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South Gate soldier killed in combat

SOUTH GATE - The Pentagon has identified the soldier killed in an apparent insider attack Saturday in Afghanistan as Army Cpl. Joseph Maciel of South Gate.

Maciel was killed and two other American service members were wounded in what US military officials called an "apparent insider attack" on July 7 while they were advising local forces at an Afghan military facility in the town of Tarin Kowt in Uruzgan Province.



This is the third combat fatality in Afghanistan this year.

The NATO-led coalition in Afghanistan, Resolute Support, said Saturday that the incident was under investigation and that the two wounded US service members are being treated and are in stable condition.

Maciel was assigned to 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, based at Fort Benning, Georgia, according to the Department of Defense. He had been serving in Afghanistan since February.

The Pentagon said Maciel was part of Operation Freedom's Sentinel, which conducts counterterrorism missions targeting terrorist groups like al Qaeda and the local ISIS affiliate in Afghanistan and also focuses on building up local Afghan forces.

Maciel's task force was deployed in support of the 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade, a newly established unit that is focused on advising and bolstering local troops and is seen as critical to America's strategy in Afghanistan. The specially trained unit's 800 members are intended to advise Afghan forces in small teams, embedding more closely with their Afghan partners than conventional units.

US Army Col. Scott Jackson, the Security Force Assistance Brigade's commander in Afghanistan, told reporters last month that insider attacks were a threat but that US forces were taking necessary precautions.

"As the commander of this organization, I take all threats seriously, and I assess all threats," Jackson said in a briefing with reporters at the Pentagon by video teleconference from Afghanistan.

"And right now, you know, yes, green on blue could be a threat, but we have not had a single incident," Jackson said, using a military term for insider attacks. "And I will tell you honestly, we have had our Afghan partners come to us with intelligence that preempted potential attacks, and they have been proactively taking care of their own problems."

The last insider attack that resulted in a US casualty occurred two months earlier, in June of last year.

Maciel is survived by his father and mother.

City Council OK's more units on Downey Avenue

► MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING: A developer's plans to replace two single-family homes with 14 units is approved by the City Council.

Planning commissioners had rejected the proposal earlier this year.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - A developer's controversial request to redevelop a pair of single-family homes into multi-unit housing was approved by the City Council on Tuesday.

Realtor Don Jarvis applied to rezone properties located at 10221 Downey Avenue and 10303 Downey Avenue, located adjacent to each other just south of Florence Avenue.

Up to 14 units would be built, according to the application. The two lots measure a combined 36,000 square feet.

The properties need to be rezoned to R-2 (two-family

residential) to facilitate the redevelopment. Downey's Planning Commission rejected the application earlier this year, finding that the rezoning would not be consistent with the goals of Downey's General Plan.

Residents previously submitted letters to Downey planning officials in opposition to the proposed units.

"The traffic on Downey Avenue has increased, perhaps with the construction of the new complexes on 2nd and 3rd as well as the huge complex on Paramount," wrote resident Donna Carkeek.

"I also frequently walk around the neighborhood and, on La Reina in particular, cars park up to the stops and on the corner blocking the sidewalks for crossing..."

"The addition of 14 units on those lots will only add to the parking and traffic congestion."

George and Donna Boose also cited parking difficulties in their opposition to the rezoning.

"We invite you to visit the neighborhood at various times during the day and you will witness cars double parked, intruding onto driveways and curbs painted red, in front of fire hydrants, etc.," the couple wrote.

Council members, however, voted 3-1 in favor of Jarvis' project. Councilmember Blanca Pacheco dissented and Councilmember Alex Saab was absent.

"Sometimes for legal reasons we have to approve certain projects, but in this case we had an opportunity to say no," said Pacheco.

"I agreed with the residents on their concerns about parking, not just on Downey Avenue but also La Reina and Lexington."

Lawsuit accuses nursing home of being dangerously understaffed

► CLASS ACTION: 63 citations were levied against Downey Community Health Center in the past 3 years, according to the suit.

Officials at the nursing home said they were unaware of the lawsuit and declined comment.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - A class action lawsuit is alleging that a Downey nursing facility violated patient rights and recruited potential residents despite being chronically understaffed.

The lawsuit, filed by the law firm Garcia, Artigliere and Medby, claims that Downey Community Health Center and Morris Weiss and Stanley Diller Partnership - a skilled nursing management company - "actively and intentionally" concealed the fact that they did not devote sufficient financial resources to the proper operation of the facility.

Instead, the suit alleges that money was diverted from the care of the residents to create profits for the defendants.

The suit also alleges that the facility concealed that it was understaffed from new and prospective residents.

The understaffing and underfunding resulted in substandard care to their residents, evidenced by 63 citations that the facility has received from the Department of Public Health within the last three years, the suit says.

The nursing home was cited 47 times in 2017 alone,

according to the suit. The citations were reportedly concealed from new and prospective residents.

The lawsuit is asking for several remedies, including that the facility retroactively report any unreported incidents of actual or suspected abuse or neglect from the last three years and that they provide proof to the court of their increased compliance efforts.

When reached for comment, Downey Community Health Center said they were unaware of the lawsuit.



CONCERTS IN THE PARK



The Downey Symphony's first concert of its 60th season will be next Wednesday at Furman Park.

Established in 1948, the symphony will perform a show for all ages. Music director Sharon Lavery will lead the symphony in this unique concert underwritten by an anonymous donor.

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

Downey restaurant grades

Fresh Griller
8855 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 7/10/18
Grade: **A**

H Salt Esq Fish and Chips
10339 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/10/18
Grade: **A**

El Azteca Taqueria
11917 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/10/18
Grade: **B**

Tacos Raul
8740 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/10/18
Grade: **A**

Cancun Palateria Y Fruteria
12012 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/10/18
Grade: **A**

El Pollo Loco
14329 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/10/18
Grade: **A**

Happy Bagels n Donuts
9926 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/10/18
Grade: **A**

Uncle John BBQ
9952 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/10/18
Grade: **A**

Sutha Thai Cuisine
10341 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/10/18
Grade: **A**

GNC
12214 Lakewood Blvd. #104
Date Inspected: 7/6/18
Grade: **A**

Donas
8636 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 7/6/18
Grade: **A**

Sizzler
10315 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/5/18
Grade: **A**

Hong Kong Chef
10311 1/2 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/5/18
Grade: **A**

Stewart and Grub
7380 Stewart and Gray Rd.
Date Inspected: 7/5/18
Grade: **A**

Yandicris Bionicos & Fruit
10244 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/5/18
Grade: **A**

Boston Market
8606 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/5/18
Grade: **A**

Ponce Bakery
7368 Stewart and Gray Rd.
Date Inspected: 7/5/18
Grade: **A**

Naturway
10309 S Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/5/18
Grade: **A**

Food 4 Less Meat Dept.
13535 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/3/18
Grade: **A**

Food 4 Less Deli / Bakery
13535 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/3/18
Grade: **A**

Dominos
7840 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 7/3/18
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 88°

Saturday 86°

Sunday 85°

THINGS TO DO



Mariachi Divas

Friday - Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs, 6:30 pm

The Mariachi Divas perform a free concert as part of Santa Fe Springs' summer concert series.



Colorado Street Bridge Party

Saturday - Colorado Bridge in Pasadena, 6 pm

A night of music, dancing, vintage cars, free kids activities, and festive foods atop Pasadena's historic bridge. \$20



ROQ of the 90's

Saturday - Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, 5 pm

KROQ presents this outdoor festival featuring live rock music, beer, micheladas, food and entertainment. \$20



Summer Train Fest

Saturday - Union Station, 10 am

Free family event featuring a rare collection of restored vintage train engines and cars from the 1940s-60s. Plus rarely seen train cars from Amtrak and Metrolink.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@kenyon_sholty: LeBron James with the chase down block on Kevin Durant!!

Kuzma gets the rebound

5 seconds left

Kuzma throws an outlet to Lonzo

Lonzo throws a no look pass to a wide open Brandon Ingram for three

IT GOES IN!!

Final Score: Lakers 95 Warriors 211

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City provides update on Measure S spending

► **MEASURE S:** City of Downey details spending plan related to sales tax increase approved in 2016 election.

DOWNEY – Below is a list of Measure S updates provided by the city of Downey.

Measure S is the sales tax increase approved by Downey voters in 2016.

The city has been able to hire a total of 22 new police and fire positions to enhance public safety services. The positions include 10 police officers, two parking enforcement officers, one safety dispatcher, one system network engineer, one fire captain, one ambulance operator coordinator, and six ambulance operators.

The Downey Police Department also began the process of upgrading its radio communication equipment. So far, the city has purchased 160 new portable and 61 new mobile radio units to replace the existing obsolete units for the Police Department and Code Enforcement Division personnel.

In addition, an upgraded software system for existing radios was purchased, as well as 11 additional M5 Coban video mobile data computers. The city has also now authorized the purchase of dispatch radio consoles. Total cost for the radio equipment is \$1,850,000. The city will also be purchasing seven new patrol vehicles for \$514,500.

Over the course of the last three months, the City Council has awarded a number of contracts to specialized consultants

to design and manage the Facilities and Park Improvement Projects. Design work to modernize and expand the city's fire stations and library has begun.

Additionally, design work for park improvements at Apollo, Dennis the Menace, Discovery Sports Complex, Furman, Golden, Independence, Rio San Gabriel, Wilderness and Treasure Island parks is currently underway. It is anticipated that the design phase of these projects will take place between six to eight months to complete.

By April of 2019, the residents of Downey will witness one of the most robust and exciting construction programs in the City's history.

Park Improvements:

Apollo Park work includes irrigation system replacement, turn renovation, synthetic field conversion, playground resurfacing, parking lot upgrades, ball field lighting, restroom renovation, and ADA improvements. **\$5,600,000**

Dennis the Menace Park work includes irrigation system replacement, playground resurfacing, parking lot upgrades, fencing, replacement of community/restrooms building and lighting. **\$2,300,000**

Furman Park work includes irrigation system replacement, turf renovation, parking lot upgrades, ball field lighting, bleachers/backstops, play fields, new picnic shelters, a tennis court upgrade and community buildings

upgrades. **\$5,200,000**

Golden Park work includes irrigation system, turf renovation, parking lot upgrades, ball field lighting, play fields, new picnic shelters, ADA improvements, trails, upgrades of community building and a new restroom building. **\$3,700,000**

Independence Park work includes turf renovation, playground resurfacing, parking lot upgrades, ball field lighting, restroom renovation, ADA improvements, and tennis court upgrades. **\$2,000,000**

Rio San Gabriel Park work includes soil stabilization and grading, irrigation replacement, turf renovation, parking lot upgrades and ADA improvements. **\$3,000,000**

Wilderness Park work includes irrigation system upgrades, parking lot upgrades, ADA improvements, trails, upgrade of community building and lighting. **\$1,500,000**

Treasure Island Park work includes parking lot reconstruction. **\$200,000.**

Facility improvements:

Fire stations 1, 2, 3 and 4 – Modernization and addition project. Work includes modernization of stations 1 and 4 through completion of improvement to the interior spaces of the stations, and reconstruction of pavement. Stations 2 and 3 will be expanded by adding dormitories, shower facilities and new living quarters, as well as accessible front offices. **\$9,000,000**

Police Station

Modernization Project. Modernization of interior spaces including the offices, locker room and showers, as well as the gymnasium. Work also includes installation of energy efficient lighting and equipment, exterior painting and security fencing. **\$800,000**

Library Modernization Project. Modernization of the City's Library by reconfiguring interior spaces, replacing interior finishes, books and data storage furniture, installation of energy efficient lighting, completion of ADA improvements, new doors and signage, as well as exterior painting of the building. **\$8,500,000**

City Hall Improvement Project. Upgrade of the building's elevators, completion of ADA improvements, space planning and re-allocation of space, new furniture, exterior painting of the

building and security fencing. Work also includes installation of shade structures and related work in the outdoor plaza area. **\$1,200,000**

Civic Theatre Improvement Project. Complete accessibility improvements of the facility by reconstructing the outdoor plaza area and modifications to the interior of the building. **\$900,000**

Rio Hondo Event Center Improvement Project. Work includes upgrade of interior lighting system, replacement of interior finishes, as well as new furniture and equipment. **\$700,000**

Downtown Parking Structure Improvement. Installation of new signage, electronic data boards, way-finding signs and completion of necessary ADA improvements. **\$400,000**

Other City Facilities and Buildings Upgrade

Project. Complete deferred maintenance work such as replacement and upgrade of electrical system, lighting, exterior, and interior painting, flooring replacement, reroofing, window replacement, plumbing system replacement, and/or upgrades and completion of ADA improvements at Barbara J. Reilly Community and Senior Center, Apollo Park buildings, McCaughan Gymnasium, and Wilderness Park Community building. **\$1,000,000**

ADA Improvement Project. Completion of required improvements per City's ADA Transition Plan in various facilities and buildings. **\$1,000,000**

City Council agrees to replace 7 patrol vehicles

DOWNEY – Downey City Council on Tuesday appropriated \$514,500 from Measure S funds to purchase seven replacement police patrol vehicles.

The seven police vehicles to be replaced are seven to 12 years old – well past their normal service period, officials said.

Due to their condition and mileage, the vehicles have been costly to keep operational and have become unreliable, said Police Chief

Carl Charles.

The vehicles to be replaced include:

a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria with 141,257 miles

a 2005 Ford 250 Van with 220,400 miles

a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria with 83,977 miles

a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria with 110,644 miles

and three 2010 Ford Crown Victorias with 110,922 miles, 111,375 miles, and 120,870

miles.

The vehicles are necessary for normal patrol operations and are considered essential equipment.

Cost to replace the vehicles with current police Ford explorers includes having them equipped with an in-car computer and camera system and all vehicle equipment.

There will be no impact on the General Fund.

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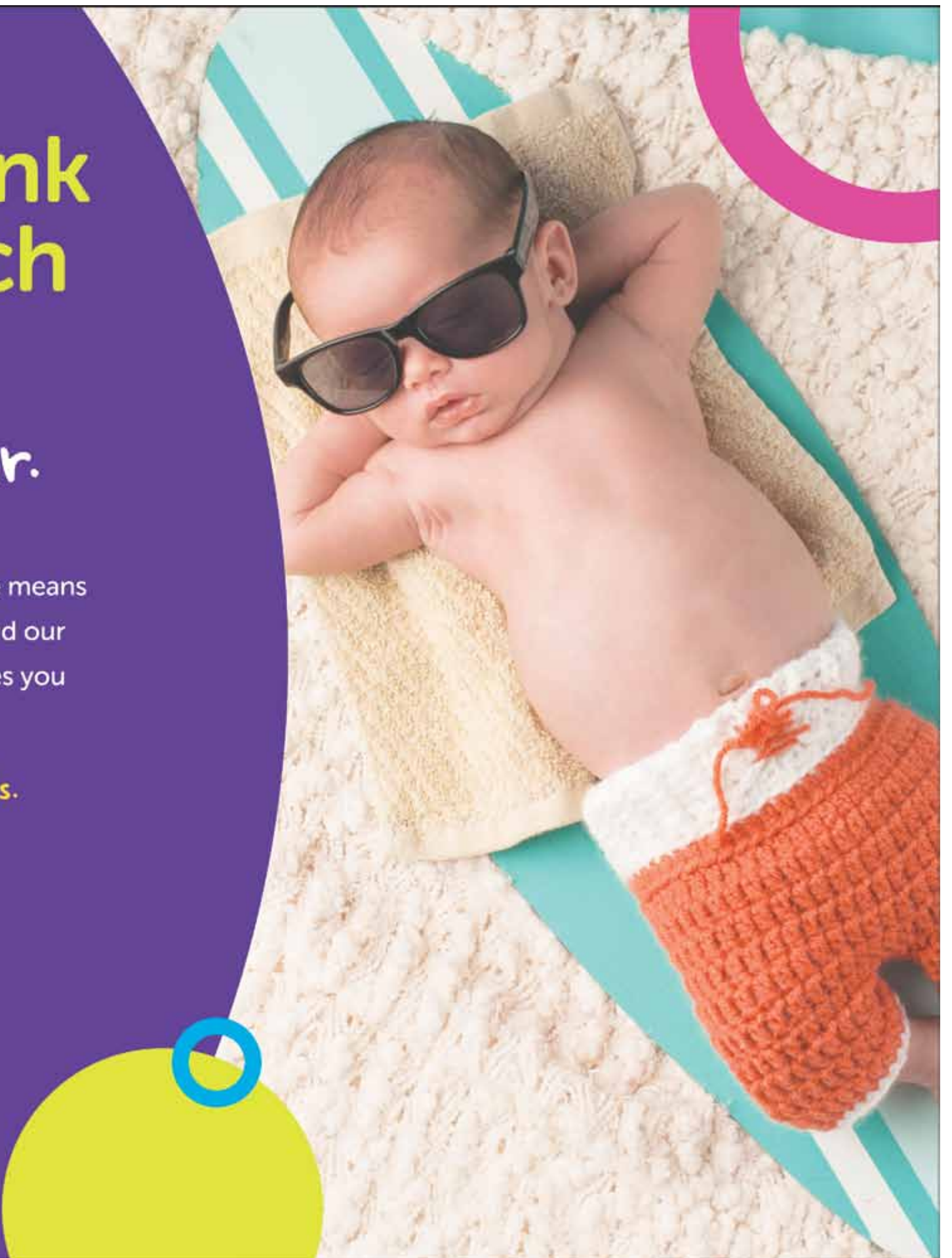
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Downey News Briefs

FATAL SHOOTING: A fatal shooting that occurred in Downey on Tuesday afternoon is being treated as a murder and attempted suicide, investigators said.

The shooting was reported at about 1:56 p.m. on the 12700 block of Samoline Avenue. Responding officers found a man and woman each suffering from at least one gunshot wound.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene. Paramedics transported the woman to a local hospital where she is listed in critical condition.

The man was later identified as 63-year-old Salvador Rivera.

Police said the woman was the shooter. She was married to Rivera.

The shooting is being investigated as a murder and attempted suicide.

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call Detective Ethan Roberts at (562) 904-2333.

The incident marked the third fatal shooting in Downey in the last two weeks.

HOME INVASION ARREST: A Las Vegas man is facing multiple charges after DNA evidence linked him to a series of crimes, including a home invasion robbery in Downey, police announced Wednesday.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office issued an arrest warrant for 32-year-old Vacho Shahen, who is currently in custody at a federal detention center in Pennsylvania for an unrelated charge.

Shahen has been charged with attempted murder, robbery and burglary,

according to a Santa Monica Police Department news release.

The charges against Shahen follow a shooting that was reported in the early morning hours of Aug. 28, 2016, at a home in 600 block of Adelaide Drive in Santa Monica, police said. The homeowner was shot in the torso after a failed robbery attempt, but survived his injuries.

At the time of the shooting, the victim told investigators the gunman was wearing a mask from the movie "Scream."

DNA evidence found at the shooting scene linked Shahen to three previous home invasion robberies in Downey and Beverly Hills, police said.

Shahen will be extradited to California to face the charges, police said.

LABOR AGREEMENTS:

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn has insisted that a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) be included in plans to develop the south-side of the Rancho Los Amigos campus in Downey.

Hahn has long advocated for PLAs as a means of investing in good jobs and guaranteeing fair treatment of workers.

"Not only do Project Labor Agreements help keep projects on schedule and on budget, they are a tool that helps us to protect workers and create a pipeline of good paying jobs," said Supervisor Hahn.

At this week's meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Hahn directed that the County include the projects proposed for the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus

Development in upcoming project labor agreement negotiations with the LA/OC Building and Construction Trades Council.

These four projects include the Sheriff's Crime Lab, the new Probation Department Headquarters, the new Internal Services Department Headquarters, and other infrastructure projects.

"The Building Trades has had a long and fruitful partnership with the County and we are very proud to partner with Supervisor Hahn on the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus Project to put local people to work including veterans and the disadvantaged workforce that live in the County," said LA/OC Building Trades Executive Secretary Ron Miller, who testified in favor of Hahn's motion.

"Let's not just think about building projects," said Alex LaFarga of LiUNA, who testified at the meeting. "Let's think about building careers. That is what these PLAs do -- they provide us with opportunities to build careers."

Hahn's motion passed unanimously.

STEM CAMP: This summer, Downey student Elias Martinez will join middle school students from across the nation to take part in a unique academic and career-oriented development experience, the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF): Explore STEM in Los Angeles.

NYLF Explore STEM is one of the Envision family of programs that enable students to explore their interests and experience learning beyond the

classroom.

Elias was nominated to attend the forum by his seventh-grade math teacher at Lakewood Christian School. In addition to participating in band, Elias serves as the founder and president of his school's chess club.

He is also passionate about space exploration and recently completed the Quest for Space program at his school, where he created heat experiments that were used by NASA and SpaceX on the International Space Station. During his free time, Elias volunteers at spcaLA, where he helps socialize, train and enrich the lives of cats.

With dreams of becoming an engineer, Elias is looking forward to gaining the hands-on experience that the forum provides.

SKILLS USA: Two career and technical students from Downey won one of the nation's highest awards at the 2018 SkillsUSA Championships, held in Louisville, Ky., on June 27-28.

Cristina Fuentes from Warren High School and Damian Vasquez from Schurr High School were awarded a Skill Point Certificate in Esthetics and the high school gold medal in Mobile Electronics, respectively.

More than 6,300 students

competed at the national showcase of career and technical education.

Students were invited to the event to demonstrate their technical skills, workplace skills and personal skills in 102 hands-on occupational and leadership competitions including robotics, automotive technology, drafting, criminal justice, aviation maintenance and public speaking. Industry leaders from 600 businesses, corporations, trade associations and unions planned and evaluated the contestants against their standards for entry-level workers. More than 1,700 industry judges and technical committee members participated this year.

The SkillsUSA Championships is the largest skill competition in the world and covers 1.4 million square feet, equivalent to 20 football fields or 25 acres.

SYMPHONY ELECTIONS:

The Downey Symphonic Society has re-elected Pat Gil, Robert Goldstein, JoAnne Gronley, Cindy Kovach, Eric Pierce, and Mary Stevens to three-year terms to the Board of Directors.

Carol Kearns was elected vice president of the board, and President Don Marshall, Secretary Ruth Hillecke, and Treasurer Bill Hare were reelected, all for 2018-2019.

The Society's board comprises 16 unpaid volunteers. They carry out all activities needed to support the Society's mission "to serve and engage our diverse community by presenting outstanding live performances of symphonic and orchestral music and educational programs for all ages."

The Society sponsors the Downey Symphony Orchestra, which is currently in its 60th season presenting great music to Downey and surrounding communities.

ENDORSEMENTS: City Council district 4 candidate Claudia Frometa has announced endorsements from a trio of community leaders.

Mayor Pro Tem Rick Rodriguez, former mayor Mario Guerra, and school board member Martha Sotetani all have endorsed Frometa, who is seeking Councilman Fernando Vasquez's seat when he is termed out of office this November.

Frometa is running on a platform of five pillars: public safety, integrity in public office, family values, strong community engagement, and a business-friendly and fiscally responsible city model.



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Pleasant Holidays

In Memory of Patricia Lee Molinaro

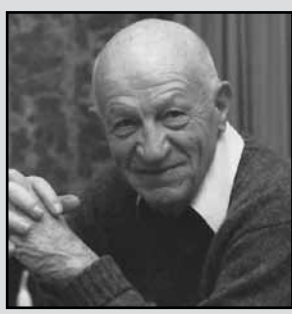
February 8, 1932 - July 2, 2018

Patricia (Pat) Lee (Byrd) Molinaro entered into the gates of Heaven, at age 86 on July 2, 2018. She was born on February 8, 1932, in Chicago, Illinois to Lillian A. Anderson and Richard P. Byrd. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband of 44 years, Thomas Molinaro; her sisters, Irma Brundage, Alice McClure and Lucille Nelson as well as her two brothers, Richard Byrd and Kenneth Byrd. Patricia is survived by three sisters, Clara Treblehorn, Barbara Fanberg, and Eleanor Byers, along with five children, Cynthia Roberts, Antoinette Sampson, Thomas Molinaro (Theresa) Julie Grabow and Frank Molinaro (Elba); eight grandchildren, Jennifer Shramek, Christine Cosato, Monica Molinaro, Melissa Molinaro, Alyssa Grabow, Vance Grabow, Sean Murphy and Ashley Grant; four great grandchildren, Tianna Cosato, Tavian Cosato, Jaden Cosato and Gavin Cosato. Patricia cherished her family, loved life, and was always there to brighten the lives of others. She taught preschool for many years and had many hobbies such as playing the piano, painting ceramics, and coloring pictures to name a few.

Patricia was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Downey, California for 56 years. Her strong, always present faith and positive spirit encouraged both family and friends alike. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her. Visitation on Thursday, July 19, 2018, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM at All Souls Mortuary, 4400 Cherry Ave, Long Beach, CA 90807. Funeral Service on Friday, July 20, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 13200 Columbia Way, Downey, CA 90242 followed by burial at All Souls Cemetery, 4400 Cherry Ave, Long Beach CA.

In Memory of Eustace P. Hetzel

September 19, 1917 - July 6, 2018



Eustace P. Hetzel, age 100, of Downey, passed peacefully on July 6, 2018. Born in Montana, raised in Missouri, he attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, where he graduated in 1939 with a Bachelor's in Aeronautical Engineering, and where he met Marguerite (Peggy) Brown, who he would later marry in Lima, Peru. He received a Master's of Science in Aeronautical Engineering from Caltech in 1940. A longtime resident of Downey, "Hetz" spent most of his career as a test pilot and chief flight test engineer for a variety of southern California companies, including, North American, Northrop, and Rockwell. His testing included the P61 Black Widow, the Northrop YB-35 Flying Wing, a deployable glider system for the Gemini capsule, and the F/A-18 Hornet. After retiring in 1978 he continued to be a private pilot late into his life. With his flying days finally behind him, he studied Russian and worked into his 90s translating Russian engineering periodicals into English. Hetz is survived by his daughter, Marguerite McClure, granddaughter Suzanne Pipkin and her husband, Mike, grandson Jef McClure and his wife, Lisa, great-granddaughters, Alison Pipkin and Katelyn Pipkin. He was a generous and considerate man, and his family and friends loved him dearly. The family requests that donations be made to KCET at kcet.org, as Hetz enjoyed their programming and was a consistent donor over the years.

Edith Lehman passes away at 100

DOWNEY - Edith May Debow was born in Neptune, New Jersey on July 7, 1917, the oldest of 7 children. She was raised by her grandparents from an early age.

When Edith was in the 9th grade, her grandfather died and she had to quit school to work at W. F. Woolworths. Soon after that she met Kenneth Lehman, who was a clerk in his father's grocery store. They married in 1937, and a year later moved to Huntington Park, California.

Ken was a carpenter (later a general contractor) and built several of the houses they lived in, including the house in Downey where she spent the last 63 years of her life.

She had two children, Karl born in 1942 and Christine born in 1947. Edith was very active in her church and enjoyed the time she spent as a Sunday School teacher and as a sponsor for the church Luther League, especially enjoying outings with the teenagers. She also liked to play bridge and pinocle with friends, sew clothes for her children and others, paint china (for which she had many Pomona Fair ribbons), work as a manager at an Anaheim yardage store, and cook meals for her family and friends.

By the time Ken passed away in 1997, Edith had retired - twice. Because she drove well into her 90s, she remained active and continued with her hobbies and activities. In her last years Edith was an avid reader and also kept journals.

At the end of this life, on June 21, Edith passed away at PIH Hospital in Whittier - less than three weeks before her 101st birthday.

Edith is survived by her son, Karl Lehman (and wife Ann Meierdierks), a grandson, Jay Herman (and wife Leila), a granddaughter, Sheya Meierdierks-Lehman (and husband Mike Baker), and two great-grandchildren, Nadia Herman and Maia Baker. Two sisters and a brother (Agnes Keefe, Delia Stout, Arnold Debow), and many nieces and nephews also survive her.



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Tab Hunter, 1950s teen heartthrob, dies at 86

LOS ANGELES - Tab Hunter, the blond actor and singer who was a heartthrob for millions of teenagers in the 1950s with such films as "Battle Cry" and "Damn Yankees!" and received new attention decades later when he revealed that he was gay, has died. He was 86.

Producer and spouse Allan Glaser said Hunter died Sunday of a blood clot in his leg that caused cardiac arrest. Glaser called the death "sudden and unexpected."

Hunter was a star for several years. In addition to his hit movies, his recording of "Young Love" topped the Billboard pop chart in 1957.

But in his 2005 memoir, "Tab Hunter Confidential: The Making of a Movie Star," Hunter recounted the stresses of being a love object to millions of young women when he was, in reality, a gay man.

"I believed, wholeheartedly - still do - that a person's happiness depends on being true to themselves," he wrote. "The dilemma, of course, that was being true to myself - and I'm talking sexually now - was impossible in 1953."

Hunter was born in 1931 in New York City, the second son of a mechanic and his German immigrant wife. His father left the family two years later and the boy took his mother's name, Gélien. Young Arthur Gélien grew up in San Francisco and Long Beach, California, and joined the Coast Guard at 15, lying about his age.

While in New York, he saw Broadway plays and became interested in acting. Back in California, Willson arranged for a two-word role in a small Western, "The Lawless." He got \$500 and a new name.

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Roe vs. Wade is yesterday's fight

By Froma Harrop

If the Supreme Court were to overturn Roe v. Wade, the right to an abortion might no longer be law of the land. But the ability to obtain one would remain a fact of the land. It might be harder to end a pregnancy in some states, but there would be no returning to the pre-Roe world.

That's because a lot has changed since the 1973 decision. For all the passionate anti-abortion activism, Americans have been, if anything, moving toward greater acceptance. Support for making abortion illegal in all cases has fallen to 18 percent, down from 22 percent in 1976, according to Gallup polling. The percentage of people who want it legal in all circumstances has risen by 7 points over the period, to 29 percent.

In the middle stand the 50 percent who want it legal under certain circumstances. That is the position of Roe. The ruling held that the right to an abortion lasts only to the point that the fetus could live outside the womb. Back then, viability was placed at about 28 weeks.

Some alleged abortion foes want to make exceptions for cases of rape or incest. This is "pro-life" hypocrisy. The circumstances of the conception in no way change the nature of the fetus.

In deference to "pro-life" groups, some states have tried

to ban abortions performed for reasons of sex selection or a genetic disorder, such as Down syndrome. One can share their distaste for favoring one sex over another — and admire parents who choose to raise a child with Down syndrome. But none of this matters. A woman currently has a right to an early abortion, no explanation required. Why is nobody's business.

What would happen on the ground if Roe were thrown out? Conservative states might put new restrictions on abortion that sound radical but, in many cases, wouldn't change the situation much. Mississippi's 15-week limit for abortion, now in the courts, may not be so restrictive as the fact that the state has only one clinic providing it.

The ongoing debate should recognize that since Roe became law, the abortion rate has fallen by half. That's thanks to improved birth control methods, including morning-after pills, which can prevent a pregnancy up to five days after unprotected sex.

Another reality is that nearly a third of abortions outside of hospitals are now being performed noninvasively with pills. Medication abortions require two pills, one supervised by a doctor, another taken in the privacy of one's home.

Arkansas passed legislation to virtually ban all medication abortions. Even if it gets through the courts, it's unclear how any state is going to stop people from taking pills.

Unprescribed opioids are illegal, and they're everywhere.

In states that make abortions hard or impossible to obtain, middle-class women will travel elsewhere to end their pregnancies. The poor will be forced to have children they don't want or can't afford. The states will be left with the hard socio-economic consequences.

Many who support a basic right to abortion are unsettled by new medical technology that has enabled doctors to save fetuses at 23 or 24 weeks. Tightening the rules to recognize these developments is in order. Sweden, for example, allows abortion for any reason until 18 weeks into the pregnancy. After that, the request goes to a government agency, which grants it when something has gone wrong with the pregnancy.

There's no point in arguing with those who want to ban abortion altogether. They are entitled to their views. But the pro-choice majority remains a decided majority. And that's why whatever happens to Roe — and let's hope it survives — the right to end a pregnancy isn't going away.

Follow Froma Harrop on Twitter @FromaHarrop. She can be reached at fharrop@gmail.com.

Explaining American leftists: Part I

By Dennis Prager

As I watch a great number of my fellow Americans and virtually all of the mainstream media descend further and further into irrational and immoral hysteria — regularly calling the president of the United States and all of his supporters Nazis, white supremacists and the like; harassing Republicans where they eat, shop and live; ending family ties and lifelong friendships with people who support the president; declaring their opposition to Trump and the Republican Party the "Resistance," as if they were American reincarnations of the French who fought real Nazis in World War II; and so on — I ask myself: What is going on? How does one explain them?

Here are some answers:

1. Naivete

Many Americans are naive, about life, about good and evil, and about America. They don't realize how rare America is and how good they have it. This mass naivete was vividly expressed by the reaction of tens of thousands of mostly white middle-class Americans to then-candidate Barack Obama in 2008, when he was campaigning in Columbia, Missouri. Obama announced, "We are five days away from fundamentally transforming the United States of America."

I frequently play the recording of Obama's statement on my radio show not only to explain a basic difference between right and left — the left believes America needs to be fundamentally transformed, while the right thinks America needs to be incrementally improved — but also for people to hear the crowd's reaction.

Very few contemporary American recordings are as depressing as the ecstatic and prolonged cheering the crowd gave that terrible promise from Obama. I believe it is not an exaggeration to say that had he announced a cure for cancer, the cheering could not have been louder and probably would not have been longer.

Why would middle-class Americans — people who have more affluence, more opportunity, better health, better

health care and more liberty than almost anyone alive in the world today, and certainly than anyone who ever lived — thunderously applaud a call to fundamentally transform their decent country?

One answer — one of many, as we will see — is naivete.

Earlier this year, I had a debate/dialogue with two left-wing students at the University of California, Berkeley. I thought debating left-wing students, rather than giving a speech, would accomplish two objectives: deter left-wing protesters from disrupting my appearance and enable young people at Berkeley and around the world (via the internet) to hear differences between right and left clearly spelled out. Both aims were achieved.

My final question to them was "Do you believe people are basically good?" Without a moment's pause, both students said yes.

I told them they think that way because they live in such a decent country. It is easy to remain naive in America, where most are insulated from the suffering inflicted on so much of humanity in deeply corrupt, poverty-stricken and war-torn societies. Nevertheless, given the way humans have treated one another throughout history, and only two generations after Auschwitz, only the naive can believe people are basically good. And since no Western religion (i.e., any religion based on the Bible) has ever posited that people are basically good, this naivete is abetted by secularism, which allows for the pursuit of knowledge but destroys wisdom.

Only the naive — or willfully ignorant — could equate support for Donald Trump with Nazism. Are most Israeli Jews Nazis? Are a third of America's Jews Nazis? (Many on the left would probably answer yes, which gives you an idea how mean and sick many on the left are.)

2. Boredom

Boredom, at least in our time, is the most overlooked source of evil. In the past, before people went to college and abandoned religion — the two greatest reasons there is so much moral

idiocy in our time — people knew how dangerous boredom was. "Idle hands are the devil's workshop" was a commonly used aphorism that wouldn't even make sense to most young people today.

By bored I am not referring to a lack of things to do. There is more opportunity to do and experience things today than ever before. By bored I mean a deep boredom of the soul, what the French call "ennui." This is the boredom that emanates from lack of purpose and a yearning for excitement.

The combination of affluence and secularism produces boredom as surely as the combination of hydrogen and oxygen produces water. Without affluence, people have a built-in purpose: obtaining food and shelter, supporting oneself and one's family, etc. And religion, with or without affluence, likewise has always provided people with meaning. Without religion, therefore, purpose is often lost. Add to that the number of people who are not married and do not have children (also a result of the combination of affluence and secularism) and you remove another universal source of meaning.

A disproportionate percentage of those on the left (not traditional liberals) do not lack for material needs, have no religion and are single and/or childless. Those left-wing screamers you see in restaurants, the left-wing mobs on campus, the left-wing "antifa" thugs and the left-wing Black Lives Matter demonstrators who close down bridges and highways do not generally consist of married people with children who attended church the previous Sunday.

These people find this lack of purpose assuaged by leftism. It provides meaning and excitement, a very heady combination.

These are a few explanations. In Part II I will offer others.

Dennis Prager is a nationally syndicated radio talk-show host and columnist. His latest book, published by Regnery in April 2018, is "The Rational Bible," a commentary on the book of Exodus.

What's at stake if Kavanaugh joins the court

By Olivia Alperstein

President Donald Trump has nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh to replace former Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. Why should you care? Because everything from reproductive rights to voting, education, and health care is now at stake.

Kavanaugh, a judicial ideologue committed to pulling the Court further to the right, may also reverse decades of key rulings that uphold the constitutional right to personal liberty and autonomy.

All Americans say they value personal freedom, especially the right to make our own decisions about our private lives. Every day, we take that liberty for granted, from exercising our right to free speech to lighting up sparklers on the Fourth of July. Cherishing our liberties is as American as apple pie — but our right to exercise those liberties could be undone.

Nowhere is the issue more critical than on reproductive rights. Kavanaugh's nomination will mean a major battle to undo key protections in Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973

Supreme Court case that firmly established the right to access safe, legal abortion.

Striking down Roe would immediately outlaw abortion in states where pre-Roe anti-abortion laws are technically still on the books. As many as 22 states could be impacted over the course of two years.

That's bad enough. But it's also critical to remember the reasoning behind the historic 7-2 ruling: that people have a constitutional right to privacy.

Specifically, the Supreme Court upheld and enshrined the protections included in the First, Fourth, Ninth, and Fourteenth Amendments, holding that those protections applied to decisions a person might make about their own body.

Ultimately, that decision informed several other critical rulings, including cases that forbade bans on same-sex romantic relationships and affirmed the right to same-sex marriage. According to Roe, the right to make your own choices is one of the founding principles that govern this country.

If Roe is overturned, that could set off a chain reaction that upends this critical foundation behind other landmark cases — both those that came before and those that came after.

Parochial schools

Dear Editor:

I read the article in the June 29 issue of the Downey Patriot talking about Downey history. My parents moved to Downey in 1946. I have resided in my home since 1967.

The article, written by Bobbie Bruce of the Downey Historical Society, mentioned that in 1948 there were two parochial schools in Downey. I was in the ninth grade in 1948 and lived in Downey and attended St. Matthias school in the ninth and tenth grades.

After consulting with a lady named Sade West (nee Kindness) and after asking her about the article, she thought as I do about no parochial schools in Downey that year. At the time, Downey and Bellflower were part of L.A. County. The cities were not incorporated at that time as I remember.

St. Raymond's Church and school were not built until 1956. I think Pius X High School did not start until the 50's sometime. St. John Bosco High was a boarding school; my parents could not afford to send me there.

I have not spoken with Larry Latimer or anyone about the article. I wonder if Bobby Bruce can enlighten me.

Robert Buckley
Downey

The constitutional right to privacy informed Loving v. Virginia, which struck down criminalization of interracial marriage, and Griswold v. Connecticut, which enabled the legalization of contraceptives. The constitutional right to privacy also played a key role in Carpenter v. United States, a recent ruling that prohibits warrantless collection of cellphone users' data without reasonable cause.

Judicial precedent set by the Supreme Court has built a solid foundation for interpretation of the law — but all it takes is a stacked court to have that foundation tumble like a house of cards.

Supreme Court appointments are for life. The rulings these justices make affect the entire judicial system for decades, if not centuries, to come. Each year, dozens of critical cases come before the court that deeply impact people's rights and daily lives.

While outgoing Justice Anthony Kennedy wasn't perfect, he was committed to upholding the personal right to privacy as enshrined in U.S. law. Kavanaugh, however, could roll back our hard-won freedoms — and those of future generations.

The Senate will be voting soon on whether to confirm Kavanaugh. A lot more than just a vacant bench hangs in the balance.

Olivia Alperstein is the deputy director of communications and policy at Congressional Progressive Caucus Center.

Magnolia tree

Dear Editor:

In Apollo Park is a Magnolia tree planted 67 years ago by the Old River School Mothers Club to commemorate the soldiers who gave their lives in the Korean War.

I'm not an arborist, but the tree (Magnolia grandiflora) is beginning to struggle for lack of adequate water. There are quite a few dead branches at the top of the canopy.

When they refurbished Apollo Park a few years ago, they added several rows of picnic tables in the vicinity of the tree and paved the entire area with crushed granite. The granite is practical, and looks nice in the picnic area, but they covered the entire area around the tree with seemingly no allowances for properly watering it.

The Magnolia tree is native to the wetter temperate forests of the southeastern United States. They withstand heat well but require regular watering in order to thrive in our dry climate.

Jack Russell
Downey

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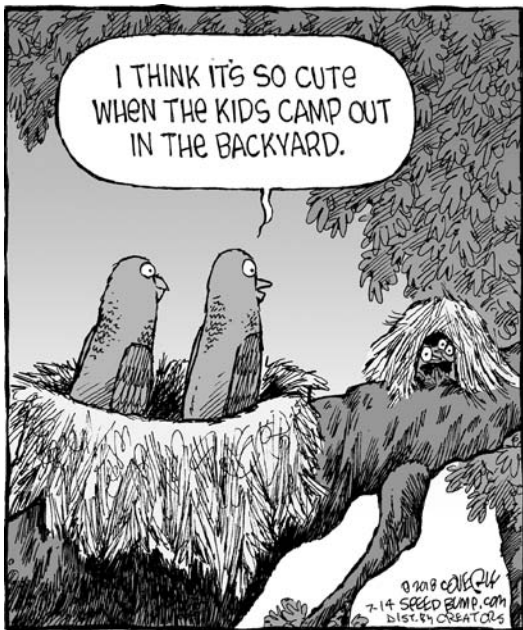
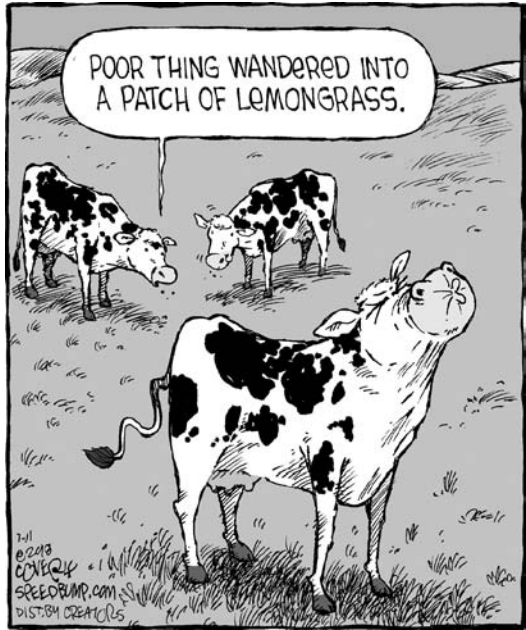
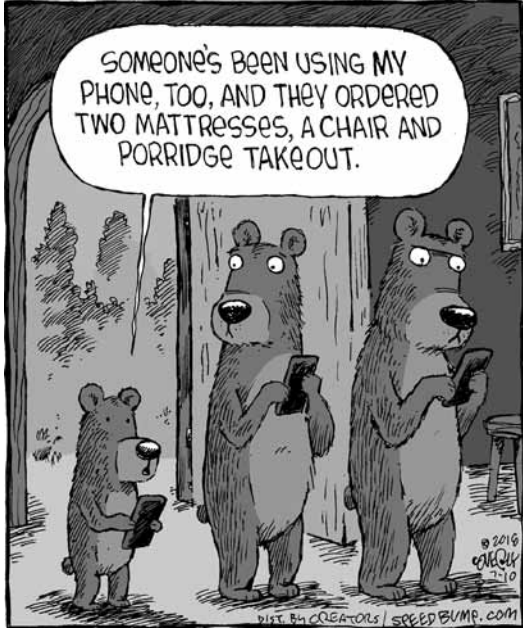
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- 1st Tue., 6:00pm: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
- 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
- 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

- 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
- 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.
- 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call 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.
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- 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
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- 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.
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- 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.
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- 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
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- 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.
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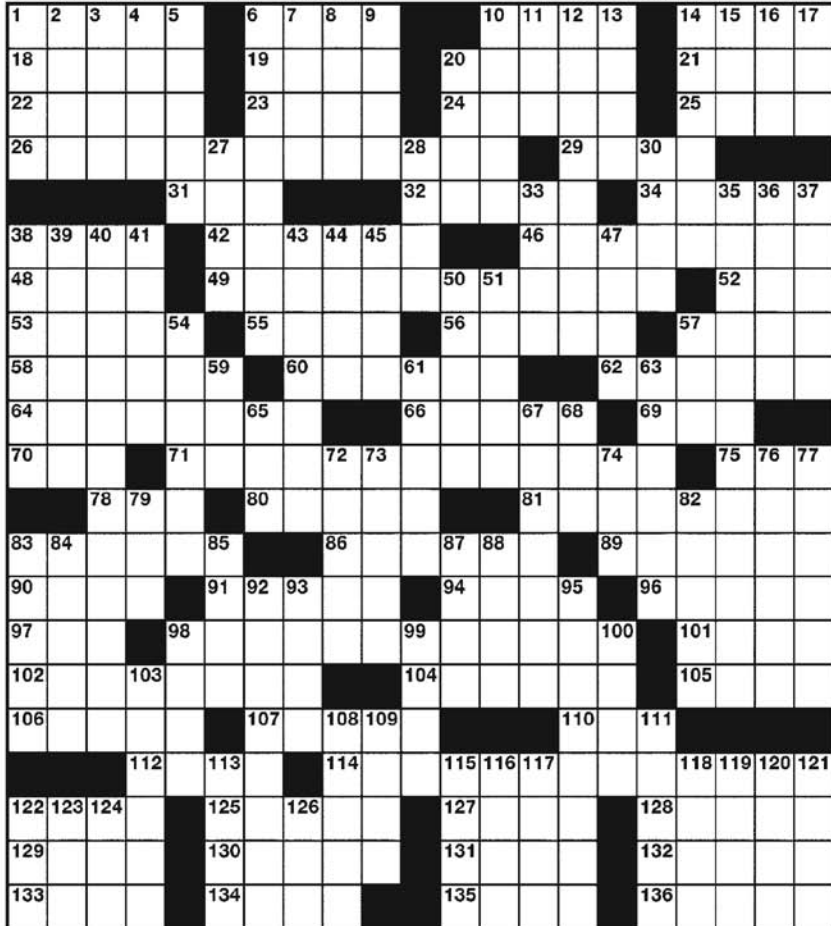
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Summer is here, and with it, even more sun and its ultraviolet radiation.

We've gotten pretty good at using sunscreen to protect our bare skin from UV rays, right? What about our naked eyes? Here is what we all need to know about sunglasses.



In a recent survey, less than half of 10,000 Americans recognized the health benefits of sunglasses, and 27% reported never wearing them. Does it make sense to leave our eyes unprotected, when a host of conditions are caused by ultraviolet (UV) radiation? Some of the eye problems that the sun can cause include:

*Cataracts, a clouding of the eye's lens which makes what we see appear darker and blurry. Some 20% of cataracts are triggered by excessive exposure to UV rays, and the World Health Organization reports that approximately 900,000 people worldwide are blind due to cataracts.

*Macular degeneration, a result of damage to the retina that destroys central vision. It is the leading cause of blindness in the United States.

*Pterygium, also called surfer's eye, is a growth of tissue over the white part of the eye's surface. This can alter the curve of the eyeball, leading to astigmatism.

*Skin cancers, which can be found on the eyelid. In fact, they are surprisingly common there, representing about 10% of all skin cancers.

*Photokeratitis, essentially a sunburn of the eye. Fortunately it is temporary, and typically heals within 48 hours. It can be painful, and cause blurred vision, sensitivity to light, and the sensation of having sand in the eye.

So, this is why it is so important to protect our eyes from the harmful affects of UV rays! Now let's discuss sunglasses. They are not all the same. They can cost very little, or quite a bit. How do we choose the right pair?

The most important thing to consider is that brand and price matter far less than does selecting a pair that blocks out both UVA and UVB radiation (UVB is actually more harmful than UVA). A pair is acceptable if it offers UV protection of at least 95%.

Avoid sunglasses that are not labeled at all. Recently I visited

a sunglass kiosk where there were no such labels, and was told that they had been removed to make the sunglasses look more attractive. Perhaps that was the truth, but nevertheless, I took my business elsewhere!

Consider that the ideal sunglasses are wraparounds, which protect us from UV rays coming in from the sides. And, note that even if your contact lenses have UV protection, wearing sunglasses is still important. Pay special attention to wearing them at higher altitudes where the UV rays are even more intense, and when you are near water or snow. Some medications can cause even greater sensitivity to light, including certain antibiotics, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and diuretics.

Please get into the habit of wearing your sunglasses year-round. Cloudy days do not stop UV rays! Please remember that children's eyes are even more susceptible to UV rays. While you're at it, throw in a wide brimmed hat for extra protection. It can't hurt!

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.

Shared Stories: I Saw the Inside of Hell

Anthony Caldwell is one of the thousands who worked at the fabled Bethlehem Steel plant in Vernon. Anthony's graphic description of the process of making steel highlights the powerful forces required for this product so necessary to our way of life. 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 Anthony Caldwell

There has to be a heaven because I saw the inside of hell.

In the 1970's you could get a job doing anything. All you had to do was have the qualifications, or 'lie' about it. I got a job at 'Big Beth' - Bethlehem Steel in Vernon, California.

Bethlehem Steel recycled steel from scrap yards, junk yards, home products and the plant ran twenty-four hours a day.

On Vernon Avenue, cars waiting for trains or traffic lights to change had to roll up their windows to keep the heat out. The

plant sat right next to the street and the heat came from red-hot ingot cars coming out of the melt-ladle department.

My job with the maintenance department was to lube the equipment while it was working. You had to be fast, unless all was locked-out (stopped).

We were on top of the red-hot heat ovens powered by natural gas and whose covers were made of bricks. If you had the bricks fail, well, goodbye! That didn't scare me too bad.

But on top of the gantry crane, overlooking the electric, carbon-arc melting crucibles, the foreman called, "Hang on! We have to make a dump into the melt. So stay put!"

The 50-ft. gantry crane started moving down the hundred-yard long dark, dirty building. It picked up a dump container full of refrigerators, electric irons, pots, pans, and whatever junk steel was in it and went back to the electric melt-crucibles department.

I looked over the side and my hand brushed the black, gritty slag - dust - over the side. The top of the forty-foot wide lid

raised up and moved with its hundreds of cables of copper wires and carbon arc electrodes swinging out of the way.

I looked down at the white-hot and red molten steel and slag. The dump container opened its bottom and the contents poured into the molten brew.

Then all hell broke loose. Explosions - red, green, purple, black, yellow - clouds like a storm enveloped us and the gantry crane!

Breathing the whirlwind of complete pollution was impossible! You had to cover your face and your dust mask with anything handy. I did my best with paper towels and felt my skin react to many poisonous types of chemicals.

Finally the gantry crane moved away from the big pot and the lid swung back and closed. Then the cables started dancing, and the electric power returned.

The next day I asked for a transfer, and being denied, I quit on the spot.

SHORT STORY: The Attack

By Jennifer Martinez

The sun began to disappear, the evening air was cool and light. The wind blew the flowers lightly in the meadow which made everything so calm, so beautiful, so delicate.

Yet I sat there and thought to myself: *How can I take control? How do I stop this? How do I handle this? Will I just continue to gain pressure and allow my anxiety level to rise? How can I control my breathing? How do I allow this to happen without panicking?*

He put his arm around me as if to comfort me, and suddenly my heart began to race. I felt the sweat begin to form at my hairline, the very thought of him getting closer made my breath increase.

With every breath, I felt my heart pound more and more; every inhale and exhale got faster and faster. My heart increased in speed; it felt as if it was going to beat right out of my chest. My mouth slowly dried up. With every breath, my eyes wandered somewhere else, yet they stayed glued to the floor.

I remembered the flowers, there were sunflowers that trapped over, multi-colored lilies, lupines, wildflowers, and foxgloves. I could see the roots of each flower, how they are intertwined, causing there to be no path in the meadow, just flowers upon flowers.

I took control of my breathing and my heartrate slowly decreased back to a normal speed. Suddenly I felt his eyes staring at me -- my stomach dropped to the floor, and my heart rate increased speed again. With my head still down, I slowly looked up at him.

He used his finger to lift my head, and stole a kiss; a deep, stern, yet refreshing kiss. His smooth lips brushed over mine, it felt like he had painted a picture with his lips, and mine were the canvas. It had instantly brought my heart rate to a normal speed. His touch of a kiss had calmed me.

After a while, he pulled away and stood up. He then gestured his hand toward me to help me up and walked me through the meadow, one hand wrapped around his, and the other traced the flowers as we walked. It was calm, cool and relaxed.

We walked through the meadow, through the forest, through our neighborhood, and to my front door. There at my door, he stood in front of me now he held both of my hands. He explained to me how he had a wonderful time with me.

With that in mind, I began to take shorter breaths once again. My heart rate increased. My ears began to ring. With everything around me, I started to see double. His excitement, the thought of him, he had a good time with me...with me, excited me too much. I closed my eyes to try and take over my anxiety attack.

I thought to myself: *Learn, learn how to take control. Breathe, decrease heart rate, take control:* the ringing in my ears turns to muffled noises. It felt like so much time has passed by when I heard something past the noise in my ears.

The noise was him. He began to rub my arm and softly said, "Breathe, slowly, with me, in 1, 2, 3 out, 1, 2, 3 again, in, out, there you go."

As he helped me take control, I thought: *How... How does he do it? How does he control it so well? How are his attacks minimized? How does he know how to cope with it so well? How does he know how to help me?*

I know he suffers from the same disease. Yet he handles it so much better than me. Still, I am comforted by his touch, his voice, it now calms me, it now has a new effect on me. But at times it's the cause of my anxiety; I wonder what triggers and what calms?

I continued to think and wonder, as half of me listened to him. He instructed me, calmed me. Finally, I was back to a normal heart rate. We talked about him picking me up again the next

day for another picnic in the meadow. I agreed, which gave me a small increase in heart rate that I quickly took control over, with a squeeze of his hand.

He said goodbye, with a small kiss that was placed on my forehead. As he walked away, he waited to let go of my hand until our arms couldn't stretch any further.

I stepped inside the house, closed the door behind me, leaned against the door, and slowly sank to the floor with a smile on my face. I recapped the day. Every moment replayed in my mind, the emotions sent my body into shock. My brain started to scramble. Breaths got shorter and my chest-recoils increased.

My eyes began to float and became heavy as I saw my mom run to me in despair. *Trying... trying... she's trying... to get...* to get to me before I black out, almost reaching me before my eyes dropped and my head hit the floor. Before everything went dark...

Jennifer Martinez is young, new writer attending Downey High School. She hopes that you enjoy reading her story just as much as she enjoyed writing it.

Downey's flood of 1886

Ms. Josie McKellar MaGee (sister of Ms. Judy McKellar), a pioneer school teacher for many years, kept a diary and recorded events of her early days in Downey.

Her comments about the flood of 1886 noted that on January 18, school started as normal with good attendance even in spite of the weather. It rained incessantly from the middle of forenoon, until night. One by one pupils and teachers went home through mud and rain. The school trustees said school must stop until better weather. She stated she had a wet walk home in spite of overshoes and umbrella. At night, the rain came down in a perfect flood, and the wind blew loudly. It seemed to rain all night.

Tuesday, January 19 - There was water everywhere. The rivers were up and many homes were deluged. The County bridge was gone and railroad is impassible along with wires being down.

Parties went to rescue a man who was surrounded by water. The water was up to shoulder height - much damage was down in town, and many houses have been swept away. Later found out several lives were lost. One man and his team had been caught on the First Street bridge as both ends of it having gone down.

Wednesday January 20 - Heard particulars of flood in Los Angeles and noted how terrible to be cut off from life for some people for hours - with no warning.

Thursday, January 21 - Ma and Father, Florence Newcombe, Willie and I along with many others went down to New River today to see signs of the overflow. Fences were down, roads washed away, R.R. tracks turned in various directions and water stood in high ponds in many places.

Men were occupied on both sides constructing a footbridge of ropes and planks. A neat looking structure finally afford a wavering foot-hold for the anxious travelers to connect with their homes and to start their business affairs.

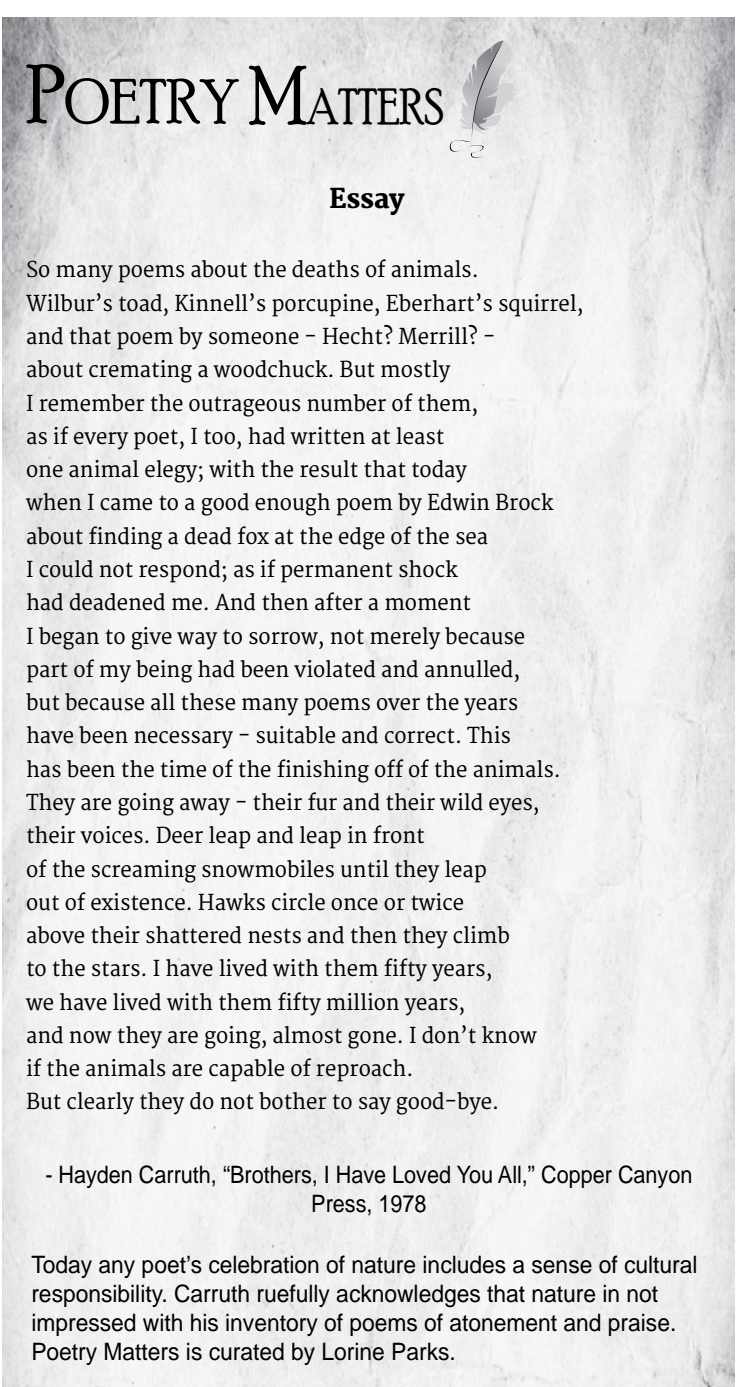
Bobbi Bruce, Downey Historical Society

60 Words

to celebrate the Downey Symphony Orchestra's 60th anniversary

A core group of Downey residents interested in music, formed in 1948, decided in 1957 to try something big: the newly-incorporated city needed a symphony orchestra. They formed a board, hired a conductor to audition and rehearse musicians, located a performance site, set a date for a concert. Publicity went out. Then everyone held their breath. Would the fledgling fly?

*compiled by Joyce Sherwin
Downey Symphony archives*



POETRY MATTERS

Essay

So many poems about the deaths of animals. Wilbur's toad, Kinnell's porcupine, Eberhart's squirrel, and that poem by someone - Hecht? Merrill? - about cremating a woodchuck. But mostly I remember the outrageous number of them, as if every poet, I too, had written at least one animal elegy; with the result that today when I came to a good enough poem by Edwin Brock about finding a dead fox at the edge of the sea I could not respond; as if permanent shock had deadened me. And then after a moment I began to give way to sorrow, not merely because part of my being had been violated and annulled, but because all these many poems over the years have been necessary - suitable and correct. This has been the time of the finishing off of the animals. They are going away - their fur and their wild eyes, their voices. Deer leap and leap in front of the screaming snowmobiles until they leap out of existence. Hawks circle once or twice above their shattered nests and then they climb to the stars. I have lived with them fifty years, we have lived with them fifty million years, and now they are going, almost gone. I don't know if the animals are capable of reproach. But clearly they do not bother to say good-bye.

- Hayden Carruth, "Brothers, I Have Loved You All," Copper Canyon Press, 1978

Today any poet's celebration of nature includes a sense of cultural responsibility. Carruth ruefully acknowledges that nature in not impressed with his inventory of poems of atonement and praise. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Concerts in the Park

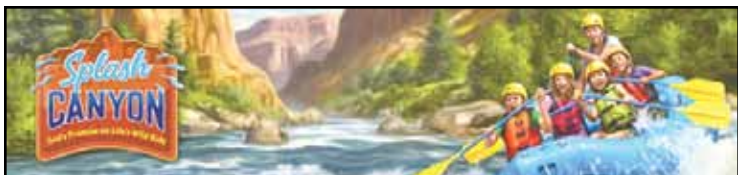
Downey's summertime concert series continued this week with Suave, who provided entertainment in the form of jazz, swing, R&B and Latin music.

The series continues next Wednesday with the Downey Symphony's performance of Broadway and film tunes under the direction of Music Director Sharon Lavery.

Music starts at 7 p.m.



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Greg Welch, owner of Risher Mortuary and Cremation Service on Downey Avenue, displays his Downey Patriot at the summit of Mt. Whitney. Welch climbed the mountain last week, the highest peak in the contiguous United States.

Welch is also president of Rotary Club of Downey.



Michael Calvert, executive director of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, poses with the Downey Patriot and Downey Business in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Calvert is also president-elect of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis.



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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

Friday, July 13

'Wonder Woman', 2 pm. Free screening of 'Wonder Woman' for teens. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Saturday, July 14

Pancake Breakfast, 9 am. Free pancake breakfast and juice. Trinity Baptist Church, 8219 Florence Ave.

Ribbon Cutting, 12 pm. Essential Fashions celebrates its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting and giveaways. Stonewood Center (near Victoria's Secret), 185 Stonewood St.

The Cure Night, 9:30 pm. Tribute night to The Cure, featuring music by Clockwork Sounds. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

Teeflii in Concert, 10 pm. Grammy nominated singer and rapper Teeflii performs live. Godttis Nightclub, 7931 Firestone Blvd.

Sunday, July 15

Stepping Out, 3 pm. A show 25 years in the making. A collection of songs resurrected from past recitals. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

Monday, July 16

Installation of Officers, 7:30 pm. Downey DeMolay installs a new slate of officers. Downey United Masonic Lodge, 8244 3rd St.

Kandara Nepali, 8 pm. Kandara is a musical group from Pokhara, Nepal, best known for helping establish the folk-pop genre within the Nepalese music industry. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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.

Thursday, July 19

Understanding Dementia, 1:30 pm. Learn some of the common triggers for behaviors associated with dementia, how to assess the person's needs, and how to intervene effectively. Presented by Alzheimer's Association. Lakewood Gardens, 12055 Lakewood Blvd.

Empower Hour, 6 pm. Ferias Legales hosts "Empower Hour: Women Celebrating Women" recognizing the impactful contributions of women in our community. Special guests: Blanca Pacheco, Luz Lluncor and Assembly member Cristina Garcia. Barriles RestoBar, 11040 Downey Ave.

Ave.

Karaoke Night, 8 pm. Live karaoke all the way to midnight. Bar Louie, 8860 Apollo Way.

Friday, July 20

Freshmen Showcase, 8:10 am. See what the class of 2022 has already accomplished in their Digital Literacy and Citizenship class. Parent workshops all day. St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy, 7851 Gardendale St.

Family Movie, 1 pm. A free screening of "Wonder," about a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Saturday, July 21

Latinas Art Festival, 8 am to 3 pm. Food, dance demonstrations, art shows, vendors, and ballet folklorico instruction. Hosted by Latina Arts Foundation. Also July 22. St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy, 7851 Gardendale St.

Adoption Event, 10 am. Sunny Saints St. Bernard Rescue will have dogs available for adoption. PetSmart, 12126 Lakewood Blvd.

Bowling for Babies, 12 pm. A fundraiser for LAPS Pro-Life Centers. Del Rio Lanes, 7502 Florence Ave.

Sunday, July 22

Latinas Art Festival, 8 am to 3 pm. Food, dance demonstrations, art shows, vendors, and ballet folklorico instruction. Hosted by Latina Arts Foundation. St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy, 7851 Gardendale St.

Monday, July 23

Vaccination Clinic, 6 pm. Discount pet vaccination, microchips and flea control. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

Family Story Night, 6:30 pm. Share the joy of reading with your children. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire 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.

Thursday, July 26

No Service Band, 8:30 pm. Alternative rock band No Service performs live. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

Saturday, July 28

Pranayama and Mudra Workshop, 3:30 pm. Learn mindful breathing techniques (pranayama) and hand gestures or seal (mudra) to help elevate your meditation practice. Downey Yoga, 8036 3rd St.

Choreography Festival, 7:30 pm. Southern California Dance Theatre hosts its annual SoCal Dance & Choreography Festival, which presents works by 16 innovative local and national choreographers. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

Bass Babes, 10 pm. An underground dance party featuring all-female DJs. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

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.

Friday, Aug. 3

Downey High Band Preview, 6:30 pm. Downey High's band previews its 2018 fall field show, "Twilight Zone." Plus food, raffle and booths. Downey High, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Saturday, Aug. 4

Warren High Reunion, 3 pm. Graduates of Warren High (classes of 1964-80) reunite for a potluck barbecue. 8442 7th St.

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.

Potato Bash & Boutique, 6 pm. Shop from vendors selling jewelry, candles, leggings, home goods, and more. Plus a baked potato meal fundraiser. Downey United Masonic Lodge, 8244 3rd St.

Meditation in the Park, 6:30 pm. Learn sitting and posture techniques, followed by silent meditation and then socializing. Dogs ok. Rio San Gabriel Park, 9612 Ardine St.

Saturday, Aug. 11

Revive the Calling, 6 pm. Revival Starts Now Movement, a youth group comprised of different churches and backgrounds, presents a night of live music and fellowship. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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, 6-9:30 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.

Friday, Aug. 24

Stars & Stripes Golf Tournament, 11 am. Golf tournament raising funds for the Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 25

AYSO Opening Day, 9 am. The 2018 season of Downey AYSO kicks off with an opening day celebration. Griffiths Middle School, 9633 Tweedy Lane.

Ballet Folklorico, 7 pm. Ballet Folklorico de la Universidad de Guanajuato, Mexico performs live. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

Larva in Concert, 10 pm. Electro music group Larva is joined by Ad Vitam for a live show. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

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

Vintage Car Show, 8 am to closing. Hot rods, custom cars, live music, food and more. Calvary Chapel Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

Reflections of Beauty Conference, 8:30 am. A lineup of speakers designed to instill confidence and inspiration. First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 3rd St.

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, Sept. 22

Alpha Omega Con, 10 am. A comic convention where Christian, faith based, and family friendly creators and fans can meet, fellowship, and network. First Baptist Church of Downey, 8333 2nd St.

Saturday, Sept. 29

Spinal Injury Games, 10 am. Designed for all skill levels, wheelchair participants compete in a variety of sporting games. Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, 7601 Imperial Hwy.

Friday, Oct. 5

Homecoming Alumni Tailgate and BBQ, 5 pm. Al Pius X, St. Matthias & PMA alumni are invited to a homecoming tailgate and barbecue. St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy, 7851 Gardendale St.

Saturday, Oct. 6

Pius X Grand Reunion, 6 pm. An all-year alumni celebration for Pius X, St. Matthias and PMA. Hall of Fame inductees include Diane J. Martinez & Evelia Castillo-Rodriguez. Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

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.

Friday, Nov. 2

Rotary/Arc Golf Tournament, 11 am. Rotary Club of Downey's annual golf tournament with proceeds benefiting The Arc - Los Angeles & Orange Counties. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Healthy Downey 5K, 8 am. A 5K walk/run to raise money for the TLC Family Resource Center. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

Saturday, March 30

Arc Walk for Independence, 9 am. A 1- or 3-mile walk to celebrate people with developmental disabilities. Stonewood Center, 251 Stonewood St.

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CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES ADOPTED

On July 10, 2018, the City Council of the City of Downey adopted the following Ordinances:

Adopted Ordinance No. 18-1396, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey approving an agreement with All-City Management Services for Crossing Guard Services.

AYES: Council Members: Pacheco, Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor Ashton NOES: Council Member: None. EXCUSED: Council Member: Scab ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

Adopted Ordinance No. 18-1397, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey adopting a Negative Declaration of Environmental Impacts, amending various sections of Article IX of the Municipal Code, and amending the Zoning Map to establish a new Biomedical Overlay Zone.

AYES: Council Members: Pacheco, Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor Ashton NOES: Council Member: None. EXCUSED: Council Member: Scab ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

Copies of the full texts are available in the City Clerk's Office.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC, City Clerk
July 12, 2018

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030936

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ENRIQUE MICKEY CAVAZOS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ENRIQUE MICKEY CAVAZOS to Proposed name (1) HENRY CAVAZOS

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 22, 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
JUNE 26, 2018
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
ENRIQUE MICKEY CAVAZOS
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DOWNEY, CA 90242
562-922-5673
HENRYCAVAZOS07@YAHOO.COM

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT LOUIS MEJIA aka ROBERT L. MEJIA
Case No. 18STPB05662

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT LOUIS MEJIA aka ROBERT L. MEJIA

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Maria R. Castillo in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Maria R. Castillo be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 7, 2018 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 2D located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

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RICHARD A LEHN ESQ
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9530 E IMPERIAL HWY
STE J
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court clerk.

Petitioner:
Donna C. Fiore
DONNA C. FIORE
9023 CORD AVE
DOWNEY CA 90240
CN950392 FIORE Jun 28, Jul 5, 12, 2018

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No.: 00000007215346 Title Order No.: 170468027 FHA/VAPMI No.: ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/13/2006. 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. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/22/2006 as Instrument No. 20062596833 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: JUVENTINO MORENO AND LORENA MORENO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924n(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 08/13/2018 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7452 MULLER ST, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90241 APN#: 6249-013-008 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$1,527,670.33. 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, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off

may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkASAP.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000007215346. 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 on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: AGENCY SALES AND POSTING 714-730-2727 www.servicelinkASAP.com BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 06/29/2018 BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4662701 07/12/2018, 07/19/2018, 07/26/2018

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T.S. No. 028519-CA APN: 6245-011-037 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 2/7/2005. 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 7/25/2018 at 10:30 AM. CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/15/2005, as Instrument No. 05 0342716, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: GERARD B. GORLERO AND MARTHA E. GORLERO, HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property

LIEN SALES

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

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030932

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

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 22, 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
JUNE 22, 2018
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
TRINI ZUBIATE ESPINOZA
5920 ROCKNE AVE.
WHITTIER, CA 90606
(562) 358-0238

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RICHARD NICK FIORE aka RICHARD N. FIORE
Case No. 18STPB05548

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RICHARD NICK FIORE aka RICHARD N. FIORE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Donna C. Fiore in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Donna C. Fiore be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 16, 2018 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 2D located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: BS174257

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

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 28, 2018, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: 44, Room: 418
The address of the court is STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE, 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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
JULY 3, 2018
EDWARD B. MORETON, JR.
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
MARYELA GONZALEZ
2127 OAK STREET, APT 7
LOS ANGELES, CA 90007
323-404-2226

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: VS030933

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MENG HOA DUONG AKA JIM MENG DUONG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MENG HOA DUONG AKA JIM MENG DUONG to Proposed name (1) MENG HOA DUONG

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 15, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT, 8301 FLORENCE AVE. #100, DOWNEY, CA 90240
JUNE 25, 2018
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RICHARD NICK FIORE aka RICHARD N. FIORE
Case No. 18STPB05548

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Donna C. Fiore in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Donna C. Fiore be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 16, 2018 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 2D located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

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Norwalk man talks life on a Navy supercarrier

► **IN THE NAVY:** Thomas Kozlowski describes life as a maintenance technician on the USS Carl Vinson.

PEARL HARBOR – A 2009 Norwalk Adult School graduate and Norwalk native is serving in the U.S. Navy as part of the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise, Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC).

Petty Officer 3rd Class Thomas Kozlowski is a hull maintenance technician aboard USS Carl Vinson, currently operating out of San Diego.



A Navy hull maintenance technician is responsible for welding pipes and fittings around the ship, and fabricating structures.

Kozlowski applies the lessons learned from Norwalk to working in the Navy.

"Having the drive to succeed which I learned from my hometown has helped me in the Navy," said Kozlowski. "I always try to do better."

As the world's largest international maritime exercise, RIMPAC provides a unique training opportunity that helps participants foster and sustain cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring safety at sea and security on the world's oceans. RIMPAC 2018 is the 26th exercise in the series that began in 1971.

The theme of RIMPAC 2018 is Capable, Adaptive, Partners. The participating nations and forces exercise a wide range of capabilities and demonstrate the inherent flexibility of maritime forces.

These capabilities range from disaster relief and maritime security operations to sea control and complex warfighting.

The relevant, realistic training program includes, gunnery, missile, anti-submarine and air defense exercises, as well as amphibious, counter-piracy, mine clearance operations, explosive ordnance disposal and diving and salvage operations.

"I'm most looking forward to being able to tour ships from the different participating

nations, and experiencing their culture," said Kozlowski.

This is the first time Israel, Sri Lanka and Vietnam are participating in RIMPAC. Additional firsts include New Zealand serving as sea combat commander and Chile serving as combined force maritime component commander. This is the first time a non-founding RIMPAC nation (Chile) will hold a component commander leadership position.

"I'm most proud of completing the Navy Dive School," said Kozlowski. "It was the biggest achievement of my Naval career."

Twenty-six nations, 46 surface ships, five submarines, and more than 200 aircraft and 25,000 personnel will participate in the biennial Rim of the Pacific Exercise. This year's exercise includes forces from Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, the United Kingdom, the United States and Vietnam.

As a member of the U.S. Navy, Kozlowski and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

"The Navy has shown me that I'm not scared of anything," said Kozlowski. "Serving in the Navy for me means being a part of a greater cause. I get to pave the way for the future of the Navy."

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jackson Brown, Navy Office of Community Outreach

Paramount teenagers hailed as heroes for helping crash victims

► **HEROICS:** Four high school students sprung into action after a pickup truck jumped the curb and struck fellow students last March.

PARAMOUNT – Four Paramount High School students are being honored by the community for assisting injured students during a car accident in March.

Fernando Melgar, Gabriel Orozco, Juan Garza and Anthony Farias leaped into action on March 19 when they saw four fellow students hit by a pickup truck just off campus.

The seniors-to-be ran toward the scene and lifted a fence that had fallen on top of one of the injured.

"It was a pretty chaotic scene but we knew we had to help our fellow students," Farias said. "We stayed with them until an ambulance arrived. We know that other students at PHS would have done the same for us."

The injured students were treated and released at a local hospital.

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Since that day, the four heroes have received an outpouring of recognition from the Paramount community. Mayor Diane Martinez commended them with certificates of recognition during a City Council meeting in June.

The Paramount Unified Board of Education also recognized the students during a board meeting, while Paramount High School honored the four at a schoolwide assembly that celebrated their actions.

"I don't really feel like we're heroes, but it's been nice to receive support from everyone," Melgar said. "It was definitely a day that I will never forget, and I'm happy that we were able to help the victims to safety."

Melgar, Orozco, Garza and Farias have maintained a friendship since childhood, and said that a willingness to help someone in need is a part of Paramount's tightknit culture. As the PHS slogan says: "Once a Pirate, always a Pirate."

"I'm so proud of our



The City of Paramount honored Paramount High School students (front row, left to right): Juan Garza, Gabriel Orozco, Fernando Melgar and Anthony Farias for their heroic acts in helping fellow students injured in a March car accident.

students for coming to the aid of one another in a time of need," Paramount Superintendent Ruth Pérez said. "An unfortunate accident became an example of selflessness that has inspired our entire community."

Paramount Board of Education President Vivian Hansen has spent more than 30 years at PUSD and said that what happened on March 19 was one of her proudest moments.

"The actions taken by these four students reflect the community spirit we have in Paramount," Hansen said. "We will continue to lift each other up in times of need."

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