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## Millions pay excess fees to file taxes online

► Few taxpayers use the Free File system — intended to help moderate- and low-income filers — and that benefits companies like Intuit and H&R Block.

By Tik Root  
ProPublica

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — As internet use took off at the turn of the millennium, the Office of Management and Budget asked the Internal Revenue Service to create no-cost electronic tax-filing options for low- and moderate-income taxpayers. The tech-challenged agency turned to the online tax-preparation industry for help and soon struck a deal with companies such as Intuit (the maker of TurboTax) and H&R Block, which had organized as a 12-member consortium called the Free File Alliance.

The Free File Alliance agreed to offer tax-prep service to millions of Americans at no charge. In exchange, the IRS pledged to “not compete with the Consortium in providing free, online tax return preparation and filing services to taxpayers.”

The arrangement went into effect in 2003 and the IRS and the alliance have kept the framework in place ever since. Today the Free File system appears on track to become permanent. In April, the House voted unanimously to enshrine the provision into law, and the Senate is now considering whether to follow suit.

It’s hard to argue with the goal of the program. Free File theoretically allows 70 percent of American taxpayers to prepare and file their taxes at no cost. More than 50 million no-cost returns have been filed using the program over the past 16 years, according to the IRS, saving users about \$1.5 billion in fees. Intuit lauds the program as “an example of a public/private partnership that works.” And Tim Hugo, executive director of the Free File Alliance, called Free File “a great product,” adding, “Free File has changed the market.”

But 50 million returns over 16 years represents only about 3 percent of eligible tax returns. By ProPublica’s estimate, that suggests U.S. taxpayers eligible for Free File are spending about \$1 billion a year in unnecessary filing fees.

A key reason for the anemic usage, according to experts, is that many taxpayers are unaware of the program. “I don’t have an advertising budget,” said Hugo, who acknowledged the lack of awareness. He argued that it’s the IRS’ responsibility to publicize the program. “The companies are already donating the services. It’s a philanthropic endeavor.”

Critics say low usage is exactly what Intuit, H&R Block and others are seeking. The tax-preparation companies “want the status quo,” said Nina Olson, the national taxpayer advocate, whose role is to be the voice of taxpayers inside the IRS. The agreement with the companies not only keeps the federal agency from developing a direct filing option, but also an automated “return-free” option in which the IRS would calculate most individuals’ taxes. A 2013 ProPublica investigation found that the industry has successfully lobbied against such a system.

Another reason few taxpayers use Free File is that finding and

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A traffic collision Saturday night resulted in a sinkhole on Rives Avenue and Brunache Street, knocking out electricity and water service to neighborhood residents. Photo by Alex Dominguez

## Sinkhole wreaks havoc on Father’s Day

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** — An automotive crash and subsequent sinkhole late Saturday evening put a damper on Father’s Day for Downey residents in and around a Rives Avenue neighborhood.

The crash, which occurred in the 12000 block of Rives Avenue near Brunache Street, happened around 10:15 p.m. after authorities say the driver of an SUV swerved to avoid another vehicle, striking a power pole and shearing a fire hydrant.

The driver was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol, authorities said.

Following the collision, a sinkhole formed and swallowed up the involved SUV. The driver was not inside at the time.

Many of the residents in the immediate area were left without water and electricity until later Sunday, however,

it is currently unknown how many people were affected nor what the exact perimeter of the outage was.

One resident, Atanasio Trujillo, 75, returned home from a graduation party around midnight when he discovered what had happened. Trujillo lives just a few houses away on Rives.

“We saw some patrol cars, police officers blocking the street, taking care of the street so nobody had any more accidents I believe,” said Trujillo.

“We pulled the car inside the garage and we came out to see what was going on...I looked up and I saw the transformer hanging, the cables.”

Trujillo says that only his power was affected, leaving him without electricity for almost 20 hours. It was enough to upend his Father’s Day plans.

“I was supposed to watch the

futbol game, the soccer game. We couldn’t, no power,” said Trujillo. “We were supposed to have a nice dinner to celebrate, and have some guests, family. We had to cancel because the street was closed.”

Crews could be seen tending to the damage Monday morning.

According to city staff, it was expected that the street would be reopened by the end of the day, with the homeowner’s driveway and street being cleaned up by the end of the week.

As of Wednesday afternoon the street seemed to have been repaired, however, crews still had the street blocked off and detours in place as workers finished cleaning up.

## Randy’s Donuts opening new location in Downey

**DOWNEY** — Randy’s Donuts, the iconic doughnut shop known for its oversized rooftop donut signage, has submitted plans to open a location in Downey.

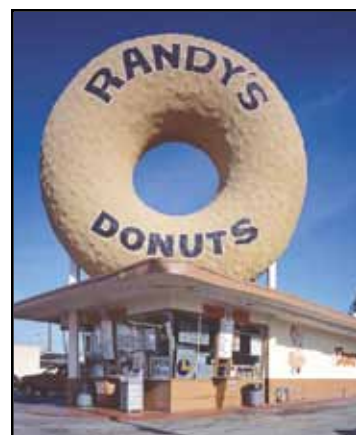
The donut shop will be located on Firestone Boulevard at Marbel Avenue, on a lot formerly occupied by a used car dealership.

The restaurant’s opening is

still in its preliminary stages.

A city official didn’t return a phone call seeking additional details.

The original Randy’s Donuts opened in 1953 in Inglewood, not far from LAX. An expansion was announced earlier this year, with a shop expected to open in Hollywood in late 2018.



Knight Ryder, a 1980s and ‘90s tribute band, will perform Wednesday at Furman Park as part of Downey’s summer concerts in the park series.

Founded in 2002, Knight Ryder plays everything from Journey to Bon Jovi, and regularly plays the Gas Lamp in Long Beach. They have performed in front of thousands throughout Southern California.

Wednesday’s concert is free and begins at 7 p.m.

## Downey restaurant grades

**Downey Courthouse Snack Bar**  
7500 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 6/15/18  
Grade: **A**

**Pieloon**  
10822 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/15/18  
Grade: **A**

**Ta Carbon Mexican Taqueria**  
11219 Old River School Rd.  
Date Inspected: 6/15/18  
Grade: **A**

**Carmes Bionicos**  
11006 Downey Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/15/18  
Grade: **A**

**L.A. Buns**  
8237 2nd St.  
Date Inspected: 6/14/18  
Grade: **A**

**Mambo Grill**  
11018 Downey Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/14/18  
Grade: **A**

**Downey Elks**  
11233 Woodruff Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/14/18  
Grade: **A**

**Ichiban Sushi**  
11020 New Street  
Date Inspected: 6/14/18  
Grade: **A**

**Mr B’s Liquor**  
12624 Bellflower Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/14/18  
Grade: **A**

**Barilles Restobar**  
11040 Downey Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/14/18  
Grade: **A**

**Godtti’s**  
7931 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/14/18  
Grade: **A**

**Gloria’s Country Butcher**  
12161 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/14/18  
Grade: **A**

**Gloria’s Country Butcher**  
12161 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/14/18  
Grade: **B**

**Poke Mom**  
11011 New Street  
Date Inspected: 6/14/18  
Grade: **A**

**Carlo’s Pizza**  
13230 1/2 Woodruff Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/14/18  
Grade: **A**

**Bionicos Michoacan**  
14135 Downey Ave.  
Date Inspected: 6/13/18  
Grade: **A**

**Golden Corral**  
9588 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/13/18  
Grade: **A**

**J.C. Tavern**  
9106 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 6/13/18  
Grade: **A**

**Pizza Man & El Pollon Express**  
8720 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 6/13/18  
Grade: **A**

**Florida Restaurant**  
10025 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/12/18  
Grade: **A**

**Lee’s Maui Hawaiian BBQ**  
9230 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 6/8/18  
Grade: **A**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 82°

Saturday 76°

Sunday 76°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Pro Wrestling

Sunday - Boomtown Brewery in Los Angeles, 3 pm

An all-ages live wrestling show headlined by former WWE stars Hardcore Holly and Al Snow. \$25



#### Tour de Taco

Saturday - Uptown Whittier, 2 pm

Grab a race bib and compete to visit as many restaurants as possible. Prizes to those who eat the most tacos. More details at whittieruptown.org



#### Marcela Gandara

Sunday - World Mission Marantha in Bellflower, 5 pm

Popular Christian singer Marcela Gandara, who has more than 1 million Instagram followers, performs live. \$30



#### Queen Mary Ghost Hunt

Saturday - Queen Mary in Long Beach, 5 pm to 2 am

Join a paranormal team as they hunt for ghosts onboard America’s most haunted ship. \$249



#### Concha Con

Saturday - Plaza de la Raza, 1-6 pm

Fashion show, live food demonstration, lucha libre art exhibit, 60 vendors, and kid-friendly activities. \$15

### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@ddale8: “We’re re-opening NASA. We’re going to be going to space,” Trump says, though NASA has been open and going to space this whole time, and the crowd chants “SPACE FORCE SPACE FORCE,” and it is 2018.

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An artist's rendering of the new 8-unit apartment complex at 8139 4th St., approved Wednesday by the Planning Commission.

## 8-unit apartment complex approved for 4th Street

**DOWNEY** – Efforts to further infuse downtown Downey with residential development continued Wednesday when the Planning Commission approved a proposal to build a two-story, eight-unit apartment complex.

Real estate agent George Sanabria proposed to build the apartment complex at 8139 4th St. on property currently occupied by a 1,326 sq. ft. single-family home. Sanabria owns the property.

The apartment building will feature eight two-story units, each with two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Units would range in size from 822 square feet to 1,011 square feet; four of the units will feature porches on either the first or second floor.

Plans include a carport with 12 total parking spaces – eight spaces for residents and four parking spaces for guests.

City officials said they tried to secure two parking spaces per unit but “the applicant stated that the addition of two parking spaces would require eliminating one unit, which would render the project infeasible.”

According to the Downtown Downey Specific Plan, the development could have reached four stories tall, but city staff members and Sanabria agreed to a two-story maximum to keep the apartment building in character with nearby two-story duplexes and single-family homes.

As presented, the apartment building would be built in Spanish architectural style, with tiled roofs, wrought-iron balconies and wall sconces.

Planning commissioners approved the project on a 3-1 vote with Steven Dominguez in opposition. Commissioner Nolveris Frometa was absent.

By Eric Pierce and Alex Dominguez

# OPINION: It's time to start mandating more parking with new housing

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

Before buying our first home, my wife and I lived in a cozy 1-bedroom, 1-bathroom apartment on Muller Street in Downey. It's a nice neighborhood just north of Stonewood Center. Great neighbors, great landlord.

The 6-unit complex was built in 1956 in classic ranch-style architecture indicative of the times (complete with mahogany cabinets and a flamingo pink bathroom).

Another sign that the building was built in the 1950's: the complex was built with a carport that allocates exactly one parking space per unit.

Maybe that was suitable in the '50s, but today, most everyone drives a vehicle. My wife and I each had cars for commuting, so one of us was required to park on the street.

This wasn't a big deal until a couple years ago, when the city council granted a preferred parking district to residents of Shellyfield Road. What that meant is when the street got crowded – which was basically every day after 5 p.m. – we now had to park the next street over, on Clancey Avenue; a minor inconvenience for us, but more so for residents of Clancey, who now had apartment residents parking in front of their homes.

You can't blame Downey's city planners of 60 years ago;

they had no way of forecasting the decline of single-income households and the rise in use of personal automobiles. One vehicle per apartment unit was appropriate back then.

We have no such excuse today. Times have changed and households today have multiple vehicles, yet Downey still relies on an antiquated formula that allows developers to build housing with insufficient parking, pushing cars onto side streets and clogging our downtown.

The townhomes on 3rd Street and La Reina utilize tandem parking (an elongated garage with cars parked in front of each other). How long before residents ditch the hassle of asking their spouse to move their car and simply park on the street?

A proposed apartment complex on 4th Street near La Reina will feature eight units with 12 parking spaces (eight spaces for residents and four for guests). It's naive to think that such parking is sufficient.

The city of Downey should put the needs of its residents ahead of those of developers. Update the Downtown Specific Plan and mandate that new residential developments include sufficient parking to meet the needs of residents, both incoming and existing.

We're talking quality of life and simple common sense.

Twenty-nine recently promoted 8th graders from Griffiths Middle School, Social Studies Teacher Scott Schreiner, and three parents in front of the White House during their trip to Washington DC, June 5-9.



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# 2,000-plus Downey students celebrate high school graduation

**DOWNEY** – The last week of May was very busy for all Downey Unified high school students, teachers and administrators. With commencement ceremonies quickly approaching, many students made the final touches on what would be their last week of high school.

Opening the celebratory week of graduations was the Columbus High School Commencement Ceremony on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. Celebrating this occasion at the Downey Civic Theater, 159 students floated across the stage as they accepted their diplomas.

Of those 159 graduates, 33 students were recognized for receiving various awards and scholarships provided by local community partners, which totaled up to \$29,000.

On Thursday evening, May 31, 958 Downey High School seniors prepared to take the stage to accept their diplomas. Filling the Veteran’s Memorial Stadium at Long Beach City College with enthusiasm and boisterous applause, these students could barely contain themselves as they prepared to

cross the stage.

Amongst the students, approximately 11,000 in attendance added to the thunderous excitement. Seventeen Vikings proudly finished their final year of high school with a 4.5 GPA or higher.

To conclude the Downey Unified commencement ceremonies trilogy, Veteran’s Memorial Stadium was just as booming Friday evening, June 1, with the 2018 Warren High School graduating class engulfing the stadium.

A total of 894 seniors showed nothing but passion and enthusiasm as they accepted their diplomas, 12 of these Bears finished the 2017-18 school year with a 4.5 GPA or higher. Cheering on the graduates were approximately 10,000 supporters.

Sealbearers are recognized as students in the state of California who possess high standards in academic scholarship, community service and citizenship. Downey and Warren high schools honored a total of 232 Sealbearers in this year’s graduating class.

Overall, 659 students that are graduating from Downey Unified will be attending a myriad of Ivy League schools or four-year universities in the fall including Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, Yale, Stanford, Northwestern, Biola, University of Chicago, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), UCLA, USC, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara and UC Irvine.

Additional graduates will be attending a number of junior colleges such as Cypress City College, Long Beach City College, Cerritos College, Golden West College and the Los Angeles Trade Technical School to transfer or pursue industry specific certifications.

“With a combined graduating total of 2,011 students, Downey Unified would like to congratulate the 2018 Columbus, Downey and Warren high school graduates for this outstanding accomplishment,” expressed Board of Education president Bobbie Samperi. “We truly look forward to all the great endeavors each of you will accomplish in the coming years.”

# DUSD summer programs now underway

**DOWNEY** – Beginning the week of June 11, Downey Unified launched its summer enrichment programs for students, which includes summer school at each high school, extended school year programs (for special needs students), Summer 101 and STEAMworks.

Available at Columbus, Downey and Warren high schools, summer school programs are available for high school students Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. from June 11 to July 19.

The summer enrichment program titled STEAMworks will be located at Gallatin, Gauldin, Rio Hondo and Rio San Gabriel elementary schools as well as Doty and Sussman middle schools, Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to approximately noon, beginning June 11 through July 12.

This program, which will enrich approximately 850 students, instructs them on the basis of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics).

Summer 101, a five-week program for first grade through eighth-grade students, will be located at Griffiths Middle School, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to noon beginning June 12 through July 7.

Downey Unified is also participating in the Seamless Summer Food Service Program, providing meals without charge to all children, ages 18 and younger. Meal services were previously only served on a Monday through Thursday schedule, yet for this year’s Seamless Summer Program, Fridays have been added. The following school sites and times are available for this program:

Breakfast only at Alameda Elementary School, now through July 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., Monday through Thursday.

Breakfast and lunch at Gallatin, Gauldin, Rio Hondo and Rio San Gabriel elementary schools, now through July 6, from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Lunch only at Doty, Griffiths and Sussman middle schools,

now to July 12, from 10:50 a.m. to 11:20 a.m., Monday through Thursday.

Lunch only at Columbus, Downey and Warren high schools, now through July 19, from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday.

For any questions regarding the summer enrichment programs, please contact each respective school site for additional information. For any questions regarding the Seamless Summer Food Services Program, please contact the Department of Nutrition Services at (562) 469-6672.

The Downey Unified School District’s office hours have also been altered during the summer school schedule, only open Monday through Thursday from 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The upcoming 2018-19 school year will begin on Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Warren High graduates (2009 & 2011) Andrew Jebanathan and Heather Adamson married on March 4, 2018 at the Embassy Suites in Garden Grove.

Andrew graduated from Cal Maritime with a BS in Marine Transportation and works as Mate for Starlight Marine Services in Oakland, CA. Heather received her BA in Psychology at UCLA and this summer will complete her Doctorate in Clinical Forensic Psychology.

The couple make their home in Downey.



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# An interview with state Senate candidate Bob Archuleta

By Raul Samaniego  
Contributor

► The first of a two-part interview with Democratic state Senate candidate Bob Archuleta, who earlier this month advanced to the Nov. 6 general election.

An interview with his Republican challenger, Rita Topalian, is scheduled for later this month.

**NORWALK** - Meet Bob Archuleta, Democrat candidate for the regular California State Senate District 32 seat up for grabs in the November 2018 California general election.

This year there are technically four elections; on June 5, the California Primary was held and voters went to the polls in Norwalk, Downey and all the cities represented by the State Senate 32nd District to choose two candidates from two different terms.

This situation came about with the resignation of former state Senator Tony Mendoza, who resigned prior to being scrutinized by the Senate for likely improprieties involving female staff members.

Because this is an election year, no special election was called and the selection process for Mendoza's remaining term was placed on the June 5 ballot.

This may have caused some confusion, for voters saw almost identical lists of candidates for the two sets of primaries. One for the short term (expiring December 31, 2018), and one set for the regular term which will be for four years starting in January of 2019.

Archuleta's Republican opponent in the November

general election is Whittier attorney Rita Topalian. Topalian agreed to a sit-down interview on Monday, June 25, so the readers and voters can meet her as well.

Vanessa Delgado, mayor of the City of Montebello, was the runner up in the special primary for the remainder of Mendoza's term and will need to decide if she will indeed run or what other plans she has.

That special election is slated for Tuesday, August 7, and will be solely for the selection of a person to complete the remainder of the vacant term. Delgado's opponent in that special election will also be Topalian, who had garnered the most votes in the special primary.

Wednesday, I had the opportunity to sit down with Democrat candidate Bob Archuleta at Diana's Restaurant in south Norwalk.

The format would be about a dozen open-ended questions concerning some of the issues concerning all of the communities of the 930,000 strong California 32nd state Senate district.

## WHO IS BOB ARCHULETA?

Bob Archuleta admits to being "70ish" and has lived in the area all his life. Prior to our sit-down, he spoke with a group of diners sharing that he used to sell roses along the streets in his youth for extra cash.

Archuleta served in the 82nd Airborne for three years during the Vietnam era and was stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He's been married to his current wife, Rose, for 15 years (this November), has five children and seven grandchildren.

Two of his sons graduated from the United States Military Academy and are serving as officers in the US Army as a captain and major.

Archuleta shared that he served the public as a sworn police officer in the Montebello Police Department. He admitted that at the urging of Rep. Grace Napolitano, he entered politics, winning a seat on the Pico Rivera City council back in 2007.

He considers himself the "equal opportunity candidate" in that he doesn't care of age, heritage, hair color or anything when it comes to serving the people.

## Why are you running for the 32nd State Senate District?

In answer to the question of why he was running for state Senate, Archuleta made reference to a lifetime of "service and representation." Asked for specifics, he spoke of his serving through the "military, community service and serving and representing our veterans."

He made mention of serving almost a million LA County-based veterans as military commissioner of veterans affairs for 24 years.

He also cited his 10-year history of working in the Montebello Police Department, which gave him the opportunity to "talk with people," directly on issues regarding law enforcement.

Finally, his service as an elected official on the Pico Rivera City Council was his opportunity to "straighten it out." That is, he said it "was upside down financially, graffiti, the parks were a mess, the library was falling apart."

"I am here (running for the state Senate) because of the call to duty. My friends and neighbors said, 'Bob, you got to take it to the next level.'"

Citing the resignation of Mendoza, he saw an opportunity to bring the leadership that the 32nd Senate District needed.

primaries sought to label Archuleta a Republican in sheep's clothing or the "Republican Democrat." This was done with scathing campaign literature from a fellow Democrat whose supporters are said to have invested nearly \$2 million in a campaign where Archuleta raised a tenth of that. His thoughts:

"Wow! I've never heard of such a statement (Republican Democrat). But I can tell you this: I have heard of a very conservative Democrat, a Democrat who can reach across the aisle. I've heard of a Democrat who can bring people together, and that's me. I'm going to unite as many people as I possibly can."

"You can't tell me that a problem in Norwalk or Downey or Cerritos or wherever is only a Democratic or only a Republican problem."

"I want clean air, clean water, I want better public transportation, I want to be able to send my kids to school in a safe environment."

## HOW ARE YOU DIFFERENT FROM YOUR REPUBLICAN OPPONENT?

Archuleta considers his campaign a "political miracle." "Never in the history of the 32nd district, or any district, where an opponent had almost

Bob Archuleta, Montebello councilman and Democratic candidate for the State Senate District 32, spoke at the Downey Democratic Club on Tuesday night. He will be running against Rita Topalian, Republican, for the seat in November. With him, left to right, are Tammy Ashton, President Betty Monroy, Paula Mejia, and Margarita Fernandez.

Archuleta says he will visit all 20 cities in the district before the November election.



\$2 million thrown in on her side, and my side had only \$200,000."

According to Archuleta, "this came from housewives, veterans, independents. Everybody was pitching in."

"I'm going to bring leadership, integrity and a sense of duty that we've never seen before."

## ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF CALIFORNIA'S NATIONAL GUARD TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER WITH MEXICO

The current administration has called for the deployment of National Guard troops along the United States border, including a request for California's National Guard to participate.

"Their job is to take orders from our Commander in Chief," said Archuleta. "Whatever mission they're on, they are going to do it right, do it quick with pride and honor."

"Our job is to make sure they are safe, they come home to their families because they are citizens, neighbors, relatives, aunts and uncles, and we need to make sure we honor them every day, regardless of their mission."

In the next installment, Archuleta answers questions on public safety, homelessness, the gas tax, handicap accessibility, and California's natural resources.



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## President Trump can win re-election

By Marc Dion

If nothing goes really wrong, President Donald J. Trump can win re-election. This is particularly true if the Democratic Party runs some caricature of liberalism like Elizabeth Warren. She'd be a better president than Trump, but she'd be a worse candidate than Hillary Clinton. Female, extremely liberal and from Massachusetts, she'd get the same numbers that Clinton did in the same places that Clinton did, and that's not good enough.

You want to know why Trump is on the path to winning?

Unemployment is down. Way down. It doesn't make any difference if he caused it; he gets the credit. Every elected official, from mayor to president, gets credit for unemployment drops during his/her time in office.

He's being investigated? So what? The Republicans investigated Hillary Clinton several hundred times and found nothing. Now, everyone assumes the investigation of Trump is as politically motivated as the investigations of her.

Guns. You got a gun? Anyone try to take it? Trump can take credit for that, too.

I know a guy who said to me that he'll vote for Trump next time because, "At least I know my guns will be safe for another four years." Don't laugh at that guy, either. There's a hell of a lot of him.

Trump went to Korea. Was it a bad deal? Sure, it was. Trump got snookered. But he went, and that's really all he had to do. Results don't count.

Trump respects the flag, a phrase which is completely meaningless, but a great number of people think our flag is being burned every day, coast to coast, by Muslims, gays and America-haters. Trump thinks if you don't kneel for the anthem, you should be thrown out of the country. Ridiculous, no? No. Millions of people feel the exact same way.

Trump respects our veterans. He treated certifiable hero John McCain like something he was trying to scrape off his shoe, but Trump wants to throw you out of the country if you won't kneel for the anthem, and that means he respects the men and women who died for our freedom. That's exactly what it means to a lot of people, and they get to vote.

In the newsroom where I work, except for a couple of lonely Trump supporters, I was the only one who thought Donald J. Trump had a good shot at winning.

You know why?

Because my circle of friends is not limited to people who are just like me. White-collar college-educated liberals tend to hang out with other white-collar college-educated liberals. They never saw Trump coming. If you read The New York Times coverage of Trump's winning run for office, you realize the paper didn't know you could vote if you had only a high school diploma and lived in Oklahoma.

"What the hell!" the Times said after the election. "Those people can VOTE?!"

Turned out they could vote, even if they owned guns, liked karaoke and believed all that weird stuff in Revelations.

The political establishment missed those people the first time around, and if they miss 'em again, and he doesn't get convicted of anything, Trump will get a second term.

**Marc Dion's latest book, "The Land of Trumpin," is available in paperback from Amazon.com, and for Nook, Kindle, iBooks and GooglePlay.**

## Trump's giving diplomacy a chance. Critics should, too

By Lindsay Koshgarian

Some critics have knocked President Trump for making "too many concessions" to North Korean leader Kim Jong-un at the historic Singapore Summit — the first-ever meeting between a U.S. president and North Korean leader.

Trump's foreign policy instincts have had me white-knuckled for the past year and a half. But against a backdrop of possible nuclear war, it would be overly cynical not to recognize the meeting's potential for good.

At best, the meeting set the stage for North Korea's denuclearization — and possibly even an end to the nearly 70-year-old, stalemated Korean War. If you're against war, this is a good development.

Just six months ago, reasonable people had reasonable fears of the world's first two-sided nuclear war, as President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un traded middle-school insults and flaunted their nuclear arsenals.

There are still countless ways the negotiations could go wrong, and real reasons to fear that hardline members of the administration — and

its opposition, too — would allow that to happen. But diplomacy offers chances for bigger gains, and smaller losses, than war.

Unfortunately, the U.S. spends more than 20 times more on war and militarism than we do on diplomacy each year.

Our choices have been stark.

The U.S. chose war in Iraq over diplomacy in 2003. Our leaders chose certain risk over likely rewards by pulling out of the Iran nuclear deal. And they chose a lone plunge backward over a carefully planned march forward when they stepped back from the Paris climate accord before that.

This must not happen when it comes to the North Korea negotiations.

The costs of war are horrifying. The current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have cost the U.S. \$5.6 trillion, and 6,800 U.S. soldiers have lost their lives. That doesn't include non-fatal casualties, or the human and economic costs of PTSD and family stress that echo far beyond the battlefield.

And it doesn't count the hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians

who have been needlessly killed throughout our warzones. A full-scale war with North Korea would likely be many times worse.

The North Korea negotiations are far from over, and could still tip from a fragile diplomacy back to middle-school insults and perhaps even to war. But we can and should be more optimistic than that. Diplomacy isn't just the better way. It's the only way.

For the Korean talks to work, this administration will have to value diplomacy more than it did in its narrow-minded rejection of the Iran deal. It will have to value diplomacy more than it did when it pulled out of the Paris climate agreement.

There's so much to gain from open communication and keeping our word. And there's so much more to lose if we allow things to fall apart.

**Lindsay Koshgarian directs the National Priorities Project at the Institute for Policy Studies, which published an earlier version of this piece.**

## We should expect more from our leaders

By Mona Younis

Are we Americans unworthy? That's certainly the message we're getting from our government.

Over 40 percent of us are poor or low-income. How is that possible in the wealthiest country in history?

"The United States is alone among developed countries in insisting that while human rights are of fundamental importance," explains UN rapporteur on poverty Philip Alston, "they do not include rights that guard against dying of hunger, dying from a lack of access to affordable health care, or growing up in a context of total deprivation."

Alston says that "the persistence of extreme poverty is a political choice made by those in power" — which means that "with political will, it could readily be eliminated." Unfortunately, our government's political will is increasingly exercised to make things more, not less, difficult for us.

Most Americans don't know it, but in 1977 the U.S. actually signed an international treaty called the UN Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, which mandates government responsibility to ensure their citizens do more than merely survive. Unfortunately, one

U.S. administration after the other has completely disregarded it, and Congress never ratified it.

Our leaders have apparently judged that we either don't need — or don't deserve — things like an adequate standard of living and universal health care. As one dizzy U.S. congressman claims, "Nobody dies because they don't have access to health care."

164 countries have ratified the treaty, but ours won't. Are their people more deserving than we are? Is it something we've done?

It can't be because we're doing fine without those rights.

I mean, look at our minimum wage. There isn't a "single county or metropolitan area," as a Guardian report put it, where a minimum wage can get you a "modest two-bedroom home, which the federal government defines as paying less than 30 percent of a household's income for rent and utilities."

The price we pay for this disregard for our fundamental human rights begins at the beginning of our lives. Indeed, many of us struggle to survive to our first birthday. Citing figures from the Centers for Disease Control, the Washington Post declared our infant mortality rate "a national

embarrassment," noting that it's higher "than any of the other 27 wealthy countries."

That's painful enough. But they went on: "Despite health care spending levels that are significantly higher than any other country in the world, a baby born in the U.S. is less likely to see his first birthday than one born in Hungary, Poland, or Slovakia. Or in Belarus. Or in Cuba, for that matter."

Sad!

And a recent UNICEF assessment of how children are faring found the U.S. near the bottom of 41 rich countries when it came to meeting goals on child poverty, hunger, health, and education.

Tragic!

Well, there's an important difference between us and other prosperous countries: Their citizens expect and demand more of their governments than we do of ours. And governments do only as much as their citizens expect — not more! So why do we accept so little from ours? How have we come to deem ourselves less worthy than others?

**Mona Younis is a human rights advocate.**

## Traumatizing kids is an unspeakable evil

By Jill Richardson

Let's be clear about something: Separating children from families, as the Trump regime is doing to undocumented immigrants, isn't just cruel. It's going to cause irreparable damage to the children involved — and probably to the parents too.

The difference is that developmental trauma — trauma experienced in childhood — is much more difficult to heal than trauma suffered as an adult. Trauma itself can be healed, but it's painful, difficult, and as is often the case in this country, expensive. For many it's simply out of reach.

I suffered childhood trauma. Here's what it's like. I knew from my earliest memories that something in me was not right. I thought it was my fault. I thought I was just born bad.

Trauma is both physical and emotional. My body behaved abnormally, and I didn't understand why.

I was hungry all of the time. I would eat and an hour later, I was hungry

again. All day, every day.

I was tired all of the time. I was up until 4 a.m. and then I would sleep at least 10 hours. I couldn't fall asleep earlier even if I tried, and if I attempted to wake up earlier, I'd get a migraine. It interfered with my ability to hold a job.

Worst of all, I got migraines every day for 23 years. Every. Day. It interfered with every part of my life.

Then there was the emotional and behavioral toll. When I was around others, I was panicked. I dealt with it by adopting a number of rather antisocial and embarrassing strategies to help myself feel more in control. I knew that I was annoying or upsetting or offending those around me while I was doing it, but I couldn't stop.

I thought there was something fundamentally wrong with me that made me unlikable and unworthy of love. I would try to get close to people, get scared, and then push them away.

All of these things are changing after years of therapy, and only just in the last two months. During most of this time, I did not see myself as a trauma victim. I saw myself as a loser. Lazy. Dysfunctional. A bad person. Unlovable. Wrong. Broken.

Trauma is often invisible to the person suffering it. Your body acts strangely, and you react emotionally to others in ways you can't understand — and either you don't even know you are doing it, or you don't know why. You can't control it. You think it's your fault and so does everyone around you.

This is what we're doing to these immigrant children. And what I went through is nothing compared to what they're suffering.

I grew up in a wealthy, white, educated family, and I was born a U.S. citizen. I was able to get therapy. Most of the children Trump is locking in cages likely won't get that opportunity. Already pediatricians are warning about the lasting damage they're likely to suffer from this cruel treatment.

Now we've found out why Trump is doing this: It's a bargaining chip in order to get his dumb wall, even though net migration across the border has been zero or negative in recent years (and a wall would scarcely prevent it anyhow).

Even if the wall were a good idea, traumatizing innocent children in order to get it is unspeakably evil.

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## Splitting up California

Dear Editor:

Just when one thinks California can have no more stupid things happen, someone always comes up with something more stupid.

On our November ballot we will vote on whether to support dividing California into three states. Our area will be the one that has the most homeless and illegals in it.

No one has said who will be responsible for the almost \$1 billion in unfunded mandate debt for retirees. Has anyone considered we would now be paying for three governors, three lieutenant governors, three sets of state senators, three representatives, and on and on? Would all three states be sactuary states? I don't know which stupid people signed this petition, but they need to have their heads examined.

In Downey, we have just gone through months without representation and it's unbelievable that Cristina Garcia was again elected to run in November.

We have the highest gasoline tax, the highest property tax, and the highest sales tax. Huge numbers of middle class citizens are leaving

California because home prices are so high. Our schools are ranked 46th in the United States, and U.S. schools are ranked 14th in the world. Take note: these bad conditions have all come about under Democratic leadership.

This is very bad nationally, as there will be two more states that have federal senators and representatives. Which state will assume the bond indebtedness for the bullet train, which is already way over the amount taxpayers voted to spend for it? It looks as if it may never be finished and will never be self-supporting.

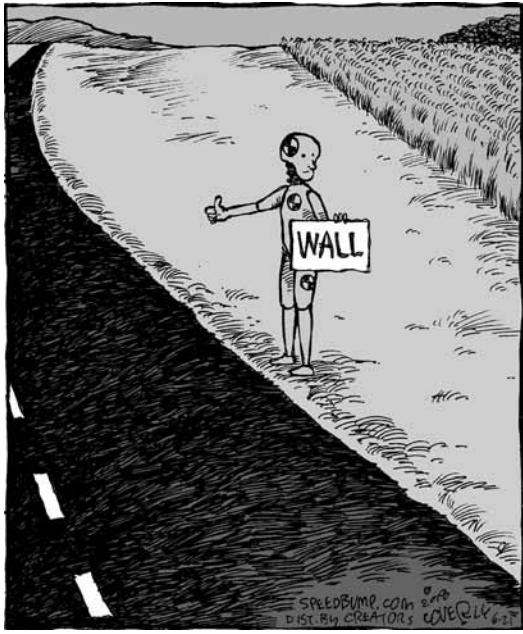
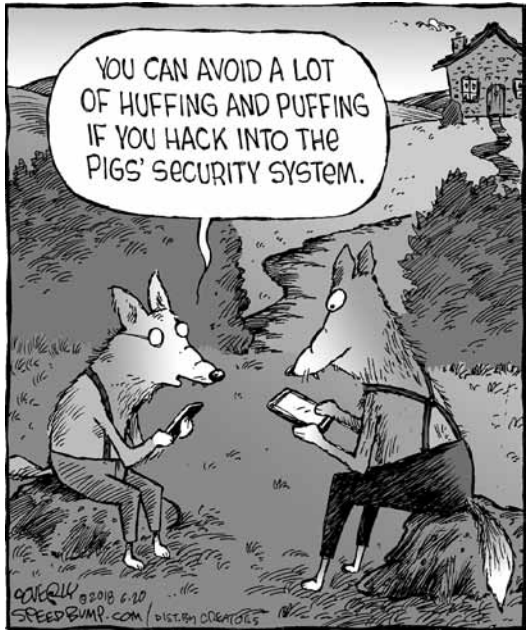
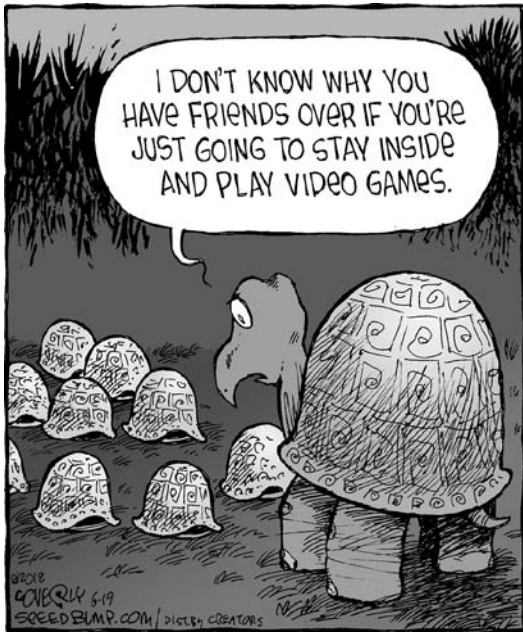
Should this pass, will the election be null and void since we will have to pay for another election for three instead of one state?

If it passes, I hope when they make another constitution they leave Article 3, Section 6 of the California constitution out. This way, our politicians won't have to lie when they take office.

**Elsa Van Leuwen Downey**

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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 Marilyn 928-2623.  
 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, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 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., 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 Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.  
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.  
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.  
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.  
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.  
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.  
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.  
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

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

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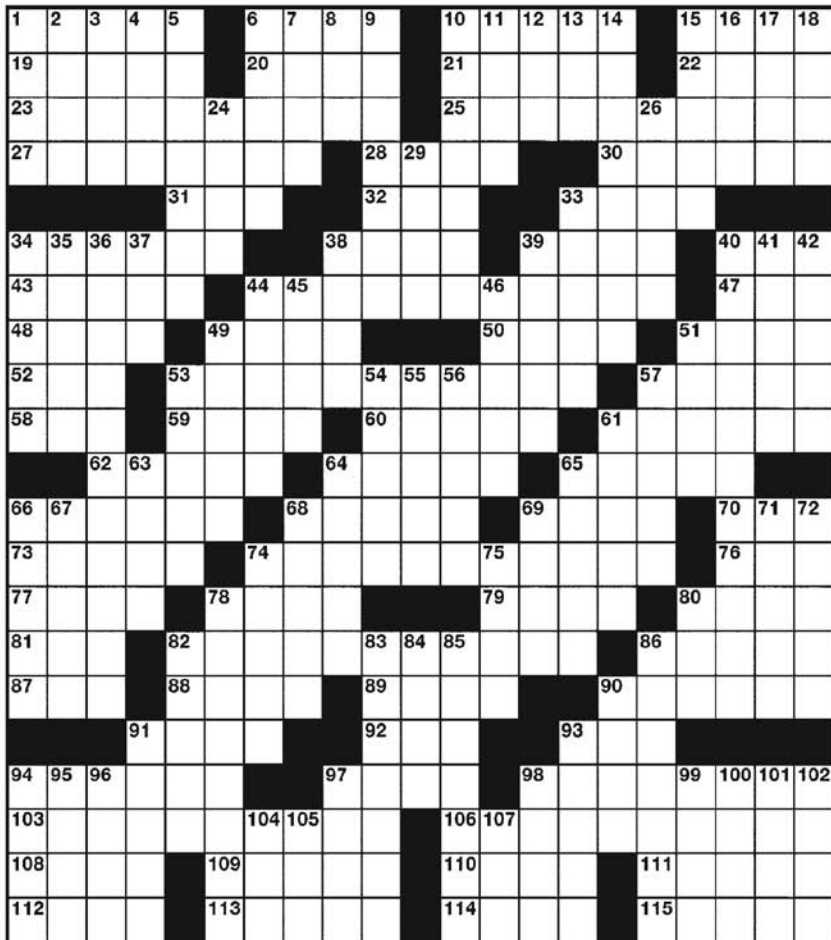
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## DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

### Friday, June 22

**CERT Training (Spanish)**, 6 pm. A Spanish-language version of Community Emergency Response Team training. Mandatory classes June 22-24. Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.

### Saturday, June 23

**Sean Ashton Fundraiser**, 1 pm. A political fundraiser in support of Mayor Sean Ashton. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

**Katie McElhenney Book Signing**, 1 pm. Author of "The Things They've Taken," and an actress who has appeared on "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," will speak and sign books. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

**Tea and Paint Party**, 2 pm. Sip tea and create a masterpiece as you help raise funds for a humanitarian trip to Ecuador. \$30. Downey First Christian Church, 10909 New St.

**Big Hero 6**, 5 pm. A free screening of the animated film 'Big Hero 6,' presented by the Girls in STEM Club. Outdoor event, bring lawn chairs and blankets. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

**The Goonies**, 6:30 pm. A screening of the 1985 cult classic "The Goonies." Rocky road floats and other snacks will be for sale, with proceeds benefiting the Pico Project. 13224 Dunrobin Ave.

### Monday, June 25

**Vaccination Clinic**, 6 pm. Discount pet vaccination,

microchips and flea control. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

### Tuesday, June 26

**Bayha Ribbon Cutting**, 3:30 pm. Newest member of the Downey Chamber of Commerce. 11131 Brookshire Ave.

### Wednesday, June 27

**Chamber of Commerce installation**, 12 pm. John Casillas is installed as president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. The 80's tribute band Knyght Ryder performs. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

### Thursday, June 28

**Ribbon Cutting**, 3:30 pm. Home Instead Senior Care celebrates a grand re-opening at its new location. 10445 Lakewood Blvd., suite 105.

### Saturday, June 30

**Ressurreccion Mexican Folk**, 7 pm. An ensemble of Mexican folklorico dancers perform live. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Sunday, July 1

**60th Anniversary Celebration**, 4 pm. The Downey Symphony celebrates the start of its 60th anniversary season with a special reception on the stage of the Downey Theatre. Downey

Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Monday, July 2

**Juggling Show**, 4 pm. Michael Rayner, a former contestant on America's Got Talent, performs a free juggling show that blends comedy and physical stunts. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Sunday, July 8

**The ABBA Show**, 7 pm. Direct from the UK, The ABBA Show is a tribute to the Swedish pop group that gained fame in the '70s. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Monday, July 9

**Mad Science**, 4 pm. In this free show, Isaac Newton's law of motion is examined through exciting and energetic experiments. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Wednesday, July 11

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. Live performance by Suave and its unique blend of Latin, rock, R&B, jazz and swing. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

### Wednesday, July 18

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. The Downey Symphony performs Broadway and film tunes. Kids are invited to help conduct. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

### Monday, July 23

**Vaccination Clinic**, 6 pm. Discount pet vaccination,

microchips and flea control. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

### Wednesday, July 25

**Concerts in the Park**, 7 pm. The Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band performs a variety of music, from film scores to contemporary band music. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

### Sunday, July 29

**Miss West Coast Pageant**, 5 pm. Women and girls from throughout California compete for over \$50,000 in prizes, scholarships and modeling contracts. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Saturday, Aug. 4

**Backpack Giveaway**, 4-6 pm. Gangs Out of Downey gives away hundreds of backpacks and school supplies. First come, first served. Golden Park, 8840 Golden Ave.

**Music & Movie**, 5 pm. Bring snacks and a lawn chair for an evening of live music, crafts, activities, contests, and an outdoor screening of "Ferdinand." Live performance by The Amanda Castro Band. Golden Park, 8840 Golden Ave.

**Kithara TV Concert**, 7:30 pm. Arabic singers and musicians perform live. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Tuesday, Aug. 7

**National Night Out**, 5:30-8:30 pm. Meet with members of the

Downey Police Department and learn ways to keep your neighborhood safe. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

### Wednesday, Aug. 15

**First Day of School**, 8 am. The 2018-19 school year begins at all Downey public schools.

### Thursday, Aug. 16

**Havana Nights**, 7-9 pm. A rooftop concert on the top story of the downtown parking structure. Featured band is La Charanga. 2nd and New streets.

### Saturday, Aug. 18

**Rocket Fever**, 10 am to 5 pm. Build and fly your own rocket at L.A.'s first and only urban rocket festival. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

**Hot Havana Nights**, 7 pm to midnight. Authentic Cuban cuisine, live salsa band, drinks, hand-rolled cigars, and more. A fundraiser for the Downey Rose Float Assoc. Downey Elks Lodge, 11233 Woodruff Ave.

### Saturday, Sept. 8

**Senior Follies Talent Show**, 1 pm and 5 pm. Downey seniors show off their unique talents in this 14th annual production. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

### Saturday, Sept. 15

**International Food & Music Festival**, 4-10 pm. Food from

local restaurants and food trucks, craft beer and wine garden, DJ, live entertainment on 3 stages, balloon artists, caricature artists, photo booth, henna artists, face painters, and more. Downey Avenue, between 2nd and 4th streets

### Monday, Sept. 17

**Kiwanis Golf Tournament**, 12 pm. Annual golf tournament in support of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis and their charitable efforts. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

### Saturday, Oct. 20

**Downey Symphony Concert**, 8 pm. Celebrated composer Oscar Navarro returns for an encore of his "Downey Overture." Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### Friday, Oct. 26

**Ricky Galvez Golf Tournament**, 11 am. Gangs Out of Downey's annual golf tournament, raising money for Ricky Galvez college scholarships. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

### Sunday, Oct. 28

**Dia de los Muertos Festival**, 11 am to 8 pm. Music and dance performances, dozens of vendors, art shows, food trucks, altar displays, and more. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.



Even while on vacation at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Downey Patriot staff writer Alex Dominguez keeps up with Downey news.



Richard and Pam Chambers visited Norwich Castle in England and took their Downey Patriot.



The Dodgers won the West Downey Little League Majors division championship and qualified for the District 29 Tournament of Champions, where they reached the semi-finals.

The team is coached by David Flores, Javier Ducreux, and John Alfaro.

Back row from left: Andres Angulo, John Crowe, Jerry Ramos, Ben Vieyra, and Steve Munoz.

Front Row, from left: Joel Alfaro, Ryan Hurtado, Alejandro Ducreux, Jacob Figueroa, Xavier Hernandez, and DJ Flores.

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# Consumers are paying millions in unnecessary tax preparation fees

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understanding the options can be confounding. "Trying to navigate the Free File sites," Olson once said in congressional testimony, is "a bit like living in the Wild, Wild West."

Tax-preparation companies sometimes complicate the matter by using confusingly named products. Intuit, for instance, has a "Free Edition" of TurboTax, which handles federal 1040EZ or 1040A forms gratis — but charges for state forms. It also offers a "Freedom Edition," which is the Free File version and handles both federal and state forms at no cost.

Intuit acknowledges the discrepancy in its support pages: "don't confuse Freedom Edition with Free Edition at TurboTax.com. These similarly-named products are completely different."

Moreover, the Freedom Edition isn't visible on TurboTax's homepage. Indeed, only one of the 12 Alliance

members, Free Tax Returns.com, prominently displays the Free File option on its homepage. If you know to look for those pages, you can find them via a web search. You can also discover the options via IRS.gov. Otherwise, Free File is extremely difficult to find.

Adding to the confusion is an array of eligibility requirements that differ among providers. This year, for example, TurboTax makes Free File available to anyone who earns less than \$33,000 or qualifies for the earned income tax credit. H&R Block's version covers incomes of \$66,000 or less, but only for people 50 or younger. Other companies have other requirements, which generally vary by income, age and state of residence. (The alliance coordinates the requirements among providers in such a way that, in theory, 70 percent of taxpayers will be eligible for at least one offering.)

The tax-prep companies insist their Free File offerings are easy to find and understand. "It's not hidden," said Timur

Taluy, CEO of FileYourTaxes.com. "There's a link on our landing page to Free File." But when I asked Taluy to locate the link on my phone's browser, he couldn't. He ended up finding the page using a Google search. Still, Taluy asserted that "a lot of people know that Free File exists and they make conscious choices to use another free service or a paid service."

Amanda Werner, a cheesemaker from Vermont, said she discovered Free File this year when she happened to receive an email from her local United Way that mentioned it. She said she immediately switched and was pleased with the program. Her only regret is that she didn't know about it earlier, which meant she was previously paying H&R Block between \$20 and \$60 per year for tax prep.

"[It] left me mildly annoyed that I'd had to pay for the same service in the past," she said. Other taxpayers interviewed for this article also paid fees to online tax preparers, only to learn that they would have been eligible for Free File. (One of those taxpayers was then able to persuade TurboTax to refund the \$89.98 in fees they had spent on this year's return.)

Determining exactly how many taxpayers are eligible for — but not using — Free File is almost impossible. The IRS said it does not have data on filing fees paid by taxpayers and none of the Free File Alliance companies would provide it. "It's not totally advantageous for us to share all of that information," said a representative for TaxAct.

Still, a very rough approximation is possible. About 53 million returns were filed using do-it-yourself online or downloadable software last year, according to IRS data. Free File is meant to cover 70 percent of taxpayers, or about 37 million among the DIY returns.

But only about 2.5 million people actually utilized Free File, leaving some 34.5 million eligible taxpayers that potentially incurred fees.

Using what the IRS calls a "conservative \$30-fee estimate" for each return, that would translate to around a billion dollars in avoidable preparation and filing costs. (That estimate doesn't include fees to file state returns. It also doesn't capture taxpayers who paid an offline preparer, though about 3.5 million of those people used other no-cost government programs, such as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly.)

An Intuit spokesperson contended in an email that it's "irresponsible" to estimate the avoidable costs. He said that some customers could be choosing to use a paid product

instead of Free File. He added that many customers also get no-cost returns via products such as TurboTax's now-discontinued AbsoluteZero product, Credit Karma (which says it handled more than a million returns this year) or similar offerings from other companies.

Any accurate calculation, the spokesperson argued, depends on knowing exactly what products consumers choose to use and how much they end up paying. When ProPublica asked for such information on TurboTax customers, he cited "competitive reasons" for not sharing data. "I implore you to do the due diligence to be factual rather than estimate for effect ... or people with the data may pop up after the fact," he wrote. "You could be left holding the bag."

For its part, the IRS believes it's doing everything it can to make Free File successful. "We feel like we do promote Free File fairly heavily," said Ken Corbin, the IRS' commissioner for wage and investment, which oversees the program. Terry Lemons, the IRS' chief of communication and liaison, adds that the agency has its own budget woes to contend with. "There's a lot of demands, and we've got fewer resources."

The IRS says it once had \$1.5 million a year to promote Free File, but that funding was eliminated in 2015. The agency also claims that budgetary constraints kept it from implementing a 2007 inspector general recommendation that the IRS better evaluate Free File, including more closely surveying taxpayers who aren't using it.

Some critics argue for drastic change. "The program has to be radically reconceived" if not eliminated altogether, said Dennis Ventry, a tax-law professor at the University of California Davis and chair of the IRS Advisor Council. He says the council is currently looking into Free File and will present its recommendations in November.

Ventry expressed concern about companies up-selling products and obfuscating Free File user agreements, among other issues.

The Free File rules are laid out in a memorandum of understanding between the IRS and the Free File Alliance. The memorandum, which is renegotiated every few years (the current version runs through 2020), is "incredibly favorable to the industry," according to Ventry. "The IRS let it be that way."

Clauses prevent the IRS from collecting certain data and limit the agency's ability to disclose any "deficiencies" they might find in the Free File system. The agreement also gives the tax-

prep companies an opportunity to "intervene" in relevant Freedom of Information Act requests posed to the IRS.

"It's amazing how much the companies dictate the rules," said one industry insider, who asked for anonymity given the sensitivity of the subject. Free File Alliance members acknowledge the threat of government entrance into the marketplace in recent SEC filings, calling the possibility "a continued competitive threat to our business" that "could potentially have material and adverse revenue implications."

Dozens of other countries, from the United Kingdom to Japan, have ways for at least some taxpayers to electronically file directly with the government. But according to Olson, the National Taxpayer Advocate, the U.S. has never really explored what such a system might look like. She argued that current programs such as Free File should be re-examined. "What I believe Congress needs to do is to have a conversation about why taxpayers aren't using it," Olson said. "What do taxpayers want?"

Congress has overwhelmingly supported Free File. "It's a great program that helps save the government money and do free tax filings for people who can't afford it," said a spokesperson for Rep. Peter Roskam, R-Ill. Roskam introduced bills to make Free File permanent in both 2013 and 2017. Records show that H&R Block and Intuit lobbied in favor of the latter effort.)

When asked about potential issues with, or improvements to, the Free File program, Roskam's spokesperson replied, "we don't have anything to contribute to

your article."


Free File bills never made it very far on their own in the past. This spring, though, the idea was rolled into a broader IRS reform package known as the "Taxpayer First Act," which includes a variety of provisions aimed at improving customer service, beefing up cybersecurity and assuring proper notice before asset seizures. That bill passed the House in April 414-0.

Now it's the Senate's turn to debate its approach to IRS reform and, consequently, the merits of Free File. Although the provision has generally seen support, it does have at least one outspoken detractor. "Doing your taxes shouldn't be this hard — or this expensive," said Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., who has introduced legislation calling for a "return free" filing option.

Intuit is sticking by Free File, as is H&R Block. The latter provided a statement, asserting that taxpayer feedback on Free File "is overwhelmingly positive," and adding, "we are proud to have helped millions of Americans file their returns under this program."

Intuit said it began providing no-cost tax preparation service to low-income taxpayers in 1998 and that it has spent millions of dollars to support and promote no-cost services such as Free File and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. Most recently, the company says it put \$1.5 million into a new campaign to promote no-cost filing known as Tax Time Allies.

Still, Intuit acknowledged "there's room to do more."



**Renowned author and speaker around the world, Josh will speak at First Baptist Church of Downey.**

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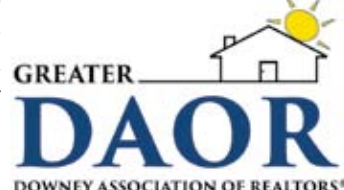
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Christian Briseno (Warren High) and Jordan Galindo (Downey High) were selected as part of the official PRO+ODP soccer team this past Sunday at Troy High School in Fullerton.

Over 400 teams competed in the Southern California region for the 2017-2018 season with only 120 kids being invited to try out for the team.

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# Things you didn't know about Downey

**DOWNEY** – One of the early pioneer families were the Hammertons.

Judge Henry W. Hammerton immigrated from Peterboro, England at the age of 18 – barely a year after the 1849 Gold Rush in California. In his trip to California he worked along the way as a brick mason and blacksmith. He also was employed with the government for several months at the Old Fort Buchanan (later Camp Crittenden) driving teams of horses.

Henry spent a year in Tulare County where at the age of 28 he met and married a 14-year old Texas girl, Orpah J. McCollough. Later the married couple moved to Downey in 1863.

They bought 67 acres of land (on today's property that would be Old River School Road) in November 1864. Henry built the first brick house in Downey, which looked like a home from native England. He hauled the bricks from Wilmington by wagon and slept under the wagon at night before heading back to his property. He built a handsome two-story, nine-room home.

All the Hammerton children were born in the brick house.

The home was the scene of many parties and after church gatherings. Hammerton was prominent in the Odd Fellows Lodge (one of the earliest fraternal groups in the area) and was elected Justice of the Peace for Downey Township.

Some of the Hammertons are buried in the historic Downey Cemetery.

■ Around 1935, the notice of Mrs. Mary Steel's death appeared in a Downey newspaper. The notice stated that she was the oldest woman in Downey and a beloved and respected citizen of the community.

With the passing of this pioneer, many Downey folks expressed that they felt like that they had lost their best friend.

Steel was born in Mechanicsburg, Mississippi on Jan 7, 1838, being one of nine children. At the time of her obituary notice, only one brother had survived.

Steel had lived in Downey 64 years and woven her life into the very fabric of the community. She was associated with her

husband in a mercantile business which allowed her to meet with people from the community. Her motto for life was that she would divide anything she had with anyone who had less than she. She was married March 9, 1854 to Wesley H. Steel. The couple left Magnolia, Arkansas to come to Downey in 1871.

Her husband passed away 10 years earlier than she, and upon her passing she was laid to rest beside him in the Downey Cemetery.

According to the Downey Livewire on March 7, 1929, another early settler of Downey, Benjamin Franklin Witherspoon, died on a Saturday morning.

Witherspoon was born in Missouri on December 21, 1855. After several moves he ended up in Downey in 1862. He was deputy sheriff and constable of Downey Township for about 38 years. He was a faithful member of the holiness church.

He was also buried in the Downey Cemetery.

Written by Bobbi Bruce, Downey Historical Society

## LEGALS

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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2018149655**  
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REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRUCE ANDREW HOHN, 12139 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90242  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2003  
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#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2018124990**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) 365 TRANSPORT, 9020 CECILIA ST APT 1/4, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARTIN RUBIO RODRIGUEZ, 9020 CECILIA ST APT# 1/4, DOWNEY CA 90241  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL  
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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 6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18, 7/12/18**

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2018137050**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) A FIRST CLASS ENTERTAINMENT-TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (2) POKENESS, 8132 FIRESTONE BLVD UNIT NO 61, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SALESJNI DEVI LAL PRASAD, 8132 FIRESTONE BLVD UNIT NO 61, DOWNEY CA 90241 (2) ROLANDO SANTOS JR, 8132 FIRESTONE BLVD UNIT NO 61, DOWNEY CA 90241  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2018  
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/ROLANDO SANTOS JR, PARTNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 5, 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 6/14/18, 6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18**

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 201811427**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DMF DISTRIBUTION, 10330 PAINTER AVE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 404, DOWNEY CA 90241  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DANIEL FIERROS, 7654 4TH PL., DOWNEY CA 90241 (2) DANIEL MAXIMINO FIERROS, 7654 4TH PL., DOWNEY CA 90241  
State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 7/2017  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/DANIEL MAXIMINO FIERROS, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 8, 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 6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18, 7/12/18**

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2018122621**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SPEEDY'S TERMITE CONTROL, 16014 CLARKDALE AVE, NORWALK CA 90660, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VANESSA BAEZA, 10929 FIRESTONE AVE., STE 154, NORWALK 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/VANESSA BAEZA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 22, 2018  
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot 6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18, 7/12/18**

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2018110977**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GONZALEZ LAWN SERVICE, 13503 GARD AVE, NORWALK CA 90660, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CARLOS ALBERTO GONZALEZ, 13503 GARD AVE, NORWALK 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/CARLOS ALBERTO GONZALEZ, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 7, 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 6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18, 7/12/18**

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2018144039**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SOLARPLEX, 5902 FIRESTONE BLVD., SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SOLARPLEX LLC, 5902 FIRESTONE BLVD., SOUTH GATE CA 90280  
State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/SOLARPLEX LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, DIKRAN KONIALIAN  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 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.  
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 6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18, 7/12/18**

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2018144386**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SUNCO POWER (2) SUPER ENERGY, 3230 FALLOW FIELD DRIVE, DIAMOND BAR CA 91765, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SUNCO INVESTMENTS, LLC, 3230 FALLOW FIELD DRIVE, DIAMOND BAR CA 91765  
State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/SUNCO INVESTMENTS, LLC, MEMBER, TED C LIN  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 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.  
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 6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18, 7/12/18**

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2018128898**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VALLERO, 8524 CHANEY AVE, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HECTOR D ZAMORA, 8524 CHANEY AVE, 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: 05/2018  
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/HECTOR D ZAMORA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County

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/KIMBERLY D. BELL, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 4, 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 6/14/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18**

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2018122023**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE SALON TREATMENT, 8525 WHITTIER BLVD, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) OSCAR LOPEZ, 14819 DOWNEY AVE#26, PARAMOUNT CA 90631  
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/VANESSA BAEZA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 22, 2018  
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**The Downey Patriot 6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18, 7/12/18**

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) OSCAR LOPEZ, 14819 DOWNEY AVE#26, PARAMOUNT CA 90631  
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/VANESSA BAEZA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 22, 2018  
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**The Downey Patriot 6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18, 7/12/18**

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2018110977**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GONZALEZ LAWN SERVICE, 13503 GARD AVE, NORWALK CA 90660, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CARLOS ALBERTO GONZALEZ, 13503 GARD AVE, NORWALK 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/CARLOS ALBERTO GONZALEZ, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 7, 2018  
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**The Downey Patriot 6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18, 7/12/18**

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2018144039**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SOLARPLEX, 5902 FIRESTONE BLVD., SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SOLARPLEX LLC, 5902 FIRESTONE BLVD., SOUTH GATE CA 90280  
State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/SOLARPLEX LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, DIKRAN KONIALIAN  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 12, 2018  
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**The Downey Patriot 6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18, 7/12/18**

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2018144039**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SOLARPLEX, 5902 FIRESTONE BLVD., SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SOLARPLEX LLC, 5902 FIRESTONE BLVD., SOUTH GATE CA 90280  
State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/SOLARPLEX LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, DIKRAN KONIALIAN  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 12, 2018  
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**The Downey Patriot 6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18, 7/12/18**

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

**File Number 2018130114**  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DRIVE N TRADE (2) DRIVE AND TRADE (3) DRIVE N TRADE MAGAZINE, 1322 OLYMPUS AVE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 91976, CITY OF INDUSTRY CA 91715  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: C2832538  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FIDEL MORENO, INC., 1322 OLYMPUS AVE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745  
State of Incorporation: NV  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2016  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)  
S/FIDEL MORENO, INC., PRESIDENT, FIDEL MORENO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 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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**CITY OF DOWNEY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Downey City Council, on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

The City is proposing a "HOME Funding Reservation Agreement" between the City of Downey, a California municipal corporation ("City"), and National Community Renaissance of California, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation ("Participant"). The Participant has been certified as a Community Housing Development Organization ("CHDO"), pursuant to and as defined in the HOME Program. The Participant has been selected by the City to receive HOME CHDO Funds for the following eligible set-aside activity: Acquisition and/or rehabilitation of rental housing.

The City proposes to commit HOME CHDO Funds in an amount not to exceed \$100,087 to the Participant for aforementioned qualified activity, to assist low- and moderate-income households. The purpose of the "HOME Funding Reservation Agreement" is to further affordable housing as specified in the Needs Assessment of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

At that time and place, all persons interested may be present to give comments on the proposed use of the federal funds. The documents, which pertain to the Program, are available for review during normal business hours at the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Brookshire Avenue; the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Avenue; the Housing Division office at 11111 Brookshire Avenue; and at [www.downeyca.org](http://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 Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, no later than 5:30 p.m. on July 24, 2018.

In compliance with the American Disability Act, if you need special accommodations for the proposed use of the federal funds, 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

June 20, 2018  
 The Downey Patriot  
 6/21/18

**NOTICES**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: V5030909**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Roberta Jill Edenfield filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
 Present name (1) Roberta Jill Edenfield to Proposed name (1) R. Jill Edenfield  
**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: July 11, 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 May 23, 2018  
 Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Roberta Jill Edenfield**  
**11851 Lesser**  
**Norwalk, CA 90650**  
**(562) 286-3813**

**The Downey Patriot**  
**5/31/18, 6/7/18, 6/14/18, 6/21/18**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: V5030847**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Eliana Torres and Luis Salvador Castro-Barreto Jr. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
 Present name (1) Daleyza Nevaeh Castro to Proposed name (1) Daleyza Nevaeh Castro-Barreto Jr.  
**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: August 1, 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 April 5, 2018  
 Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
 Eliana Torres and Luis Salvador Castro-Barreto Jr.  
 12050 165th St  
 Norwalk, CA 90650  
 (562) 219-4145

**The Downey Patriot**  
**6/14/18, 6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18**

ATTN: Victor Manuel Flores (AKA: Victor Ahumada Flores); a JUDGEMENT was entered against you in favor of Jose Gustavo Hernandez, Luz Elena Hernandez, and Lucy Hernandez (Claimants). Upon that JUDGEMENT, an application for payment was made with the California Bureau of Real Estate, Consumer Recovery Account. Should the Bureau grant payment, your real estate license rights will be Revoked and will not be reinstated until you reimburse the Bureau for the amount paid, plus interest. If you wish to contest payment, you must file a written response with the Bureau within 30 days of this publication.

**The Downey Patriot**  
**6/14/18, 6/21/18**

ATTN: CBD Cerritos (AKA: Coldwell Banker Dynasty); a JUDGEMENT was entered against you in favor of Jose Gustavo Hernandez, Luz Elena Hernandez, and Lucy Hernandez (Claimants). Upon that JUDGEMENT, an application for payment was made with the California Bureau of Real Estate, Consumer Recovery Account. Should the Bureau grant payment, your real estate license rights will be Revoked and will not be reinstated until you reimburse the Bureau for the amount paid, plus interest. If you wish to contest payment, you must file a written response with the Bureau within 30 days of this publication.

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**6/14/18, 6/21/18**

**TRUSTEE SALES**

T.S. No.: CR18-1023 A.P.N.: 6388-016-016 Order No.: 1937235-05 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/8/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinabove described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: JOSE DE JESUS CONTRERAS AND MARICELA CONTRERAS, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: COUNTY RECORDS RESEARCH, INC. Recorded 9/12/2006 as Instrument No. 06-2030849 in Book Page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 3/9/2018 in Book Page , as Instrument No. 20180231349 of said Official Records. Date of Sale: 7/17/2018 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$95,916.04 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9504 TELEGRAPH ROAD DOWNEY, CA 90240 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale.

If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 844/477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site [www.stoxposting.com](http://www.stoxposting.com), using the file number assigned to this case CR18-1023. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. Date: 6/15/2018 COUNTY RECORDS RESEARCH, INC. 4952 BARNER AVENUE #105 HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92649 PHONE #: (714) 846-6634 FAX #: (714) 846-8720 TRUSTEE'S SALE LINE (844) 477-7869 Sales Website: [www.stoxposting.com](http://www.stoxposting.com) HOAI PHAN COUNTY RECORDS RESEARCH, INC., TRUSTEE DIVISION

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**6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
 T.S. No. 17-30892-BA-CA Title No. 170321264-CA-VOI A.P.N. 6287-029-010 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 5102. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/10/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinabove described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, as provided in the note(s) advanced, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Jose A Carbajal and Diana D Carbajal, husband and wife, as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 07/18/2007 as Instrument No. 20071696510 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 07/19/2018 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, Vineyard Ballroom, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$901,545.26 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 10238 Pico Vista Road, Downey, CA 90241 A.P.N.: 6287-029-010 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale.

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or visit this Internet Web site [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales), using the file number assigned to this case 17-30892-BA-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 06/14/2018 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 800-280-2832; Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales) Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative A-4661164 06/21/2018, 06/28/2018, 07/05/2018

**ASAP 4661164**  
**The Downey Patriot**  
**6/21/18, 6/28/18, 7/5/18**

T.S. No. 012655-CA APN: 6283-019-051 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 9/12/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 7/17/2018 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/4/2006, as Instrument No. 06 2212435, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: SARKIS GONCUOGLU, AN UNMARRIED MAN, AND ARDAS YANIK, A MARRIED MAN, AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK,

A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust of the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12641 CORNUTA AVENUE DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242-5045 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$606,368.49 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien,

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## Short film festival returns to Santa Fe Springs

**SANTA FE SPRINGS** – The Green Salon Short Film Festival returns to Santa Fe Springs on Saturday, June 23 at 7 p.m. The festival, which features the work of local filmmakers, happens the fourth Saturday of each Summer month – June, July, and August – at Studio GalleRoy, the painting studio of Roy Anthony Shabla.

It is a free-admission event.

The Green Salon is a monthly gathering of artists, poets, musicians, filmmakers, and other cultural enthusiasts. It is usually located in Downey, in the private garden of Roy Anthony Shabla, but moves to Santa Fe Springs for the Short Film Festival each Summer. It is the longest-running monthly cultural event in the immediate area.

The Green Salon always hosts an open mic and featured reader. This month, the featured reader is Jo Scott-Coe, author of Teacher at Point Blank, Listening to Kathy and most recently, MASS: A Sniper, a Father, and a Priest. She is an English professor at Riverside City College and facilitates community writing workshops for the Inlandia Institute.

The Green Salon will also host favorite filmmaker Dustin Michael Krapes this month/Krapes gravitates toward the surreal, comedic, and absurd. His film this month, Beverly Sauce 90210, is an absurdist romp through the difficult life of being a condiment.

This ties into a food theme to much of the work this month. Wear a lobster on your head and receive a free glass of wine.

This year, the festival is combined with a small art fair. Local artists and craftsmen will exhibit and sell their work on site. Drawing and painting, sculpture, jewelry, and ceramic art will be featured. Studio GalleRoy itself will exhibit a different series of large paintings each month, encouraging the public to attend all three evenings of film and art.

One of the Art fair featured artists is Anthony Cano, a self-taught ceramicist and painter who will exhibit a variety of objects d'art including tile and ceramic sculpture – especially depicting sea life, organic material face-masks, and recycled bottle art. His work emphasizes the natural world and shines a spotlight on the ecological issues of our time.

Also, Studio GalleRoy shares space with Gallery Frames, a fine-art framer. Any framing job brought and booked the evenings of the festival receives a 20 percent discount.

Studio GalleRoy is located at 11210 Greenstone Avenue, Santa Fe Springs.

## With Milky Way Tea House, Downey finally gets its boba fix

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – With summer on the way, who wouldn't like a unique, cool tasty drink to combat the heat?

Tucked within the Downey Gateway is Milky Way Tea House, a small, family-owned and operated business known for their boba teas and floats.

Manny Medina, 29, was always a neighbor to Downey before moving into the city around three years ago. But to get his boba fix, he found himself driving out of city limits.

“We kind of wanted to bring something different to Downey,” said Medina. “I would have to go out of Downey to get some boba. I would have to go to Pasadena, Cerritos. I figured Downey was missing something like that.”

Medina owns the shop, with his wife, sister and cousin helping him run it. Medina's kids can also be found playing behind the counter on occasion.

“Family, straight family,” said Medina.

The teahouse has served customers for around a year and some change, offering various flavors of mixed green teas, black teas and slushes.

“For me so far it's been an interesting path that I've taken,” says Medina. “As it is I come from a family-oriented background, so I kind of knew what I was going in for...the good thing is you're working for yourself, you're doing something for your community, and you get to meet people every day. Just to see them, that they're satisfied



Manny Medina, owner of Milky Way Tea House. Photos by Alex Dominguez

with your product, that's a big plus.”

Medina and his family use various mixes of teas and syrups to concoct each drink. They cook their boba fresh every day, marinating it in honey water to give it its nice texture and sweet taste.

Medina says it's all about experimenting.

“Pretty much it's just taking the flavors and figuring out if they go with each other or not. Before we serve it to the people, we start mixing with the flavors,” said Medina. “If it's a hit then we just go on with it.”

Some of the more popular drinks include the green tea-based “Orbit Sun” and “Constellation,” as well as the more milky, black tea based “Asteroid,” “Super Nova,” and “Martian.”

However, what Milky Way is really known for is its “boba floats.”

“They're pretty much milk teas and they carry cookies and cream ice cream on them, then on top of the ice cream we have some toppings, which is cereal and stuff like that,” said Medina.

Medina says he came up

with the idea in an effort to offer something different. He and his family knew they were on to something when the drink was a hit at a preview tasting event they held before opening.

“If soda can have ice cream, why can't teas have ice cream,” said Medina. “Now-a-days, there's a whole trend going now with sandwiches with ice cream, churros with ice cream, all these crazy things. [The boba floats are] something out of the box we wanted to do... we had a tasting party before we opened. It was family and friends. A lot of them are tea lovers and when they seen the whole boba float thing they were like ‘what that's insane, that's crazy.’”

When they tasted it they were like, ‘Oh my God, it's over, that's it! This is good.’ That's when we knew it was pretty good.”

So far, the tea house has drawn a younger crowd. Medina says he wants to get everyone involved.

“Not just the youngsters, since it's a family-owned business, we want to make it family oriented,” said Medina. “We want the kids to come, the dad to come, the grandpa,

the uncle, we want everybody to come. That's what we're shooting for.”

Milky Was has already garnered a moderate loyal following of customers as well.

“So far, thank God, we have a couple of loyal customers that come in once a week, sometimes twice a week,” said Medina. “The effect of that is they bring their family members, they bring their friends. What kind of satisfies me more too is you get people from different areas that come in just for the drink...they're actually taking a drive to your spot to get your product. That tells me that we're doing something good.”

Medina says the goal is to continue to grow and expand over time, eventually adding locations in different areas.

“Definitely we want to grow,” said Medina. “I know it's going to take time...that's pretty much one of our goals right now.”

Milky way Tea House is located at 8270 Firestone Blvd.



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The student artwork above was selected from among 247 environmental artwork entries submitted to the City by local 5th grade students. A new student artwork winner will be featured each month.

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# SHARED STORIES: Making Steel

Many people in the area may know someone who worked in one of the heavy industry plants in nearby Vernon. Frank Novak describes the amazing machinery and conditions that produced steel at the Bethlehem plant before it closed in 1982. 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 Frank Novak

If you were driving on Slauson Avenue in the dark in the 1970s or 80s, in the city of Vernon, you might be treated to an amazing sight. Just past the chain link fence on the south side of the street, heavy tongs from up high would drop down to pull a glowing rectangular mass, 10 tons of orange steel, out of a high pit.

As the overhead crane lifted the ingot clear and carried it toward the fence, you would feel the heat on your face through the car window.

The crane would trolley along, parallel to the road, with the hot steel hanging upright until it was lined up with a set of rollers as thick as a man. The crane would bang the hot steel into the rolls and lay it down sideways, and as it did so crusts of molten metal would get knocked off onto the ground.

Then the rollers would carry the heavy ingot out of sight into the dark bowels of the mill, leaving the pieces of slag to glow on the ground, casting eerie shadows as the metal cooled toward gray.

This was the Bethlehem Steel Plant in Vernon, California, where I had the good fortune to work from 1973 to 1982. I had dropped out of graduate school in 1972. Heart-sick over the on-going Vietnam war, and no longer enchanted with the remnants of the 1960s counterculture, I began to work in a machine shop, looking for something more "real." The pay wasn't the greatest, and when I heard Bethlehem Steel was hiring, I jumped at the chance.

The Bethlehem Vernon plant was a sprawling affair. Its property stretched almost a half a mile along Slauson between Maywood Avenue and Boyle Street. The plant was a scrap re-melt plant, meaning that new steel was made by melting down scrap metal rather than extracting it from iron ore. Much of the property was open, filled with mountains of scrap metal tended by a few cranes that loaded and unloaded the rail cars.

The heart of the plant was at the north-east corner, on the south side of Slauson and nestled up against the railroad tracks along the Vernon-Huntington Park boundary. Large corrugated-metal sheds, each over one hundred feet wide and a quarter mile long, housed several rolling mills and the three electric furnaces.

The roofs were so high that overhead cranes travelled up and down the bays just under the roof, riding on railroad-sized rails that ran along the eaves. When the mills were running there was an incessant clatter: hot steel in the shape of beam-like billets running down roller beds, cranes travelling overhead, the crude drive mechanisms of the mills themselves clanking as they turned the heavy mill rollers, and above it all the deep rumble of the electric furnaces.

It was into one of these mills that the ingots, rolling out of sight of the gawkers on Slauson Avenue, disappeared. This was the so-called 32-inch Mill, the mill where I worked during most of my years at Bethlehem. The 32-inch Mill was actually a series of two mills, two cutting machines called "shears," and at the end a pair of cooling beds. These were positioned in a line along one of the long sheds with a lot of space in between. They were connected by conveyor beds made of steel rollers.

A rolling mill in its simplest form is two rollers, one above the other. Hot steel is rolled through these rollers, and is squeezed down as it goes through. Imagine rolling out dough to make spaghetti. Just like dough, the hot steel stretches out and becomes longer.

But the dough we are talking about is steel so hot it glows orange, and at the first mill it is shaped like a large refrigerator. This can't be rolled out to a smaller shape all at once, so the ingot is rolled back and forth through the two steel rollers that are 32 inches in diameter and as wide as a dining room table.

The ingot rolls through one way and is squished slightly. The operator, operating the control levers in a little room over the mill, lowers the top roller down maybe an inch, then reverses the rollers and rolls the ingot back through. After a couple of passes, the ingot is flipped on its side, and rolled back and forth some more. This goes on, until the ingot is reduced to a billet about six inches one side and almost two hundred feet long, shooting down the conveyor at thirty miles an hour to the next step in the process.

I was a 25-year-old refugee from academia, and this was the most amazing thing I had ever seen.



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**Summer Farm**

Straws like tame lightnings lie about the grass  
And hang zigzag on hedges. Green as glass  
The water in the horse-trough shines.  
Nine ducks go wobbling by in two straight lines.

A hen stares at nothing with one eye,  
Then picks it up. Out of an empty sky  
A swallow falls and, flickering through  
The barn, dives up again into the dizzy blue.

I lie, not thinking, in the cool, soft grass,  
Afraid of where a thought might take me - as  
This grasshopper with plated face  
Unfolds his legs and finds himself in space.

Self under self, a pile of selves I stand  
Threaded on time, and with metaphysic hand  
Lift the farm like a lid and see  
Farm within farm, and in the centre, me.

- Norman Maccaig

Summer vacation can be a time for R and R - for rest and re-creation of the body and soul. Maccaig, a Scotsman, muses about nature, yes, but this is also about the individual; the idea of an original, independent identity; and our place in the world. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

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