet Services, Inc., the City's waste hauler, will be providing

Downey residents with free mulch at the Civic Center parking. Residents may receive up to 32 gallons of mulch but must bring their own containers.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

**Sean Ashton
Mayor**

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Gregory Salcido had porn on his school computer, investigation finds

PICO RIVERA – Gregory Salcido, the former Pico Rivera teacher who came under fire earlier this year for making disparaging remarks about the U.S. military inside his classroom, had pornographic images on his school computer, an investigation revealed.



Gregory Salcido

The images were discovered after El Rancho Unified School District launched an investigation following Salcido's anti-military remarks, which were recorded by a student and posted online.

Salcido was fired by the school district March 21, although Salcido is appealing the decision. He remains a member of the Pico Rivera city council.

The investigation was conducted by Steve Hummel of Paradox Technology. According to a report, Hummel interviewed students, parents, teachers, counselors, administrators and Salcido as part of the investigation, and conducted a forensic analysis of Salcido's school computer.

The computer analysis reportedly turned up images of nude women and an image of a young boy pulling on a sumo wrestler's "thong-like garment."

Students also told investigators that Salcido made inappropriate remarks in the classroom, including that it should not be illegal to download child pornography; that students had the right to kill themselves, and that Salcido would kill everyone in the classroom if it meant protecting his family.

In addition, the investigation revealed that Salcido cursed at students, used racial slurs towards students, used corporal punishment by making students do push-ups or squats, and left campus during the school day, against his contractual requirements.

Multiple students told the investigator that Salcido frequently told them to "shut the f--- up" and told a female student she was "acting like a b----."

In a statement, Salcido denied the allegations, saying, "My pending appeal to the state serves as a clear indication of my disagreement with the motivation, method and contents of the district's investigations."

Cerritos files lawsuit challenging new Artesia development

► A development project that calls for 130 condominiums along with restaurants and shops would negatively impact traffic in Cerritos, the city contends in a lawsuit.

ARTESIA – The City of Cerritos has filed a lawsuit against the City of Artesia and Artesia City Council challenging the Artesia City Council's approval of the Artesia Live II development. The petition was filed in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Central District.

The Artesia City Council approved Artesia Live II, a mixed-use development proposed by Cornerstone Artesia Development, LLC, at its March 12, 2018 meeting.

Artesia Live II is planned to be constructed at 18600 Gridley Road. The development would consist of a seven-story building measuring 85 feet in height to accommodate 130 residential condominium units, 3,605 square feet of retail use and a 20,211 square foot restaurant, all on an existing property of 1.3 acres.

The City of Cerritos' concerns about the Artesia Live II project relate to significant project impacts on surrounding residential and commercial uses, including traffic, traffic circulation, parking, privacy and aesthetics.

Among the city's concerns

detailed in the lawsuit are:

- The Traffic Impact Analysis pertaining to the project's impact on the intersection at Gridley Road and 186th Street does not accurately reflect projected traffic volumes due to the use of outdated impact assessment methodologies and software.

- The potential modification of the existing center median on Gridley Road is not acceptable to the City of Cerritos.

- The proposed drop-off lane on Gridley Road immediately to the west of the project area would create significant traffic conflicts between vehicles exiting the drop-off area and vehicles traveling northbound on Gridley Road, thereby increasing the probability for traffic accidents to occur.

- The height of the development will have a significant visual, aesthetic and privacy impact on adjacent residential and commercial uses. The seven-story building is not compatible or comparable with the existing one- and two-story residential and commercial developments found in the surrounding area.

- The number of on-site parking stalls provided for the project is significantly deficient. This could likely cause patrons and residents of Artesia Live II who are unable to find parking on-site to be forced to utilize off-site parking in adjacent arterial and residential streets as well as at commercial sites in the City of Artesia and the City of Cerritos, including the Los Cerritos Center.

Cerritos' petition seeks an injunction preventing the City of Artesia from carrying out the project; a rescission of the all project approvals; compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and development consistent with the Artesia General Plan and State Planning and Zoning Law.

The petition also seeks an award of attorneys' fees and costs.

Cerritos submitted extensive written comments outlining its concerns to the City of Artesia throughout the project review



A proposed development at 18600 Gridley Road in Artesia would include 130 condominiums, a 20,000 sq. ft. restaurant, and retail shops.

Cerritos is objecting to the project, saying it lacks sufficient parking and would create traffic problems.

process, but those concerns were not addressed, city officials said.

Cerritos Mayor Grace Hu said, "While the City of Cerritos looks forward to the future development of the property at 18600 Gridley Road, the project as approved by the City of Artesia has significant

issues that need to be addressed. "The City of Cerritos remains concerned about the traffic, parking and privacy and aesthetic impacts that the project is likely to have on residents and businesses of both Artesia and Cerritos."



CRIME REPORT

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

At 5:15 p.m., officers responded to a robbery at a residence on the 10700 block of New Street. A male and female suspect entered the residence by kicking in the front door. Once inside, the male suspect punched the resident and threatened to stab him with a knife. The suspects fled the location with the victim's backpack containing a camera. Detectives are investigating.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

At 7:00 a.m., Police Corporal Jose Barajas, in full uniform, participated in the City Of Los Angeles Run To Remember Race. The Run to Remember pays tribute to fallen first responders who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Corporal Barajas ran the race in honor of fallen Downey Police Officer Ricardo "Ricky" Galvez. The course spanned 13.1 miles.

At 11:50 p.m., officer located a wanted vehicle at Woodruff Avenue and Firestone Boulevard. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

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Thank you, Mrs. Bush

By Tom Rosshirt

My brother Matt died of AIDS 26 years ago today, passing away in his bed in my parents' home in Houston.

It was a benighted time for people with AIDS. There were no antiretrovirals then. There was nothing much you could do for an AIDS patient but hold his hand. And many people still thought you could get AIDS by touching. My parents knew of individuals who'd been fired from their jobs for volunteering for AIDS organizations. That's how crazy the fear was.

As Matt was dying, we were befriended by a man named Lou Tesconi, a volunteer from the local AIDS organization. Lou came by to visit with Matt and to offer whatever service and kindness he could to my mom and dad.

Shortly after Matt died, Lou began studies to become a Catholic priest. Within the year, he was diagnosed with AIDS and kicked out of the seminary. Lou was a lawyer by training and temperament. He appealed the judgment to a Catholic bishop, who then asked Lou to found and head a ministry for people with AIDS. It was called Damien Ministries and was established in a poor part of Washington, D.C.

In early 1989, when the country was still very ignorant and fearful of AIDS, Lou got a call from the White House. First lady Barbara Bush was planning to visit Grandma's House, a home for infants with AIDS. It was one of the very first outings in her tenure as first lady, and Lou was asked to join a team of people to brief her privately before the event.

During the briefing, Lou told me later, he said: "Mrs. Bush, it is a fantastic thing that you are holding these babies with AIDS. But the country sees them as innocent and the rest of us with AIDS as guilty. The whole suffering AIDS community needs a collective embrace from you today."

Lou thought he was speaking metaphorically. Apparently, Mrs. Bush doesn't do metaphor. She stood up, walked over to Lou and gave him a big hug.

After the briefing, Mrs. Bush took a tour of the facility as she talked to the press. She hugged, kissed and played with three little girls and then nailed the message: "You can hug and pick up babies and people who have ... HIV. ... There is a need for compassion."

At the news conference afterward, Lou stood by his point on Mrs. Bush's visit: "I'm afraid that it may send a message that babies are innocent

and can be helped," he said, "but that the rest of us aren't." He added: "I told her it would certainly help to get a collective hug from the first lady."

Then, again, this time in front of the cameras, Mrs. Bush wrapped Lou up in a big embrace.

Mrs. Bush wrote of this visit in her memoirs. She noted that "even then, people still thought that touching a person with the virus was dangerous." But she didn't give herself any credit for dealing a blow against stigma by embracing a gay man with AIDS in 1989.

Lou had a buzz from that hug that never went away.

In the fall of 1991, near Thanksgiving, I got a call from a friend that Lou had gone into the hospital again. He didn't have to tell me that it was for the last time. I called the White House and asked whether I could speak to the first lady's office. I was a nobody press secretary on the Hill. I didn't expect anyone in the White House to talk to me. Suddenly, I was speaking with the first lady's press secretary, Anna Perez, who had accompanied Mrs. Bush to Grandma's House that day. I began to recount the events of two years before, and she saved me the time: "I remember Mr. Tesconi," she said. I explained Lou's condition and said, "It would be so comforting for him to receive a letter from Mrs. Bush."

A few days later, I went to see Lou in the hospital. As soon as he saw me, he reached beside his bed with a slow and shaky hand and pulled out a letter: "Look what I got," he said.

The letter was unflinching and full of love. She didn't duck the issue that Lou was dying. She used it as a pivot to say, "Well-done." At the bottom, in her own hand, she wrote to Lou that his life mattered, that he had made an impact.

That was a long time ago. But some things you don't forget -- and shouldn't. In a time of ignorance, her wise touch eased the sting of exclusion for my friend and many others.

Thank you, Mrs. Bush.

Tom Rosshirt was a national security speechwriter for President Bill Clinton and a foreign affairs spokesman for Vice President Al Gore. This column originally published June 2012.



Downey's lack of planning

Dear Editor:

I, too, share frustration with the City of Downey's (lack of) planning. Everywhere I go, I can point to "developments" and "projects", both large and small, which have at least one essential flaw.

In many cases, the developments either fail to create opportunities, or actually "develop" Downey in the wrong direction. Here are several examples:

The KB development on Paramount. This an eyesore in the making. It is stylistically bleak, intrudes on the sidewalk, has no greenspace, and creates traffic, water, school, and other demands on city services and infrastructure. How could it have been done better? Well, it could have been required to have a reasonable setback so that a "green screen" could be planted to help protect the owners from noise and pollution from Paramount Boulevard and cool down the dwellings so that the residents don't need to use so much electricity, and it could have included more amenities such as a playground and a walkway and common space, but thinking outside of the box: A 117-townhome development - which could mean as many as 500 residents - should be a candidate for mixed-use planning.

What would be so terrible about making space for a coffee shop, a small restaurant, convenience store, and a community garden and greenspace for the residents? Yes, it would have reduced the amount of money that KB could have sold as residences, but it would also have reduced the number of cars being driven to and from the complex for those "quick trips" which are - inconveniently- out of walking distance for the residents, and it would have reduced the amount of traffic on Paramount.

By the way, doesn't Downey have a traffic mitigation plan? If it does, I fail to see it in action. Anywhere. Also, not having driven through the complex, I don't know whether there is space set aside for guest parking, but all well-planned complexes have spaces for guest parking, and this is especially important in Downey, where parking is such a problem.

The "Village Walk" development. Yes, this is prettier than the horror on Paramount, its sidewalks and landscaping invite a few walks, but I don't see any provision whatsoever for guest parking. Did the development company and the City of Downey imagine that people living here have no friends or family who might, on occasion, like to visit? There should be at least 10% extra parking spaces.

The recently developed retail space. The city's financial reports find that city revenues are highly concentrated in retail and services. But economic projections indicate that retail space is overbuilt, and malls across the region are hollowing out as big-box stores like Sears and Macy's implode. It looks as if Downey is committed to following a downward trend.

I know that Downey did try to diversify this space by wooing Tesla Motors (it may be a blessing in disguise that we didn't become one of their locations) but the question still remains: How can we develop Downey in a more balanced fashion, one which doesn't depend on retail and "development" to generate revenues?

Well, some cities have large entertainment complexes, others have microbreweries or hot sauces. In our case, we have the historic NASA facilities. It's great that we have a museum about those efforts, but what about something forward-looking? The site includes the old office buildings- has anyone thought of developing this into a nascent community college?

The "pedestrian-friendly" lights along Lakewood Boulevard. I know it was the fashion to install lights over sidewalks, and not just for streets, but has anyone looked at the miles and miles of Lakewood Boulevard where this lighting was installed? Nobody walks there. There is no place to walk from, or to. It was a waste of money and effort.

"Bike routes" with no bike lanes.

The continued destruction of historic homes, and the allowance of oversized McMansions on split lots, which morph the character of our neighborhoods from family-friendly homes to statements of wealth. If Downey were on a mission to crush any charm that the city might have had out of existence, they're doing a fine job. Ultimately, the less desirable a city, the lower the property values.

And finally, the lack of parks - noted by a recent LA County study - which deserves a whole letter of its own.

What these examples point to is a lack of overall vision for our city. There doesn't seem to be any recognition that the city, its residents, and finances, will still be living thirty years hence with the consequences of decisions made today.

Frankly, I don't know what's driving these haphazard decisions. Is it the pressure of coming up with a balanced city budget each year? Are these developments shining bright dollar signs into the eyes of the planners and City Council? Is the city too financially strapped to avail themselves of a good city architect, and too insular to consult with urban planners who will take traffic mitigation, urban heat, economic forecasts, population growth, and other long-term factors into account?

I may be wrong, but I'm sensing a growing frustration with the traffic, ugliness, and irritations that the City of Downey increasingly presents to its residents.

Joan Niertit Downey

Thank you, Downey

Dear Editor:

I read all the political stories in the Opinion section, the angry resident complaining about someone else, the "they should do this" stories people write, but I wanted to take a moment and thank the City of Downey.

I was born in Downey over 50 years ago, grew up in one house on Guatemala Avenue, next to the riverbed where me and my brothers would ride mini-bikes, catch snakes, catfish, pollywogs, you name it. I attended Maude Price, Griffiths and graduated in '86 from Warren High.

I bought my first house in Downey and both of my children were born there as well. I got to experience Downey as my hometown. A great place to grow up, to learn, to experience community and a city that had it all for me growing up.

All of my neighbors were (and still are) great people. They were our friends and could be counted on day in and day out. All of my teachers were wonderful educators; Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Reagle, Mrs. Drawbond, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Soultter, Mrs. Huey, Principal Cosgrove, Mrs. Morris, Ms. Lavernia, Coach Cunningham, and on and on into high school, with my favorite being Mrs. Lords. Wonderful people that took the time to educate, guide and shape the lives of the young people coming through their classes.

Business owners from Russell's Bike Shop where I got my first bike, A's BBQ at Florence and Paramount, Pina Pizza, Beyrooty's Burger Bar, Marmac's, John Riley's Swimming Pool / Dive Shop where I learned to swim, Downey Archery Lanes where I spent countless hours racing my slot car, Dr. St. George who kept my teeth straight, all were/are outstanding to deal with and treated me with kindness and respect.

The parks were great as well. I spent a lot of time at Furman Park with friends and family. At Treasure Island Park playing on the ship and at Wilderness Park with the museum and live bee hive in the wall.

Due to work and life itself, I no longer live in Downey but still follow the happenings and consider it my hometown. Wonderful memories of people and places that shaped my life in a positive way, and for that Downey, I thank you.

Troy Henshaw Orange County

Is the Supreme Court ready to rule on internet sales taxes (again)?

By Veronique de Rugy

If you think internet companies aren't paying any taxes on online sales and that's killing bricks-and-mortar retailers and states' budgets, you, my friend, have been duped. Nothing could be further from the truth. The internet isn't a tax-free zone, nor is the lack of revenue the issue with state budgets. There is, however, a battle about whether state and local governments should be allowed to collect taxes from out-of-state companies.

A 1992 Supreme Court decision (Quill Corp. v. North Dakota) reaffirmed a previous decision that a business must have a significant presence in a state before that state can require it to collect sales taxes. That means a mother selling handcrafted goods on Etsy doesn't have to collect sales taxes from her consumers unless they are physically located in her state.

However, Amazon collects sales taxes from customers in all 45 states that have a statewide sales tax because of its vast distribution network.

Most state lawmakers want to see Quill overturned, allowing them to force out-of-state companies to collect sales taxes on their behalf. This argument was just heard by the Supreme Court in the case of South Dakota v. Wayfair Inc. If the states were to win, they would be able to reach into the pockets of that mom selling her paintings on Etsy, even though she may live on the other side of the country, didn't elect other states' officials and never agreed to those states' tax laws.

More tragically for consumers, tax competition among states would also be lost if Quill were overturned. Under the new regime, online consumers — no matter where they shop or what they buy — would lose the ability to shop around for a better tax system. Without the competitive pressure and the fear of losing consumers to lower-tax states, lawmakers would not feel the need to try to rein in their sales tax burden.

It's that pressure, which limits their tax grabbing abilities, that these lawmakers resent and want the Supreme Court to put an end to.

Some of them probably hope that more revenue would alleviate the need to put their financial house in order. They would be wrong. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, 33 states faced shortfalls in fiscal 2017 and/or fiscal 2018, even though revenue collection has been growing in most states. That's because the more states collect in revenue the more they spend.

Besides, states are overestimating the revenue they'd get from the taxes. Internet sales are still a small share of overall sales, and taxing them wouldn't make much difference. According to a 2017 report by the Government Accountability Office, online sales represent less than 10

percent of retail sales. Also, the 100 biggest online retailers already tax roughly 90 percent of their sales. Desperate lawmakers shouldn't expect to collect any more than 2 to 4 percent of total state and local government tax revenues this way, according to the GAO, were Quill to be reversed.

A reversal would, however, jack up compliance costs for small online retailers, which, unlike Amazon, tend to have razor-thin profit margins. Imagine suddenly having to enforce taxes for the nation's 12,000 tax-collecting jurisdictions.

Talking to NPR on the morning of the South Dakota v. Wayfair hearing, a Republican state senator from South Dakota, Deb Peters, laughed at the notion that anyone would get hurt. According to her, free software provided to online retailers by the majority of desperate states would make that cost zero. This is questionable. As an eBay representative noted on NPR in response that morning, "in Minnesota, blankets are taxable, but baby receiving blankets are not taxable. In Texas, deodorant is taxable, but deodorant that has an antiperspirant is not."

Tax software isn't that precise, and compliance would still have to be handled on a case-by-case basis. Repeat this for thousands of items and compliance is definitely not "free."

There is a lot to be lost in the Wayfair case. If Quill were to be overturned, compliance costs could skyrocket for many retailers, and good principles of taxation would be thrown out the window. Healthy tax competition is at stake. Let's hope the highest court in the land makes the right decision.

Veronique de Rugy is a senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University.

Disappointing promenade

Dear Editor:

I like the idea of the Downey Promenade, but I take issue with its design. As Lawrence Christon pointed out, it is an eyesore and does not belong in Downey. It does not even meet the definition of what the word promenade means: a paved public walk, typically one along a waterfront at a resort.

This could still be fixed before it is too late.

What the planners should have envisioned was something maybe like Downtown Disney, or even the Irvine Spectrum. In both of these cases, you get out of your car and have to walk to your destinations. While you are walking, you have the opportunity to see performances, window shop, get ice cream and maybe coffee, sit on benches, meet up with friends before going to dine. It is a much more aesthetically pleasing environment than the sprawling shopping center we have today.

Another Idea that could still be implemented is to look at another project from Irvine, that is also used in San Jose. In Irvine, it is across the street from the Spectrum, called Irvine Village, in San Jose it is called Santa Ana Row. This is a mixed-use area, the ground floors are shopping, restaurants, bars, the upper floors are luxury apartment homes and condos.

The main point to both of these examples is that the shopping experience is combined with a feeling of getting out to meet people, and walk around, not pull into one parking spot, then get back in my car to go to another store, then do the same again, and that is what our current "promenade" is.

There is still time to fix this, there is still empty space along Bellflower Boulevard to create a parking structure, and start to tear out the current parking lots to build in Promenades, so that people park once and then walk around.

The mixed-use examples can also be built on those parking lots too, and that would help with housing issues in Downey, as well as making a nice place to shop and live.

Let us stop using viable spaces in Downey to build more urban sprawl, instead let us think ahead and build nice things that draw people outside of Downey to us to spend their money. We are circled by all the major freeway systems, that makes Downey a fantastic place to live and work, just stop building ugly projects.

Chris Angulo-Bertram Downey

The Downey Patriot

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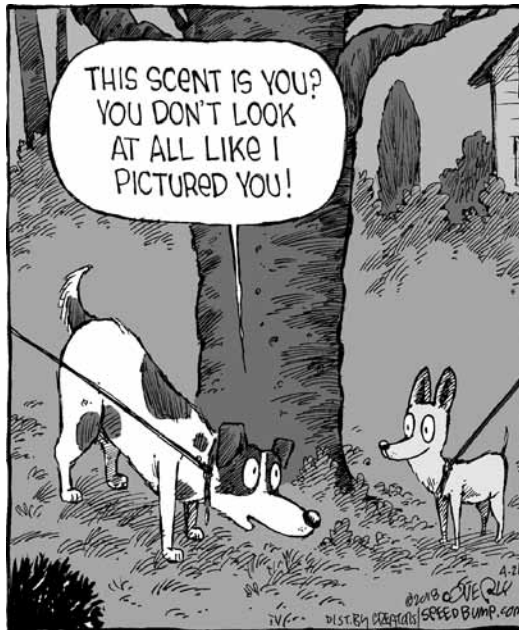
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

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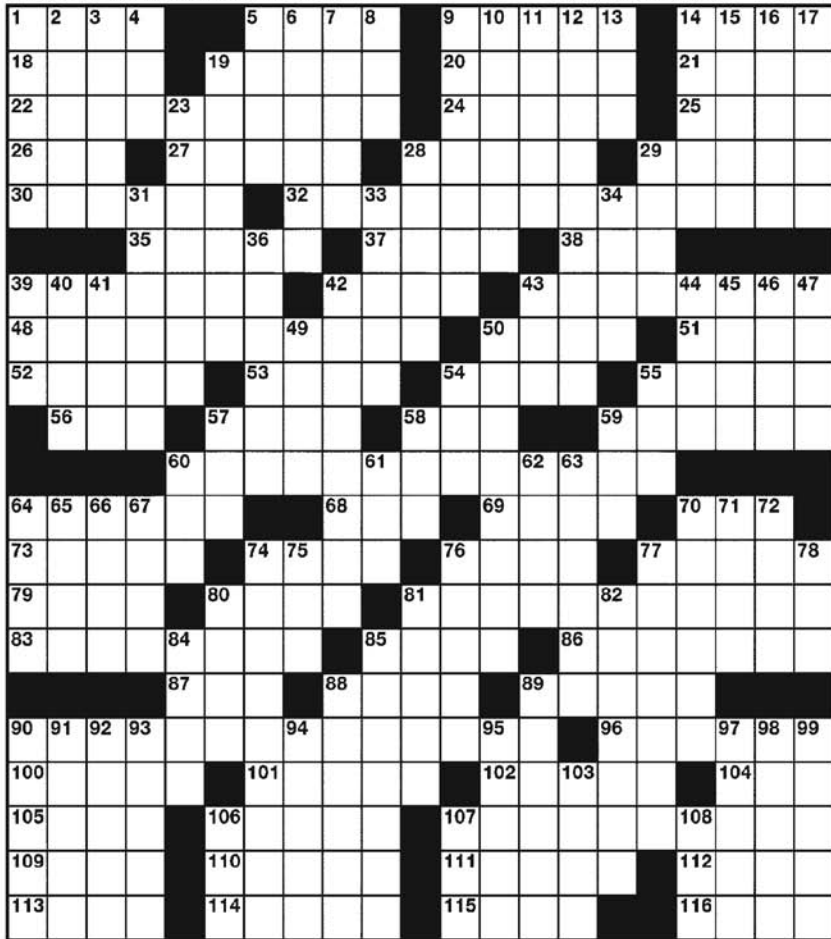
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Downey couple honored for work in the community

DOWNEY – Downey couple Ricardo Perez and Maria Torres were each honored last week for their contributions to the Downey community.

Perez, who is a civil litigation attorney with a law office in Downey, received the Downey Mayor's DNA Award for outstanding volunteerism, selflessness, extraordinary leadership and exceptional service in an effort to make the community of Downey a better place to live.

Torres received the Soroptimist International of Downey Women of Distinction Award, which acknowledges women who work to improve the lives of women and girls through personal or professional activities. These efforts help to promote the issues that are important to the Soroptimist organization. Honorees are women who have worked in extraordinary ways to benefit women and girls.

While Perez focuses his work on personal injury and civil rights cases, he also performs extensive pro bono work. Perez is active in the Downey community, working with the Warren High School Ideas Club, organizing free legal fairs and citizenship clinics, and supporting Downey Art Vibe, which oversees Stay Gallery, where he served for many years on the Board of Directors.

Through his attorney work, Perez has litigated and settled numerous high profile cases. Most recently, Perez worked to secure the release of Marco Contreras, an innocent man who was wrongfully convicted of attempted murder, sentenced to life in prison, but was finally released after over 20 years of incarceration.

Perez was born in Mexico and brought into the United States as a child. Perez held no legal immigration status for much of his life before finally obtaining U.S. citizenship while in law school. As a result, Perez worked with Torres and co-founded Ferias Legales, a non-profit organization devoted to bringing free legal resources to the underserved communities as well as providing student programming aimed at increasing diversity in the legal community.

Perez is a graduate of Bell Gardens High School, UCLA, and Loyola Law School. Perez moved to Downey while in college and has lived in Downey for most of his adult life. He serves on the boards of directors for multiple organizations, including the Rio Hondo College's Pathway to Law School Program where he serves as co-chair and serves as president of the local UCLA Alumni Association known as the Southeast Bruins.

Maria Dolores Torres, or "Marilyn," as she is known to close friends and family, was born in Zacatecas, Mexico and migrated to Los Angeles as a child with her parents and five sisters.

Torres' mother worked as a seamstress and her father a dishwasher to care for Torres and her sisters. They taught her to always be responsible,

Ricardo Perez and Maria Torres each received separate awards last week for their contributions in the Downey community.

Perez was awarded Mayor's DNA Award while Torres received the Women of Distinction Award from Soroptimist International of Downey.

The couple is pictured outside Downey City Hall.



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.

During the course of her enrollment in the Clinical Program she became involved in the Child and Adolescent Assessment Clinic where she provided diagnostic psychometric assessments and evaluations of children referred for suspected Learning Disability/Dyslexia, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder, and their associated learning and behavioral issues.

For nearly 12 years, Torres has worked in the non profit sector. She worked particularly close with attorneys and judges in her role as the executive administrator for a legal non-profit organization. Feeling that a need existed in the community for more consistent access to free legal resources, Torres worked with Perez to establish a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization known as Ferias Legales (Spanish for "Legal Fairs").

Through Ferias Legales, Torres has ensured the delivery of services to women. As a former victim advocate in the family violence division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, she launched the first

Ferías Legales "Break the Cycle: A Free Domestic Violence Clinic" where battered women obtained free assistance with legal, mental health, and victims services.

More broadly, Ferías Legales has provided free legal services to underserved communities. Overwhelmingly, the recipients of these services have been women.

In her capacity as executive director of Ferías Legales, 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 in various sites. Many of these students are young women and Torres stresses to them the importance of "paying it forward" to other young girls and women in the community through legal clinics and volunteer opportunities.

Due to her work in in the community, Torres was named to the Downey Patriot's "40 under 40" young leaders in 2017.

Downey Patriot earns 3 awards in journalism competition

DOWNEY – Downey's own community newspaper, The Downey Patriot, took home three awards in a statewide journalism competition.

Winners were announced Saturday at a gala luncheon in Sonoma, Calif.

The journalism contest is sponsored annually by the California Newspaper Publishers Association and includes newspapers of all sizes from throughout the state.

The Patriot competed in categories against other weekly newspapers.

Staff writer Alex Dominguez took home third place in the Breaking News category for his story titled "Downey resident escapes Vegas attack with minor injuries."

The article chronicled a Downey woman's narrow escape from last October's deadly mass shooting at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas. Fifty-eight people were killed.

"This is a harrowing story succinctly told, which is notable because accomplishing such a feat with such a widely reported subject covered from countless angles isn't easy," judges wrote in their comments. "That the victim's mental anguish in the aftermath of the Las Vegas shooting was addressed is commendable & humanizing."

Downey resident and Patriot contributor Lawrence Christon won second place in the Best Writing category for his piece titled "Searching for Jerry Baxter."

The essay chronicled the mysterious life of Jerry Baxter, a homeless tennis player at Furman Park. When Baxter stopped showing up for tennis matches, Christon called the L.A. County Coroner and discovered that Baxter had died of metastatic head cancer.

No one had claimed Baxter's body, which was cremated.

In the same Best Writing category, editor Eric Pierce was named a finalist for his feature story on Dr. Mary Stauffer on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

The article revealed details about Dr. Stauffer's early life and her transition from medical doctor to philanthropist.

"I'm extremely proud of the Patriot staff for their hard work and commitment to high journalistic standards, week in and week out," said Patriot editor Eric Pierce. "We work hard to produce a newspaper the Downey community can trust, enjoy and be proud of."

The Downey Patriot began publication in 2002. It prints 25,000 copies weekly, delivered to Downey homes and businesses.

Jennifer DeKay is owner and publisher of the Patriot.

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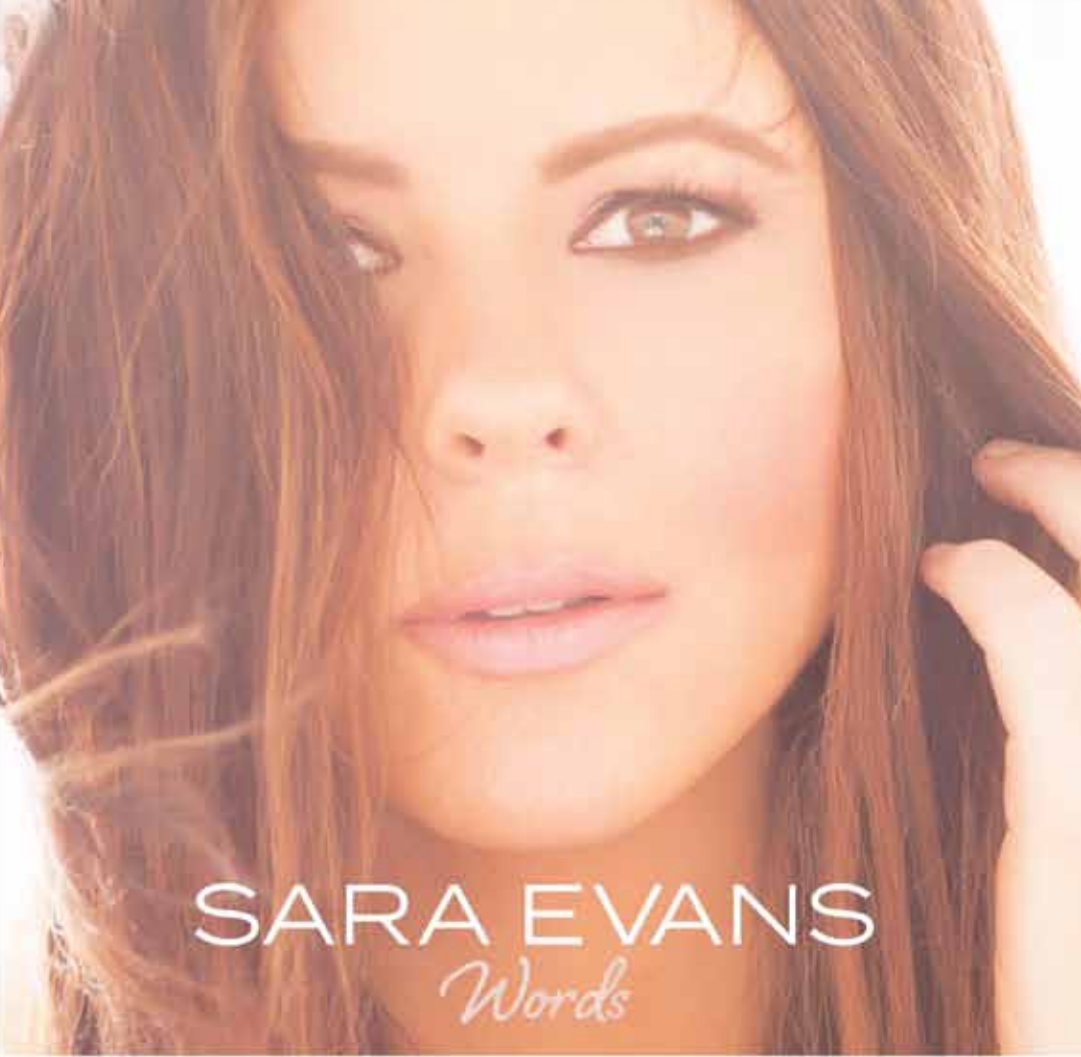
Police officer, firefighter of the year

On Tuesday, the Downey Police and Fire Foundation honored its police officer and firefighter of the year recipients: Cpl. Ed Hano of the Downey Police Department and Capt. David Holcombe of the Downey Fire Department.

Below are pictures from the ceremony, held at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Photos by Claudia Gomez.



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Downey Theatre to 'take a chance' on ABBA show

DOWNEY – Marie-Claire Follett was a teenager in London looking for a singing job when she auditioned for a spot in an ABBA tribute band.

She got the gig all right, and something else — a career.

"I was just a singer looking for a job, and it's kind of become my life's work," Follett says.

She isn't complaining. That's because she and her husband Andy Marshall, who's also her partner in the ensemble known as The ABBA Show, now have three casts of the show. Two are in Europe — including one in the original group's native Sweden — and one that works in the United States.

It's Follett's California-based group that will perform the music of the wildly popular and totally enigmatic pop group on Sunday, July 9 at Downey Theatre at 7 pm.

Follett says people who aren't familiar with the music of ABBA, simply because they didn't live through the ABBA hey day between 1974 and 1982, have no clue that people around the world continue to worship the band, which hasn't performed together in 35 years.

"They're still absolutely huge in Europe," Follett says.

"In fact, when we were living in London, we were one of 100 ABBA tribute bands. The music continues to be huge with all the generations. They sold 600 million records, and they're still selling millions today, even though they haven't recorded in over 30 years. It's quite remarkable."

Follett says she's seen the band's multi-generational appeal every time she, her husband and their two stage mates step into the spotlight.

"We have people in our audience who are 6 years old who know all the words (to ABBA songs)," she explains.

The ABBA Show is more than just four singers performing the songs of ABBA. This is one of those rare tribute shows where acting the part is every bit as important as sounding like the original group.

Follett portrays ABBA's Frida Lyngstad. Besides her husband, who plays Bjorn Ulvaeus in the show, the other members of the American cast include Natalie Eaton as Agnetha Faltskog and Jim Bob McGuinness as Benny Andersson.

"When my husband and I moved to California (from Europe), we picked up the new cast members for the (American) cast. They were from California, so they taught us how to surf, and we taught them Swedish accents," she says with a big laugh.

Tickets to The ABBA Show can be purchased at the Downey Theatre box office or online at downeytheatre.org.

Cocina Distrito brings modern, upscale Mexican cuisine to Downey

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Cocina Distrito is the newest endeavor of former Mayor Kirk Cartozian and business partners Adrian Amosa and Mark Brown, who already have already claimed a piece of Downey's culinary market.

"Our team opened up Gaucho Grill in May 2016," said Cartozian. "We're restaurant and real estate guys, and we've had a good little run there; Gaucho is doing well."

The new restaurant, located at 12056 Paramount Boulevard, stands in the former location of the once longstanding Italian restaurant Salvatores Pasta House that was eventually sold and turned into Corleone Restaurant. The location has remained closed for several years since Corleone's departure.

Cartozian says that when the opportunity to purchase the location came, the team decided a full renovation was needed.

"None of this was here," said Cartozian, referring to the open space, bar, and patio. "We have a really good architectural firm that we work with... We want to open this up, we want to bring in skylights. We want to redesign the entire space... we felt that an upscale modern Mexican Restaurant could do well in Downey."

It opened in the last week of December.

"We're on the same kind of trajectory as Gaucho," said Cartozian. "The first six months there's a lot of logistical things; you're modifying, you're changing kitchen stuff, bar stuff... we're real excited about it, it's been a good start."



Cartozian says that Cocina Distrito honors all the different states of Mexico.

"We're really honoring all 31 states in Mexico and the capital Distrito Federal," said Cartozian. "It's all across Mexico... No Mexican would come and say 'oh yeah, this is from my hometown.'"

"In addition to tacos which is across the board, we've got moles, ceviches, fish, steak, octopus, tortilla soup... we have a molcajete, which other restaurants do well but people really love ours."

The venue features a bar with various cocktails, as well as an extensive tequila and mescal collection.

The restaurant also has a live entertainment permit from the city, however Cartozian has said that the restaurant has worked to be a good neighbor to nearby residents.

"We don't do horns or anything too loud," said Cartozian. "We traverse around the circumference of the property to make sure we're not causing any impact. We haven't had any major issues."

The property on which Cocina Distrito sits is admittedly a bit off the beaten path as compared to Gaucho Grill and the team's upcoming Avenue Theater project, however Cartozian remains positive that residents will still come.

"A few restaurants have done OK in this area. Tokyo Garden is probably the best example," said Cartozian. "[We're] Revving up on social media, really making sure we hone in on those loyal customers to have repeat visits. The other is we're going to be concentrating on more of a quick service at lunch. We're going to have fast take-out like signature fresh burritos that people can get and go for \$7 to \$9."

Cocina Distrito operates for lunch and dinner service, Sundays through Thursday from 11 am to 10 pm, and Fridays and Saturdays until midnight.

Kendrick Lamar wins Pulitzer Prize

Kendrick Lamar now has a Pulitzer Prize to go with all his Grammy Awards.

Lamar's "DAMN" was announced as the recipient of the prestigious award on Monday, a history-making first for a rap artist, as the music award is typically given to classical or jazz works.

The 2017 Pulitzer Prize for music went to "Angel's Bone," an opera by composer Du Yun.

"DAMN" is Lamar's fourth studio album and was released in April 2017.

Lamar's politically charged performance at the Grammy Awards in January won him wide praise.

"DAMN" picked up best rap album at the award show. His song "Humble" also picked up best rap performance, best rap song and best music video.

Pulitzer judges praised "DAMN" as a "virtuosic song collection unified by its vernacular authenticity and rhythmic dynamism that offers affecting vignettes capturing the complexity of modern African-American life."

Lamar, 30, was born in Compton on June 17, 1987. After writing stories as a child, he put to music some lyrics about the rough Compton streets he grew up on.

He rapped under the name K-Dot, releasing a series of increasingly popular mix tapes, which brought him to the attention of hip-hop super-producer Dr. Dre.

Lamar's debut major-label recording, good kid, m.A.A.d City, was released to great acclaim and impressive sales for an up-and-coming recording



Kendrick Lamar

artist.

He continued to receive accolades for his 2015 album, To Pimp a Butterfly, and his 2017 follow-up, "DAMN."

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Downey High softball ranked No. 40 in California

By Mark Fetter
Contributor

DOWNEY – The Downey High School softball team currently has an overall record of 15-5 and are 3-0 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

For their hard work this season, the Lady Vikings are currently ranked 40th in California and 1st in C.I.F. Division 4.

The Lady Vikings defeated Paramount at Downey, 10-1, on April 10, defeated Dominguez at Dominguez, 20-1, on April 12 and defeated Lynwood at Downey, 10-0, on Tuesday.

Downey was defeated by La Serna, 3-0, and defeated Santa Fe, 12-2, in non-league play at the La Mirada Tournament last Saturday.

Downey played cross-town rival Warren at Warren yesterday (score unavailable at press time) and will travel to Paramount to face the Lady Pirates next Thursday. The Lady Vikings will host Dominguez on May 1 and will travel to Lynwood to face the Lady Knights on May 3.

Downey will also be competing in the Brea-Olinda Tournament next weekend where they are scheduled to play a "To Be Determined" opponent and host school Brea-Olinda at 11 a.m.

Coach Ed Garcia, his staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play strong, competing for a league championship and making a deep run in the C.I.F. Division 4 playoffs.

Gahr and cross-town rival Warren are certainly the teams to watch out for in S.G.V.L. play. Things will definitely get interesting once these three teams play one another.

WARREN SOFTBALL: The Warren High School softball team currently has an overall record of 11-6 and are 2-1 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Bears defeated Lynwood at Warren, 16-0, on April 4 and defeated Paramount at Warren, 6-2, on April 12. Warren was defeated in a nail-biter at Gahr, 10-9, on Tuesday. The loss to Gahr on Tuesday was Warren's first league loss.

As of Wednesday, Downey is 3-0, Gahr is 3-0, Warren is 2-1, Paramount is 1-2, Lynwood is 0-3

and Dominguez is 0-3. Things will certainly tighten up once Downey, Gahr and Warren play one another.

Warren is currently ranked 112th in California and 17th in C.I.F. Division 2.

The Bears competed in the La Mirada Tournament last Saturday and defeated Chino in their first game 8-0 at 11 a.m. and defeated Bishop Amat, 11-2, in their second game at 3 p.m.

Warren hosted Downey at Warren yesterday in their much anticipated cross-town rivalry game (score unavailable at press time). The Bears will compete in the Thousand Oaks Tournament tomorrow against "To Be Determined" opponents and will return next Saturday for two more games.

The Bears will travel to Dominguez next Tuesday, will host La Serna at Warren next Wednesday and will travel to Lynwood to play the Lady Knights next Thursday.

Coach Starksen, her staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play strong, competing for a league title and making a deep run in postseason play.

WARREN HIGH BASEBALL: The Warren High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 16-5 and are 5-0 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Bears defeated Lynwood at Lynwood, 12-0, on April 10 and defeated Lynwood at Warren, 14-0, on April 13. Warren defeated Paramount at Warren, 7-3, on Tuesday and will play the Pirates later today at Paramount to complete their home and away series.

Warren swept a double header from Valley Christian at Valley Christian last Saturday, 13-7, in the first game and 7-0 in the second game.

The Bears will travel to Gahr next Tuesday and will host the Gladiators next Friday at Warren. Warren will host cross-town rival Downey at Warren on May 1 and will travel to Downey for their much anticipated second game on Friday, May 4.

The Bears will travel to Dominguez on May 8 and host the Dons on May 10 in their regular season finale.

Gahr is currently 5-0 in S.G.V.L. play, Warren is 4-0, Downey is 2-0, Paramount is 0-3, Dominguez is 0-2 and Lynwood is 0-4. Things will certainly heat up once the current frontrunners of Downey, Gahr and Warren start playing each other.

The Bears are currently ranked 225 in California and 20th in C.I.F. Division 3. Coach Pearson, his staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play strong, competing for a league championship and making a deep run in C.I.F. postseason play.

DOWNEY BOYS VOLLEYBALL: The Downey High School boys' volleyball team currently has an overall record of 15-3 and is 6-0 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Vikings defeated Warren at Warren 3-1 (33-35, 25-19, 25-19 and 25-22) on April 10, defeated Gahr at Gahr 3-0 (25-19, 25-23 and 25-17) on April 12 and defeated Paramount at Paramount 3-0 (25-13, 25-20 and 25-15) on Tuesday.

The Vikings hosted Dominguez at Downey yesterday (score unavailable at press time), will travel to Lynwood next Tuesday and will host cross-town rival Warren at Downey next Thursday in their rematch. Downey will conclude its regular season schedule when they host Gahr at Downey on May 1.

Downey is currently 6-0 in league play, Warren is 5-0, Gahr is 2-2, Paramount is 2-3, Lynwood is 2-5 and Dominguez is 0-5. Much will be determined when Downey and Warren play each other next Thursday at Downey. Downey currently has the inside track to the

league title but Warren can spoil that with a second round league win against the Vikings.

Coach McCarthy, his staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play strong and sweeping the season series against Warren.

The Vikings are currently ranked 71st in California and 4th in C.I.F. Division 3. The Bears are currently ranked 119th in California and 14th in C.I.F. Division 2. Things are certainly heating up in S.G.V.L. play.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOFTBALL: St. Joseph's junior varsity softball team rallied to beat Orange Lutheran, 10-9, on Tuesday.

Facing a two-run deficit entering the bottom of the seventh inning, the Jesters' Julia Magrini smacked a two-run double to tie the score at 9-9.

Magrini later advanced to third base. Then with one out, Coach Izzy made the gutsy call for a squeeze bunt.

Sophomore Alexis Serrano laid down the perfect bunt and Magrini raced home with the winning run for the Jesters.

APRIL 19 BIRTHDAYS



James Franco, actor, filmmaker and Golden Globe winner, turns 40.



Tim Curry
Actor
72



Suge Knight
Rap mogul
53



Maria Sharapova
Tennis Player
31

POETRY MATTERS

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.

Penny brothers host football camp in Norwalk

NORWALK – Big-name football is going to be a regular spring occurrence at Excelsior Stadium. That promise is courtesy of Elijah Penny and his family, a legacy Norwalk household that boasts a current NFL player and two former star college players.

Penny's nonprofit charity, the Two Cents Family Foundation, recently hosted its first annual Youth Football Camp at the landmark Norwalk stadium.

Hundreds of locals turned out for a chance to watch and learn from Penny, a running back for the Arizona Cardinals.

The free community goodwill event featured fitness and football technique sessions for participants from age five up to high-school level.

More than 300 boys along with a handful of girls attended the camp that took place on April 14.

"It was a great success. The

Penny family wanted to give back to the community they grew up in," said Eddie Moreno, a life sciences teacher at Norwalk High School.

Moreno coached three of the Penny brothers during their time playing football at the school. The eldest, Robert, who graduated in 2008, went on to play at the University of Mary in North Dakota.

The second eldest, Elijah, was a Lancer grad in 2011 and went pro after playing at Cerritos College and the University of Idaho. Rashaad, a 2014 grad, played at San Diego State and last season was the nation's top collegiate rushing leader.

A fourth brother, Brionne, played quarterback last season for the Lancers. A sister, Breonna, also attended Norwalk HS.

In addition to the coaching sessions, Penny family members, along with special guests David Johnson and Bronson Hill, running backs who also play for the

Cardinals, and Reggie Berry, a former Long Beach State and NFL player, spent time with attendees offering motivational tips and life goal messages.

Also on hand serving as event volunteers were Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District administrators and school site staff.

Most of the camp participants were from NLMUSD schools, but some came from La Habra, Bellflower and other nearby cities.

The camp provided pizzas, barbeque, sports drinks and each participant received a backpack and T-shirt.

The Penny family and NLMUSD officials are already preparing for the second camp in Spring 2019.

"And they're expecting it to be even bigger," said Moreno.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT FOR DOWNEY RESIDENTS

Saturday, April 21st, 8 a.m. to Noon



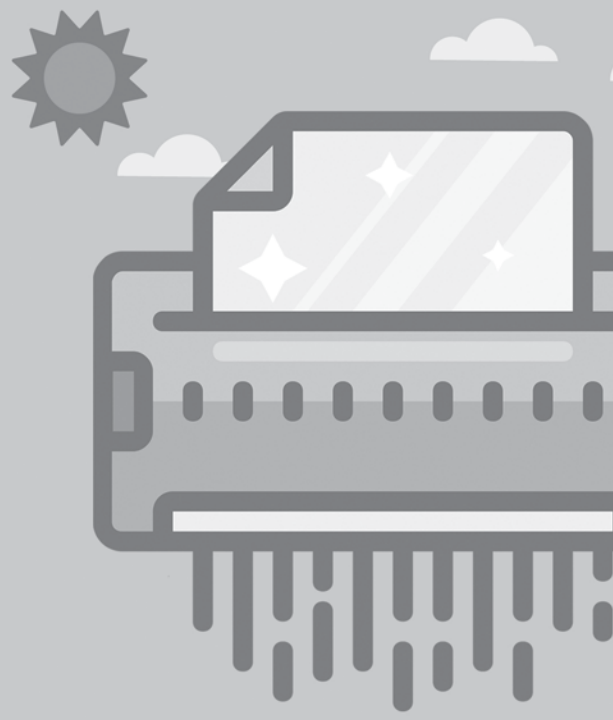
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Questions? www.CalMetServices.com or call 562-259-1239 x1

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Shared Stories: Queen for a Day

TV game shows have been a reality of broadcast television for over seven decades. Sharon Smith remembers a neighbor who attended a popular show and won. 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 Sharon Benson Smith

The Danielson family lived directly across the street from us. We kids always referred to them as the “rich people” on the block. They had the loveliest home (both inside and out), the nicest cars, a rental behind their home, and a separate structure in their front yard that housed a bar that was fully stocked with liquor plus non-alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Danielson, Fred, was a conductor for the Santa Fe Railroad, so they were able to travel a lot too (most likely for free). His wife, Ruth, was a homemaker, and came to visit our mom quite often to have a cup of coffee from her 20-cup aluminum percolator.

One day, Ruth came to ask Mom if she would take care of her boys, Fred Jr. and Gary, while she went to the “Queen for a Day” show to, hopefully, become a contestant. Mom was pleased for her, and agreed to watch the boys.

It was a very popular show at the time, hosted by Jack Bailey. The premise of the show was that whichever contestant needed the most help, (or had the saddest story), she would be chosen as Queen.

Ruth’s sad story was that the foundation of their home had been in desperate need of repair for several years because when it rained, puddles formed inside the house, the boys would splash in it, and come down with bad colds, often requiring a trip to the doctor’s office.

As the Danielson’s luck would have it, lo and behold, she won Queen For A Day, and that meant prizes galore! Among the prizes was a mangle – a large machine for ironing sheets or other fabrics, usually when they are damp, with heated rollers.

Ruth taught me to operate the machine and I earned 10¢-25¢ per flat piece that I ironed for her. Boy, was I glad when I got a “real job” and didn’t have to “mangle” anymore. Additional prizes included all new kitchen appliances, mainly one brand spankin’ new electric stove.

Ruth didn’t need a new stove, so Dad bought it from them for our mom. Dad’s heart was in the right place in getting Mom a new stove, but it became such a thorn in her side - it was electric and she preferred gas, saying the heat was just too difficult to control - it got too hot, or not hot enough, etc.

Mom had that stove until our home sold in 1961, and they moved to La Mirada where she was cooking with gas once again. She was so happy to be rid of that electric stove that Ruth Danielson won on “Queen for a Day.”

Wrestling legend Mick Foley bringing one-man show to Pasadena

PASADENA – Retired professional wrestler Mick Foley will be in Pasadena next month for a one-man show celebrating the 20th anniversary of his infamous “Hell in a Cell” match against The Undertaker.

In the show, Foley gives an in-depth look at the most famous match of his Hall of Fame career. Foley also reminisces on his entire career, in which he earned the nickname “The Hardcore Legend.”

Every show begins with Foley’s recollections of wrestling in the town he is performing in and concludes with a 30-45 Q&A with the audience. Titled “Mick Foley: 20 Years of Hell,” the production is traveling internationally, with stops throughout Canada, the United States and Australia. It’s scheduled to wrap up in October.

The Pasadena performance will take place at the Ice House Comedy Club. Tickets are \$30 general admission or \$75 VIP, which includes early admission, preferred seating, and a meet-and-greet with Foley.

To purchase tickets, visit icehousecomedy.com.

BIOGRAPHY

One of the cornerstones of WWE’s meteoric rise in the

late 90’s, Mick Foley earned the nickname “The Hardcore Legend” for his ability to absorb seemingly inhuman punishment in some of the most dramatic matches in sports-entertainment history.

Already a respected veteran for his 11 physically punishing years wrestling under the name Cactus Jack, Foley’s career soared to new heights in WWE as Mankind, a character Foley claimed was inspired by a combination of reading “Mary Shelly’s Frankenstein” and listening to the music of Tori Amos.

As Cactus Jack, Foley won the 1995 King of the Deathmatch tournament in Yokohama, Japan, and continued wrestling, despite the amputation of his right ear, in a match against Vader in Munich, Germany in 1994.

As Mankind, Foley was a 3-time WWE Champion, but is best known for his epic and brutal battle with The Undertaker in 1998’s Hell in a Cell match, during which he was knocked unconscious after falls both off of and through the 16-ft. cell structure. Despite the injury, Foley finished the match – with one of his front teeth lodged in his nose.

With retirement looming as a result of that physically demanding style, Foley penned his own

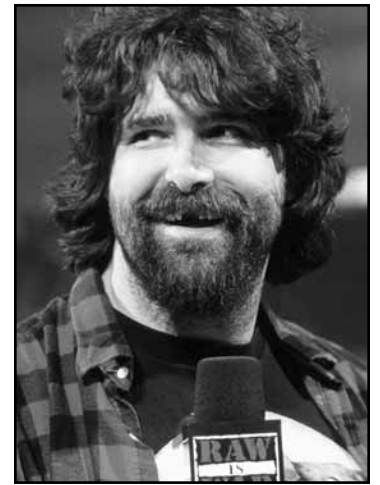
memoir, “Have a Nice Day” without the aid of a ghost-writer – writing 200,000 words in longhand in 50 days. The book showcased Foley’s paradoxical blend of wit and wisdom, wildness and warmth, and shocked the literary world by hitting No. 1 on The New York Times best-seller list in October, 1999.

The book remained on the Times list for 26 weeks. A follow-up, 2001’s “Foley is Good” hit No. 1 on The New York Times list as well. Foley has published a total of 10 books; four memoirs, four children’s books and two novels.

After speaking at some of the United States most respected colleges and universities – including MIT, Syracuse University, Notre Dame and The University of Miami, Foley decided to take his verbal skills to the stand-up comedy stage in 2009.

2012 saw Foley earn rave reviews for his comedy sets at ‘Just for Laughs’ in Montreal, and the ‘Edinburgh (UK) Fringe Fest’ – the two largest comedy festivals in the world. He is currently represented by Innovative Artists.

Foley’s acting credentials include “30 Rock,” “Warren the Ape,” “Now and Again,” “G vs E” and “Boy Meets World” and he was



featured in the critically acclaimed documentary “Beyond the Mat.”

He has done voice work on “Squidbillies,” “Celebrity Death Match” and “Avatar: the Last Airbender” and was featured in a 2012 episode of “Celebrity Wife Swap.”

He was featured in a 2010 story on ‘ABC’s World News Tonight’ for his work as an online volunteer with RAINN, the nation’s largest anti-sexual assault organization.

Foley was also recognized for his work with RAINN at 2010’s ‘Rally to Restore Sanity and/or Fear’ – where he was awarded a Medal of Reasonableness from Jon Stewart.

Cafe ‘n Stuff rebranded as boutique venue

DOWNEY – The cafe portion of Cafe n’ Stuff is getting a whole new name.

While the catering side of the business will remain the same after 30 years the actual cafe closed its doors and re-opened April 2 remodeled, re-named and repurposed.

The restaurant, located at 9306 Firestone Blvd., is now named Gatherings n’ Stuff, a boutique venue equipped for meetings, training classes, board meetings, training classes, and private social

events.

“The elegant new look will make a wonderful setting for anniversary parties, bridal showers, birthday parties, graduation parties and more,” according to a press release.

Gatherings n’ Stuff can accommodate up to 60 guests and offers a variety of seating options including classroom style, lecture and dining.

Other amenities include two large flat screen monitors, an integrated sound system, WiFi, full



Cafe n Stuff has been renamed Gatherings n Stuff and is targeted towards receptions, parties and business meetings.

bar service and in-house food.

While the name and look have changed, the food remains the

same.

For additional information or to reserve a date, call (562) 940-4494.

LEGALS

BULK SALES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE

(Division 6 of the Commercial Code) Escrow No. L-036303-MK
 (1) Notice is hereby given to creditors of the within named Seller(s) that a bulk sale is about to be made on personal property hereinafter described.
 (2) The name and business addresses of the seller are: YONGMI YANG AND KWON MO YANG, 7322 FIRESTONE BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241
 (3) The location in California of the chief executive office of the Seller is:
 (4) The name and business address of the Buyer(s) are: BYUNG KYU CHUN AND HARUKA CHIYO, 7322 FIRESTONE BLVD., DOWNEY CA 90241
 (5) The location and general description of the assets to be sold are: FURNITURE, FIXTURE & EQUIPMENT, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, GOODWILL, TRADE-NAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, TELEPHONE NUMBER of that certain business located at: 7322 FIRESTONE BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241
 (6) The business name used by the seller(s) at said location is: JIM’S BURGER #18
 (7) The anticipated date of the bulk sale is MAY 7, 2018, at the office of TOWER ESCROW INC., 3600 WILSHIRE BLVD, #426, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010, Escrow No. L-036303-MK, Escrow Officer: MARTHA KIM
 (8) Claims may be filed with Same as “7” above.
 (9) The last date for filing claims is: MAY 4, 2018
 (10) This Bulk Sale is subject to Section 6106.2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
 (11) As listed by the Seller, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer are: NONE
 Dated: APRIL 6, 2018
 TRANSFEREES: BYUNG KYU CHUN AND HARUKA CHIYO
 LA2006052 DOWNEY PATRIOT 4/19/18

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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).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018074001
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SANTIAGO MEATS CO., 9402 IRWINGROVE DR., DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANTIAGO HERRERA ANTONIO, 9402 IRWINGROVE DR., DOWNEY CA 90241
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/1993
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.)
 S/ SANTIAGO HERRERA ANTONIO, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 27, 2018
 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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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.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018067128
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LION’S DEN ENTERTAINMENT, 4875 BELL AVENUE, BELL CA 90201, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALFREDO LIERA JR, 4875 BELL AVENUE, BELL CA 90201
 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/ ALFREDO LIERA JR, PRESIDENT
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 19, 2018
 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision

(a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018077789
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PURELY UNPOLISHED SOAP, 7914 GALLATIN RD, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) YESENIA MOJARRO, 7914 GALLATIN RD, 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/ YESENIA MOJARRO, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 30, 2018
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018073419
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PREMIER PAPER & FIBER (2) PREMIER TRADING COMPANY (3) UNIVERSAL SERVICE COMPANY, 8726 S. SEPULVEDA BLVD STE D#292, LOS ANGELES CA 90045,

LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 2510544
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CONTED PACIFIC CORPORATION, 8726 S. SEPULVEDA BLVD STE D#292, LOS ANGELES CA 90045
 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: 05/2013
 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/ CONTED PACIFIC CORPORATION, PRESIDENT, TED C LIN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018069899
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DELICIAS, 8817 COMPTON BLV., LOS ANGELES CA 90002, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HECTOR R. OSUNA, 8817 COMPTON BLV., LOS ANGELES CA 90002
 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/ HECTOR R. OSUNA, OWNER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018085971
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) A-SAKURA LOCKSMITH, 8115 E. IMPERIAL HWY APT# 13, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SERGIO VARGAS, 8115 E. IMPERIAL HWY APT # 13, DOWNEY CA 90242 (2) SANDRA PATRICIA SAAVEDRA CHAVEZ, 8115 E. IMPERIAL HWY APT# 13, DOWNEY CA 90242
 State of Incorporation: N/A
 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple
 The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2018
 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.)
 S/ SERGIO VARGAS, OWNER
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 9, 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 4/12/18, 4/19/18, 4/26/18, 5/3/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2018059623
 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DAMES ROCKET CONSULTING, 140 LINDEN AVE, #552, LONG BEACH CA 90802, LA COUNTY
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AMY L STOCK, 140 LINDEN AVE 552, LONG

BROKER, 11122 MARBEL AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALONSO GUZMAN RODRIGUEZ, 4643 MYRTLE ST, PICO RIVERA CA 90660
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/ ALONSO GUZMAN RODRIGUEZ, 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.
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The Downey Patriot
4/5/18, 4/12/18, 4/19/18, 4/26/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018060502
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **EDDY'S MOBILE DETAIL, 13369 BEAUFORT ST SYLMAR CA 91342 SYLMAR CA 91342, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDGAR MARTINEZ, 13348 SAYRE ST, SYLMAR CA 91342
State of Incorporation: CA
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/ EDGAR MARTINEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 12, 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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The Downey Patriot
3/29/18, 4/5/18, 4/12/18, 4/19/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018080952
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **ELIAS WITH LOVE, 5600 ORANGETHORPE AVENUE APT. 913, LA PALMA CA 90623, ORANGE COUNTY, PO BOX 1492, NORWALK CA 90651-1492**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELIAS R. HERNANDEZ, 5600 ORANGETHORPE AVENUE APT 913, LA PALMA CA 90623
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/19/18
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/ ELIAS R. HERNANDEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 3, 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
4/12/18, 4/19/18, 4/26/18, 5/3/18

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 13, 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 2018091066
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MARINE ZINC, 90713 LAKEWOOD AVE, LAKEWOOD CA 90713, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DANIEL LOPEZ, 4529 PALO VERDE AVE, LAKEWOOD CA 90713
State of Incorporation: CA
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/ DANIEL LOPEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 13, 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
4/19/18, 4/26/18, 5/3/18, 5/10/18

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018078997
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **HOLLYWOOD SCIENTIFIC, 14326 ARANZA DRIVE, LA MIRADA CA 90638, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: C2876228
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GENOMEADVISORS INC, 14326 ARANZA DRIVE, LA MIRADA CA 90638
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ GENOMEADVISORS INC, PRESIDENT, NITIN S. UDAR
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 2, 2018
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018074115
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **GMP BUILDERS INC., 9103 GARNISH DRIVE, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY, P.O BOX 2095, DOWNEY CA 90242**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 4122063
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GMP BUILDERS INC., 9103 GARNISH DRIVE, DOWNEY CA 90240
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ GMP BUILDERS INC., PRESIDENT, GEORGE M. PEREZ
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).

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3/29/18, 4/5/18, 4/12/18, 4/19/18

GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF BID

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education for the DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Downey, CA (Los Angeles County), will receive Bid Number 17-18-22 for the procurement of the following:

Stock Paper

Sealed bids must be delivered to the Downey Unified School District, Purchasing Department, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Room 169, Downey, CA 90241 no later than 11:00AM on April 30, 2018.

Companies interested in bidding should request appropriate bid documents from Patty Flinn, Buyer, (562) 469-6535.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Refer to the formal bid documents and specifications for additional information, terms, and conditions.

Darren Purselglove, CIPM
Darren Purselglove
Director of Purchasing and Warehouse

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A VARIANCE AND REVISION TO A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-17-00112

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 2nd day of May, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

A request by Giant RV to modify their previously approved Conditional Use Permit (PLN-15-00079) and to deviate from Section 1111(K) of the Florence/I-5 Specific Plan to allow display of vehicles over 7' in height and allow fences over 42" tall in the front setback of Site 1 of the Florence/I-5 Specific Plan. If approved, this request will allow Giant RV to construct an 8-foot tall wrought iron fence along Florence Avenue and display recreational vehicles that are for sale adjacent to the street. The subject property is located at 11111 Florence Avenue and zoned Florence/I-5 Specific Plan (SP 90-1).

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

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

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

For more information contact City Planner David Blumenthal at 562-904-7154, or at dblumenthal@downeyca.org.

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4/19/18

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Downey Unified School District ("District") of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board ("Board"), will receive up to, but not later than, **1:30 p.m. on May 17, 2018**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid #17/18-25

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF WALK-IN REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER AT STAUFFER MIDDLE SCHOOL (STA)

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

Each bid must conform with and be responsive to the contract documents, copies of which are on file and may be obtained electronically on or after **April 23, 2018** - Contact Andrew Ulmen at aulmen@rachlinpartners.com

A mandatory bidder's conference and job-walk will be held on May 1st, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. This bidders conference will take place at Stauffer Middle School - 11985 Old River School Rd, Downey, CA 90242. Bids shall be accepted from any bidder failing to comply with attending the mandatory bidder's conference.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.
Darren Purselglove
Director, Purchasing and Warehouse

Downey Unified School District
Los Angeles, County, State of California

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Downey Unified School District 11627 Brookshire Avenue Downey, CA 90241

NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PRECONSTRUCTION AND LEASE-LEASEBACK SERVICES RFP #2017/2018-05

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Downey Unified School District ("District") is seeking proposals from qualified lease-leaseback firms to provide preconstruction and lease-leaseback construction services for the Griffiths Middle School and Price Elementary School Modernization Project. Lease-leaseback firms and first tier subcontractors, that are designated in the proposal, holding an A, B, C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 and/or C-46 license, must also be prequalified. Prequalification packages must be submitted to the District, via PQBids, no later than May 8, 2018. The RFP describes the scope of the preconstruction services; the scope of the

project, the selection process, and the information that is required to be included in the proposal. The recommendation for award will be made to the firm that provides the best value to the District as set forth in the RFP. The RFP is available on the District's website, www.dusd.net, or by contacting Jennifer Pearson at jpearson@rachlinpartners.com. For prequalification documents, visit pqbids.com/downey.

The proposal in the form specified in the RFP must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., on May 22, 2018, by:

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

Any failure to submit the proposals before the deadline will cause the proposal to be rejected and returned unopened. Each proposer is solely responsible for the timely delivery of their proposal.

A mandatory job walk/conference is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on April 24, 2018. Please meet at 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Board Room, Downey, CA 90241. Failure to attend the job walk/conference may result in the rejection of your proposal.

The District reserves the right to waive any minor or immaterial deviations in the RFP. The proposals received, or reject all proposals if so determined by the District's governing board.

For further information on this RFP, please contact Joseph Quinonez at jquinonez@dusd.net.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Downey Unified School District ("District") of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board ("Board"), will receive up to, but not later than, **2:00 p.m. on May 17, 2018**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid #17/18-27

WARREN HIGH SCHOOL FENCING PROJECT

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

Each bid must conform with and be responsive to the contract documents, copies of which are on file and may be obtained electronically on or after **April 23, 2018** - Contact Andrew Ulmen at aulmen@rachlinpartners.com

A mandatory bidder's conference and job-walk will be held on May 1st, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. This bidders conference will take place at Warren High School - 8141 De Palma St, Downey, CA 90241. No bid shall be accepted from any bidder failing to comply with attending the mandatory bidder's conference.

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD FEDERAL CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Downey City Council, on May 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to approving the **Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2018 - 2019**: The Action Plan is an implementation plan, required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which describes projects and activities the City of Downey will fund under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) programs. The proposed Action Plan includes a recommended distribution of the federal funds, the required application for the HUD grants, and a discussion of actions the City will undertake during the program year regarding homelessness and anti-poverty initiatives.

During the next program year, the City of Downey is projecting to receive \$1,275,078 in new entitlement grants under the federal CDBG and HOME programs. In addition, the City expects to receive approximately \$100,000 in HOME program income and there is approximately \$423,658 in CDBG and \$397,653 in HOME funds transferring from the prior year. The combined total of new federal Grants, estimated program income and the balance from prior year line of credit will be distributed (proposed) on the activities listed below:

ESTIMATED FUNDS in 2018-2019	CDBG PROGRAM	HOME PROGRAM
New Federal Grants	951,171	323,907
New Program Income (estimate)	0	100,000
Prior Year Line of Credit (estimate)	423,658	397,653
TOTAL:	\$ 1,374,829	\$ 821,56

PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS in 2018-2019	
Housing Improvement Programs	\$ 1,091,362
Code Enforcement Program	\$ 110,000
Payment on HUD Loan (3 loans)	\$ 264,267
Community/Senior Center	\$ 68,000
Public Services Grants	\$ 74,300
Affordable Housing Development	\$ 48,586
General Planning and Administration	\$ 222,625
Economic Development Activities	\$ 316,666

At this time and place, all persons interested may be present to give testimony on the proposed Action Plan for program year 2018-2019. A draft copy of the above referenced plan will be available for reviewing on Monday, April 20, 2018, during normal business hours at the following locations: the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Brookshire Avenue; the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Avenue; and at www.downeyca.org. Persons interested in obtaining a copy or for further information, please call Jose Vazquez, Management Analyst, at (562) 904-7161. Written comments intended for the Downey City Council should be sent to the Downey City Clerk at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241, no later than 5:30 p.m. on May 22, 2018.

In compliance with the American Disability Act, if you need special accommodations, please contact the Housing Division at (562) 904-7161 or the California Relay Service. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to arrange reasonable accessibility accommodations.

Maria Alicia Duarte
Downey City Clerk

April 19, 2018

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to ensure performance under this contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor.

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

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

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

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

Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.
Darren Purselglove
Director, Purchasing and Warehouse

Downey Unified School District
Los Angeles, County, State of California

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NOTICE OF BID

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education for the DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Downey, CA (Los Angeles County), will receive **Request for Proposals (RFP) Number 2018/2018-01** for the procurement of the following:

Purchase and Delivery of Pre-Made Pizzas for the Food Services Department

Sealed proposals must be delivered to the Downey Unified School District, Purchasing Department, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Room 169, Downey, CA 90241 no later than **3:00 PM on May 7, 2018**

Companies interested in submitting a proposal should request appropriate proposal documents from **Barbara Savage, Buyer**, Purchasing Department, (562) 469-3534.

A Suppliers Conference for the purpose of acquainting prospective suppliers with the unique requirements of the District will be held on April 23, 2018 at 1:00 PM commencing in Room 108 at the District office address noted above. **Attendance is optional.**

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. No supplier may withdraw their proposal for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Refer to the formal bid documents and specifications for additional information, terms, and conditions.

Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.
Darren Purselglove
Director of Purchasing and Warehouse

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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

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **Downey Patriot** April 3, 2018
Judge Patrick T. Madden
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Perry Chima Isichei
1901 Locust Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90806
(562) 293-5744

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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
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

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **Downey Patriot Newspaper** April 05, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE CREEK PARK OWNERS ASSOC. VS SALINGER, DONNA
CASE NO: 09CD0781 R

Under a writ of Sale issued on 01/09/18, Out of the L.A. SUPERIOR COURT, NORWALK, OF THE SOUTHEAST DISTRICT, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on a judgment entered on 04/15/10.

The described property is sold subject to the right of redemption. The amount of the secured indebtedness with interest and costs is \$27,545.33 (Amount subject to revision)

In favor of CREEK PARK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, A CALIFORNIA NON-PROFIT CORPO-RATION and against SAL-INGER, DONNA

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

LOT 55 OF TRACT NO. 26200, CITY OF LA MIRADA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 806, PAGES 79 TO 84, INCLUSIVE OF MIS-CELLANEOUS MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.
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Creditor's Attorney
COMMUNITY LEGAL ADVISOR INC.
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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
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 13, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** April 06, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030846

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Maria Y. Chaires filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) Jaxon Mendoza to Proposed name (1) Obie Jaxon Mendoza
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

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **Downey Patriot News** April 5, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030837

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jay Michael de Mauricio filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) Jay Michael de Mauricio to Proposed name (1) JayMichael de Mauricio
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: May 23, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall

be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** March 23, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Jay Michael De Mauricio
7979 Harper Ave
Downey, CA 90241
(562) 287-4888

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Nathan Samuel Munoz filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) Nathan Samuel Munoz to Proposed name (1) Nathan Samuel Munoz DeCastro
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: June 6, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA, 90650

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

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SAMUEL D. PEARCE
Case No. 18STPB03292

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may

otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SAMUEL D. PEARCE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Darla L. Pearce in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Darla L. Pearce be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on May 15, 2018 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
NANCY J GOTTES ESQ
SBN 128400
1716 COURT ST
STE 101
REDDING CA 96001
CN948415 PEARCE Apr 19, 26, May 3, 2018

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CDBG & HOME Community Meeting

The City of Downey has scheduled three (3) community meetings on the City's federal CDBG and HOME Programs for Fiscal Year 2018-19. These meetings provide information on both CDBG & HOME programs and discusses some of the community needs. The meetings also allows an opportunity for community members and service providers to provide input in the annual development process of the Action Plan by commenting on the City's housing and non-housing needs, program priorities, and propose uses for either of these funding sources. The City estimates it will receive up to \$951,171 in CDBG and \$323,907 in HOME funds next fiscal year.

Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive

Thursday, April 19th at 12 pm
Thursday, April 26th at 6 pm
Saturday, May 5th at 10 am

For additional information or to arrange special accommodations to attend any meeting, contact Jose Vazquez at (562) 904-7161.



CDBG & HOME Junta Comunitaria

La Ciudad De Downey a preparado tres (3) juntas comunitarias acerca de los programas creados con recursos federales llamados CDBG y HOME en el año programado 2018-19. Estas juntas van a proveer informacion acerca de los dos programas (CDBG y HOME) y se van a dialogar algunas de las necesidades en la comunidad. Durante la junta se dara una oportunidad para que miembros de la comunidad y los proveedores de servicios den su punto de ver en el proceso anual del Plan de Accion al comentar acerca de las necesidades en temas de alojamiento, desarrollo, las prioridades de programas y el uso propuesto para utilizar cualquier de los dos fondos federales. La Ciudad estima que recibira \$951,171 en recursos CDBG y \$323,907 en los de HOME el siguiente año fiscal.

Barbara J. Riley Senior Center, 7810 Quill Drive

Jueves, 19 de Abril a las 12 pm
Jueves, 26 de Abril a las 6 pm
Sabado, 5 de Mayo a las 10 am

Para informacion adicional o para organizar alojamiento especial para atender cualquiera de las juntas, contacte a Jose Vazquez al (562) 904-7161.

Downey Conservancy working to recognize Downey's oldest home

DOWNEY – The Downey Conservancy, with the support of the Downey Historical Society, has embarked on a fund-raising campaign to gain California state recognition for Downey's oldest existing home.

The home, located at 9497 Foster Road, was part of the Golden Gate Ranch. According to Larry Latimer of the Downey Historical Society, Edward W. Lewis moved from Nebraska, and settled in Downey in order to start a new life.

His sons, Joe and Bill, bought 50 acres near Woodruff Avenue and Foster Bridge Road, where they farmed sugar beets and Klondike strawberries.

Another son, Ed C. Lewis, bought 25 acres on Foster Road and

Ardis Street, where he raised alfalfa, sugar beets, corn and walnuts.

This land became the Golden Gate Ranch. According to its owner, the home which remains on that property to this day was built in 1871.

The Downey Conservancy hopes to nominate the Golden Gate Ranch for designation as a California Historical Landmark, a program of the California State Parks' Office of Historic Preservation. In order to be eligible for designation as a Landmark, a resource must meet at least one of the following criteria:

The first, last, only, or most significant of its type in the state or within a large geographic region (Northern, Central, or Southern California),

Associated with an individual or group having a profound influence on the history of California,

A prototype of, or an outstanding example of, a period, style, architectural movement or construction or is one of the more notable works or the best surviving work in a region of a pioneer architect, designer or master builder.

The Conservancy welcomes the community's support of this important project. To learn more about this effort and how you can be a part of it, visit gofundme.com/save-the-oldest-home-in-downey-ca

Free prom dresses for students

DOWNEY – A Glamour Gown event will be held Saturday April 21 from 10 am to 3 pm at Case de Parlay Johnson, located at 7749 Florence Avenue.

The Glamour Gown Program offers free prom clothing to students with special circumstances.

For more information, call or text Stacy Brabant at (310) 991-3757.

Downey Police taking back unwanted prescriptions

DOWNEY – Downey Police Department plans to "take back" unused and unwanted prescription drugs on Saturday, April 28.

DPD and community volunteers will be collecting unused, unwanted, or out of date prescription medications during its semi-annual "Drug Take Back" event. This event offers community members an opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous drugs and minimize the possibility of their misuse and abuse.

The event will take place rain or shine from 10 am to 2 pm in the west parking lot of the Downey Police Department.

Event attendees can drop off their prescription medications into collection boxes provided by the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (D.E.A.). Over-the-counter medications can also be discarded. Liquids will only be accepted in fully sealed, unopened plastic containers.

Needles, sharps, and glass containers will not be accepted.

Questions or comments may be directed to Jenny Aquirre at (562) 904-2374 or jaguirre@downeyca.org.

LBCC dance show at Downey Theatre

DOWNEY – The Long Beach City College Dance Program will be hosting its Spring Dance Concert at the Downey Theatre on April 20 and April 21.

From ballet to Bollywood, Samba to hip hop - there will be something for all Downey residents at this concert.

This is the second LBCC Dance concert at the Downey Theatre while the LBCC Auditorium is under construction.

For tickets, visit DowneyTheatre.org.

The production is directed by dance program director Stephanie Powell.

First Presbyterian celebrates 132nd birthday

DOWNEY – Come join the celebration as First Presbyterian Church of Downey celebrates 132 years of service to the community on Saturday, April 21, from 10 am to 3 pm.

Festivities will include food, drinks, music, games, prizes, face painting, balloon twisting, and a jumper.

The event can be located at 10544 Downey Ave.

Public invited to examine textbooks

DOWNEY – Downey Unified invites the public to examine textbooks being considered for adoption by the Board of Education for use in Mathematics courses at the high school level.

The materials selected are in alignment with State Content Standards as required by California Code of Regulation.

Copies of the textbooks will be on display for three consecutive weeks on the second-floor lobby of the Gallegos Administration Center at 11627 Brookshire Ave., from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, April 18 until May 11.

The policy of the Board of Education provides that anyone wishing to offer suggestions or criticism about textbooks proposed for adoption must submit comments in writing to the Superintendent seven days prior to the Board meeting at which the books will be adopted.

Adoption will be recommended at the Board of Education meeting scheduled for May 15 at 5 p.m. in the Grace E. Horney Board Room of the Gallegos Administration Center.

Mayfair High hosting reading event

LAKEWOOD – Mayfair High School will be hosting its 8th Annual Mayfair Reads event on Saturday, April 21.

The event will feature an open mic reading of R.J. Palacio's "Wonder." The reading begins at 10 am and concludes when the book is finished.

Participants are encouraged to sprawl on the grass with a blanket or beach chair and enjoy the day. Everyone is welcome to volunteer to take a turn reading. Snacks and drinks will be sold by a variety of Mayfair clubs.


There will also be a used book sale, a Kindle giveaway, face painting, and local celebrity readers.

The 2017 film "Wonder" will be screened in the Mayfair library throughout the day.

Mayfair High School is located at 6000 N Woodruff in Lakewood. The event will be held in the campus quad and is free to all who attend.

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The City of Downey and local 5th grade students remind you:
Stop the Slow Drip of Pollution : Recycle Used Motor Oil & Filters

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What is mortgage recasting, and why do it?

Mortgage recasting is a little-known tool that helps borrowers lower their monthly mortgage payments, without changing their interest rate. However, over time, these lower payments do help reduce the amount of interest borrowers end up paying.

Recasting doesn't come without a cost. First, borrowers must make a large lump-sum payment toward the loan principal, which means trading liquidity for equity. In the current climate, with low mortgage rates and a strong market, this trade-off might not make sense for some. Second, there are usually fees associated with recasting. It depends on the lender but, typically, they don't exceed a few hundred dollars.

Before you get excited about lower monthly payments, first make sure your lender offers recasting – many don't. It's also not something that's normally advertised, but most of the big banks offer it, including Chase, Bank of America and Wells Fargo. Plus, not all mortgages qualify for recasting; some types of loans, like FHA loans and VA loans, can't be recast.

If your lender does offer this service and your loan qualifies, they would reamortize your loan after you pay the lump sum toward the principal. All this means is that the lender will update the terms to reflect the new monthly payments based on the new and lower principal balance. Once that happens, you continue making payments to the same lender – only you owe less and pay less each month.

Recasting doesn't reduce the length of your mortgage, just how much you pay each month.

There's a big difference between recasting a mortgage and refinancing one, even though both can help borrowers save money. Recasting is easier than refinancing because it requires only a lump sum of money in exchange for lower monthly payments. With recasting, you're keeping your existing loan and adjusting the amortization. You wouldn't be able to get a lower interest rate with recasting, like you would with refinancing.

Refinancing, conversely, requires that you apply for a brand-

new loan and pay all the fees that go with a new loan, such as closing costs and appraisal. The new loan would pay off your existing loan, so you could end up with a different type of mortgage as well as new interest rates.

People typically do this to get a lower interest rate or to go from an adjustable-rate mortgage to a fixed-rate mortgage. If you already have a fixed-rate mortgage with a low interest rate, then a refi wouldn't help you. On the other hand, if you have a low-interest, 30-year fixed-rate mortgage and want lower monthly payments, then you might consider a recast.

People have an appetite for recasting because it's fairly easy to do and it's a relatively inexpensive way to lower monthly payments if you have a lot of cash sitting around. Here are a few reasons you might want to consider recasting your existing mortgage:

Lower your monthly payments by making one lump sum.

Avoid having to requalify for a new loan.

Keep your interest rate if you currently have a low interest rate.

The biggest financial drawback of recasting is that you're putting a large sum of money into equity. These are a few reasons you might want to rethink recasting:

It doesn't shorten the length of your mortgage.

Your interest rate stays the same, a disadvantage if you have a higher interest rate.

Your cash is tied up in equity.

The main motivator for people interested in recasting is to save money each month. However, because a hefty lump sum is required to get this benefit, Bill Rayman, vice president for mortgage lending at Guaranteed Rate, suggests there are far better ways to use that cash.

According to Rayman, since putting your money in a house has a zero rate of return, borrowers should explore other investment options before going the recasting



route. "Even if you parked your money in a CD, you'd make something, and, more importantly, you'd have access to cash. In this market, you can choose from a wide variety of investment options. Whether it's high-risk growth stocks or low risk with bonds or some mix in between, you'll be earning something and you'll have access to cash," Rayman says.

Furthermore, Rayman cites the 2008 housing crash as an important factor in deciding whether to recast. By tying up large amounts of cash in a house, people could set themselves up for a big financial loss – especially since equity has no bearing on a home's value, he says.

"The most dramatic thing people don't realize about their homes is that it doesn't matter at all how much equity they have in that home as it relates to how much that home is worth. The home's value is established by the market. I've never had a buyer ask whether the seller owes 10 percent on the home or owns it outright. They don't care," Rayman says.

For borrowers who have other outstanding debt with high interest rates, such as student loans or car payments, it would make more fiscal sense to pay off that debt than to recast, Rayman says.

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Downey resident authorized to sell AARP life insurance

DOWNEY – Downey resident Hector Sosa, of the Fullerton office of New York Life, is now authorized to offer AARP-branded life insurance and lifetime income annuity products to AARP members.

It is the first time these group life insurance products are offered by authorized-to-offer agents.

Sosa is among a select group of New York Life agents who became authorized to offer his clients AARP Guaranteed Acceptance Life; AARP Level Benefit Term; AARP Permanent Life Insurance, all from New York Life and New York Life's guaranteed lifetime income annuity. He is a licensed insurance agent and passed courses specific to AARP.

Sosa has a degree from Cal State Los Angeles where he earned a B.S. in Business Administration - Finance and a minor in Economics. He has served as a board member at Downey Junior Athletic Association and West Downey Little League, and is a member of the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis club. He and his wife volunteer in youth ministries at Calvary Chapel Downey.

He resides in Downey with his wife, Daisy, and their two sons.

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