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Housing crash not likely anytime soon, economist says

► **ECONOMIC FORUM:** The 2008 housing crisis was created by over-borrowing and over-building, which is not happening today, said economist Christopher Thornberg.

Thornberg made the comments at the Gateway Cities Economic Forum at Downey's Rio Hondo Event Center.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Today's economics suffer from a constant focus on the wrong questions and issues, according to one economist.

Financial Partners Credit Union hosted its second annual Gateway Cities Economic Forum last Thursday at the Rio Hondo Event Center, featuring economist Christopher Thornberg as its keynote speaker.

Thornberg set the tone early, making it clear that his speech would not surround current economic policies in Washington D.C.

"It's amazing all the things we're not talking about because, of course, all our conversations are wrapped around what's happening on a day-to-day basis in the White House," said Thornberg. "To think of Trump as a cause is a mistake; he's not a cause, he's an effect. He's president in large part because he basically rode into the office [due to] the incredible partisanship that existed prior to him even arriving on the stage. We have to remember he's a reflection of these underlying problems in our party."

"Thirty years ago we would



California's labor problems stem from a lack of workers, economist Christopher Thornberg said at the Gateway Cities Economic Forum last week.

Photo courtesy Financial Partners Credit Union

agree as a nation on what the problems were, but we would debate on how to fix those problems. Today, the partisanship, the divide between left and right is so great that we can't even agree with what the problems are."

Much of Thornberg's speech followed a theme of "asking the wrong questions," however, he noted that "the economy is great" currently.

"The economy has been great for the last, four, five, six years. Things have been going at a very good, stable path," said Thornberg. "This year, 2018, is all of 2017's strong economy with

the addition of fiscal stimulus."

Thornberg added that he saw no chance of recession in the next 12 months, with a very limited chance of one in the next 24 months.

However, addressing the bad elements of the economy, Thornberg said that "we are debating issues that are completely irrelevant."

"For example, we're not talking about under investment and infrastructure. We're not talking about rising wealth inequality. We're not even having any serious conversation about healthcare cost inflation, pension and entitlement reform," said Thornberg. "We're too busy arguing about manufactured issues that don't actually exist than to actually turn around and confront the problems that do."

He added that while short-term he's optimistic about the economy, he's worried about the medium term.

One of the biggest issues facing the economy — and currently a big misconception — surrounds jobs.

"It's not labor demand, it's labor supply," said Thornberg. "The unemployment in the United States right now is 3.9 percent...the job openings rate in the United States right now is 4.1 percent. In other words, there are more job openings than there are people looking for work. We don't have a shortage of jobs, we have a shortage of workers."

"We need to stop with the jobs conversation...we need workers, particularly qualified workers to fill those holes."

Part of the solution, Thornberg says, is immigrants.

"If you want to debate how they come to this country, who comes to this country, fine," said Thornberg. "But in the end, the right answer is more, not less. Anybody who think immigrants are a problem for our economy, you're out of your mind. They're

part of the solution.

"If you don't want them here...accept the fact if they don't come our economy can't grow fast...have the honest conversation."

Some of the consequences of labor shortage include the increase of labor costs.

"Watch the corporate profits, watch the Stock Market because that's where it's gonna hit," said Thornberg. "The other part of it...if you can't hire someone, you got to buy a machine, and that's what's going on."

Statewide, Thornberg claimed California to be the eighth fastest growing economy in the last five years.

"We've added 2 million plus jobs, 2.6 percent growth per year," said Thornberg. "Our state output is growing faster than the national basis... Between 2012 and 2016, we added 1.3 million full-time jobs. Of those 1.3 million full-time jobs, 600,000 are paying over \$100,000 a year... right now 18 percent of California households make over \$150,000, compared to 11.6 percent for the rest of the nation."

Still, Thornberg noted the slowdown in the rate of job growth within the region, and the related factors contributing to it.

"The slowing we're seeing boils down to a lack of bodies... if you don't have a person, you can't hire them, and we hit that wall," said Thornberg. "Labor force is basically growing at a fairly slow basis."

Some of this issue boils down to homes, or as Thornberg alluded to, a lack thereof.

"Everybody talks about housing, and you should. But how we talk about it is fairly important," said Thornberg. "It's not a bubble; bubbles are over-building or over-borrowing; nothing like that is occurring."

"We need more housing, and we're just not building it."

Downey school board member Martha Sodetani has been named grand marshal of the Downey Christmas Parade.

The parade takes place Sunday, Dec. 2, on Downey Avenue.



Downey restaurant grades

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7811 E Firestone Blvd.
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Los Pollos
7940 E Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/29/18
Grade: **A**

Bob's Big Boy
7447 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/28/18
Grade: **A**

Wetzel's Pretzels
132 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 8/28/18
Grade: **A**

Ta Carbon Mexican Taqueria
11219 Old River School Rd.
Date Inspected: 8/28/18
Grade: **A**

Ono Hawaiian BBQ
12028 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/28/18
Grade: **A**

Lucky Guy
12801 Bellflower Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/28/18
Grade: **A**

Wild Berry Yogurt
130 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 8/28/18
Grade: **A**

Carl's Jr.
9002 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/28/18
Grade: **A**

Wingstop
8558 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/24/18
Grade: **A**

Max Fitness Depot
7320 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/24/18
Grade: **A**

Doc Popcorn
251 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 8/24/18
Grade: **A**

Vallarta Supermarkets (Restaurant)
7900 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 8/23/18
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Vallarta Supermarkets (Food Retail)
7900 Imperial Hwy.
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Luis' Butcher Shop Deli
9071 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 8/23/18
Grade: **A**

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9071 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 8/23/18
Grade: **A**

Sweet Boba
116 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 8/23/18
Grade: **A**

La Chiva Loca
8157 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/23/18
Grade: **A**

Creamistry
11146 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/23/18
Grade: **A**

Tacos Don Chente
8339 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/23/18
Grade: **A**

Circle K
17228 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/22/18
Grade: **A**

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Saturday 86° ☁️

Sunday 82° ☀️

THINGS TO DO



Bubble Run

Saturday - Angel Stadium of Anaheim, 8 am

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The Floaters

Sunday - Bruce's Lounge in Santa Fe Springs, 4 pm

70's soul group The Floaters perform their smash hit "Float On." Plus music by Soto Band. \$20



Labour of Love Music Fest

Saturday - Bolsa Chica State Beach, 11 am to 5 pm

A free music festival featuring performances by Matthew West, Jordan Feliz and Anchored 247. Plus food, raffles, and 100-plus vendors.



OC Vegan Fest

Saturday - 15151 Goldenwest Circle in Westminster, 1-9 pm

A free plant-based foodie festival featuring good eats, live music, art, and food trucks.



5K Night Run

Sunday - LA Plaza, 8 pm

A nighttime 5K featuring both a scenic and historic route along Downtown L.A.'s bright lights. \$45



Conquer the Bridge

Monday - Vincent Thomas Bridge in San Pedro, 7 am

Run 5.3 miles across the Vincent Thomas Bridge; course includes two trips over the bridge. Start and finish at 5th Street and Harbor Boulevard.

CRIME REPORT

FRIDAY, AUG. 24

At 3:30 pm, officers responded to the 13400 block of Barlin in regards to a residential burglary report. The homeowner returned home and noticed her door open and her residence had been burglarized. The suspects stole two boxes of jewelry and fled the location. Detectives are investigating.

Officers conducted a DUI checkpoint between the hours of 8:00 pm and 3:00 am, on the 9900 block of Lakewood Blvd. During that time 1,146 vehicles were stopped. Six traffic citations were issued and five vehicles were impounded.

At 10:15 pm, officers located a stolen vehicle on Firestone at the east city limits, where a traffic stop was conducted. The adult male driver was arrested without incident.

Officers worked the Downtown area from 10:00 pm until 2:30 am. They issued seven municipal code citations, one parking citation, and arrested a male subject for drunk in public.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25

At 12:35 am, officers located a stolen vehicle in the area of Gardendale and Barlin. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was arrested without incident.

At 1 am, officers located an additional stolen vehicle in the area of Gardendale and Barlin, parked in the driveway of a residence. Officers conducted a surveillance of the vehicle and later arrested the driver without incident.

Officers worked the Downtown area from 10:00 pm until 3:00 am. They issued a total of 12 municipal code citations. They also issued four traffic citations and arrested one subject for drunk in public.

SUNDAY, AUG. 26

At 12:00 pm, Officers located a stolen vehicle in the area of Paramount and 3rd St., the driver was arrested without incident. One of the passengers was arrested on a narcotics violation and another passenger for check fraud.



Downey Doings

Dr. Mary Stauffer turns 101 and Downey celebrates

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

There are not enough fingers on both hands to count the number of Downey organizations who came to celebrate Dr. Mary Stauffer's SuperCentenary Birthday Party last Friday.

Congratulating Dr. Mary's 101st were Dr. Wendy Doty, former superintendent of the Downey Unified School District, where Dr. Stauffer has given over \$5 million. Proud to call her a fellow Rotarian were Greg Welch, president of Downey Rotary, and Tom Hutchinson, enjoying the cool breezes in the Casa de Parley Johnson, the stately hacienda-style mansion that is the headquarters of the Assistance League of Downey.

Mario Guerra was there to congratulate Mary. "This is my first day without a cane," said Mario, who is recovering from successful heart pacemaker surgery. Rotarian Bill Kirkwood, in his Greek fisherman's hat, shares Dr. Mary's passion for educating young people. Bill is founder of Downey's Kirkwood Christian Schools

Giggy Saab came to thank Mary for her contributions to women and children, on behalf of Downey Soroptimists. Gigi is also a candidate for School Board, and sees her young daughter as being an Assisten someday.

Dorothy Pemberton, also a long-time Soroptimist, was there. Dorothy now heads Downey Council PTA Helps, the PTA pantry for needy families. Stan Hanstad, former chair of the Downey Federal Credit Union, and current CEO Ray Mesler, were there, both Rotarians too. The DFCU started as Downey School Employees Credit Union 61 years ago and shares Dr. Mary's concern for the education of young people.

Judy Faust took care of the refreshment table, cucumber and cream cheese sandwiches, deviled eggs and little lemon cream pastry cups filled with fruit. Judy is a long-time Assistance League member and also a supporter of the Downey Symphonic Society.

Dr. Mary's Stauffer Foundation donates 20 tickets for each Downey Theatre performance so students can come and hear

the Symphony in full concert. Dr. Wendy was one of the original planners of the Symphonic Society's Music In the Schools Program, an outreach which started with Maestro Dr. Tom Osborn 30 years ago.

Publisher Jennifer DeKay was there, with Eric Pierce. He is about to take on the responsibilities of Kiwanis District Lieutenant Governor. Barbara and Bill Berney (she's a long-time Assistance Leaguer), and Roger Brossmer, Dr. John Garcia, Dr. Ed Sussman and Dr. Ed Potter, of the Downey School District were there also.

"This is what makes Downey great," Nancy Swenson, Downey School Board Member said. "So many volunteers sharing common community objectives."

Dr. Mary sported a diamond tiara for the day, and attacked her fluffy pink-icinged cupcake with vigor. She has announced that she will be living in a senior residence in Boyle Heights, but her heart is in Downey.

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Join us Labor Day to protest corporate greed

WHEN: Monday, Sept. 3, 11 a.m.

WHERE: Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd., Downey, CA

Kaiser workers promise 'civil disobedience' at Labor Day protest



Gabriel Montoya leads a protest outside Kaiser Permanente earlier this year. Photo by Alex Dominguez

► **PROTEST:** Kaiser workers plan a Monday march to protest the healthcare company's plans to relocate and outsource jobs.

Independence Park to the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center to protest the corporation's plans to outsource and relocate employees.

DOWNEY - More than 1,000 healthcare workers and their allies will mark Labor Day at 10:30 a.m. Monday by marching from

March organizers also promised "civil disobedience" by workers participating in the rally.

"Kaiser Permanente is raking in money but acting like it has no choice but to outsource employees and relocate others to areas where they would be paid far less," said Steve Allman, a 16-year Kaiser Permanente employee who said his job at a Downey warehouse may be outsourced.

"Families like mine will have the legs cut out from under us and patients will suffer. We take pride in the work we do to make sure Kaiser facilities have the medications millions of patients need, accurately and on time.

"You just can't outsource the kind of efficiency, expertise and pride that me and my co-workers put into our jobs."

A similar protest will be held Sept. 3 in Oakland, where an additional 1,000 Kaiser Permanente employees and allies will march on Kaiser Oakland Medical Center and also engage in civil disobedience.

According to march organizers, Kaiser plans several job cuts, including:

Outsourcing 70 pharmacy warehouse workers in Downey;

Outsourcing 34 couriers at a laboratory in North Hollywood;

Moving 742 jobs from call centers in Hollywood, Baldwin Park and Woodland Hills to other areas of the state where workers will earn \$2 per hour less;

Outsourcing 96 pharmacy warehouse workers in Oakland and Livermore;

Outsourcing 43 licensed vocational nurses in San Francisco, Oakland, San Leandro, Santa Clara and Walnut Creek;

Shutting down a skilled nursing facility in Manteca and throwing the families of 18 workers and patients into chaos effective Oct. 31, 2018; and

Outsourcing 16 parking attendants and shuttle drivers in San Francisco.

More than 55,000 Kaiser Permanente employees in California are members of SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW).

They along with 30,000 other

Kaiser employees nationwide comprise the Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions, whose national agreement with Kaiser expires Sept. 30, 2018.

Kaiser Permanente officials disputed the union's version of events, insisting they are adding jobs and share "a strong commitment to labor."

"It's important for our members and patients to know that this informational picketing is not a strike and it does not impact our care delivery or operations," said John Nelson, vice president of communications for Kaiser Permanente

"While this union is staging picketing, the physicians and employees of Kaiser Permanente will remain focused on the important work of delivering high-quality, affordable care to our members and improving the health of the communities we serve."

"The truth is Kaiser Permanente is growing and adding jobs. As one of the largest private employers in California with more than

149,000 employees and 16,000 physicians, we have added more than 13,000 jobs in the state since 2015. We have more than 12,000 open staff positions and will continue to add many kinds of jobs, including blue collar jobs.

"The number of our employees represented by SEIU-UHW has grown by more than 8,000 over the same period.

"We are disappointed that the current leadership of SEIU-UHW has chosen to mischaracterize Kaiser Permanente's strong commitment to labor and to pursue an adversarial, destructive approach to its relationships with several California health care systems.

"In fact, SEIU-UHW's approach stands in stark contrast to the productive, progressive relationships we have maintained with the other unions representing our employees."

Memorial will pay tribute to Downey's fallen firefighters

DOWNEY - The Downey City Council on Tuesday took the first steps towards the creation of a City of Downey Fire Department Memorial, similar to the Downey Police memorial that currently sits just outside of City Hall.

Mayor Sean Ashton requested the establishment of an Ad Hoc

sub-committee to look into the development of the memorial at the Aug. 14 council meeting.

Ashton said the development of such a memorial is "way overdue."

"This is something that I wanted to do when I first got on council. It's the right thing

to do with us having a police memorial," said Ashton. "Having a fire memorial, it kind of makes sense to have both.

"We've had firefighters that have passed in the line of duty as well. We want to make sure we're honoring them just like we honor our police officers who have passed in the line of duty."

"The best quote I can say for this is, 'it's never too late to do the right thing.'"

Ashton, along with Mayor Pro Tem Rick Rodriguez, were unanimously voted to form the subcommittee, and will now work with staff to develop a design scheme and monitor its implementation.

Ashton said the memorial will likely resemble the police department's monument.

"My goal is to get something very similar to what you have with the hexagon shaped pedestal right outside," said Ashton. "I've seen multiple ideas for this...I thought having the similar set up with the pedestal, and a kneeling firefighter holding on to the ax, really tasteful."

Fire Chief Mark Gillaspie said the fire department was "thrilled to see this progress."

"It would be a great tribute to all those that came before and all those currently serving, and Downey's future firefighters," said Gillaspie. "Specifically, some of our line of duty service related deaths... This is a great tribute to all of them."

Ashton hopes to have the memorial in place by the end of the year.



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John McCain and me

By Andrew Napolitano

About four years ago, I was browsing through one of Manhattan’s last remaining independent bookstores, when my cellphone rang. I didn’t recognize the incoming telephone number, with its 202 area code, but I assumed it was a Fox News colleague from our Washington bureau.

When I answered the phone, a somewhat familiar but somber voice said: “Judge Napolitano, your reward for what you did today will not come from your colleagues or viewers or even on earth but in heaven.”

What had I done to deserve this?

Earlier that day, Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat from California who was then the chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, had defied her own committee members, congressional leadership from both houses of Congress and from both political parties, officials of the CIA, and even the Obama White House when she released on the floor of the Senate a 6,000-plus-page report detailing the use of torture by CIA officials in the George W. Bush administration — all of it unlawful.

She actually made the report public while physically standing on the floor of the Senate, where her speech is absolutely protected from government retaliation by the Speech and Debate Clause of the Constitution.

That clause recognizes and protects for members of Congress their complete freedom of speech while on the floor of the House or Senate, while doing congressional work and while traveling to Capitol Hill. Thus, even though she revealed top-secret materials in the report — which, if you or I had revealed them or if she had revealed them in Los Angeles rather than in Washington, would have constituted the crime of espionage — she was immune from all prosecution.

In response to the Feinstein revelations, my Fox News colleague

and friend Shepard Smith and I spent about 30 minutes on-air that afternoon on his Fox News Channel show discussing the criminal behavior Feinstein had revealed, the constitutional protections she, as a member of the Senate, enjoyed, and the political firestorm she had courageously ignited.

As a believer in the rule of law and the bodily integrity of all people, I was full of praise for what Feinstein had just done. When the government breaks the laws it has sworn to uphold, Shep Smith and I argued, the people have a right to know about it.

But many of Sen. Feinstein’s colleagues did not see it that way. Many of those who never endured torture and those believing that the end justifies the means accepted the myth that torture works — that the victim tells the truth; and in their view, obtaining the truth is worth the cost in lawbreaking and body-breaking.

Only one Republican senator publicly supported what Feinstein had just done. He was my caller that afternoon in the bookstore, John McCain.

I thought of his call and our many ensuing conversations when I learned of his death this past weekend, a few days shy of his 82nd birthday.

McCain and I had hundreds of conversations. He knew that I knew that he was a bellicose warmonger and an uncritical supporter of unlimited military spending; and he was often indifferent to the consequences of those views.

But he was also the victim of prolonged and horrific torture during the Vietnam War, which he could have avoided. He told me many times that torture so distorts the mind that the victim’s consequent speech is utterly unworthy of belief.

He had become the leading congressional critic of torture, the prime congressional mover of making it all unlawful — the Bush Department of Justice notwithstanding, it already was unlawful at the time Bush ordered it — and one of the few Americans anywhere who

could speak on this detestable subject from the personal experiences of a victim.

Platitudes aside, the essence of the telephone conversation we had that day was that Bush had committed war crimes; that torture is absolutely prohibited by the Constitution, several treaties to which the United States is a party and numerous federal statutes; and that Sen. Feinstein had performed a positive public good by revealing it.

It was Sen. McCain’s view that even if he was powerless to prevent government lawbreaking, it is better for the American people to know painful truths than to remain in the dark.

Shortly after our phone conversation, McCain went to the floor of the Senate and delivered one of his classic tirades against torture. In it, he attacked President Bush, who ordered and authorized it, and President Barack Obama, who covered it up.

This week, those two former presidents, firmly in McCain’s crosshairs four years ago, are each delivering a eulogy at McCain’s funeral — willingly, dutifully and at his request.

The John McCain I knew discussed only torture, the right to life, and immigration with me — perhaps because he knew we disagreed on nearly all other matters. But this tough old Arizona bird, this lifelong warrior, this unorthodox maverick who really was neither a Republican nor a Democrat, knew how to keep friends and monitor enemies.

He was a multidimensional man in a secular era, and he was not happy about America at the end of his days.

Yet in this age of few heroes, and on topics that intimately touch the human heart and soul, he was the genuine article.

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The left’s long war on conservative free speech

By Michelle Malkin

In the competition of ideas, you can’t win the game if you’re not on the playing field.

That’s why Silicon Valley bigwigs’ stubborn refusal to put business above their own personal partisan biases doesn’t just rankle. It reeks. Equal access to social media is not just about sharing food pics, pet videos, make-up tutorials and travelogues. It’s about ensuring the ability to disseminate and distribute political speech on the world’s biggest platforms.

Although I started in the metro newspaper industry in 1992, my years as an independent conservative blogger and internet entrepreneur have been the most journalistically enriching. I launched my first website in 1999, my namesake blog in 2004, my first group blog and video content platform HotAir.com and my YouTube channel in 2006 (where I broadcast reports from Iraq), my Twitter account in 2008, my second group website Twitchy.com in 2012, and my documentary-style web series, “Michelle Malkin Investigates,” for CRTV.com in 2016.

I don’t just preach the First Amendment. I practice it for a living.

Early adopter status was important for us non-leftists who saw the disruptive influence and narrative-setting opportunities that new media and social media offered. I was ridiculed by mainstream media colleagues for wasting time on the internet, derided as “just a blogger” (which I proudly turned into a hashtag), and mocked for starting a Twitter aggregation business long before corporate media outlets copied the idea.

Over the years, I’ve joined other independent conservative social

media users in exposing coordinated “flag-spamming” campaigns against right-wing personalities and causes. Pro-life, pro-border security and anti-jihadist journalists and activists have all been selectively gagged on Google/YouTube, Facebook and Twitter. I’ve worked with a few good-faith employees at these companies who tried to treat conservatives fairly. But in the unhinged era of the anti-Trump resistance, intermittent purges, “accidental” suspensions and suspicious deletions of conservative content have spiked to a level of systemic censorship.

Twelve years after its founding, Twitter has abandoned its corporate motto of “Defend and respect the user’s voice.” Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey, set to testify before Congress in two weeks, admitted his company’s left-wing bias and dismissed revelations from his own engineers, who confided to undercover Project Veritas journalists that they were creating algorithms to “ban a way of talking,” “down rank” users based on politics and employ “machine learning” to create special triggers and keywords — “the majority of (which) are for Republicans.”

In April, the brilliant anti-leftist street artist Sabo disappeared from Twitter without warning or explanation.

My friend and CRTV.com colleague Gavin McInnes was silenced on Twitter recently for absolutely no good reason and remains suspended.

Prager University, with whom I collaborated on a new video about immigration and border security, has been suppressed on Facebook and it’s clear it was no accidental glitch. One of the videos yanked was conservative millennial vlogger and CRTV.com host Allie Stuckey’s piece called “Make Men Masculine Again.”

Author and philosopher Stefan Molyneux, whose video podcasts have 250 million views, was also silenced by speech suppressors on YouTube, which arbitrarily issued community guideline violation strikes against him for videos including an interview with British journalist Katie Hopkins and a discussion on the Death of White Males.

John McCain

Dear Editor:

The U.S. is a widow today. To paraphrase Winston Churchill, never have so many owed so much to one person, John McCain.

McCain represented the best about our democracy. He believed in dialog and in working with the other side of the aisle. He worked to build bridges with the opposition and his integrity and honesty is unmatched in today’s political circus. He had character and faith in American goodness.

Today we see politicians who through deferments, political connections or who knows what, avoided military service and now pretend to be military experts or know about military life when the only military experience they have is to have watched a Memorial Day parade.

McCain lived a military man’s life. He is a bona fide hero who put his principles ahead of his personal convenience as a prisoner of war.

McCain proved his independence when he voted against repealing the Affordable Care Act in spite of being heavily lobbied by the current administration.

He lived his life fully with honor and for that the country is better off today. More politicians should emulate his conduct and personal behavior.

Jorge Montero Downey

Trump’s disdain for the mainstream media is personal

By Joe Conason

Whenever the president complains about “Fake News,” always capitalized and often punctuated with exclamation points, rest assured that he doesn’t mean the actual sources of fraudulent information that infest the internet and haunt American politics.

No, Donald Trump’s definition of “fake” has nothing to do with factuality or responsibility in media. It merely means news he doesn’t like, usually truthful reporting about him, his family, his administration or his cronies produced by credible newspapers and broadcasters.

It’s easy to dismiss these outbursts as simply more of the daily spew of falsehoods on his Twitter feed. And it’s comforting to pretend that they don’t matter. But Trump’s conscious campaign to discredit honest journalism is dangerous to our democratic culture. Does that sound lofty and academic? It isn’t. The denigration of real reporting and the elevation of fraudulent conspiracies have real consequences in the everyday life of Americans.

Indeed, the most compelling example right now is the sexual abuse of children — a major news story that also exists as a phony right-wing meme. It is instructive to compare and contrast how the fake-news outlets praised by Trump and the real news organizations excoriated by him are dealing with that most unspeakable of crimes.

Websites and Twitter personas that back Trump — and are supported in turn by him and his family — have spent the past few years fabricating and promoting a nasty fantasy that they call “Pizzagate,” which claims that Democratic elites including Hillary Clinton, George Soros, former Clinton campaign manager John Podesta and a variety of Washington, D.C., and Hollywood personalities are guilty of child sex trafficking or worse.

Thanks to conspiracy broadcaster Alex Jones, a Trump favorite who spread this toxic mythology without a scrap of evidence, and his imitators, Pizzagate reached enough gullible minds that one man traveled to Comet Ping Pong pizzeria in Washington, where he believed child sex slaves were being held, and discharged a rifle. Nobody was harmed except that pitiful dupe, who is now in prison.

Fearing legal action, the cowardly Jones scuttled away from Pizzagate after the 2016 election. But he and kindred voices on the far right continue to spread fake stories about pedophilia, weaponizing a smear that distracts from real news and mesmerizes an idiot constituency. It is a parody of journalism and as foul a misuse of the

First Amendment as we have seen in decades.

Notwithstanding that torrent of politically motivated lies, child sexual abuse exists in our society, perpetrated over many years by such trusted figures as priests, athletic coaches and even doctors. Those heinous crimes have been exposed not by hucksters and con artists on Infowars or Fox News but by established news outlets that spend thousands of hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars to find the truth, and prove it.

Without the dedicated and courageous journalists who reported out the crimes of a former House Speaker, an Ohio State wrestling coach, an Olympic gymnastics physician and hundreds of Catholic clergymen, nobody would ever have held those monsters accountable.

Anyone who wants to understand the difficult and often-wrenching work behind that kind of investigative journalism should watch “Spotlight,” the remarkably realistic 2015 feature film that shows how a team of Boston Globe reporters ripped away the Catholic Church’s scandalous cover-up of pedophilia in the priesthood.

Their work required knocking on doors, searching out documents, forcing institutions to account for their failures, taking risks. It is work that sometimes leads to errors, which must be acknowledged and corrected.

But it is the best and often the only way to address and remedy wrongdoing in government and business, and across our institutions, including the press itself.

The newspaper editor who led The Globe investigation is Martin Baron — who now runs the Washington Post, where his reporters produce the best reporting on national issues and politics under the slogan “Democracy Dies in Darkness.”

Of course, Trump hates the Post and every decent newspaper. For his own self-serving reasons, he would prefer a nation that gets all of its information from crooks like Alex Jones and Rupert Murdoch — a nation more like Russia, where lies suffocate freedom.

But that would be a society most inhospitable to the welfare of children and all other living things.

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

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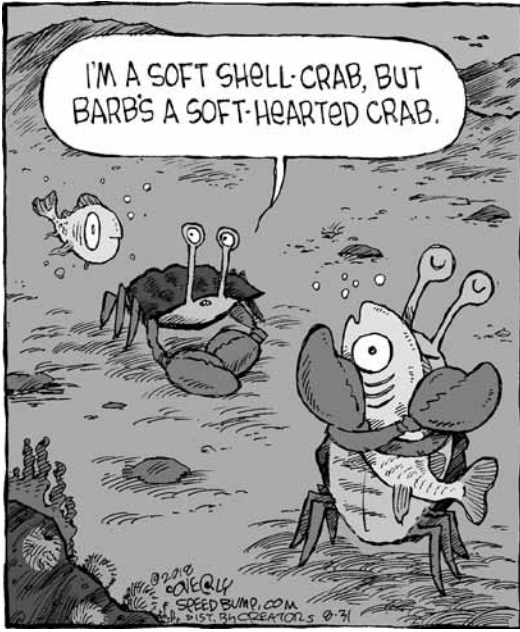
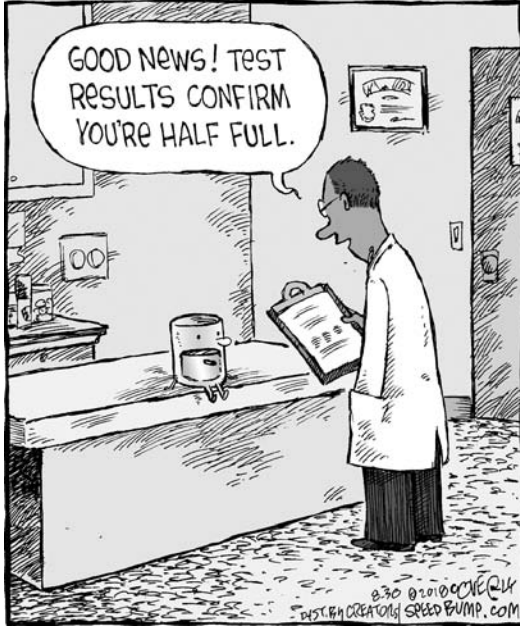
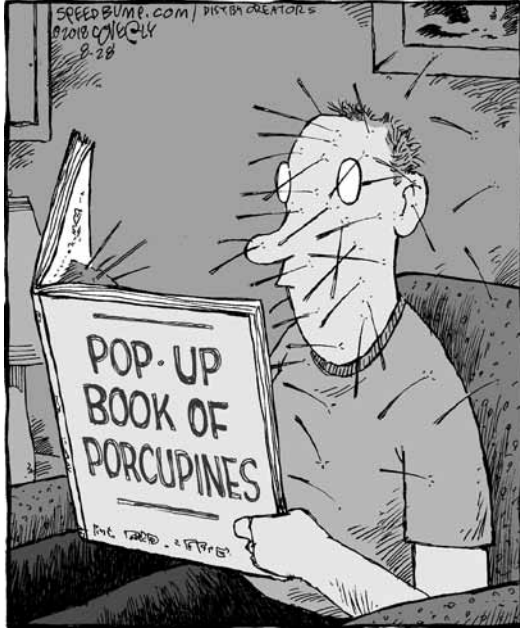
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

- 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
- 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
- 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 Greg Welch 323-816-4532.
- 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
- 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
- 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
- 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
- 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
- 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Paula Mayfield, (562) 923-3518.
- 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
- 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
- Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

- 7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
- 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
- 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
- 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
- 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
- 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
- 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
- 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

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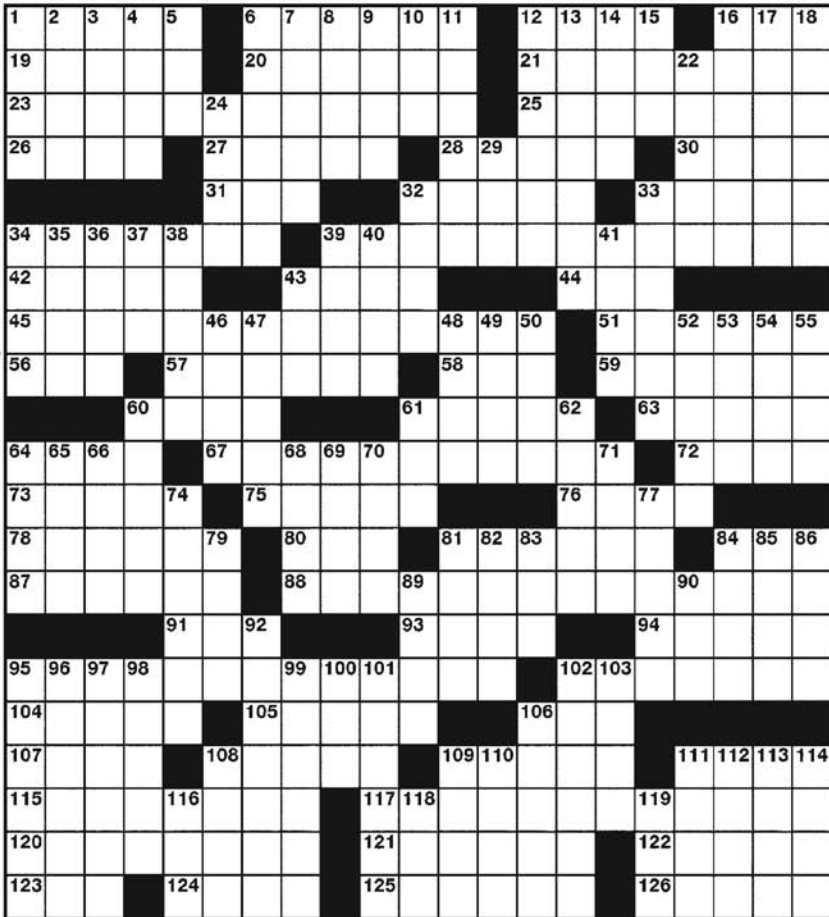
- August 30, 1682:** William Penn sailed from England and later established the colony of Pennsylvania in America.
- 1890:** Charles Doolittle Walcott first discovered fossils near Burgess Pass. He named the site Burgess Shale after nearby Mt. Burgess.
- 1965:** Thurgood Marshall was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a Supreme Court justice. Marshall was the first black justice to sit on the Supreme Court.
- 1983:** The space shuttle Challenger blasted off with Guion S. Bluford Jr. aboard. He was the first black American to travel in space.

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Vikings win home-opener, prepare for Hawaii

► **SPORTS:** Downey will host Kapolei of Hawai'i on Friday after beating Hart last week.

The Bears rolled to an easy victory over St. Anthony's of Long Beach.

By Mark Fetter
Sportswriter

DOWNEY – The Downey High School football team defeated Hart at Downey on Friday night, 33-21, evening their record at 1-1.

The Vikings will host Kapolei of Hawai'i on Friday in the first game of a home and away series. The Hurricanes are currently 1-2.

In the Downey/Hart game, the Vikings took an early 7-0 lead and led by that same score as the first quarter ended. The Vikings outscored Hart 13-7 in the second quarter and took a 20-7 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Both teams scored a touchdown and extra point in the third quarter and the score was 27-14 at the end of the third quarter.

Hart outscored Downey, 7-6, in the fourth quarter but the game was already decided and

Downey came away with the 33-21 win.

Viking quarterback Kijon Fouts completed 14/22 pass attempts for 181 yards and two touchdowns. Fouts also led the Downey ground game with 11 carries for 114 yards.

Malcom Perry had 13 carries for 51 yards and two touchdowns, Jaden Allen had 10 carries for 43 yards and one touchdown and Malachi Rice gained 29 yards on two carries.

The Viking receiving corps were led by Lawrence Joseph's four catches for 42 yards, Danny Ruiz's three catches for 54 yards and one touchdown, Noah Skobis' three catches for 46 yards and one touchdown and Brenden Hodge's two catches for 27 yards.

Downey's defense was led by Anthony Lopez's four solo and five assisted tackles, Malcom Perry's five solo and one assisted tackle, Daniel Mena's four solo and two assisted tackles, Vincent Willis' three solo and three assisted tackles, Danny Ruiz's five solo tackles, Isaiah Burton's five solo tackles and Jaden Allen's three solo and two assisted tackles.

WARREN FOOTBALL: The Warren High School football team defeated St. Anthony's of Long Beach at Warren last Friday night, 49-14.

The Bears scored early and often in their season opener. They will host Huntington Park on Friday.

Huntington Park is currently 0-2 after being shut out by Rosemead, 28-0, in their first game, followed by a loss at Jefferson, 28-18, in their second game.

Warren quarterback Chris Venegas completed 16/22 pass attempts for 348 yards and four touchdowns. Venegas' quarterback rating was an impressive 154.4.

The Bear ground game was led by Nikko Fierro-Tuala's nine carries for 67 yards and two touchdowns, Eimajah Hunter's six carries for 73 yards and one touchdown and Carlos Parra's six carries for 48 yards.

The Bear receiving corps were led by Desmond Carnes' four catches for 134 yards and two touchdowns, Jabari Hughes Jr.'s four catches for 90 yards and two touchdowns, Keison Evans' four catches for 75 yards and Robbie

Colenzo's three catches for 40 yards.

Warren's defense was led by Jonathan McDaniel Jr.'s seven solo and one assisted tackle, Stephen Austin's five solo and one assisted tackle, Xamarion Gordon's five solo and one assisted tackle and Alex Valenzuela's four solo and two assisted tackles.

BOSCO FOOTBALL: The St. John Bosco football team traveled to Garces Memorial High School in Bakersfield last Friday night and defeated the Rams, 56-0.

With the win, the Braves improved to 2-0 on the season while the Rams fell to 0-2. St. John Bosco will host Mililani High School on Friday at Panish Family Stadium.

The Mililani Trojans come to southern California with a record of 3-0. Mililani defeated Kailua, 44-6, in their first game, defeated Farrington, 57-15, in their second game and defeated Kamehameha Kapalama, 31-24, in their third game.

In the St. John Bosco/Garces game, the Braves scored early and often in their convincing

victory. St. John Bosco scored two touchdowns and converted the extra points in the first quarter and took an early 14-0 lead.

The Braves added four more touchdowns in the second quarter and led 42-0 going into the locker room at halftime.

The Braves scored another touchdown in the third quarter for a 49-0 lead entering the fourth quarter. A final touchdown in the final quarter sealed the 56-0 win. There were no game stats posted at press time.

The second half of this game provided an excellent opportunity for the Brave reserves to get some valuable playing time.

Coach Negro, his staff and players are all looking forward to handing Mililani of Hawai'i their first loss of the season later. St. John Bosco remains number one in the Xcellent Top 25 poll, falls to number two in the national poll (IMG Academy of Bradenton, Florida) and remains number one in the state poll.

CALVARY FOOTBALL: The Downey Calvary Chapel football team hosted their first game of

the season last Saturday night at Downey High School and defeated Lighthouse Christian, 46-0.

DCC scored early and often and coasted to the victory. There were only limited game stats available at press time.

The Grizzlies will travel to Julian on Sept. 15 to play the Eagles. The Eagles are currently 0-2 with losses against Warner High School in week one and Noli Indian High School of San Jacinto in week two.

DCC plays an eight-game schedule and this explains the byes for the next three weeks.

PIUS-MATTHIAS: The St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy team hosted The Webb Schools last Saturday afternoon and were defeated, 35-7. There were no stats available at press time.

Pius-Matthias will travel to Bishop Montgomery on Friday to play the Knights, who are 1-0 after defeating South Torrance last week, 20-14.

Shared Stories: The Number 9 Car

Not everyone knows that Los Angeles used to have a very effective mass transit system up until 1963. The Los Angeles Railway System left a big impression on Anthony Caldwell as a young boy. 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

I grew up in Los Angeles with its trolley car system. It was known as the Los Angeles Railway System. Little railroad-type, electric-powered rail cars went all over Los Angeles.

The trolley cars took you to wherever you wished by transfers that had to be punched, and by a set of numbers or alphabetical letters – A through Z. Ours was the Number 9 car.

We lived on Hoover Avenue and 47th Street, so our family took the Number 9 and it would take us north to greater Los Angeles and Wilshire Blvd, or west to Baldwin Park on Crenshaw Avenue.

People had to climb up about five feet to the main platform where

the conductor stood. For a young kid, it was fun. People would help elderly people up the stairs and the folding step that came down at the bottom to help you climb. For other people, it was just part of the process.

The contraption had a coin counter-separator that sounded like a coffee grinder as it sorted out change. An electric compressor chugged as it compressed air for the brake system.

It was the height of efficiency, as the hard, slatted seats would let air circulate and were reversible depending on the direction. The air-conditioning was adjusted by passengers opening or closing the windows manually.

Vents in the wood roof let hot air escape, and as speed increased, the side windows supplied circulation. To me as a child, it was like the equivalent of taking the space shuttle to Mars!

The thing jerked and ground to a halt at street intersections. People stepped off the sidewalk and into a white rectangle painted on the street next to the tracks. It was the designated loading zone.

People in the cars obeyed the rules and waited for people to exit or enter the trolley and return to the sidewalk.

Downey, Warren students now have easier access to city library's resources

DOWNEY – Working in partnership since 2016, Downey Unified and the Downey City Library have created a method which enables Downey and Warren high school students easy access to resources within the city library.

By using their current high school ID, Downey and Warren students are able to check out up to three library books at a time, access all online materials (i.e. magazines, databases, eBooks), and gain entrance into the computer lab and study rooms.

This idea was manifested by the current Downey High School librarian, Martha Ortiz, and the since-retired Downey City Library's director and children's librarian.

Previously an employee of the Downey City Library, Ortiz pushed and piloted this program the first year.

"I worked there [Downey City Library] for over 21 years, so I know they had faith in me to make this happen," stated Ortiz.

After much success with the pilot program on her home campus, this program – coined the Downey One Card -- is now being incorporated into Downey Unified's comprehensive high schools. All

students qualify for this program and those interested are asked to visit the Downey City Library to fill out a simple form and show their current high school ID.

Students are still responsible for all materials checked out and must sign up for the Downey One Card every school year, until they graduate or leave the district.

Parents and/or guardians do not need to be present for books to be checked out or for students to gain access to the computer lab or study rooms. However, parents and/or guardians do have the opportunity to opt their student out of this program at the beginning of each school year if they do not want them to take part in the Downey One Card.

"Most of the time, it's because they already have a library card," shared Ortiz.

If you or your student would like more information about the new Downey One Card, please call or visit the Downey City Library or contact Martha Ortiz at Downey High School.

Rio Hondo Symphony changes its name to Whittier Regional Symphony

WHITTIER – Effective July 1, 2018, the Rio Hondo Symphony is now known as the Whittier Regional Symphony.

Symphony board members said the change was necessary to avoid confusion with Rio Hondo College.

"This confusion has led both current members, potential members and potential donors alike to believe that our symphony is composed of student musicians. We are not," the symphony said in a statement.

The symphony was founded as the Whittier College Community Orchestra in 1932 and changed its name to the Whittier Symphony in 1937.

In 1964, to reflect the group's musical expansion into Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs and other parts of L.A. County, it was renamed the Rio Hondo Symphony.

"By ending this confusion, it is our goal to retain our current commitment to free concerts, continued financial support from our surrounding communities, and to attract new revenue and to expand our music education programs," the symphony said.


The Whittier Regional Symphony's next concert is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Whittier High School auditorium. It is titled "Ode to Joy – Beethoven No. 9."

60 Words

to celebrate the Downey Symphony Orchestra's 60th anniversary

The Symphony Board scoured the town for suitable concert sites. All came with poor acoustics. After a performance in Pius X's gymnasium, a reviewer sighed, "There's nothing that can be done about freight trains passing on the nearby Union Pacific tracks. At least the train that passed Saturday night had the good grace to tootle in tune with the music."

*The Downey Live Wire, early 1960s
compiled by Joyce Sherwin*

POETRY MATTERS 

Brass Spittoons

Clean the spittoons, boy.
Detroit,
Chicago,
Atlantic City,
Palm Beach.

Clean the spittoons.
The steam in hotel kitchens,
And the smoke in hotel lobbies,
And the slime in hotel spittoons:
Part of my life.
Hey, boy!
A nickel,
A dime,
A dollar,
Two dollars a day.
Hey, boy!
A nickel,
A dime,
A dollar,
Two dollars

Buy shoes for the baby.
House rent to pay.
Gin on Saturday,
Church on Sunday.
My God!
Babies and gin and church
And women and Sunday
All mixed with dimes and
Dollars and clean spittoons
And house rent to pay.
Hey, boy!
A bright bowl of brass is beautiful to the Lord.
Bright polished brass like the cymbals
Of King David's dancers,
Like the wine cups of Solomon.
Hey, boy!
A clean spittoon on the altar of the Lord.
A clean bright spittoon all newly polished—
At least I can offer that.
Com'mere, boy!

Labor Day was declared a federal holiday as early as 1894, and Hughes finds a beauty in the dignity of work in this "newly polished" poem. Raised in Kansas, Hughes was an important figure in the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920's, and an innovator of the new literary art form called jazz poetry. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Rotary Club of Downey beat all comers at the Rotary District 5280 picnic at Seaside Lagoon in Redondo Beach on Aug. 25. Paddlers President Greg Welch and past president Russell Skersick demonstrate their winning technique. District Cardboard Race Trophy sits on the prow.



Second picture (below) shows the cheering club members Dr. Dan Fox; Ray Brown, who designed and built the waterproof boat, and wife Cookie; Greg; Nate Mahoney; Patricia Megallon; Nicki and Russell Skersick and daughter Sydney, and Debbie Fox.



►**THEATER:** British pop star Billy Ocean, with 30 million records sold, will perform at the Downey Theater next April.

DOWNEY - The Downey Civic Theatre released its 2018-19 schedule Tuesday, highlighted by performances by English R&B star Billy Ocean, a Christmastime show by the Mariachi Divas, and a performance by the Villalobos Brothers.

Below is the full schedule, with show descriptions provided by the Downey Theatre.

“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical”

Saturday, Nov. 10, at 11 am and 2 pm

Sunday, Nov. 11, at 11 am and 2 pm

‘Tis the season for Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer at the Downey Theatre. Rudolph returns, live on stage, for four November performances.

A beloved TV holiday classic, “Rudolph the Red-nosed

Billy Ocean, Villalobos Brothers top Downey Theatre’s 2018-19 calendar

Reindeer” soars off the screen and onto the stage. Join us in celebrating Rudolph’s 50 years on television and come see all your favorite characters from the well-known tv special including Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, the Abominable Snow Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius and, of course, Rudolph, as they come to life in the all new musical.

It’s an adventure that teaches us that what makes you different can be what makes you special. Don’t miss this wonderful new holiday tradition that speaks to the misfit in all of us.

Mariachi Divas Christmas

Saturday, Dec. 15, at 8 pm

Directed and founded by trumpet player Cindy Shea in 1999, under the musical direction of Grammy Award-winning Alberto “Beto” Jimenez Maeda, the Mariachi Divas have made big waves on the national and international music scene.

With two Grammy Awards, five Grammy nominations, and one Latin Grammy nomination, the Mariachi Divas are a unique, multicultural, all-female ensemble imbued with the true flavor of Los Angeles.

The Divas’ discography includes nine albums released through Shea Records and East Side Records. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea.

Hotel California - A Salute to the Eagles

Friday, Jan. 25, 2019 at 8 pm

This band, comprised of five respected, multi-talented top music industry professionals, presents a dynamic exciting show saluting the music of The Eagles, a super group whose music has proven to have a staying power that few bands lay claim to. Finally, audiences can once again experience the energy and magic of this timeless music.

This highly acclaimed presentation has a great reputation and excellent references.

Hotel California has become one of the most sought after acts in the world, with name recognition and true marquis value paralleling today’s modern recording artists.

Each concert presents an exciting showcase of The Eagles mega-hits such as “Take it Easy”, “Heartache Tonight”, and “Hotel California” as well as newer releases “Get Over It” and “Love will Keep Us Alive”. The group also performs select titles from the solo works of Don Henley, Glen Frey, and Joe Walsh.

This timeless music is appealing to audiences of all ages, bringing back memories

and touching the hearts of every generation. So join us now on a trip down a dark desert highway, feel the cool wind in your hair, and experience the Grammy Award winning sounds that defined a generation.

The Villalobos Brothers with Flor de Toleache

Saturday, Feb. 2, at 8 pm

The Villalobos Brothers (Ernesto, Alberto and Luis) use their violins and voices to define contemporary Mexican music. Their original compositions masterfully blend elements of jazz, rock, classical and Mexican folk to deliver a powerful message of love, brotherhood and social justice.

Artistic Director and guitarist Humberto Flores, drummer Rosa Ávila and bassist Leo Sherman complete the line-up.

The group’s virtuosic performances have delighted listeners from Latin America, India and Russia to Lincoln Center’s American Songbook, Carnegie Hall and the Latin Grammy Awards. Their work has been recognized by numerous awards including the Vox Populi Award by the Independent Music Awards and the Ultimate Winners in WNYC’s 2013 Battle of the Boroughs.

In 2015, the group was chosen as Musical Artist in Residence for Lincoln Center Education, 92st Y, Latino Arts, and The New York Botanical Garden’s record-breaking exhibit “Frida Kahlo: Art, Garden, Life.”

Blue Oyster Cult

Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 8 pm

For over four decades, Blue Öyster Cult has been thrilling fans of intelligent hard rock worldwide with powerful albums loaded with classic songs. Indeed, the Long Island, NY based band is revered within the hard rock and heavy metal scene for its pioneering work.

Blue Öyster Cult occupies a unique place in rock history because it’s one of very few hard rock/heavy metal bands to earn both genuine mainstream critical acclaim as well as commercial success.

BÖC’s canon of hits include the truly haunting “(Don’t Fear) The Reaper” from 1976’s Agents of Fortune, the pummeling “Godzilla” from 1977’s Spectres and the hypnotically melodic “Burnin’ for You” from 1981’s Fire of Unknown Origin.

Other notable BÖC songs include “Cities on Flame with Rock and Roll,” “Then Came the Last Days of May,” “I Love the Night,” “In Thee,” “Veteran of the Psychic Wars,” “Dominance and Submission,” “Astronomy,” “Black Blade” and “Shooting Shark.”

Billy Ocean

Sunday, April 7, 2019 at 7 pm

Born in Trinidad, Billy Ocean settled in London’s East End when he was a seven-year-old

calypto crazy kid. He soon got turned on to soul singers like Otis Redding and Sam Cooke, as well as pop groups like The Beatles and The Rolling Stones.

Billy Ocean went on to become the biggest black recording star Britain has ever produced, one who has sold over 30 million records in his lifetime. The million selling American No.1 single “Caribbean Queen” won Billy a Grammy for best R&B Vocal. It was followed by “Loverboy” and “Suddenly,” which became the first of Billy’s killer ballads.

The album from which these singles came spent a year in the US charts selling double Platinum. More hits were to follow with the now classic “Get Outta My Dreams; Get Into My Car,” another US No. 1 hit, “When the Going Gets Tough,” “Love on Delivery,” “Stop Me,” and “Red Light Spells Danger.”

ASERE! Havana Cuba All-Stars

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 8 pm

ASERE! - A Fiesta Cubana features the Havana Cuba All-Stars - some of Cuba’s greatest musicians. With rhythms and melodies from the cha cha to the rumba, from “Son Cubano” style to the salsa, musicians and dancers showcase a wide variety of Cuban beats in a joyous spectacle.

The group is inspired by and dedicated to promoting the entire tapestry of Cuban music through a fresh, contemporary lens. In their upcoming “Asere”- or “Friendship”- tour, the All-Stars will be backed by three of Cuba’s finest dancing couples.

With the greatest dancers and musicians of Cuba working in tandem, the American encore of the Havana Cuba All-Stars’ tour will be a spirited spectacle of song and dance, exemplifying Cuba’s greatest musical traditions.

Los Chicos del 512 - Selena Tribute

Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 7 pm

It is a mind-blowing experience and the closest you can get to a live Selena concert. Simply, the best Selena tribute band out there.

All of its band members have lived and played the remarkable music that Selena brought to us for at least 15 years. After living through her music, they wanted to have an opportunity to bring this incredible show to all of her fans.

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Los Chicos del 512 will bring to you the finest Selena tribute that you can possibly imagine. Now, get ready to sing, dance and relive Selena.



DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

Pokemon Tournament, 2 pm. A Pokemon trading card game tournament, with standard rules. \$5 buy-in, prizes for top 3. Psycho Turtle Collectibles, 8428 Telegraph Rd.

Metal Music, 8 pm. Live performances by metal bands Black Empathy, Brain Dead, Heavy Justice and Meridian. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3

Rally for Healthcare Justice, 10 am. SEIU-UHW members will rally against Kaiser Permanente and their intent to outsource jobs. Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5

Southeast Bruins Summer Mixer, 6 pm. Meet UCLA alumni and make new connections. The Olive RestoBar, 8830 Apollo Way.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

Let's Do Lunch Networking, 12 pm. Network with other local business professionals. \$20 with RSVP or \$25 at the door. Barriles Restobar, 11040 Downey Ave.

Craft Night, 5 pm. Children and families are invited to make crafts, with all materials provided. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Postpartum Support, 6:30 pm. A mom-to-mom support group to connect and uplift new mothers. Coffee Bean, 9516 Lakewood Blvd.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

Emergency Preparedness Fair, 10 am to 2 pm. Practice hands-only CPR, learn to put out small fires, make emergency plans, and more. Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

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.

Gospel of Luke Album Release Show, 6 pm. Live show featuring performances of original songs written/recorded by Imago Dei Church. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9

New Bruin Send-Off, 12 pm. UCLA alumni welcome incoming students and families to UCLA. Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

September 11 Remembrance Ceremony, 10 am. The city of Downey pays tribute to the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

Women in Leadership Conference, 11:30 am. Featuring remarks from Betty Porto and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia. Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

The Bishops, 9 pm. Ska/reggae band The Bishops perform live. Anarchy Library, 13250 Woodruff Ave.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

Family Game Night, 5 pm. A variety of classic and modern board games will be available for families to play. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

Vintage Car Show & Toy Drive, 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.

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Spend one hour picking up litter and beautifying the Downey community. Rio San Gabriel Park, 9612 Ardine St.

Chamber of Secrets: Virgin Orbit, 10 am. Students in grades 5-12 can take a field trip to Virgin Orbit headquarters to see their new launch system, LauncherOne. Register online. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19

Downey Sister Cities, 6 pm. The Downey Sister Cities Assoc. holds its monthly meeting. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20

Job Source Grand Opening, 12 pm. A new Downey business celebrates its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Job Source, 8520 Florence Ave.

Empower Hour, 6 pm. Ferias Legales honors Lupita Infante

with its Empower Hour Breaking Barriers Award. BRB Social, 11040 Downey Ave.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21

Ms. Krazie Album Release Party, 8 pm. Hip-hop artist Ms. Krazie performs on stage in celebration of her latest album release. Godttis Nightclub, 7931 Firestone.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

Alpha Omega Con, 10 am. A comic and pop culture convention where Christian, faith-based, and family-friendly creators and fans can meet, fellowship, and network. First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 2nd St.

Drill and Drum Competition, 10 am. The Sophisticated Sounds & Steppers drill team and drum squad hosts an all-ages competition. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

Pasadena Fine Arts, 7:30 pm. Biographer Nicholas Curry gives a presentation on the fine arts of Pasadena. Part of the Downey Historical Society's regular meeting. Barbara J. Riley Center (John Downey Room), 7810 Quill Dr.

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.

Skate Jam 2018, 1 pm. Skateboarders are invited to show off their skills. Various categories, including Beginner, Girls Only, and Best Trick. Meredith Perkins Skate Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

DUSD State of the Schools, 7 am. Superintendent Dr. John Garcia provides an update on the Downey Unified School District. Los Angeles County Office of Education, 12830 Columbia Way.

Latina Empowerment Day, 8 am. Latina Empowerment Day is a one day workshop created to empower Latinas to increase their community impact and strengthen their skills and knowledge on a variety of issues. Buy tickets online at Eventbrite. Gas Company Energy Resource Center, 9240 Firestone Blvd.

Pink on the Green Golf Tournament, 12 pm. A Promise of Hope's first annual golf tournament, raising money for breast cancer research. Los Amigos Golf Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

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. 13

Naturalization Clinic, 10 am. Ferias Legales offers free help with naturalization applications. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SUNDAY, OCT. 14

Beatles vs. Rolling Stones, 7 pm. The Beatles, represented by tribute band Abbey Road, engage in a barrage of hits against premier Rolling Stones tribute band Satisfaction. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

Flu Vaccination Clinic, 1-3 pm. Free flu shots courtesy of the L.A. County Department of Public Health. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19

Downey-Warren Football Game, 7 pm. The Vikings and Bears face-off in their annual rivalry game. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Meet in the Big Lots parking lot, 9020 Firestone Blvd.

Spooky Science Night, 5 pm. Food trucks, games, activities, costume parade, and more. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

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.

PINK Conference, 5 pm. The start of a three-day women's conference featuring workshops and guest speakers. New Season Christian Worship Center, 9001 Paramount Blvd.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

Halloween Party, 9:30 pm. Featuring live music by God Module and Mordacious. Plus four DJs and a costume contest. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

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.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

Pumpkin Patch, 5-9 pm. Costume contests, carnival games, photo booth, caricature artist, glow walk, and more. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives 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.

FRIDAY, NOV. 9

El Segundo Kiwanis Cup Golf Tournament, 12 pm. A 4-person scramble golf tournament, with proceeds benefiting El Segundo Kiwanis. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Brighten Women's Conference, 2 pm. The start of a two-day conference for women and girls ages 12 and older. Worship, speakers, breakout sessions, and more. Lord's Grace Church, 7360 Foster Bridge Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

Car Show and Breakfast, 8 am. All makes, models, years welcome. Free to the public. First Baptist Church Downey, 83343 2nd St.

Downey High School Class of 1973 Reunion, 6pm - 10 pm, Frantone's 9148 Telegraph Rd Downey, Please RSVP to Bruce Hearn 562-695-9088. Cost \$25 in advance / \$30 at door - food and drink included.

Smart Gardening Workshop, 9:30 am. Learn smart and effective ways to grow a drought-tolerant garden. Wilderness Park, 10999 Little Lake Rd.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

11 am and 2 pm. A holiday tradition based on the animated television special. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, NOV. 11

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MONDAY, NOV. 12

Veterans Day Ceremony, 10 am. A ceremony honoring all who have served our country. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Help pick up litter and make the community nicer. 8832 Imperial Hwy.

MONDAY, DEC. 3

Tree Lighting, 6-8:30 pm. The city of Downey lights up its Christmas tree. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

Mariachi Divas, 8 pm. The all-female mariachi group performs a special Christmas concert. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

Hotel California - A Salute to the Eagles, 8 pm. A dynamic show saluting the work of The Eagles. Featuring mega hits such as "Take It Easy" and "Hotel California." Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

Villalobos Brothers, 8 pm. The popular Mexican trio perform their brand of jazz, rock and classical music. They'll be joined by Flor de Toleache. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

GOOD Luncheon, 11:30 am. Annual fundraiser benefiting Gangs Out of Downey. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Blue Oyster Cult, 8 pm. The heavy metal band from Long Island, New York performs their canon of hits. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Billy Ocean, 7 pm. With more than 30 million records sold, Billy Ocean is a pop legend with no signs of slowing down. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Kids & Cops Day, 11 am. Police officers and local kids come together for a day of games and activities. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

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Gov. Brown signs legislation ending bail in California

SACRAMENTO – California will become the first state in the U.S. to end monetary bail for those awaiting trial after Gov. Jerry Brown signed landmark legislation to reform the bail system on Tuesday.

Senate Bill 10, which goes into effect on Oct. 1, 2019, was approved by the state legislature a week ago before being sent to the governor, according to KTLA sister station KIXL in Sacramento.

“Today, California reforms its bail system so that rich and poor alike are treated fairly,” Brown said in a news release announcing the signing.

The legislation eliminates money-based bail as an option for someone to be released from jail awaiting trial.

Instead, counties will follow a pretrial risk assessment of a person before releasing them.

“Wealth is not the measure

of any woman or man. By eliminating cash bail, we are saying that those with the least ability to pay should not be released or incarcerated solely on the basis of their wealth or poverty. SB 10 is only one leg of the long journey toward perfecting our justice system, but it is an important one,” Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon said in a news release.

The bill faced sharp criticism from the bail bond industry and the ACLU. Critics have said the bill would cost the state hundreds of millions of dollars to establish, would increase the number of people in jail and would also give more power to judges.

The California Police Officers Association had come out against the bill before switching their stance to neutral.

El Rancho HS volleyball coach fired

PICO RIVERA – A coach at El Rancho High School in Pico Rivera has been terminated following an accusation of inappropriate behavior, a school district official confirmed.

Trinidad Lopez, who coached both girls and boys volleyball teams at the high school, was terminated following a district investigation.

Parents were notified on Monday night, according to a source who is in touch with parents.

“The principal invited parents to the meeting to inform them that a coach was terminated from his employment at ERHS following an investigation into an accusation of inappropriate behavior,” Karling Aguilera-Fort, the El Rancho Unified School District superintendent, said in an email sent to KTLA by his assistant.

Aguilera-Fort said the accusation against the coach



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was reported to the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department for further investigation.

The details into the alleged inappropriate behavior were unclear, but the source told KTLA four parents met with the school’s principal, who told them about the accusations.

No other information was released.

The Whittier Daily News reported that two students made allegations against the coach, prompting the investigation.

Two violent home invasions reported in Norwalk on Tuesday

NORWALK – Detectives are working to determine if two back-to-back home invasions in Norwalk are connected.

The violent incidents happened within 2 miles of each other on Tuesday.

In the first incident, Los Angeles County sheriff’s officials said the suspects entered a home in the 12700 block of Larwin Drive shortly before 1 p.m.

They choked a man, tied him up and put him in a closet while they stole about \$400 and a cellphone.

The man suffered no serious injuries but complained of chest and neck pain.

The incident prompted a brief lockdown at John Glen and Southeast Academy high schools.

While deputies were

investigating the scene of the crime, they received a call just 30 minutes later about another home invasion in the 11900 block of Olive Street.

Officials said a man broke through the front door the home and grabbed a woman by the hair.

The victim found a hammer and threw it at the suspect. He then grabbed it and threw it back before fleeing.

Investigators said neither the victim nor the suspect managed to strike the other with the hammer.

No suspects were caught at either of the two locations, and officials said it’s not yet clear if the crimes are connected.

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File Number 2018191224

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GENE BAUTISTA, 10355 LA REINA UNIT D, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 09/2018

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S/PRADO REAL ESTATE & INVESTMENTS, INC., PRESIDENT, SERGIO VARGAS

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) APRIL LORRAINE MANOR, 9228 SOMERSET BLVD 5, BELLFLOWER CA 90706-3459, LA COUNTY

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

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S/MARISOL OTANEZ, OWNER

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The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2018

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S/JENNIFER DONALDSON, OWNER

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FAMILY LAW

SUMMONS (Family Law) NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name) AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): CARMINA TRINIDAD GUZMAN GONZALEZ

You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page. Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página siguiente. Petitioner’s name is (Nombre del demandante): JONATHAN MARTINEZ CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DE CASO): 18WHFL00147

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1. The name and address of the court are (El nombre y dirección de la corte son): WHITTIER COURTHOUSE, 7339 PAINTER AVE., WHITTIER, CA 90602

2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner’s attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): JONATHAN MARTINEZ, 9230 DEEBLE ST., SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 2138048361

Date (Fecha): JUNE 11, 2018 Clerk, by (Secretario, por) N. GUTIERREZ, Deputy (Asistente)

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FICT. BUS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018187651

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HAPPY LAND CHILDCARE, 15616 GRIDLEY RD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ERICKA MARIA TORRES, 15616 GRIDLEY RD, NORWALK CA 90650 (2) UZIEL TORRES, 15616 GRIDLEY RD, NORWALK CA 90650

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A MARRIED COUPLE

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

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S/ERICKA MARIA TORRES, OWNER

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARGENTINA OSBORN, 2600 BUBBLING WELL RD, RIVERSIDE CA 92501

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

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S/ARGENTINA OSBORN, OWNER

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PRADO REAL ESTATE & INVESTMENTS, INC., 4067 HARDWICK STREET 341, LAKEWOOD CA 90712, LA COUNTY

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION

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FICT. BUS NAME

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018201444

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AMY KIM UNG, 10301 ARTESIA BLVD SUITE 108, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY

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THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PATRICIA MURILLO VILLEGAS, 12206 DOWNEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: V5030995

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner IRMA JENNIFER AGUILAR on behalf of ANTHONY NESTOR AGUAYO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ANTHONY NESTOR AGUAYO to Proposed name (1) ANTHONY NESTOR AGUILAR
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: **October 31, 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** AUGUST 27, 2018
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Irma Jennifer Aguilar,
on behalf of **Anthony Aguayo**
13128 Dunrobin Ave
Downey, CA 90242
(562) 441-7802

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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 Sept. 24, 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.

Petitioner: Gloria Garcia
GLORIA GARCIA
1237 CIVIC CENTER AVE
DOWNEY CA 90242
CN952783 GARCIA Aug 30, Sep 6, 13, 2018

rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call or visit the Internet Web site, www.homesearch.com assigned to this case 14-001414. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. www.homesearch.com 800-758-8052 or Aztec Foreclosure Corporation (877) 257-0717 www.aztecfreestates.com DATE: August 13, 2018 AZTEC FORECLOSURE CORPORATION Elaine Malone Assistant Secretary / Assistant Vice President Aztec Foreclosure Corporation, 3636 N. Central Ave., Suite #400, Phoenix, AZ 85012 Phone: (877) 257-0717 or (602) 638-5700; fax: (602) 638-5748 www.aztecfreestates.com NPP0338417 TO: DOWNEY PATRIOT 08/16/2018, 08/23/2018, 08/30/2018

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. : 0000005271812 Title Order No.: 160168076 FHA/VA/PMI 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 UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/02/2006. 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 11/14/2006 as Instrument No. 20062510115, amended by Judgment recorded 06/10/2013 as Instrument # 2013-863870 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA. EXECUTED BY: JOSE R. SIBRIAN, AN UNMARRIED MAN and GIOVANNA N LILLEY, A MARRIED WOMAN, 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 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 09/17/2018 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: 9708 BIRCHDALE AVE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240 APN#: 6363-008-017

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, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal 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 \$793,206.54. 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 to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MIGUEL MEDINA aka MIGUEL MEDINA MARTINEZ
Case No. 18STPB06448

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MIGUEL MEDINA aka MIGUEL MEDINA MARTINEZ

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Michael Andrew Medina in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Michael Andrew Medina 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 Sept. 24, 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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TRUSTEE SALES

Trustee Sale No. 14-001414 TSG# 730-1706435-70 APN# 6245-002-035 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/22/07. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 09/12/18 at 11:00 am, Aztec Foreclosure Corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Sei Chong Kang, And Sook Kang, Husband and Wife As Joint Tenants, as Trustor(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as Nominee for Countrywide Bank, N.A., as Beneficiary, Recorded on 03/02/07 in Instrument No. 20070459555 of official records in the Office of the county recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California, will SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States), by cash, a cashier's check drawn by 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). By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described as: 7921 KINGBEE STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90242. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". 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, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$803,528.40 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the

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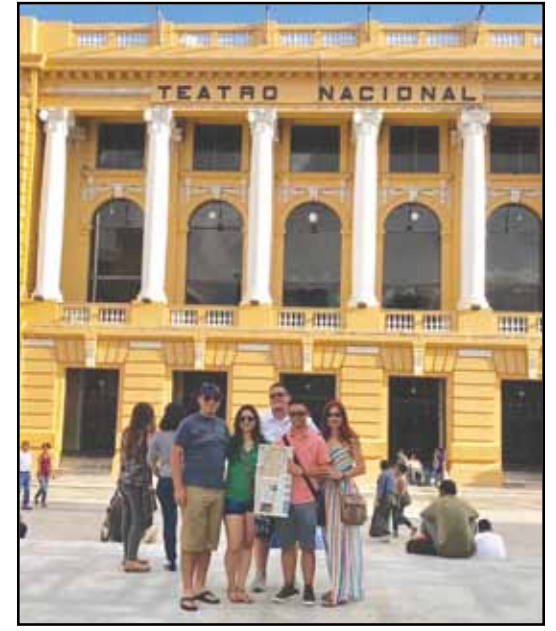
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Melodie Santana recently traveled to Ireland where she visited the 9/11 Memorial on the grounds of St. Kevin's Church in Glendalough. The memorial remembers the three Irish people who lost their lives when their plane flew into the Twin Towers.



Mayor Sean Ashton and his wife, Tammy, took the Downey Patriot with them on a recent trip to China.



The Mancía family traveled to El Salvador a few weeks ago. They are pictured here in front of the National Theatre.

From left: Vincent Segura, Zulmy Mancía, Matthew Mancía and Zulma Mancía.

Downey Doings

At the Green Salon, Downey culture has a home

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

Wonder what goes on at an evening of art, poetry, music, and short films?

Downey artist Roy Anthony Shabla's Green Salon had all those elements plus vegan food, wine and beer, books of poems for sale and custom printed T-shirts. Tees with pictures of Che Guevara sat next to the

Beatles, the Lakers, and Snoopy with horn-rimmed glasses.

The event was held outdoors at the artist's workshop in an industrial park in neighboring Santa Fe Springs, in a large cement backyard which held the food tables and books by local poets, including Circling Venice and Yearling by Frank Kearns, and The Beauty of Muttliness by Trista Dominiqu; and even Catalina Eddy and Persons of

Interest by this correspondent.

"We have to help each other," said Roy. "Imagine living in a world without art."

Fifty white folding chairs invited the audience to sit and enjoy the short short films and documentary by local film makers, which were effectively shown on the brick garage wall.

The evenings are provided free by Shabla, and always feature live music and an open mike.

Complimentary finger food for noshing was offered, and wine and keg beer were free, with a suggested donation and an honor jar.

If "laid back" weren't such a square term nowadays, it would fit for the mellow evening. A nearly full moon rose in a clear blue sky, a light breeze whispered: a perfect California evening.

"I haven't lifted a brush in 10 years," said Roy, as he held open house in his immense storehouse and workroom. "All my paint is flicked or poured or dripped onto the canvas."

The ceiling of the atelier-warehouse is 20 feet high, and

the sliding garage door opens like a carriage entrance, big enough for Roy's over-size abstract works to be carried in. There are also all-white collages of baseball bats; and a white telephone; huge black cubes with beige and red dice-like spots hovered over the scene.

Music lovers will remember the two mammoth canvases displayed three years ago on the big side stages in the Downey Theatre. Roy's two abstract canvases with thick 3-D deep-relief drops of blue and green acrylic, titled "Water Music: Blue and Gray 2015," were each eight feet high and 18 feet long. They evoked the idea of sunlight on water, as the Downey Symphony Orchestra performed Scheherazade by Rimsky-Korsakov and ballet selections from a Swan Lake Suite by Tchaikovsky.

The sun had not quite set when the music began. A casually dressed, mostly youngish crowd strolled around the private lot while musicians Eldorado Collective played a martini-jazz quartet influenced by Herbie Hancock and Santana.

Later, Esmoladera's Gabriel and Steven Armenta, and other guest musicians, improvised

what the untrained ear might call New Age Sound. Pleasant melodies and unexpected chords, not so loud as to impede conversation, a civilized plus at events these days.

The evening's entertainment was presented by two featured poets familiar to Downey patrons of Poetry Matters evening events over the last six years. Tamara Madison, one of the evening's featured poets, has read at Rives Mansion and Stay Gallery. She read from her newest book, *Moraine* (Pearl Editions, 2017), and her poems have bite and vibrancy.

As she read, a nearby evening freight train sounded its mournful whistle, and Tamara went with the flow, as though the music of the train had been scripted into her poems. Poetry in motion.

Donna Hilbert, known for her commitment to social justice, philanthropy and community arts programs, also read, from *Gravity* (Tebot Bach 2018), an especially poignant poem "Seventh Day of the World Series" which begins, "How about them Dodgers."

"Twenty years ago," Donna said, "my husband was killed in a freeway accident, a life-changing event. They said those had been

his last words before he was hit." Her poem concludes, "Your season ended."

In "Avocado" she writes: "She drove west on 66/ until its end at the ocean,/ ocean where her new world unfurled/ under trees bearing fruit,/ fruit like a fist/ or a mottled green womb. / One taste, avocado, was just/ what she wanted. Good Lord,/she knew she was home."

Short films were shown, one of them consisting of silent color TV test patterns and sign-offs and one whose dots and slots looked like digitalized bank robbers in ski masks. Then Jennifer Abod presented her groundbreaking and much needed short documentary, "The Passionate Pursuits of Angela Bowen", about the first black ballet dancer ever to break the racist taboo and appear on the stage in New York.

After she had conquered that barrier, by performing in "Swan Lake," Angela later came to teach at Cal State Long Beach. As a pioneer Long Beach State Women's Studies professor, and a pioneer equal rights activist whose reputation reached across the country, she was honored at the first Lavender Graduation in CSLB's history. Bowen died just one month ago.

Roy Shabla's over-sized paintings are "probably too big for your living room," he admitted, "but just right for industrial and corporate spaces." Fans of the Green Salon can look forward to Saturday, Sept. 22, when Roy will join in an annual world-wide event, "100,000 Poets for Peace," poets, musicians, and artists around the world in a demonstration/celebration to promote peace, sustainability and justice, and to call for serious social, environmental and political change.

Writing workshops and poetry readings, including an open microphone, will again be backed by musicians and Roy's customary vegan buffet, with beer, and wine and cheese. Expect Roy's works in progress to be on display, along with a vast collection of books and chapbooks he has written.

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Elements of a real estate offer: Money, timing and waiting

So you've found a house you want and you're ready to buy. It's not as simple as knocking on the front door and announcing that you'll take it. Your decision triggers the start of an intricate dance between you and the seller, typically with real estate agents guiding and advising you both. You're about to make an offer, which can be daunting whether you've done it before or are a first-time buyer.

Elements of the offer

When you make an offer you are telling the seller not just what you're willing to pay, but how you're going to do it. You're also going to put an expiration date on your offer and either give yourself an escape route if you find out something about the house that the seller won't fix, or you are going to handcuff yourself to the house no matter what.

Set your price

The seller set their price when they listed the home. But that's just a starting point.

Your agent should do a comparative market analysis, looking at what similar homes have sold for and helping you reach a price. You can also do your own research by looking at market "comps" on Zillow. In fact, you have quick access to more reliable information about real estate pricing than any time in history, so use it.

With your agent's help and your own research, you are an informed consumer. So now's the part where you set your price. If the market's hot, and the house just came up, you may actually offer more than what the seller was asking. If it's been languishing on the market, maybe you offer less than asking.

Explain yourself

If your offer is much different from the asking price, you should consider "loading" it. Essentially, that means including a letter that recaps your offer in simple terms as well as the information you got from doing a comparative market analysis. If you offer less than what the seller listed the property for, it could be a shock to them. Or they could be offended. You can't rely on their agent to present the comps you found, but they are legally bound to provide anything you present in writing to the seller. So let them know how you reached your offer price and that it isn't because you didn't like their taste in window coverings. Your letter will both help them understand your offer and the market

conditions that led you to make it.

The clock is ticking

Just like milk, an offer to buy a house has a shelf life, and you get to set it. How long your offer is good depends on what's customary in your area and how hot the market is. It can range from hours to days. There are different strategies for setting this sell-by date, depending on how competitive the housing market is and your real estate agent will help you decide that.

In a hot market, you want a short window for the seller to consider your offer to prevent someone else from sneaking in another offer and getting the house. (In a really hot market, you may want to consider an escalation clause.) And in some cases where the seller is already gathering multiple offers, they may set a specific time that they will open and consider all offers.

Your offer will also include a closing date for when you want the deal to be finished and the house to be yours.

Show them the money

In addition to how much you're willing to pay for the home, the offer will also include details about how you're going to do that. The seller is going to want to know that you have financing in order and that it's solid.

A pre-approval letter, which is often required by sellers, can help give the seller confidence to accept your offer. It will demonstrate that you are working with a lender and that the lender is willing to loan you the money needed to finance the home.

The seller doesn't want to accept your offer, take the house off the market and then discover in three weeks that you can't get a home loan.

No, really, show them the money

You'll likely be asked to write a good faith "earnest money" check or money order. If the seller accepts your offer, the check will be placed into an escrow account and used as part of your down payment.

Earnest money is essentially a deposit and shows the seller that you are serious. Without it, you could be making offers on several houses at the same time, costing sellers precious days on the market.

How much should you put down? It can range from 1 percent of the purchase price to 10 percent or more in a particularly hot market. It's the money you are putting at risk if you back out for reasons not outlined in the offer.

An escape route

Depending on your jurisdiction, you may have a specified amount of time to just back out without giving a reason. But those "cool-down" laws are actually quite rare. So you may want to create your own escape route so you don't lose your earnest money if you find something wrong with the house or your financing falls through.

The way to do that is with contingencies. The most common are inspection and financing contingencies. With an inspection contingency, your offer will specify that the seller has to make the home available within a certain number of days for you to bring in a professional inspector. The offer will also outline what happens if the inspection unearths any problems you'd like to have addressed.

Another common contingency is based on financing. If you can't secure a loan, a financing contingency will let you get out of the sale without losing your earnest money. This is rarely a problem if you're truly pre-approved and it won't help you if you simply decide you don't like the interest rate you're getting.

Beware! In a seller's market, each one of these escape routes is going to count against you and you'll be tempted to avoid them, especially if you've lost out on houses before. But think very hard about making an offer with

no contingencies. Sometimes it can't be avoided but it's usually a bad idea.

Keeping a poker face

Once you've completed the offer, your agent will meet with the seller's agent to "present the offer." This may be the house you've dreamed of all your life, but the seller won't see that on your face because the seller won't see your face. It's all business for the agents.

Waiting for the phone to ring

Now you wait to hear back. The seller will have either accepted your offer as-is, rejected it outright or made a counter-offer. If they accept within the time frame you allotted, you are now legally bound by its terms.

If they reject it, they either accepted another offer or yours was so far from what they want that there's not much point in continuing the discussion.

The last scenario is a counteroffer. Essentially, unless you nailed everything exactly as they wanted it in your offer, you'll get a counter. The counter is technically a rejection of your offer accompanied by their new offer to you.


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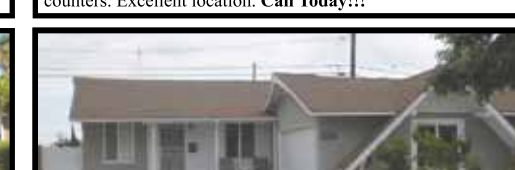
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