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Interviewing the candidates

Next month, voters in Downey's northeast quadrant have two important decisions to make as they elect new members to the City Council and school board.

Although the new elected officials will represent northeast Downey, they will make decisions that affect all of Downey.

Councilman Fernando Vasquez is being termed out and looking to replace him are three residents: Claudia Frometa, an executive in the healthcare industry; Tony Hernandez, an insurance broker; and Carrie Uva, realtor and attorney.

Willie Gutierrez resigned from the school board earlier this year, creating a rare vacancy on the governing body. Two people are seeking the seat: Carlos Avalos, director of facilities for the Lennox School District, and Giggy Perez-Saab, a civic leader.

The Patriot interviewed each of the candidates via email. Candidates were asked to limit their answers to 250 words per question; their answers are being reprinted in their entirety without editing.

School Board

Carlos Avalos

Why are you running for school board?

I'm running for school board because I believe Downey students deserve the best public schools to prepare them for the brightest future possible. As a product of Downey USD, I have a strong history in Downey. As a homeowner, I am fully invested in our neighborhoods. As a school administrator, I have the professional knowledge and experience to lead. As a father of two exceptional daughters that will be attending elementary soon, I will fight for every student's safety and success.

I have a plan that will focus on improving the safety at our schools, improving our schools facilities to provide every single student with state of the art facilities and remaining fiscally responsible by eliminating unnecessary spending.

What makes you qualified to be on the school board?

There are several reasons why I am highly qualified to be on the school board. I can draw from both my personal and professional experiences.

Professionally, I am the only candidate with over a decade of public school administrative experience. I have the knowledge and unique leadership style to make the right decisions that will positively impact our students, staff, and neighborhoods. I not only know how to read and develop a budget, I can balance them. And balancing budgets is something I've been doing throughout my career as a school administrator. I've been active in many school district committees involving budgeting, school safety, construction and, negotiating with employee unions. I'm the most experienced candidate with actual school district administration and I know how to build strong relationships between staff, parents, and the community.

Personally, and just as important, I am a parent and uncle to students that attend Downey public schools. I have a vested interest in this district and community.

What would be your priority as a school board member?

My priority is the success of every student. As I mentioned about my plan, I want to improve school safety by creating a single point of entry for all schools, updating emergency procedures, and increasing surveillance. We must improve our school facilities by investing in our classrooms so teachers and students have access to innovative technology, updated libraries, and up-to-date science labs and art classrooms. I will also work on sustaining a strong balanced budget, reduce unnecessary spending, and spend on our students.

Downey schools perennially receive high marks for their programs and instruction, but there is always room for improvement. In what areas do you think Downey Unified could improve?

There is always room for improvement or innovation. I feel that we can improve in the area of special education. We need to make sure our teachers and staff have the professional development and support to be able to give every student, no matter how unique they are, an opportunity to succeed and have a positive learning experience.

As an expert in construction management and managing bond expenditures, we need to utilize our current bond wisely and plan for future growth and additional programs. I know that school facilities can either help or hurt the learning process. We must be able to adapt and update to ever changing technology and provide our students with 21st Century facilities.

According to P21.org, Downey Unified has a graduation rate of 96%. What can be done to further improve that number?

I definitely want our district to have a 100% graduation rate. I will emphasize to our administration that we must embrace a collective responsibility for academic success. A culture where administrators and teachers look at absences and academic success as a whole school and not just the students they teach. We also need to look at attendance data and work with students and families to help them understand the cost of frequent absences. I will work hard to make sure we capture every single student and provide the resources necessary to improve their chances at graduating.

Would you support later start times at Downey schools?

I followed this issue closely during this legislative cycle. There was a great debate about changing state law to require a later start

Giggy Perez-Saab

Why are you running for school board?

I am running for Downey School Board because I am dedicated to the future of not only my three school aged-children, but to those of our entire community.

My record of service in Downey demonstrates that I have been working hard for many years to ensure that our children have the right role models and the necessary resources to succeed. Our community is only as strong as the next generation and I feel a sense of duty and responsibility to do my part in making sure that Downey schools are the best they can be.

We have a great school district, but we have to always strive to do better. A 96% high school graduation is remarkable and something we should all be proud of but I also want to focus on those 4% that have fallen short and which may need that extra bit of assistance. The emotional, social and physical developments of young children have a direct impact on their overall academic growth and future prospects as an adult. We need to provide a strong foundation for our children when they begin school to help build future academic success.

What makes you qualified to be on the school board?

My extensive record of serving Downey and the children of our community speaks for itself. I did not just decide to run one day and then become involved like others have. For years, I have been involved in the Assistance League of Downey, the Downey YMCA, Downey Soroptimist, Downey PTA, School Site Council, and Operation School Bell among others.

I have a proven record of serving our community with a focus on children because having two young children attending Downey Unified School District Schools, I know and appreciate how important it is to be involved and to be part of the solution for a better community. I grew up in Public Schools and understand the importance of providing opportunities for all children.

My strong ties to the community are also evident with the broad support I have received. I have been endorsed by all members of the Downey School Board, the Downey Teachers Association, the Downey City Council and many wonderful parents and members of the community.

What would be your priority as a school board member?

My priorities will always be to do what is best for the children of Downey. Doing what is best for our children includes being a strong advocate for them, especially for those that have challenges and need additional assistance to make sure they do not fall through the cracks.

Another priority will be to make sure that our incredible teachers have the resources they need to do their job properly. We have the best teachers in the State but we have to continue to push for more funding because the magic of education happens in the classroom and our teachers are on the frontline.

We must provide programs and training for those students who may not necessarily have a path or desire to attend college, but can enter the workforce with greater skills to be competitive in today's global economy. That is why programs such as MADE are so important because they provide real life exposure and training to students so that they may have the skills to enter the workforce upon graduation.

I promise to listen to students, teachers, and parents and always be open to new ideas and programs. We must never become stale and should always push forward to make DUSD even better than it is.

Downey schools perennially receive high marks for their programs and instruction, but there is always room for improvement. In what areas do you think Downey Unified could improve?

There is an opportunity to expand the Science and Math curriculum (STEAM). We know that Americans have fallen behind in recent years to other countries in this area which is why DUSD has been aggressive in motivating young kids to the sciences. I will focus on introducing young minds to the sciences so that they too can be the next scientist, astronaut, engineers, teacher and whatever else they put their minds to.

We need to inspire our youth early on. Downey has a rich space history and thanks to many intuitive minds right here in Downey, we were able to put a man on the moon and inspire an entire country. As a school board member, I promise to do my part to lay the framework to be that beacon of imagination for the leaders of tomorrow.

Downey restaurant grades

Benihana
8801 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Albertson's Deli
7676 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Albertson's Meat and Seafood
7676 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Gloria's Country Butcher
12161 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Gloria's Country Butcher Shop
12161 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **B**

Philly's Best
12008 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Rock & Brews
467 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Pieloon Restaurant
10822 lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

The Olive Restobar
8830 Apollo Way #104
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

CVS
8400 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf
8550 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill
12010 Lakewood Blvd
Date Inspected: 10/9/18
Grade: **A**

Gaucha Grill
8830 Apollo Way Bld. 1 100
Date Inspected: 10/4/18
Grade: **A**

Puruvian Kitchen
11408 Old River School Rd.
Date Inspected: 10/4/18
Grade: **B**

Las Palmitas Fruit
8027 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/4/18
Grade: **A**

Kyoto Sushi
8009 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/4/18
Grade: **A**

Los Sombreros
8019 E Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/4/18
Grade: **A**

Wendy's
14305 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/4/18
Grade: **A**

Pick Up Stix
8855 Apollo Way #204
Date Inspected: 10/4/18
Grade: **A**

Tacos Baja
12623 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 10/3/18
Grade: **A**

Nexx Burger
7414 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 10/3/18
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 83°

Saturday 72°

Sunday 75°

THINGS TO DO

community SHRED DAY!

Document Shredding
Saturday - Norwalk City Hall, 9 am to 2 pm
Bring up to 5 boxes for on-site document shredding. Plus dispose of unwanted electronics.

Pagan Pride Day
Sunday - Rainbow Lagoon Park in Long Beach, 10:30 am to 6 pm
Learn about pagans' practices and beliefs. Vendors, workshops, rituals, and more. Free but city charges a parking fee.

Los Muertos Uptown
Sunday - Uptown Whittier, 10 am to 6 pm
A Day of the Dead festival featuring artists, vendors, face painters, live music, classic cars, and food.

Savor Santa Ana
Saturday - Downtown Santa Ana, 5:30-9:30 pm
\$10 gets you five tasting tickets to use at your choice of participating restaurants and artisan food producers. Walk between restaurants or take a free ride on the historic trolley.

BEATLES VS STONES

Beatles vs. Stones
Sunday - Downey Theatre, 7 pm
A musical showdown featuring two of the world's best tribute bands. Who's better, the Rolling Stones or the Beatles? Tickets start at \$35

INSPIRATION

how are you doing?
i'm falling apart
then why aren't you showing it?
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Carlos Avalos

time for California students. Ultimately, Governor Brown vetoed the bill.

I would ask for feedback from our outstanding students, teachers, administration, staff, and parents. We should hold meetings and provide surveys, to make sure we receive input from every single stakeholder in the district. I have a lot of questions on how and which students can benefit from later start times. The important issue here is student success. I will support and advocate for ideas that will increase our student success.

In Downey Unified's 2017-18 annual report, it's suggested that Downey elementary schools could benefit from a Spanish curriculum to be used as part of a dual immersion program. Is this something you would support?

The ability to communicate is critical to anyone's success. When I started kindergarten at Alameda Elementary, Spanish was the only

language I knew. Of course, as a child I learned English quickly. The data shows that kids have the ability to learn another language faster than adults, let's use that strength and give our students the option to learn another language.

Being bilingual myself, I know the benefits of speaking two or more languages. I also know that learning two or three languages is normal in many countries. A dual immersion program can help students see the world through a different lens and I would fully support offering that option to our students. And why not think about including other languages? Over one billion people in the world speak Chinese, maybe our students want to learn Chinese?

Campus safety is an important topic in our country. Is there anything you think can be done to further protect students on campus?

Yes. Let's begin by increasing the collaboration between Downey USD and the City of Downey. We should be talking about safe crosswalks near schools, crossing guards, and lighting. What about connecting with the State to provide training to all staff and students in the areas of safety.

I would also look into making a single point of entry for all visitors

at the school sites. Some of our campuses have generally been known as "open campuses." Anyone can drive into the school site and not have to check in. I believe this puts us in a vulnerable position by not knowing who's on our campuses. We must invest in student safety by improving our surveillance, security staff, and adding energy efficient lighting at all campuses.

Would you like to make a closing statement to voters?

I want all students to achieve academic success and become model citizens who give back to the community. I was raised here in Downey and I'm a proud graduate of Downey public schools. This is my opportunity to give back to the very schools that made me a success. I want to inspire our next generation of leaders and see our students achieve greatness. I want to build with our great staff members, dynamic parents and community to make Downey Unified School District the best schools in the state.

My plan will focus on improving our school safety, improving our school facilities and remaining fiscally responsible by reducing unnecessary spending.

This November 6, I humbly ask that you vote for the most experienced candidate and a homegrown leader, Carlos A. Avalos.

Would you like to make a closing statement to voters?

I want to thank the voters for the opportunity to serve and be heard. I ask that the citizens of Downey please look at the record of all candidates. I am the only candidate that actually has a record of service in Downey and am the only candidate that has actually attended Board meetings.

Together with my husband, Alex, we have three small children, two of which are in elementary school in Downey Unified schools. I have real life experience and will advocate for the students and parents ethically and with the best interest of our children first. I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve Downey and our children throughout the years in different capacities. Our family is one of service to our City, and I hope to be able to serve on the Downey Unified School Board and continue my dedication to our community.

Giggy Perez-Saab

I would like to see more programs and training being offered at the Downey Adult School so that our students can continue to be competitive in the workforce. We are fortunate in Downey to have our own School District, which allows us to make the necessary changes which not only meets the demands of our City, but also to respond quickly to the workforce needs. There are many types of skills which our Downey Adult School can offer to give greater opportunity to those wanting to learn a trade.

According to P21.org, Downey Unified has a graduation rate of 96%. What can be done to further improve that number?

While this number is incredibly impressive, we must focus more attention to the early formative years to ensure that those students who are struggling receive the necessary resources early on. Our teachers do an incredible job, which is evident by the 96% graduation rate.

As a school board member, my hope is to be able to work closely with our teachers, parents, and administration to identify those who have a greater need and to make sure they are identified early so that we can provide them with the tools they need to succeed.

Would you support later start times at Downey schools?

First, I do not think Sacramento politicians should be mandating what times Downey schools should start. Those are decisions that should be made by each individual district. Each school district should decide what is best for its students, in conjunction with parents and teachers of Downey.

I do not think we need to change our start time. It is a complex issue that does not always have a successful effect on student achievement.

In Downey Unified's 2017-18 annual report, it's suggested that Downey elementary schools could benefit from a Spanish curriculum to be used as part of a dual immersion program. Is this something you would support?

Language Immersion Programs are an emerging trend in top school districts nationwide. We need to ensure that our kids master the English language and that any program we consider does not compromise our students' ability to excel in the language.

However, like everything else, the more information we have as a School Board, the better informed we will be to make a decision in the best interests of our children's future economic and social prosperity. There is a well-established positive relationship between basic thinking skills and being fully proficient. There are many challenges that include qualified staffing, curriculum, and balancing student's educational priorities.

Campus safety is an important topic in our country. Is there anything you think can be done to further protect students on campus?

There are always additional things we can do to protect students both on campus and through cyber-bullying. Students must absolutely always feel safe at schools and parents must feel confident that their child is in a safe environment to learn and not be distracted with insecurities. This is why I support the Districts plan of having a single point of entry for all schools and installing smart locks on all classrooms and offices.

We must continue to work closely with our Downey Police Department, Gangs out of Downey, the anti-bully education program and also continue the Character Counts program to teach our children that if they see something, they must say something. We must also work closely with our teachers and administrators to have the input necessarily to be vigilant with a viable plan.

There are many available options which require funding however, as a School Board member, I plan on reviewing these options and fight hard to secure the best and more up to date technology to protect our students.

Downey woman accused of moving drugs for Sinaloa cartel

DOWNEY – A Downey woman linked to the Sinaloa cartel was arrested Tuesday for her role in trafficking nearly \$11 million worth of illicit drugs in Southern California, officials said.

Alma Ceja, 47, was one of 13 people arrested Tuesday.

Authorities didn't specify her exact role in the drug trafficking organization but said she helped move heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and fentanyl through the San Fernando Valley and Ventura County.

The group's ring leader, 29-year-old Omar Rangel, was among those arrested. Authorities said he owned a business in the valley, which he used to funnel "substantial quantities of narcotics" for the Sinaloa cartel.

Law enforcement officials said they confiscated 161 pounds of methamphetamine, 121 pounds of cocaine, 13 pounds of heroin, nearly 7 pounds of fentanyl, and 600 fentanyl pills, with an estimated street value of \$10.8 million.

Detectives also seized 12 guns and \$353,000 cash.

More arrests are likely, officials said.

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City Council

Claudia Frometa

Why are you running for City Council?

CF: I'm running for City Council because I care about this city. Downey has been my home since the late 1980's. I attended Downey schools and have raised four children in this community. I'm passionate about families and this city.

I want to be a strong advocate for all Downey residents and promote initiatives that support public safety, business growth/jobs and transparency.

I want to maintain a strong and safe community for all our residents.

What makes you qualified to be on the City Council?

CF: My strong work ethic, transparency and advocacy for truth have defined my career over the last two decades. I have 20 years of experience in strategic planning, disaster preparedness/response and crisis communications.

I am a leader with strong business acumen, problem solving skills and a keen ability to bring people together with a common goal.

I have been a part of Downey since the late 1980's. I attended West Middle School (now Stauffer) and Warren High School. I have raised four children in Downey, all of them have and are attending our public schools.

Downey has a rich history that I'd like to preserve and protect for our younger generations.

I don't have ties to any other business/es that could pose a conflict of interest in my decisions as an elected city official.

What differentiates you from the other candidates?

CF: I'm the only candidate being endorsed by the majority of Downey's City Council, by the President, Vice-President and former President of our Downey Unified School District School Board. I'm also the only candidate being endorsed by BizFed PAC, a massive grassroots alliance of business networks in LA County, uniting more than 170 chambers, trade associations, minority business groups and economic development organizations. Their confidence in my leadership abilities speaks volumes. The endorsements of many community leaders and business owners like Champion Dodge and Downey Nissan speak loudly of my level of commitment, my integrity, my experience and business acumen. These respected leaders recognize my motives are pure as I don't have other business interests to gain through this office.

My professional experience as a former newspaper publisher with business management experience running a newspaper, and currently part of Kaiser Permanente's National Emergency Management team.

I have been involved with many organizations over the last 15 years as I raised my children while balancing my professional career; AYSO, DJAA, PTA, School Site Council and Downey Razorbacks football. I have been a Board Member for The Living Help Center, The Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities and have been involved with the Assistance League /Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary.

My involvement in so many different organizations has gifted me

a unique perspective and understanding of this community and its residents, along with the many challenges families and students face.

I'm also a native Spanish speaker.

What would be your priority as a council member?

CF: Work with our Council and Downey PD on initiatives to expand public safety and continue to be tough on crime.

For additional information on my goals/platform, please visit my website at: www.claudiafrometafordowney.com

In 2016, voters approved Measure S, a half-cent sales tax increase to enhance public safety and quality of life issues in Downey. If it were up to you, how would those funds be prioritized?

CF: I was appointed to the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee on Measure "S" by Fernando Vasquez, who is being termed out of District 4 and who is also endorsing me for his seat - I would prioritize the \$50 million generated by the passing of this tax increase on:

1) Public Safety and the hiring of additional police officers and improving our DPD technology (which we are already doing by the way).

2) Focus on improving our city's infrastructure: repaving of roads and high traffic areas/streets, (which we are also doing), review the current list of streets scheduled for repair and re-pavement and ensure we are communicating with our residents regarding those improvement projects.

3) Improving/refurbishing our cities' parks, recreation and senior center (these projects are already starting to happen, more to come in the next 18 months).

What do you envision for the future of the Downey Civic Theatre?

CF: Downey is blessed to have its own symphony, a wonderful civic theater and arts enthusiasts and organizations that want to create a more vibrant cultural/arts community.

I envision our Downey Civic Theatre as a booming venue, partnering with other theatres to bring additional talent to Downey.

I would also like our Theatre to showcase the talent of our High School students, promote a high school student symphony made up of Downey and Warren students and advance the love and appreciation of art, music and theatre in this community with younger generations. The love and appreciation of the arts must be fostered at a young age.

What is your opinion of the new housing developments being built throughout Downey?

CF: The State of California is grappling with a tremendous housing shortage and homelessness issue. Because of it, cities up and down our state are mandated to provide affordable housing and narrow the housing gap; otherwise cities may face steep fines.

The Council faces tough decisions on this issue. While the city must comply with the state mandates on providing affordable housing, council members must also consider the concerns of the residents regarding population density, traffic congestion and parking issues related to these developments. Working with our City Planner, we must look at where we see Downey in the next several years with growth and expansion and make common sense decisions that address the mandates along with the residents' concerns. It's a fine line that must be walked.

Where do you see Downtown Downey in 10 years?

CF: I would like to see a Downtown that brings our community together during the day not just night-time entertainment. Downey is a family-friendly community. Our median age is now 36. That means we are welcoming more growing families.

Having said that, a downtown that offers options for our families and our seniors to gather and visit. While we have some good dining options, why not offer additional activities? We realize downtown real estate comes at a premium, but we must also recognize that robust and fruitful community engagement is the result of providing areas with open/artistic space for the residents to interact; these are often found in downtown places.

What would you do to engage and support the cultural arts in Downey?

CF: Make a concerted effort to bring art enthusiasts together and form greater partnerships and collaborations with the non-profit Downey Arts Coalition. We are always stronger together. There are some arts groups in our community that I would like to engage and visit with. As I stated earlier, a vibrant arts community makes for a stronger Downey.

Work collaboratively with our arts groups and look at a strategic 3-5-year plan and think about having a Downey Arts/Film Festival. Downey just had the Glennfest Film Festival 2018 (a weeklong event from Sept. 30th-Oct. 8th that featured 9 movies and an art exhibit), why not make it a Downey Arts/Film Festival and partner with many others to highlight additional local/regional talent?

Would you support a homeless shelter in Downey?

CF: Cities up and down our state are grappling with the homeless population.

We hear the concerns loud and clear from Downey residents regarding the homeless and while many are advocating the council do something about it, many say "not in my back yard." There is no easy fix or a solution I can offer, except, we need to become more proactive and work together to come up with viable solutions to this growing problem.

Would you consider outsourcing Downey's fire protection services to L.A. County?

CF: No.

Would you support a ballot proposition revising Downey's term limits laws to give council members more time in office?

CF: No.

Would you like to make a closing statement to voters?

CF: Dear Downey residents/voters, Downey's respected leaders, business owners and educators firmly believe I am the right candidate to represent District 4 for the next four years. They recognize my leadership skills, my experience, my dedication to this community, my drive to fight for you and most importantly, my desire to serve and represent you ethically and transparently. I look forward to having the opportunity to advocate for you and serve you over the next four years. I respectfully ask for your support and your vote on Tuesday, November 6th.

Please visit my website for more information www.claudiafrometafordowney.com

When it snowed in Downey

► **DOWNEY HISTORY:** Several decades ago, it wasn't unheard of to experience snowfall in Downey.

By **Bobbi Bruce**
Downey Historical Society

DOWNEY – With the past few weeks of heat, it's hard to believe that Downey has had a history of snow.

In looking at some notes from Ethel Donaldson, she stated that the first time she remembered it snowing in Downey was 1920, shortly after her family moved to the area.

She stated the white stuff came floating down and lay on the ground, and there was enough of it that it lasted well into the next day. There was enough remaining in the most shadowed, sheltered spots till the second day after.

Ethel lived on Crawford Street, in the block between 2nd and 3rd streets, and on the day it snowed the road crew was repairing the street. Men stopped work and took shelter at first and then they reverted to their younger age and began pelting each other with snowballs, washing each other's faces, and doing all the things that go along with having fun in the snow.

That is until a hard-thrown snowball went astray and hit the windshield of a lone parked car. Sudden stillness, and the men simply melted. Not a soul was to be seen anywhere.

The owner of the car never found out what happened, as nobody was around and he found no rocks to blame the damage of the cracked windshield.

Ethel remembered making candy and putting the pan out in the snow to cool. She tasted no

better candy ever made.

Ethel also stated it snowed once in 1930 and 1940's. We have in the yearbook of 1949 a picture of some students making a snowman on campus that year.

ADOBE HOUSE — An article dated December 1970 titled "Warren High Discovery" told the story of Warren High School California history teacher Bill Boyd and his four students who he sent to find the old Jose Manuel Nieto adobe.

The students, Rick Larson, Mike Lapp, Walter Lawrence and Mike Pilling, did considerable research and leg work to locate the site of the old adobe house, which was built by Nieto in 1790 and destroyed in the flood of 1867.

According to their research, they pinpointed the site as being

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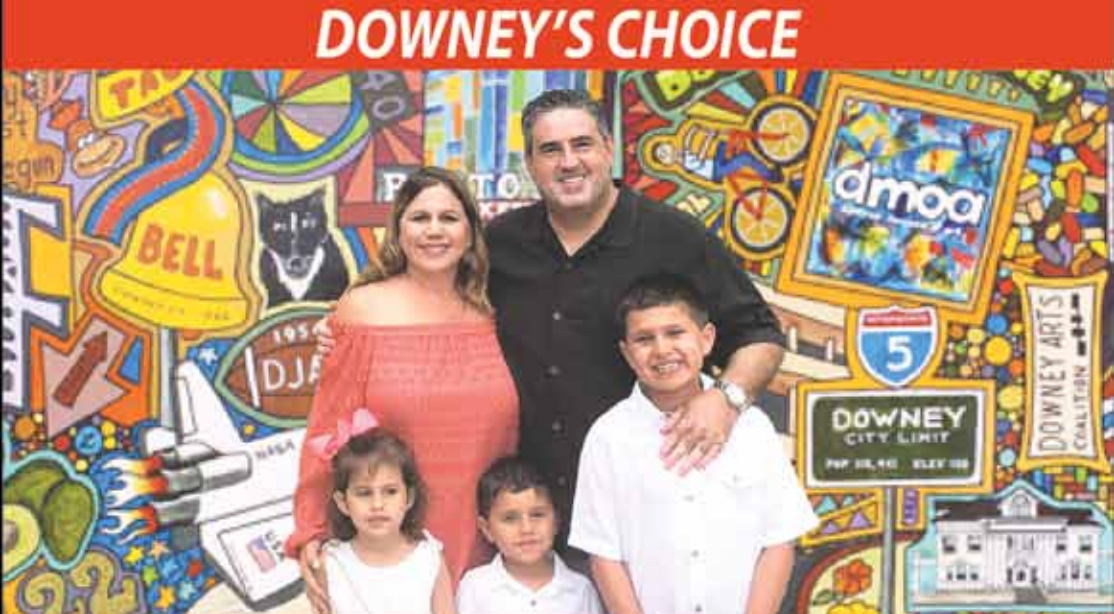
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DOWNEY'S CHOICE



"From day one, I will fight for each student to have the resources needed to achieve academic success."

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City Council

Carrie Uva

Why are you running for City Council?

CU: I am running for city council because I care about Downey and want to make sure the residents of Downey & business owners in Downey have a strong voice and advocate to represent their needs and concerns while making sure their safety is a top priority.

What makes you qualified to be on the City Council?

CU: I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Juris Doctor Degree as well as an abundance of work experience dealing with individuals and families in both my Law Practice and Real Estate career. In addition, I have served as President of the Greater Downey Association of Realtors, served as a State Director for both California Association of Realtors and National Association of Realtors, and President-Elect of Downey Chamber of Commerce. I currently serve on the

Downey Public Works Committee which has exposed me to many aspects of the internal workings of our city. Most importantly, I am a hardworking person that cares about my community, have the skills and knowledge to keep a balanced budget, spend tax payer money wisely while being open and transparent and attain the objectives of our city.

What differentiates you from the other candidates?

CU: I'm a lifelong resident of Downey with over 25 years of service to our community. As the current President Elect for the Downey Chamber of Commerce, Public Works Commissioner, Past President of Downey Association of Realtors, and a member of numerous service organizations I know what it takes to get the job done. Leadership is about engaging our community and providing the insight to navigate the pitfalls of local government to ensure that the services that residents and businesses need are provided without wasting their tax dollars. Honesty, Transparency, and Dedication are philosophies that I live by.

I'll keep our local government accountable and serve our community with a strong voice.

What would be your priority as a council member?

CU: Having walked my District for the past 6 weeks and talking to the residents, their concerns seem to be issues with parking, development of large condo/apartment complexes and increased traffic in the city. I would like to make these issues my priority once elected.

In 2016, voters approved Measure S, a half-cent sales tax increase to enhance public safety and quality of life issues in Downey. If it were up to you, how would those funds be prioritized?

CU: Police and Fire would be 1st priority as Public Safety is my #1 concern. The recent hiring of 10 police officers with measure S funds is definitely a step in the right direction.

Next would be streets and sidewalks, youth & senior programs, parks and city buildings.

What do you envision for the future of the Downey Civic Theatre?

CU: I would love to see the Civic Theatre bring back the plays, musicals and events that it used to have when I was growing up in Downey. It will take the passion of someone like Marsha Moode to bring back that level of enthusiasm for the Civic Theatre.

What is your opinion of the new housing developments being built throughout Downey?

CU: I fully understand the complexity of the new state mandated laws recently passed by our Governor wherein cities are required to build more affordable housing and more housing in general. Being that we do not have a lot of empty land in Downey, it is a more difficult task for us to comply.

So we are faced with developers wanting to buy old houses on large lots, tear down the house and build condos/apartment on these lots. I feel the building requirements need to be re-evaluated. More parking spaces per unit need to be added. There is just not enough parking allocated per unit so that the owners of the condo are having to park on the street and nearby residential neighborhoods which is creating a parking nightmare in our neighborhoods.

Every family has at least 3-4 cars and this needs to be taken into consideration when developers are submitting plans for new construction.

Where do you see Downtown Downey in 10 years?

CU: Our Downtown Downey has definitely seen a huge improvement in the last 5 years. However, the "nightlife" in that area is creating many problems with the business owners and residents in Downtown Downey.

I believe these issues need to be cleaned up before we can even predict what it will be in the next 10 years.

What would you do to engage and support the cultural arts in Downey?

CU: I believe we need to engage our youth in Arts. Children and Teenagers seem to be more concerned with cell phones and video games and have lost sight of the Arts.

We need to encourage Teens to take music lessons, learn to play an instrument, draw, paint, get involved in community theatre and have a more active role in the arts. Perhaps if the children got involved this would get the adults more involved in the arts as well.

The Downey Arts Coalition is a great place for residents to explore things such as art shows, live music and theatre.

Would you support a homeless shelter in Downey?

CU: The homeless problem is a statewide problem. Growing up in Downey there were just a few homeless individuals in the city. However, the numbers have definitely risen in our city, just like in our surrounding cities.

The homeless need financial and medical help. I would love to see these individuals in a more stable environment and if providing housing for them is the right solution, I would support it once I weighed the benefits vs. the burdens to our city and our residents.

Would you consider outsourcing Downey's fire protection services to L.A. County?

CU: I believe our Downey Fire Department needs to stay in Downey. Outsourcing it to LA County is not in the best interests of the Downey Residents. Outsourcing will create delayed response times and a negative impact on our community.

Would you support a ballot proposition revising Downey's term limits laws to give council members more time in office?

CU: I believe that the current law of 8 year term limit is sufficient amount of time to serve the community. I believe the residents of Downey deserve a change after 8 years of service. A new face, new ideas, and new enthusiasm, I believe is always best for the community

Would you like to make a closing statement to voters?

CU: I truly care for the City of Downey. I have lived in Downey my entire life and have seen the city grow and develop over the past 53 years. I feel my 25 years of serving my community and working in Downey both as an Estate Planning Attorney and Real Estate Broker has given me the opportunity to assist many residents while at the same time earning their trust in me with their most valuable assets.

I will carry over this trust to the Downey residents when elected and be the voice of their concerns and a problem solver for their issues while making sure Downey remains financially sound, and most importantly a safe place to live and work.

High school quartet added to Beatles vs. Stones show

DOWNEY - California High School's string quartet has been added to the Oct. 14 "Beatles vs. Stones -- A Musical Showdown" show at the Downey Theatre.

The students will join the professional musicians on stage to add "some orchestral texture to the evening," organizers said.

The show pits Rolling Stones tribute band Satisfaction against rival Brit boys Abbey Road in a musical showdown for rock dominance. The string quartet will perform seven songs with the bands.

California High students Ariana Alvarado, Emily Chavez, Alejandra Ortega and Jacob Fernandes will join the bands for the songs "Eleanor Rigby," "Yesterday," "A Day in the Life," "Hello Goodbye," "Hey Jude," "As Tears Go By," and "Ruby Tuesday."

Quartet members consistently receive superior ratings at solo and ensemble festivals and perform with prestigious area ensembles, including the Whittier Area Youth Orchestra, the Southern California School Honors Orchestra and the South Coast Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Producers of "Beatles vs. Stones" approached California High orchestra director Stephen Hill looking for a talented ensemble which could hold their own with a rock band in front of an audience. The show commonly hires a local quartet to augment the production while on tour.

Jacob Fernandez and Emily Chavez are the quartet's Beatles fans.

"My favorite is definitely 'Hey Jude,' it's one I have always loved," Jacob said. Jacob, 16, has been playing cello for five years. He is a third-year member of the Whittier Area Youth Orchestra.

"It's so calming and relaxing, 'Yesterday' has to be my favorite," said Emily, 15. She began playing violin five years ago.

Tickets to "Beatles vs. Stones" are \$35-\$55 and can be purchased from the Downey Theatre box office or online at downeytheatre.org.

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What it's like to have anxiety and depression

By Alex Dominguez

I'm writing this on Sept. 24. It's my 26th birthday, and after a weekend spent celebrating with family and loved ones you'd think I'd be bursting at the seams.

But I'm not. In fact, I feel pretty much the same way I've felt for the last several months. Trust me, that's not a good thing.

Speaking about anxiety and depression can be taboo; for many it's a giant elephant in the room.

The Anxiety and Depression Association of America says anxiety disorders are the most common mental illness in the United States, affecting 40 million adults in the United States age 18 and older, or 18.1 percent of the population every year. Nearly one-half of those diagnosed with depression are also diagnosed with an anxiety disorder.

These illnesses are not black and white; I'd caution to say they're even gray.

When these disorders develop, they do so seemingly indiscriminately. They don't necessarily form due to any one thing. You can suffer because of your physiology, your personality, your experiences.

Oct. 7-11 is Mental Illness Awareness Week, which includes World Mental Health Day on Oct. 10 and National Depression Screening Day following on October 11.

As a journalist, it is my daily goal to bring information forward for the public knowledge and use. Because everyone's experiences with depression and anxiety are different, the only way I know how to do my job here is to do so by sharing my own battle.

I've only recently started to open up about my struggle with

anxiety within the last year or so. While I've frequented a psychologist off and on since I was a kid, he never truly got the full story.

For me, as I'm sure it is for many other people who struggle, I didn't want to admit that there was something so totally wrong going on in my head. I didn't want to seem weak. For years, I'd brush off anything I was feeling so that I could help someone else with whatever their struggle was.

"I'd rather I worry about you than you worry about me," I'd say.

The problem with that mentality is none of your feelings resolve. They sit. They marinate. They fester. They boil.

Dealing with these illnesses is more than just feeling sad or nervous. For me, depression and anxiety are this:

It's walking down a hall, but feeling like you're walking through water and being held back.

It's the air feeling heavy. It's a simultaneous fluttering and heavy feeling in your chest.

It's sleeping on the couch for a month instead of your own bed. You don't know why, but you just do.

It's still being embarrassed about little mistakes, errors, and bloopers that you made days, months, or years ago that others have long forgotten.

It's feeling like you're annoying your best friend because they didn't text you back right away.

It's feeling like you're going to walk into losing your job every time you put the key in the door at work.

It's seeing your name on a byline week after week, but seriously doubting anyone ever reads your articles.

It's cleaning off your desk little by little of the bits of your personality that make your workspace feel homey because you're ashamed that your personality includes a love of pro wrestling, Spider-Man and Power Rangers.

It's not playing your saxophone as much anymore because you're sure that the neighbors hate it.

It's staying up until 3 a.m. agonizing because the girl who gave you her number and seemed interested in going out with you didn't respond.

It's not going to church for over a month because you don't feel worthy of being there.

It's not necessarily thinking about hurting yourself, but feeling like if something catastrophic did happen to you it wouldn't be the worst thing in the world.

It's being angry at your brain for the chemicals firing in it that make you feel this way.

For anyone dealing with anxiety and depression who reads this, I pray that you take something from it. Reach out to someone. Get help. Don't let what you're feeling consume you.

The hardest thing to do, above all else, is to try and remember that you're not alone.

For more information on dealing with a mental illness, you can call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) at 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

For more serious situations, the U.S. National Suicide Prevention Hotline can be reached at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

Alex Dominguez is a staff writer at the Downey Patriot.

Even birth control is under attack

By Froma Harrop

There was a time when Republicans and Democrats generally agreed that access to birth control was a public good. Most saw preventing unwanted pregnancies as key to making abortions rare. Those days are over. The Trump administration is indulging a religious hard right, helping it merge the politics of abortion and birth control into one.

There has long been a "pro-life" faction that extends its opposition to abortion to the very use of contraceptives. This is a tiny

Presumption of innocence

Dear Editor:

I found the article from Bob Lord to be perplexing. ("It's Time for Men to Speak Up About Sexual Assault," 10/5/18)

I get it, as a man and a human being, we all should not condone actions or even entertain conversations that promote the sexual assault of women. Period. As a person who grew up in the 80's, I am glad the tide is turning.

A new more dangerous tide, however, is the acceptance of allegations over actual proof. A man, or woman for that matter only has their good word and it should be taken as such until proven otherwise. A presumption of innocence until proven guilty is for the betterment of our entire society.

In an age where people seem to promote "their own truth" over actual facts we cannot allow ourselves to stray to the point that allegations and half-truths are enough to find you guilty as charged.

As a man, I will push back at the way Brett Kavanaugh has been treated. The absence of direct facts to the allegations made against him should be enough to conclude his innocence. Instead, Bob Lord and the like use it as a launching pad to leapfrog to the conclusions that Judge Kavanaugh is now guilty as alleged.

Worse is the "God Standard" that they apply when they find out that he likes beer, shows anger at being falsely accused, or hung out with questionable people in his teenage years and this somehow equates to him assaulting Christine Blasey Ford. One does not equal the other. I dare all of us to try walking on water and see what happens.

Yes, I will push back and speak out. Not just for men but for all of us. The German Lutheran pastor Martin Niemöller put it best:

First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—

Because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—

Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

Keep your emotions in check and proceed with the facts. The next allegation could be against you.

Mark Lopez
Downey

number of people. Only 4 percent of U.S. adults think contraception is immoral, according to Pew Research Center polling. Even among Catholics who attend Mass weekly, a mere 13 percent consider artificial contraception to be sinful.

Nonetheless, Donald Trump wants to divert money intended to help low-income women obtain birth control to clinics that refuse to provide birth control pills, intrauterine devices and even condoms — in other words, anything modern.

What they offer are instructions to track their periods and refrain from sex during their fertile times. They call it "natural family planning."

The Mayo Clinic considers this method one of the least effective forms of birth control. "As many as 24 out of 100 women who use natural family planning for birth control," it says, "become pregnant the first year."

This is basically an effort to funnel money to a religious fringe. And it has some big enterprises to fund. Obria Medical Clinics, for one, now runs 22 clinics and is starting a \$240 million campaign to open more. Obria offers only natural family planning.

"A woman needs choice," said Obria CEO Kathleen Eaton Bravo, "but you can't have a choice if the only clinic that a woman can go to is Planned Parenthood."

Not true. Many clinics other than Planned Parenthood provide effective birth control but do not offer abortion services. And in any case, the law prohibits using federal funds to pay for abortion.

Bravo has this to say about hormonal birth control (the kind that really works): Women "don't want to live every day having to take a carcinogen."

That's junk science. Hormonal birth control poses a "very, very small" added risk for breast cancer, according to Dr. Nancy Keating of

Harvard Medical School. It's much less than the risk associated with drinking three glasses of wine a week, and that is very low. Calling the pill, the ring, an IUD or a contraceptive implant a carcinogen is nuts.

Medical clinics should have every right to choose which services they offer. They shouldn't have the right to take federal tax dollars for services they fail to provide.

Then there's the sneak factor. Obria Medical Clinics advertises what looks like a wide range of women's health services but does not say outright that the big one, modern birth control, is missing. Thus, women wanting real birth control wander in under false pretenses.

It takes a certain level of governmental insanity to make it harder for poor women to obtain birth control. We saw the results starting in 2011, when Texas cut state funding for family planning by 66 percent.

Women who had their acts together obtained inexpensive contraceptives through the mail (with prescriptions by Texas providers). Some drove to Mexico, where birth control is sold over the counter.

Less organized poor women simply got pregnant. After 2011, births by women on Medicaid rose 27 percent.

People may believe as they choose. But a government policy designed to make it harder for poor women to avoid having children they don't want is off-the-wall on every level — medical, sociological and fiscal.

We in the vast majority shouldn't have to be defending birth control in the year 2018. If you don't want to, vote accordingly Nov. 6.

Froma Harrop is a writer and journalist, covering politics, economics and culture.

Prop. 3 would improve reliability of Downey's water supply

By Matteo Crow

Voters in Downey should pay close attention to Proposition 3, a statewide water bond on the November ballot.

California is completely dependent on a clean, safe, and reliable water supply. We live in a state prone to drought, wildfire, and floods and our water supply must be managed properly to meet these challenges. Our state's economy and population continue to grow, as do the water needs of urban and rural communities, agricultural, and fish and wildlife.

Proposition 3 also makes key investments in the mountain watersheds that are the source of our water. Fire is transforming our watersheds, degrading water quality and reducing available water supply. Proposition 3 devotes more than two billion dollars to restoring those landscape, and improving water quality and quantity. Funds will be used to reduce fire danger, and to repair fire-damaged watersheds.

Proposition 3 will repair failing surface and underground water storage and conveyance facilities. It develops new water through such proven methods as recycling of wastewater for irrigation and industry, desalting, capture of stormwater and water conservation. Funding for fish and wildlife habitat protection and restoration is included as well. Hundreds of thousands of people in California don't have a safe drinking water supply. Proposition 3 includes \$750 million to help solve these problems. Proposition 3 will provide enough water to meet the water needs of more than three million families in California.

Other programs in Proposition 3 include urban stream restoration; river parkways; and improvement of water quality in local rivers, streams and coastal waters. Proponents argue that Proposition 3 will prepare us for the next inevitable drought by improving the reliability of our local water supplies and giving local water providers the flexibility to deal with changing water supply conditions.

Proposition 3 provides \$175 million for the restoration of the LA River, improving recreational opportunities and the water quality

flowing in our communities

California's economy is booming and the state can easily afford Proposition 3. Our state's credit rating has vastly improved since the recession, the state has a large budget surplus, and only a few bond acts have been presented to the voters in recent years, leaving room for the Proposition 3 water bond. Proposition 3 does not raise taxes.

Proposition 3 does have opposition. The Sierra Club and Friends of the River oppose Proposition 3 because they believe Proposition 3 is too high a financial cost for the state's general fund and will result in environmental damage. They are also opposed to direct appropriations for Central Valley water infrastructure, feeling that the state should play a greater role in the allocation of funding regionally and are opposed to subsidizing agriculture.

On the other side, environmental groups supporting Proposition 3 include the National Wildlife Federation, Nature Conservancy, Audubon California, Planning and Conservation League, Ducks Unlimited, Save the Bay, California Trout, and California Waterfowl Association. These groups work on the ground to improve the quality of life in our local community. Senator Dianne Feinstein and GOP candidate for Governor John Cox support Proposition 3.

Proposition 3 is endorsed by Downey's water district, the Central Basin Municipal Water District, California Greenworks, Friends of the Los Angeles River, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Mujeres de la Tierra, CLEAN South Bay, Climate Resolve, Water Replenishment District of Southern California, Tree People, Strategic Action for a Just Economy, MOVE LA, West Basin Municipal Water District, Biz Fed LA County, and The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

Proposition 3 is a chance to improve the reliability of Downey's water supply, and enjoy higher quality water in our rivers, streams and ocean, but does have opposition. Learn more at www.waterbond.org.

Matteo Crow is the campaign coordinator for Proposition 3.

Sanchez: Dark day for America

Rep. Linda Sanchez released the following statement following the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the United States Supreme Court:

"It has been made clear to millions of Americans that the Republican Senate will always put politics and party ahead of doing what is best for our country. Throughout the confirmation process, Republicans in the Senate were dedicated to putting Judge Brett Kavanaugh on the highest court in the land, no matter what skeletons

were uncovered. Today's vote to confirm Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court marks a dark day for the Senate and our country.

"But with today's vote by the Senate to confirm President Trump's nominee, the entire country must hope that Judge Kavanaugh's better angels will prevail. The responsibility of putting our Constitution and the values enshrined within it ahead of politics now falls squarely on soon to be Justice Kavanaugh. We can only wait and see."

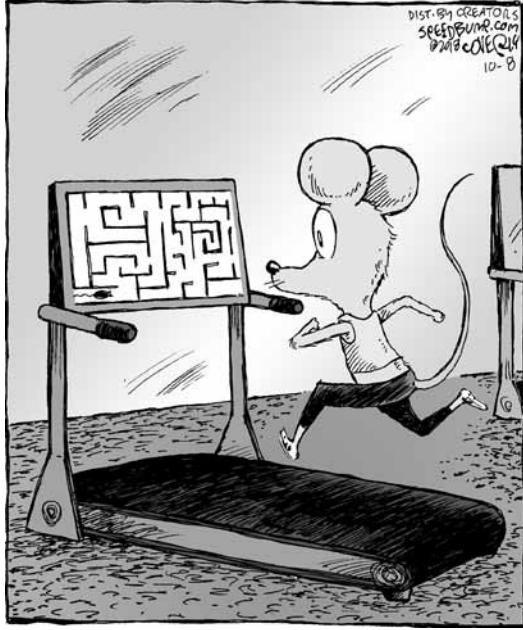
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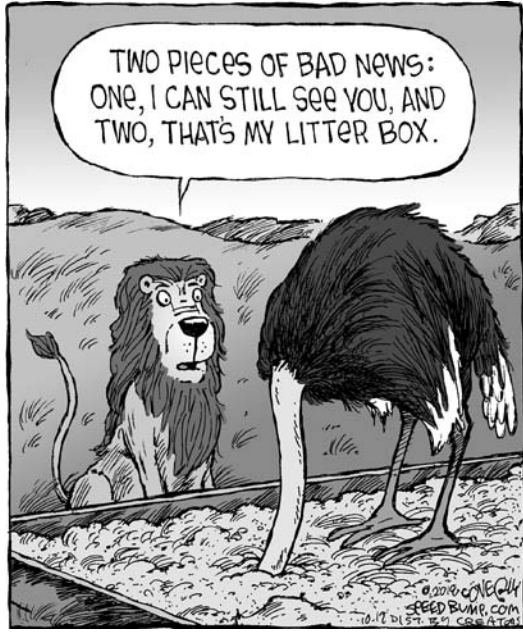
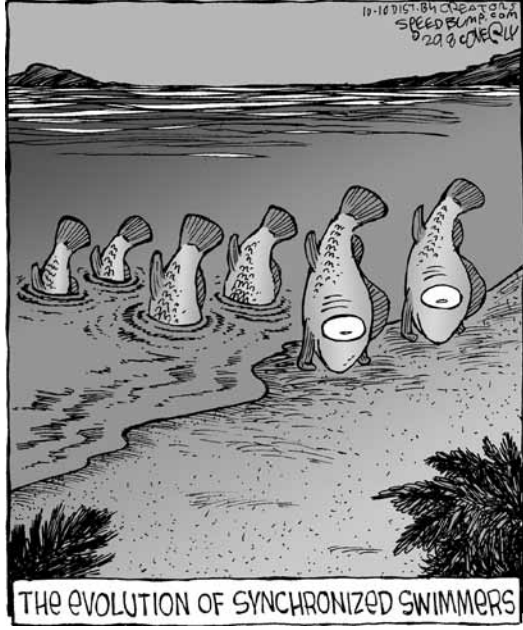
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Downey Community Calendar

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 Melodie Santana, (562) 806 3102.
- 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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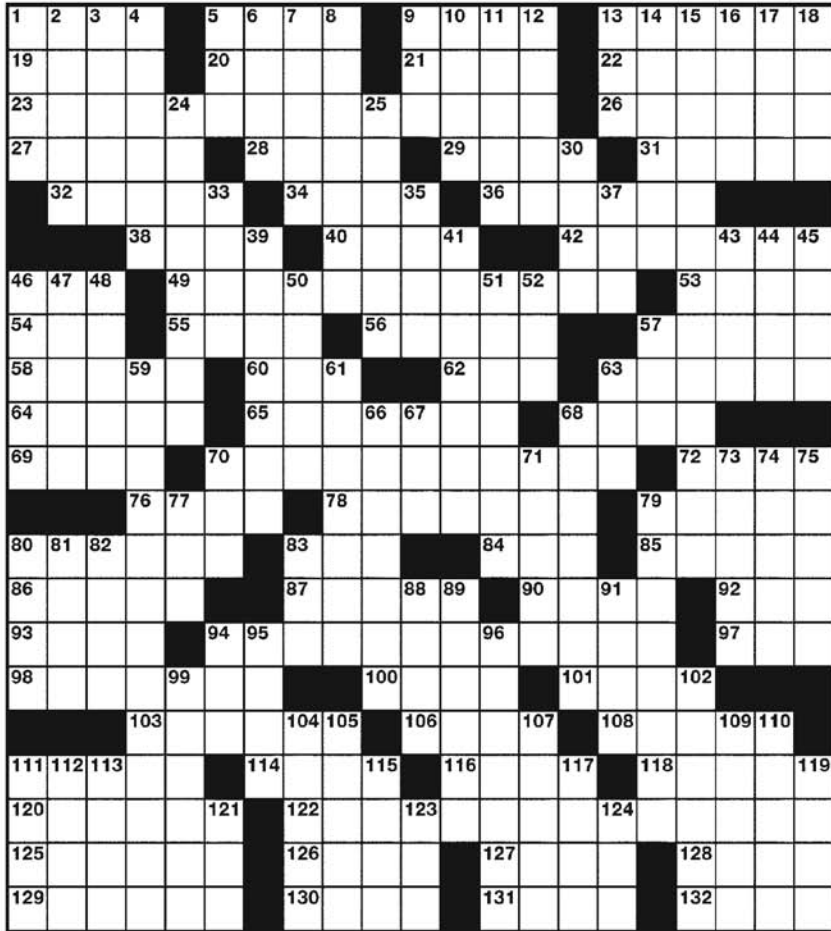
- October 11, 1869:** Thomas Edison filed for a patent on his first invention. The electric machine was used for counting votes for the U.S. Congress, however the Congress did not buy it.
- 1932:** In New York, the first telecast of a political campaign was aired.
- 1939:** U.S. President Roosevelt was presented with a letter from Albert Einstein that urged him to develop the U.S. atomic program rapidly.
- 1994:** The Colorado Supreme Court declared that the anti-gay rights measure in the state was unconstitutional.

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Ginger has long been one of my mother's favorite foods. Birthday presents that contain it in one form or another are always a hit. In addition to its unique flavor, however, ginger has some amazing properties.



Ginger is native to warmer parts of Asia, including China, Japan, and India. Its use for health-related purposes comes up in ancient Sanskrit, Chinese, Greek, Roman, and Arabic texts. Dried ginger has been used for thousands of years to treat stomachaches, diarrhea, and nausea.

Scientific analysis shows that ginger contains hundreds of components and metabolites, some of which do appear to contribute to health and healing. Of these, the gingerols and shogaols have been most extensively researched. The

most common current medical uses for ginger include:

Digestion - The phenolic compounds in ginger help relieve gastrointestinal (GI) irritation, stimulate the production of saliva and bile, and suppress gastric contractions as food and fluids move through the digestive tract. Ginger also stimulates the pancreatic enzymes.

Nausea - Chewing raw ginger, drinking ginger tea, or consuming it as lozenges or candies is a common remedy for nausea, especially during cancer treatment or after surgery. Taking ginger for motion sickness often reduces feelings of nausea (but does not appear to prevent vomiting). Ginger in low doses is safe to use for nausea during pregnancy.

Cold and flu relief - Drinking ginger tea with lemon and honey helps to treat a cough. It also acts as a diaphoretic (it promotes sweating), which helps the body to rid itself of fevers and toxins.

Pain relief - Some studies have shown that daily ginger supplementation reduces exercise-induced muscle pain. It's also been found to alleviate menstrual pain.

Osteoarthritis inflammation - Ginger has been found to be modestly effective and reasonably safe when used for this type of

inflammation.

There are, of course, many additional claims of ginger's benefits, and studies are ongoing.

As with any herb or medication, use precaution and moderation. When ginger is used as a spice, it is considered safe. For some, however, ginger can cause abdominal pain, diarrhea, and gas. It is recommended that those with gallbladder disease use caution because it may increase the flow of bile. There is some concern about taking ginger with anticoagulants (such as warfarin).

If you enjoy the taste of ginger, by all means consume it and enjoy. If you also get therapeutic benefits from it, please indulge. My mother would certainly approve.

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

Vikings put up 56 points in win against Dominguez

► **SPORTS:** Downey can still claim a piece of the SGVL title, but several things need to go right.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY - The Downey High School football team defeated Dominguez, 56-20, at Downey last Friday night.

With the win the Vikings improved to 3-4 overall and 1-1 in S.G.V.L. play. With the loss the Dons fell to 2-5 overall and 0-2 in league play.

Downey will travel to Lynwood (0-5-1, 0-2) later today and Dominguez will host Paramount at Dominguez.

In the Downey/Dominguez game the Vikings scored early and often. Downey quarterback Pedro De anda completed 10/13 pass attempts for 193 yards and three touchdowns. The Viking rushing attack was led by Malcolm Perry's nine carries for 160 yards and two touchdowns and Jaden Allen's 11 carries for 82 yards and one touchdown.

The Viking receiving corps were led by Danny Ruiz's three catches for 71 yards and one touchdown, Dillon Laurer's two catches for 37 yards and one touchdown and Jaden Allen's one catch for 43 yards. The Viking defense was led by Danny Ruiz's seven solo and two assisted tackles, Anthony Lopez's five solo and three assisted tackles and Isaiah Burton's five solo and two assisted tackles.

Downey still has a shot at earning a share of the S.G.V.L. title. The Vikings need to beat Lynwood tonight, defeat cross-town rival Warren next week, and defeat Gahr in their league finale. The Vikings also need the Gladiators to defeat the Pirates when they play.

Coach Williams, his staff and

players are all looking forward to finishing league play on a strong note and qualifying for C.I.F. postseason play.

WARREN FOOTBALL: The Warren High School football team was defeated at Paramount last Friday, night 24-21, dropping Warren to 4-3 overall and 1-1 in league play.

Warren will host Gahr later today. Gahr is currently 3-4 overall and 2-0 in S.G.V.L. play.

In the Warren/Paramount game neither team scored in the first half and took that same 0-0 score into the locker rooms at halftime. The Pirates outscored the Bears 12-7 in the third quarter and took that lead into the fourth quarter.

Warren outscored Paramount 14-12 in the final quarter but could not pull off the win. The Bears fell to defeat 24-21. There were no stats available at press time.

The Bears are looking to stay alive for at least a share of the S.G.V.L. title but must defeat Gahr later today, Downey next week and Dominguez in their league finale. The Bears also need Gahr to defeat Paramount when they play against each other. Downey can still sneak in for a share of the league title as well with wins against Lynwood, Warren and Gahr and a win by the Gladiators against the Pirates.

Coach Lara, his staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play on a strong note and earning a C.I.F. postseason playoff spot. Warren did not qualify for postseason play last season and is looking to change that this season.

WARREN GIRLS TENNIS: The Warren High School girls' tennis team currently has an

overall record of 9-3 and are 8-0 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

For girls' tennis the San Gabriel Valley League consists of Downey, Gahr, Lynwood, Paramount and Warren. Dominguez does not currently field a team.

The Bears have played extremely well in league play. Warren defeated Paramount at Paramount 10-8 on September 18th, defeated Gahr at Warren 11-7 on September 20th and defeated cross-town rival Downey at Downey 15-3 on September 21st.

In second round play, Warren defeated Paramount at Warren 10-8 on September 24th, defeated Lynwood at Lynwood 15-3 on September 27th, defeated Gahr at Gahr 12-6 on October 2nd, defeated Downey at Warren 13-5 on October 4th and defeated Lynwood at Warren 15-3 on October 9th.

In the third round of league play Warren played Paramount at Paramount yesterday (score unavailable at press time), will play Gahr at Warren later today, will travel to Downey next Tuesday and will conclude their regular season schedule against Lynwood at Lynwood next Wednesday.

Warren is scheduled to host league finals on October 24th and 25th. Coach Starksen, her staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play on a strong note, performing well in league finals and making a deep run in the C.I.F. Division 4 playoffs.

DOWNEY BOYS WATER POLO: The Downey High School boys' water polo team currently has an overall record of 6-6 and are 2-0 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Vikings defeated

in the area until the Pow-Wow Restaurant opened in 1937 on Firestone at Lakewood.

Uncle Gabriel's was a favorite hangout for the test pilots who would swagger in after they left their planes at the Vultee plant, and would "take over" the place with a flair like modern-day knights.

The original restaurant building was once located at Belmont Shore. It was there that Ameno Bunaguidi and his uncle, Gabriel Ispidi, two Downey farmers, found the place in 1935, bought it and moved it to the northeast corner of their farm.

Bunaguidi was the chef and continued to operate the farm in the early mornings. Ispidi, who everyone called "Uncle Gabriel," was the restaurant maitre'd. (That's how the restaurant got its name.) Bunaguidi's wife, Armida, worked in the pantry and service bar in the old days.

The farm included all the land between Morning Avenue on the south to just north of the restaurant, and from Paramount Boulevard west to Rives Avenue.

They raised asparagus, grapes, celery and other vegetables. They also kept fruit trees for the family's use.

Bunaguidi continued working both farm and restaurant until he died in 1950. Residential subdivisions came in the following year and the farm land was sold off.

MORE HISTORY - From the Downey LiveWire dated Feb. 25, 1954, the first commercial passenger elevator in Downey was in the New Orleans Building, 8207 E. 3rd St.

Bobbi Bruce is a docent at the Downey Historical Society.

Downey history

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where the 605 Freeway and the San Gabriel River meet in Santa Fe Springs. No remains of the adobe could be located, having been all washed away by the flood. The area where it would have been is under the freeway.

The students presented the notebook to the Historical Society along with two maps of the area.

TRIVIA QUESTION - What major motion picture star appeared in her first "talkie" at the Meralta Theatre on Christmas Day, 1929?

Joan Crawford. Her first all-talkie film was called "Untamed."

UNCLE GABRIEL'S - In the Southeast News (Oct. 4, 1973), there was an article about Uncle Gabriel's Log Cabin, located at 11625 Paramount Blvd.

Uncle Gabriel's Log Cabin's light shone like a beacon in the night, surrounded by darkened croplands and orchards.

This restaurant was the closest thing to a roadhouse and didn't have any competition

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7:00 PM-9:00 PM
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The City of Downey invites you to an interactive workshop to allow you to give your input on single-family residential design standards in your neighborhood!

FREE pizza and refreshments will be provided for all who attend!

Your input will help shape single-family residential design standards for Downey!

Questions? Contact:
Monica Esparza, Senior Planner
mesparza@downeyca.org
(562) 904-7154

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

Cheerleading Clinic, 3:30 pm. Kids in grades K-8 can learn sideline cheers and dances and then perform during halftime of that night's game. \$25 fee includes t-shirt, bow and snack. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

Pink Blackout, 8 am. A fun family workout and walk with participants encouraged to wear pink. \$5 donation to benefit American Cancer Society. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

Raising Children Workshop, 8:45 am to 2 pm. Parents and grandparents of kids ages 2-18 can learn practical and Biblical ways to raise their children. Calvary Chapel of Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

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

SUNDAY, OCT. 14

Workout for a Cause, 9 am. A breast cancer awareness fitness event, sponsored by Fit For Prevention and I Love Boobies. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

Mercado Downey, 12-5 pm. Latinx vendors, DJ, food, raffles, and more. Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

CROP Hunger Walk, 1 pm. The sixth annual Hunger Walk supports Downey Council PTA and Downey First Christian Church's FoodHelp program. Downey Memorial Christian Church, 8441 Florence Ave.

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.

Landlord Workshop, 3 pm. Learn how to seek prospective tenants, the rental process, credit checks, along with your rights and responsibilities. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

SoCal Blues Club, 7 pm. Live blues concert featuring performances by G All-Stars and Shy But Fly. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19

Living Help Center Golf Tournament, 12 pm. The 30th annual golf tournament in support of the LivingHelp Center. Shotgun start, \$140. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

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.

Fall Craft Fair, 9 am. Handmade jewelry, gifts, and other items sold by local vendors. \$1 admission. Downey United Methodist Church, 10801 Downey Ave.

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

20-Year Reunion, 6 pm. Bell High School celebrates its 20-year reunion. Barriles Restobar, 11040 Downey Ave.

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

Cosmic Masquerade, 9 pm. A masquerade party with live music, art demonstrations, and vegan wraps and tacos. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

Karaoke Takeover, 9 pm. The Orange County Real Karaoke Lovers group brings their competition to Downey. Full bar, pool table, and large digital karaoke selection. Same Ol' Saloon, 9560 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, OCT. 21

Parade of Winners, 12 pm. One lucky person will win \$10,000 at the Downey Rose Float Association's annual fundraiser. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25

Residential Design Standards Workshop, 7 pm. Give your input on single-family residential design standards in your neighborhood. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

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

Howl-O-Ween Party, 11 am. Dog costume contest, prizes, games, and more. Proof of vaccinations and on-lease manners required. DoggyLand Grooming, 8640 Florence Ave.

Quartermania Fundraiser, 12:30-3:30 pm. Bethel 244 of Job's Daughter's Downey sixth annual Quartermania Fundraiser. Dia de los Muertos theme with a taco bar lunch. \$10. Downey Masonic Lodge, 8244 3rd St.

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.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30

Ribbon Cutting and Anniversary Celebration, 3:30 pm. Trading Post celebrates its 1-year anniversary in Downey. Trading Post, 9956 Lakewood Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

City Affairs Meeting, 12 pm. The Downey Chamber of Commerce's annual lunch meeting featuring a member of the local business community. Speaker TBA. Downey Chamber of Commerce, 11131 Brookshire Ave.

Tricks, Treats & Tales, 2-4 pm. Trick or treating, silly stories, creepy crafts, ghoulish games, prizes and giveaways. Downey City Library 11121 Brookshire Ave.

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

Alternative Night, 6-9 pm. An alternative for those seeking a Christ-centered option on Halloween. Games, rides, live entertainment, and more. Calvary Chapel of Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

Let's Do Lunch Networking, 12 pm. Mingle with members of the local business community. Brickstone Grill, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, NOV. 2

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

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

Holiday Marketplace, 10 am to 3 pm. Craft goods, baked goods, homemade items, and holiday goodies available for sale. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

TUESDAY, NOV. 6

Chess Exhibition for Kids, 5 pm. Learn about the game of chess and have fun playing. For kids ages 5-14. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7

Golf Tournament, 9:30 am. The Foreign Trade Association and Los Angeles Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association hosts its 46th annual golf tournament. 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.

2nd II None, 9 pm. Compton rap group 2nd II None performs live. Godttis Night Club, 7931 Firestone 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.

THURSDAY, NOV. 15

SoCal Blues Club, 7 pm. Live blues concert featuring performances by G All-Stars and Shy But Fly. Bring canned food to benefit Los Angeles Food Bank. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17

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

MONDAY, NOV. 19

Clergy Council Meeting, 6 pm. A collaborative meeting between residents, clergy, law enforcement and service providers. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, NOV. 24

Marilyn Manson Tribute Night, 9:30 pm. A musical tribute to the goth-rock performer. Free entry before 10 pm. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

Christmas Parade, 1 pm. The 67th annual Downey Christmas Parade, featuring floats, bands, equestrian units, and Santa Claus. Downey Avenue, between Florence and 3rd St.

6th Annual Downey Día de los Muertos Art Festival Free Admission!



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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

MONDAY, DEC. 3

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

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

Calls from Santa Claus, 8 am to 5 pm. Santa Claus will be making personalized phone calls to Downey children. Register between Dec. 4-10 at the Parks & Recreation Department.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

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

MONDAY, DEC. 16

It's Christmas in Downey, 4 pm. A holiday spectacular featuring performances by the All American Boys Chorus, Cooper Phillip, Mary Beth Nelson, Chris Job, and more. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

The Nutcracker, 7:30 pm. Southern California Dance Theatre presents the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker." Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, DEC. 23

The Nutcracker, 2:30 pm. Southern California Dance Theatre presents the holiday classic, "The

Nutcracker." Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3

Let's Do Lunch, 12 pm. A networking event sponsored by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Olive RestoBar, 8830 Apollo Way.

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. 9

Walk for Water, 9 am. The KIWIN's of Diamond Division raise awareness of the global water crisis. Downey High School football stadium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

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

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SATURDAY, MARCH 30

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SATURDAY, APRIL 20

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Compiled by Eric Pierce. Email calendar listings to eric@thedowneypatriot.com

GlennFest Movie Festival wraps after whirlwind week

Downey Doings

► **FILM FESTIVAL:** The Downey film festival wrapped up its most ambitious year yet, with 29 screenings.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

DOWNEY - The GlennFest is Glenn Stephens's gift to the citizens of Downey: a week-long celebration of independent films foreign and domestic.

Twenty-nine films ranging from "Dancing Beethoven" to the live Cuban Ballet accompanying "To Dance Like a Man," to "Monster Island," to "Between," to "Cold Skin," a mystery horror show. All in eight days plus an art exhibit. What more could you ask for?

Four venues: Epic Lounge, Downey United Masonic Lodge No. 220, Studio Movie Grill, and the Downey Theatre, all thanks to the generosity of local businesses, non-profits, the city of Downey and sponsorships. Mission: to bring to the general public quality films of special interest through a week-long film festival.

Just a few years ago, a sweeping arts movement began to trickle through Downey, and one of the results was the Downey Arts Coalition. Before that, art and film enthusiasts were expected to drive for 30 minutes (or longer) into Downtown LA to enjoy the festivities of public art events, including film festivals.

Realizing the importance of introducing art and film to underserved areas, GlennFest founder Glenn Stephens concentrated his resources on incorporating independent and artistic films by way of a film festival. Glenn knew that these films, though excellent works of film making, may not get the opportunity to screen in areas that don't have art-house theaters, because they lack broad commercial appeal.

And so, in 2012, GlennFest was born. The festival boomed from a small, single weekend event to a multi-day celebration of films in various languages and from various countries. Billed as "movies of special interest," Glenn approaches his film selections with an eye toward movies that appeal to niche audiences.

"Thank you GlennFest," said Downey Councilman Alex Saab, "for organizing this for the community." Alex and wife Giggy caught a special live ballet performance and then the flick, "To Dance Like a Man" at the Downey Masonic Lodge.

"We attended one of today's films," Alex said, "about a set of Cuban triplets who are training to be professional ballet dancers and the immense training that goes with it."

"Amigos," said Cuban Heritage L.A., "The Los Angeles Cuban Ballet is proud to be a part of the GlennFest Film Festival 2018, our hour long ballet performance before the featured film showing of 'To Dance Like a Man,'" a great film about ballet dancers, which will help to bring

awareness of the arts and Cuban Ballet to a larger audience in L.A.. Thanks to your donations to the arts in our community."

"Thank you," responded Glenn, "for a beautiful performance."

"This morning," said Glenn, "we had 'Monster Island' for special needs children. They love animated films. We had a party for them, with balloons and candy."

Country Workers Union Local sponsored the film and Maria Burgess of juvenile hall and Yolanda Roybal held forth at a table.

"We work with Glenn on behalf of disabled children," they said.

Next up that morning: "The Greatest Showman" singalong with Hugh Jackman. At the Epic Lounge patrons enjoyed a great night Wednesday with Broadway star Hummingbird Meadows during the screening for "Hurricane Bianca."

An added bonus, in the theatre lobby was an art exhibit curated by Pat Gil for sponsor the Downey Arts Coalition. Outstanding artist Emmy Lu, short for Emmanuel Luega, is from Uganda, and his paintings have been acquired by such luminaries such as Princess

Diana and Prince Charles, Denzel Washington and Magic Johnson. Emmy Lu has shown at the Museum of African American Art in the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza.

A musician as well as painter, Emmy is perhaps most known for his jazz pieces.

"I studied in London at the School of Art in the 70's," he said, "which was unusual at the time." His works in the show were giclée reproductions, vibrant with color and swirling forms. One eye-catching one, of New Orleans Musicians, is called "Southern Composition," and it reflects the same African cultural style that once inspired Picasso to launch Cubism.

Annie and Debbie, friends of Pat's from San Pedro, said they have been coming to the GlennFest for several years.

"Seeing these films has made me more open to other experiences and other ways of life," Annie said. "I am more receptive and can empathize."

Jorge Montero who hails from Ecuador was encountered in the Downey Theatre lobby. He was waiting for "Retablo" to start, a Spanish language movie about a boy on his way to a community celebration in the Andes when he accidentally observes a situation that shatters his whole world.

"More people should be coming to the festival," Jorge said. "This is a fantastic

opportunity. And it's free."

Alistair Hunter, who directs plays for the Downey Arts Coalition, echoed Jorge's remarks: "This is the eighth annual GlennFest free film festival in Downey, with movies of all shapes and time lengths."

This reporter chose Saturday to go to see and hear choreographer Maurice Béjart's "The Ninth Symphony," which is a performance of Beethoven's masterwork with the focus being entirely on the dancers who interpret the music. The Tokyo Ballet company along with the Béjart Ballet Lausanne has dancers reflecting every ethnic make-up, with Aryan features alternating with Asian ones - world harmony in action.

Starting with a bare stage the color of a burnished cello, crisscrossed with white circles and lines, the film is a triumph of the theatrical spectacle maker's art. Color, lighting, costumes and stagecraft dominate, but the Orchestra and its instruments are never shown.

Not one French horn, not one violin. Instead they glow above the stage like a dark nest from which the dancers may have fallen. Only twice, at the beginning, is the conductor's face shown, and he is Zubin Mehta, formerly of our L.A. Philharmonic, this

time conducting the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra.

The camera focuses on a lone male dancer, clad only in tights and stripped to the waist. Gradually he is joined by more, their buff torsos accentuating their youth. The colors change from movement to movement, starting with a matte gray for the males and a simple bathing suit style in mauve for the females, mostly barefoot, but the ballerinas in toe shoes in the second section.

In succeeding segments the colors change, to white, and then finally a rich tawny orange. Emphasizing the geometric complexity, the overhead point of view shows the dancers whirling in more and more complete harmony. The dancers executed classic ballet moves,

jetés, arabesques and beautifully held extensions with absolute elegance and strength.

Beethoven's music can never be said to take second place to any other art form, but it does seem for a moment in the adagio like a movie music moment for the dancers, movie music that is, if the composer is John Williams and the movie is "Star Wars."

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony has been interpreted in many ways: embryonic emerging of cooperation; the developing relation between men and women; the idea of world peace and harmony and brotherhood. Beethoven wrote it as a statement of freedom during a repressive political time. Clenched fists, a prominent

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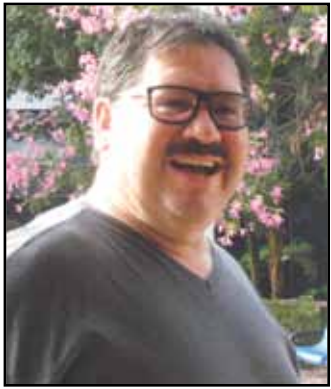
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Downey film festival highlights best in independent filmmaking



Glenn Stephens

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gesture, become not war-like and aggressive but triumphant exultations of thanksgiving.

There is no doubting the majesty of the final movement when the Freude/ Joy theme is sounded, first like a clarion call from the orchestra, then taken

up by a mighty choir three times as numerous as the orchestra, dwarfing it as they stand above the dimmed instruments, and then the corps de ballet appears, expanded to 250.

The premier danseurs and première danseuses from each movement appear, linking arms as they move in a dizzying circle filling the stage. The poem, Shiller's "Ode to Joy" inspired Beethoven to create this monumental work, and music, song, poetry, dance and stagecraft collaborate to create the kind of moment that changes the viewer, and ultimately, could change the world.

At the final curtain calls, the audience applauded muscular choreographer Maurice Béjart who uncannily resembles Rudolf Nureyev.

"I love this picture," said Glenn, "I've seen it many times.

Whenever I'm stressed and want to relax, I put this on. We showed another movie, 'Dancing Beethoven,' which explains what the choreographer was doing with each of those moves."

"Dancing Beethoven" was nominated in the 32nd Goya Awards for Best Documentary Film.

In the past, GlennFest's featured films have ranged from a Dutch comedy, to an award-winning Chinese animated feature, to an awe-inspiring Latin American documentary. GlennFest generally focuses on films of special interest, but also screens musical, comedy, and other types of films. Some of the films selected have gone through the film festival circuit and others are rising from the reel.

Cannes and Sundance, eat your hearts out. Downey's got GlennFest.

Declining enrollment draws concern from Downey school board

► **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** The number of students in Downey schools has declined the past six years.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Downey Unified School District Superintendent Dr. John Garcia announced plans last Friday to increase student enrollment over the next several years.

Garcia made the announcement during his State of the Schools address last Friday 5 at the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

The presentation was given by Garcia, who opened with some of the accomplishments of the district within the last year. These included the continued success of Stauffer and Warren Robotics teams, the renaming of the Carnival of Champions to honor late administrator Dale Lostetter, and the inaugural Stauffer Foundation Robo Olympics, as well as the announcement that an application has been submitted for the All District Marching Band to participate in the 2020 Rose parade.

Garcia also highlighted the recent achievements and national recognition of Griffiths and Stauffer Middle Schools.

"When we talk about 'what are we doing in Downey Unified,' and 'We are on the map,' and we talk about globally competitive and citizens of strong character, two of our middle schools were named 'Middle Schools to Watch,' not just for the state of

California, but for the United States of America," said Garcia. "Our schools are on the map."

Garcia also took time to compare the recent graduation rates of DUSD and other local districts, offering a statistic of a 95.4 percent graduation rate in Downey for the 2016-17 school year.

Warren High School Band and Color Guard Director David Niemeyer was also named Teacher of the Year during the morning's address.

"I always like to recognize this because every research study that's ever been done will tell you that the most important factor in student achievement - the most important thing for kids is a highly effective teacher," said Garcia. "This year our teacher of the year is the band director who runs an amazing program... truly, it's been inspired by David Niemeyer and the work he's doing at Warren High School."

Niemeyer said it was an "honor and a privilege" to receive the Teacher of the Year recognition.

"I don't know how I was picked among a thousand amazing teachers; I don't have half the teaching skills they do," said Niemeyer. "I graduated from Washington State University in December of 2002. Six months later I was handed the keys to the Warren band room. I was taking over for a guy named Dr. Holiday...his quote to me as I took over was, 'I feel like I'm handing the keys over to a brand-new sports car to you.' It wasn't hard for me to come in and do a good job because Dr. Holiday had done a phenomenal job."

"Not only did I fill those shoes, but I grew those shoes...We've grown the jazz programs to two full jazz programs instead of one. We now have two competitive percussion ensembles when there was none before. We now offer AP Music Theory as often as enrollment allows when there was none before. And as the Warren Band and Booster Program, we continue to service Southern California music education through hosting band competitions.

"We continue to host the Fall Band Spectacular and the Spring Band Spectacular, where all six secondary schools get together and perform music together. In 2011 the marching band of Warren High school turned a corner competitively, and we started placing in the top three in our division...last year we finally made it to the top winning the gold medal in division 4A.

"Our students are greeted by other bands with admiration. We have brought a spotlight to the Downey Unified School District through our music program."

Niemeyer also took time to highlight the newly established Downey Unified All District Marching Band.

"Recently a new vision has become a reality - and that is the Downey Unified All District Marching Band - with the blessing and the help of Phil Davis and of course Dr. Mary R. Stauffer," said Niemeyer. "We had a 420-member marching band rehearse in November and then march in the Downey Holiday Parade...The future goal of this ensemble is to do things like the Rose Parade, the Macy's [Thanksgiving] Day Parade, Presidential inauguration parades; something that students wouldn't normally do at their school site per say. As you can see, we're trying to bring a global spotlight to the Downey Unified School District through music."

The big news, however, came in the form of the districts attempt to combat declining enrollment rates.

According to Garcia, enrollment rates have been a point of concern not only in Downey, but other school districts as well.

"In the last couple of years, we've been declining in our enrollment, as are most districts in the area," said Garcia.

Garcia said that the decline boiled down to two factors.

"People are having less children; that is just a societal fact," said Garcia. "The second the is the cost of housing and where it is pushing a lot of people inland for housing, so that creates some issues in relationship to our enrollment because we're funded on our enrollment."

"Five years ago, in '13-14 we were a little under 23,000, so we know we can handle 23,000 students in our schools" said Garcia. "We've been steadily dropping since then."

To combat this trend, Garcia said that the Board of Education has aimed to increase enrollment back to 23,000 by 2020-21.

Garcia stated that through marketing efforts and other information campaigns, that decline has already started to stabilize this year, however the district is still projected to be in decline in the 2019-20 school year.

"It will have an impact on the ability to run certain programs in our district," said Garcia. "We're really aggressively continuing to recruit, attract, and retain as many students as we possibly can."

Garcia asked for the help of those in attendance to spread word of "the amazing things happening in our district."

"What we want you to do is just tell three people," said Garcia. "Let them know that we are absolutely welcoming and opening...give us an opportunity and they will not regret it."

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Students assemble care packages for hurricane victims

► **GIVING BACK:** Members of the KIWIN'S student leadership club organize care packages and write notes to hurricane victims.

DOWNEY – On Saturday, Sept. 29, the KIWIN'S of Diamond Division (student leaders) led by Lieutenant Governor Diana Mae Baliscao, a junior at Downey High School, spent their Saturday morning at the Downey High School library helping those in need.

The students packaged over 300 personal care kit packages which were given to Convoy of Care and Caring for Others, non profit organizations based in Atlanta who have been delivering supplies to the victims of

Hurricane Florence.

Their goal is to deliver much needed supplies to the flood-ravaged communities in the Carolinas and assist storm victims who are now staying in emergency shelters due to the flooding that took place after Hurricane Florence.

“These are hygiene care kits,” explained Wendy Galvan, president of the Downey High School KIWIN'S. “They have toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, hand towels, wipes, shampoo, combs, and bandaids, and much more.”

Students also wrote encouraging messages on cards to be sent to those affected by the storms and included them in the

personal care kit packages.

“I feel very proud of all these amazing student leaders who showed up to help those in need and I am proud of the city of Downey residents who donated supplies, it shows that our city cares and that our future is bright, said Diana Mae Baliscao, Diamond Division Lieutenant Governor.

As of today, a total of 12 tractor-trailers stationed at WSB-TV and at the Caring for Others' warehouse have been delivered with bottled water, diapers, household cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene kits to help Hurricane Florence survivors in the Carolinas.



Downey featured in new short film

► **FILMS:** “Invincible Boy,” a short film that premiered last week, was shot on location in Downey. Its director is a Downey native.

By Carol Kearns Contributor

DOWNEY – Julian Park's new short film, Invincible Boy, premiered at the InFocus Short Film Festival in Van Nuys last Saturday. The movie is now available on YouTube for viewing by the public.

Park, a graduate of Downey High (2003), continues an exploration of the themes that run throughout his work – hope, kindness, and following one's passion. The story's two young protagonists, Vincent and Barney, played by Kaleb Alexander Robert and Nathan Kim, learn lessons about life through their obsession with comic book super heroes.

Vincent, who tries to be a super hero to people in need, gets discouraged. “Nobody cares about being good,” he says, “Why do they write this stuff in

comic books? What's the point?” The engaging young actors bring to life a modern-day story with a lesson for all ages at the end.

There is an additional reason why people who live and/or work in Downey will have fun watching this movie. It was shot on location in Downey, with permits and encouragement from the city. The sidewalks of Firestone Blvd. are integral to the story.

Park, who wrote, directed, and edited the film, said the ideas in his initial script were too expansive and the city told him that he couldn't block off the streets. His rework of the plot confirms his talent as a storyteller. The dynamic action in Downtown Downey is implied, and did not require stopping any traffic.

Growing up in Downey was an advantage, Park explained. “I know it [the city] so well, that at least when I wrote the sequences, I knew where it would take place in my mind.” Park said the cost of city permits was minimal, and most of his \$1,000.00 deposit was refunded when the project ended.

Cost is important to Park because his passion for making films is financed by his day job as a web developer. His earlier documentaries were made with a lot of sweat equity – he did most of the work himself. For Invincible Boy, which is fiction, Park decided to hire a professional crew – producer, sound mixer, cinematographer, costume designer, gaffers, etc.

“I shot that film over five days and we strategically planned it over President's Day weekend so I only had to take two days off work,” explained Park.

Except for two, all of the actors are professionals who were found through casting agencies. Park said that he and his producer Dan Marcus were approaching panic when they couldn't find the right boy to play Vincent.

“We almost couldn't make the movie,” explains Park. “We were a week away from shooting and we hadn't found the kid yet. I was so scared. We had a whole day of auditions and nobody came in that was even remotely close. They were really just kids, you know, they couldn't act.”

Everything fell into place when they discovered Kaleb through a casting site. He and his mother drove down from San Jose for filming. Park said they also had difficulty casting the character Barney, Vincent's friend in the movie. Nathan Kim, who was finally selected for the role, is the son of a friend.

The complete cast of characters reflects the multi-national demographic of southeast Los Angeles County. Downey viewers reading the credits might recognize the name of some friends and neighbors who filled in as Extras.

Park had considered several candidates for the role of producer before selecting Marcus, whom he had worked with before on a film by another local artist Polaris Castillo. Indie film-making of this sort requires a shared vision.

“He's a little like me,” says Park about Marcus, “he's a little naïve. He mainly just believed in the project so much. He loves stories about super heroes, and hope, and that was what pulled him in.”

Park said he met his minimal goals this year of finishing the film, entering it in one film festival, and getting it on line for the public to see. His next step is to find other suitable film festivals for the work.

Earlier Work

Park, who studied creative writing in college, says that he began making films as a “hobby.” Themes of optimism and kindness are apparent throughout his own post-college work as he veered away from a traditional career path.

In 2009 he left home with a backpack and Handycam, only telling his mother that he was going on a road trip. The result was a 53-minute personal and compelling documentary entitled Only Kindness Matters (hitchhiking across the USA).

“I wanted to find adventure,” he says in the film. “I wanted to see America. I wanted to witness kindness.” This film is also available on YouTube.

Guided by his continuing desire to work on meaningful

projects, Park traveled to Nairobi, Kenya, in 2010 to film the educational challenges faced by elementary school children in the slum of Lenana. His friend Eddo Kim (Warren High 2002) had started an educational non-profit, The Supply, to maintain a public school for these children.

On the last day of filming, Park and his associate were robbed at gunpoint of all their equipment. The story spread immediately over the internet and \$8,000.00 was quickly raised to replace the equipment. Park returned to film the school for another week.

Park's 30-minute documentary was completed by March 2011 and made available for screening at various universities to raise funds for the Nairobi school. The film title Standard 8 comes from the test that all children must pass in Nairobi. This film can be viewed on the website www.Handimade.org.

Back home in Downey, Park was captivated by sensitive

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S/FELIPE RIVAS AVILA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

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at the General Municipal Election, consolidated with the Statewide General Election, to be held in the City of Downey on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL - DISTRICT #2 CANCELLED

Election cancelled August 22, 2018 - Sean Ashton (sole nominee) appointed for a four year term commencing December 2018, by Resolution No. 18-7838.

FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL - DISTRICT #4 VOTE FOR ONE

Carrie Uva
Claudia Frometa*
Tony Hernandez-Ayala

*Accepted the City's Campaign Expenditure Limits

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC
City Clerk
October 11, 2018

The Downey Patriot
10/11/18

CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ADOPTED

On October 9, 2018, the City Council of the City of Downey adopted the following Ordinance:

Adopted Ordinance No. 18-1399, an Interim Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey establishing a temporary moratorium on new and expanding existing massage therapy establishments

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

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

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC, City Clerk
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Downey Unified School District ("District") of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board ("Board"), will receive up to, but not later than, 2:00 p.m. on October 25, 2018, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

Bid #15/16-25

REPLACEMENT OF THE SWIMMING POOL FILTRATION SYSTEM AT DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL

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

Each bid must conform with and be responsive to the contract documents, copies of which are on file and may be obtained electronically on or after October 4, 2018 - Contact Darren Purselglove, C.P.M., Director, Purchasing and Warehouse, at dpurselglove@dusd.net.

A mandatory bidder's conference and job-walk will be held on October 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. This bidders conference will take place at Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241. No bid shall be accepted from any bidder failing to comply with attending the mandatory bidder's conference.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.

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

The Downey Patriot
10/4/18, 10/11/18

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: VS030997
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MELANIE M. MORALES AND RICARDO MORALES ON BEHALF OF GILLIANA MORALES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) GILLIANA MELANIE MORALES to Proposed name (1) GIANA MELANIE MORALES. 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: November 7, 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 28, 2018
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Melanie M. Morales
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The Downey Patriot
9/20/18, 9/27/18, 10/4/18, 10/11/18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: VS031019
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner GAGE ZACHARY CHAVEZ COSTELLO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) GAGE ZACHARY CHAVEZ COSTELLO to Proposed name (1) GAGE ZACHARY COSTELLO. 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: November 8, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 90650

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Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
GAGE ZACHARY CHAVEZ COSTELLO
12114 BREEZEWOOD DR.
WHITTIER, CA 90604
562-655-3119
gage_costello@yahoo.com

The Downey Patriot
10/11/18, 10/18/18, 10/25/18, 11/1/18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: VS031025
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner VICTORINO ZANTUA filed a petition with this court for a de-cree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JOHN PATRICK ALEJANDRO to Proposed name (1) JOHN PATRICK A. ZANTUA
Present name (2) ANGELINE ALEJANDRO to Proposed name (1) ANGELINE A. ZANTUA
Present name (3) NINO ANTHONY A. ZANTUA to Proposed name (3) NINO ANTHONY A. ZANTUA
Present name (4) IRENE CLARISSE ALEJANDRO to Proposed name (1) IRENE CLARISSE A. ZANTUA
Present name (5) IAN CHRISTIAN ALEJANDRO to Proposed name (1) IAN CHRISTIAN A. ZANTUA

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: December 5, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 90650

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Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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The Downey Patriot
10/11/18, 10/18/18, 10/25/18, 11/1/18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: VS030998
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DESTINIE MARIA CONTRERAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) DESTINIE MARIA CONTRERAS to Proposed name (1) DESTINIE MARIE RODRIGUEZ. 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

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9/27/18, 10/4/18, 10/11/18, 10/18/18

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: VS031029
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RICARDO GONZALO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) RICARDO GONZALO to Proposed name (1) RICHARD GONZALO. 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.

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Date: December 5, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT OCTOBER 4, 2018
Margaret M. Bernal
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case Number: VS031016
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RICHARD HERNANDEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ALFRED HERNANDEZ (true name) to Proposed name (1) RICHARD HERNANDEZ. 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: November 21, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT SEPTEMBER 24, 2018
Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
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9/27/18, 10/4/18, 10/11/18, 10/18/18

PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GLORIA C. COUTCH aka GLORIA C. COUCH aka GLORIA B. COUCH, GLORIA COUTCH, GLORIA COUCH aka GLORIA BROWN COUTCH, CECIL GLORIA BROWN, Case No. 18STPB08936

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GLORIA C. COUTCH aka GLORIA C. COUCH aka GLORIA B. COUCH, GLORIA COUTCH, GLORIA COUCH aka GLORIA BROWN COUTCH, CECIL GLORIA COUTCH, CECIL GLORIA BROWN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Thomas Joseph Couch in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Thomas Joseph Couch be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Oct. 24, 2018 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

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

Attorney for petitioner: MICHAEL K HUTCHINSON ESQ

Case No. 18STPB08945
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CN953601 COUTCH Sep 27, Oct 4, 11, 2018

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WINONA LA VON BURRIS aka WINONA L. BURRIS, WINONA LAVON BURRIS, WINONA BURRIS, WINONA ALLEN Case No. 18STPB09115

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WINONA LA VON BURRIS aka WINONA L. BURRIS, WINONA LAVON BURRIS, WINONA BURRIS, WINONA ALLEN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Los Angeles County Public Administrator in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Los Angeles County Public Administrator 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 Oct. 30, 2018 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 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.

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Attorney for petitioner: MARY C WICKHAM ESQ COUNTY COUNSEL DEBORAH L. CHILDS ESQ SBN 130637 PRIN DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL 35 S FIGUEROA ST STE 602 LOS ANGELES CA 90071 CN953947 BURRIS Oct 4, 11, 18, 2018

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOAQUIN M. HERNANDEZ aka JOAQUIN MEDINA HERNANDEZ Case No. 18STPB09172

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOAQUIN M. HERNANDEZ aka JOAQUIN MEDINA HERNANDEZ. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Oscar Hernandez in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Oscar Hernandez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Oct. 31, 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.

Attorney for petitioner: HEATHER MILLER ESQ SBN 286422 LAW OFFICE OF HEATHER MILLER 2780 SKYPARK DR STE 460 TORRANCE CA 90505 CN953994 HERNANDEZ Oct 11, 18, 25, 2018

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MILDRED ENID EVERETT Case No. 18STPB08811

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MILDRED ENID EVERETT. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Larry Gordon Everett and Lawrence P. Dewees (listed in the Will incorrectly as Lawrence P. Dewees) in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Larry Gordon Everett and Lawrence P. Dewees be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Oct. 23, 2018 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 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.

Kiwanis installation gives glimpse at the power of Downey service clubs

Downey Doings

► **FILM FESTIVAL:** The Downey film festival wrapped up its most ambitious year yet, with 29 screenings.

By **Lorine Parks**
Society Columnist

DOWNEY – One hundred people filled the Bob Wingham Banquet Room – Bob was a beloved mayor of Downey – while outside, blue and green predominated, sky and trees and the undulating curves of the Rio Hondo Golf Course, with a few white clouds floating over the river bed at sunset. That was the scene as viewed through the floor to ceiling glass walls of the Rio Hondo Event Center. The occasion was the installation of the new Lieutenant Governor for Kiwanis District 13, Eric Pierce.

Eric will oversee clubs in California, Nevada and Hawaii for the next year, and friends and past and present presidents of clubs within the district were there to cheer him. District Governor Joni Ackerman of the Kiwanis Club of Hermosa Beach, bright in her red dress, sat at the head table. Councilmember Blanca Pacheco led the Pledge of Allegiance, and many past Lieutenant Governors were recognized.

Cigar buddies Mario Guerra, who gave the benediction and Rick Rodriguez, mayor pro-tem of Downey who emceed the evening, sat side by side. Others who came to pay tribute were Downey Unified School District School Board Member Martha Soretani and son Gordon. Russell Skersick and wife, Nikki, in a black lace creation, and Will Medina, both past presidents of the Rotary Club of Downey were there to pay tribute to their friend. Senior Kiwanis members like Bob Earl and Larry Lewis attended, and Larry as song leader started the evening with “God Bless America.” Former Mayor of Downey David Gafin joined in.

This reporter sat at a table with Mariana Pacheco, who is the immediate past president of the club, and she was enthusiastic about the work Kiwanis does in the community.

“We support the kids of Downey,” she said. “We provide the high school kids leadership training by sending them to a leadership camp. Kiwanis also does monthly barbeque for the children at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. The kids are in-patients there, and they love to see us.”

When Eric was asked why he joined Kiwanis, was it because of an idea or a person, the answer was forthcoming.

“I joined Kiwanis in 2012 at the invitation of Councilman Alex Saab,” he said. “Being asked to join was an honor, because the club was filled with so many distinguished members of the Downey community, including former mayors, the fire chief, planning commissioners, school board members, small business owners, bankers... you name it.”

“But the Kiwanis’ work with children is what really appealed to me,” Eric added, following up on what Mariana said. “After I joined, I became an advisor to Warren High School’s Key Club, chaperoning them at service projects and helping them become caring and responsible young adults. It’s a great feeling when these Key Club members earn scholarships and receive awards for their community service.”

“My favorite Kiwanis project? Pathfinders” said Eric, “a three-day retreat in Big Bear for high school sophomores and juniors. We take nearly 50 students from Warren, Downey, St. John Bosco and St. Joseph High Schools for three days of rock climbing, rope courses and physical challenges designed to make them better leaders. We also talk about ethics and character development. It’s only three days, but a lot of bonds are formed in that short period

of time and I’d like to think the students become better leaders as a result of Pathfinders.”

The community of Downey is fortunate to be home to many service clubs and groups such as Kiwanis, and they all were formed with the intention of making their part of the world a better place. Each is non-profit, non-political, and each has a different focus.

The Lions, founded in 1915, collect used eyeglasses, to be distributed to people of all ages in low income communities, to help a child read, an adult succeed in his job, a senior maintain her independence.

The Shriners in 1926 began to operate a hospital dedicated solely to child burn victims. Now they have 22 non-profit medical institutions and they raise money to meet a budget of over a million dollars a day, to care for orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the patients’ ability to pay.

Soroptimist started in 1928, and it’s made up of women working to improve the lives of women and girls, locally and throughout the world, with programs leading to social and economic empowerment.

Rotary, the original service club, was started in 1905 and today works globally for better lives through projects like access free to clean water, liberation from poverty through education, world peace beginning at home with anger management workshops. Rotary International is just concluding a successful 40-year program, partnered with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to eradicate polio from the face of the earth.

For Kiwanis, founded in 1915, it is building future leaders by working with the youngsters of today. As Eric has discovered, The Children’s Fund serves the children of the world and helps Kiwanians change kids’ lives. The Key Club is the oldest and largest service program for high school students in the world.

After dinner, the evening fun began with musical entertainment. Fellow Kiwanians Steve Roberson and Bill Hare put on a rhythm and blues, country

western music show, the songs all written by Steve, who also played guitar and sang. Bill attended to the drums, with an occasional delicate flick of the whisk to the cymbal.

The audience, including Kiwanians Deborah Massaglia and Joanna Peterson, as well as Jerry Wetzstein with wife Connie, stunning in a black dress, enjoyed every toe-tapping minute.

Dresses seem to be in again, knee-length or shorter. Nicole Pierce wore a black and white checked number with a deep inverted pleat in front. Physical therapist par excellence Hal Nelson, who is moving away from Downey and retiring to Montana, attended, and Larry Lewis and Ron Kolar, all men who have done much good in many roles for the community

“Downey is blessed,” said Eric, “to have two Kiwanis clubs -- one that meets in the mornings, and the other in the afternoon and night.” Members from both clubs were there, such as past president Roy Beard with wife Barbara who works tirelessly for the Downey Museum of Art, the Downey Y and the Woman’s Club. Publisher of the Downey Patriot Jennifer DeKay was there to give moral support to editor of the Patriot. New club president Mike Calvert attended, and incoming president Rose Schneeberger, of the Downey Noon Club.

“Serving hands and serving hearts,” Councilman Alex Saab described his fellow Kiwanians, as he introduced outgoing Lt. Governor Ed Schneeberger, also of Downey, whose “enormous shoes” Eric will have to fill.

“I appreciate the time and talent these men and women devote to serving children and their communities,” said Ed. As introductions went on, one saw how intimately Kiwanis is woven into the fabric of local communities: Bellflower, Santa Fe Springs, Bixby Knolls, Long Beach, Huntington Park.

Recognition awards were given to many outgoing local presidents within the district, and the long slim boxes they received could only contain ties. For the women, the box was small and square, and one could hope it might be Kiwanis emblem



From left: Council members Blanca Pacheco and Alex Saab, Eric Pierce, and Mayor Pro Tem Rick Rodriguez.

Photo by Claudia Gomez

earrings encrusted with crystals or a pendant, like the ones worn by Mariana.

Nicole Pierce was chosen to introduce her husband, and she had the crowd alternately laughing and then serious. Eric was then created Lieutenant Governor with the pronouncing of a single sentence by Governor Joni.

But as Eric began to speak, his remarks were interrupted by a diversion from the floor. It seemed that the outgoing Lt. Gov. Ed hadn’t been properly demoted. Several other past lieutenant governors rose from their seats and all voted “yea,” to demote him. And so it was done.

Eric then was allowed to continue. He began by acknowledging several mentors, Steve Roberson, and Roy Beard, “tremendous inspirations,” he said. “One of the best decisions I ever made,” Eric went on, “was to join Kiwanis. It opened the way to do so many good things, and have an impact in the

community. I especially enjoyed working with Warren High, and getting to know the kids.”

“A District like ours, the 13th, which includes all the clubs in California, Nevada and Hawaii, gives everyone a chance to help and support each other. And there’s so much to do,”

“On your table,” Eric concluded, “you may have noticed, there is a small bottle of SCOPE. There’s a reason for that – it stands for the scope of your lives. Let me spell it out for you, “S is for service, and C is for the courage to change. Then O is for opportunity, and P is for the passion with which we do things. And the E, that stands for excellence in everything we do.”

The room gave Eric a standing O. And then as Eric was about ring the bell to conclude the meeting, using a spoon from the table, someone took pity and gave him the Governor’s gavel, so he was able to gong the evening to a happy ending.

Courage Forward responds to help hurricane victims

DOWNEY – In response to Hurricane Florence, Downey’s non-profit military organization Courage Forward leapt into action putting together boxes of food to ship to victims of the disaster.

Courage Forward has built a strong reputation around providing support and aid for veterans over the last few years.

According to Eric Kim, founder of Courage Forward, veterans are “first responders, first and foremost.” This spirit was none more apparent than last Thursday when Kim and other volunteers gathered in Los Angeles to gather food for those affected and displaced by Florence.

“Hurricane Florence hit a

week ago; I think it got lost in the media because it became a tropical storm,” said Kim. “It’s catastrophic in a lot of places; a lot of the food pantries and places are running out of food. In the media it kind of got lost with all the other stuff going on.”

“We reached out to the FEMA distribution partners. They said, “We need food.”

Kim says that this is not a “one-time thing.”

“We’re gonna do what we can, what they asked for initially,” said Kim. “Then we want to continue to do this for the next month, the next six months, however long they need that we can get the money, donations, and funds for to get the boxes to be able to do that.”

Kim says that each box of canned and non-perishable foods could feed a family of four for up to three days.

During the event, Courage Forward partnered with Shop Now to Fund (SNTF), a new ecommerce marketplace that combines online shopping and

crowdfunding to give non-profit organizations and social projects an avenue to fundraise. SNTF gives 40 percent of all purchases to do-good causes.

Shehan Rajaratnam, one of the founders of SNTF, gave all credit to Courage Forward for the organization of the event.

“They wanted to support by sending food packages... our team felt the need. More than anything it was a human response of taking care of our fellow brothers and sisters,” said Rajaratnam. “We galvanized our efforts...to be able to bring in support and do what we do today.”

Rajaratnam says that the goal is to continue supporting those affected by Florence, as well as any other victims in future disasters.

To get involved in the continued effort by Courage Forward and SNTF, visit sntf.us/foodbank.

By **Alex Dominguez, staff writer**



Downey featured prominently in film

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paintings of children that would appear mysteriously on unused walls and buildings around the city. The gentle images had an ephemeral nature in that they would only last until someone painted over them. They were too lovely to be called graffiti.

Park tracked down the elusive artist who worked secretly at night and called himself Bumblebee. The two young men had never met before, even as Downey students. But they discovered they shared a community of values when it came to art and creative energy.

The resulting 10-minute documentary, Bumblebee Loves You, was screened at the Epic Lounge in 2012. This film can also be viewed at www.Handimade.org.

Public response was so positive that Bumblebee received permission from the owner of the Epic Lounge building on Second Street to paint the 16-foot mural of a young girl trying to cut her own hair. Entitled “Slices” and covered with sealer, this mural will enjoy a long life

The city of Downey may have lost the film production company Downey Studios to economic forces, but indie film-making in the digital age continues to capture the imagination and efforts of people who want to tell a story. Park’s film Invincible Boy is a gift to the community of Downey. Everyone should take 20 minutes to enjoy it.



CRIME REPORT

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

At 9 pm, officers responded to Lakewood and Muller in regards to an attempt robbery. The suspect approached the victim, demanded his property and brandished an unknown silver object. Detectives are investigating.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

At 1:55 am, officers responded to 7613 Firestone in regards to a burglary. The victim exited his business and saw a male wearing a hooded sweater and face mask on the roof. Suspect fled the location on foot.

At 3:30 pm, officers located a stolen vehicle at Imperial and Lakewood. A traffic stop was conducted and the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

At 10 pm, offices responded to the 9200 block of Lakewood Blvd in regards to a robbery. The suspect reached through the drive-thru window and forcefully removed money from the register. Suspect has been identified. The investigation is ongoing.

Officers worked a downtown foot beat between 10 pm and 3 am, and issued seven traffic citations and four municipal code citations.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30

At 3 am, officers responded to Apollo Park. The victim and the suspect got into an argument. The victim sustained non-life threatening stab wounds and was transported to the hospital for treatment.

Update: Downey patrol officers arrested the suspect on Tuesday, October 2nd, at Apollo Park. He was booked for assault with a deadly weapon.

At 9:30 pm, a 42-year-old male was crossing the street northbound on Firestone at Pangborn towards McDonald’s when he was struck by a truck traveling westbound on Firestone. The pedestrian had major head trauma and was placed on life support at the hospital. Traffic detectives are investigating.

How to survive a haunted house attraction

► **HALLOWEEN TIME:** A retired haunt actor shares tips on how to make the most of your haunted house visit.

By **Alex Dominguez**
Staff Writer

When I got the go-ahead to write a couple of Halloween themed stories for October, my head went to the obvious: movie reviews, haunted house reviews, costume ideas, etc. So, originally, this was going to be a review of Halloween Horror Nights, which I attended last Friday.

But here's the thing: I realized I can offer so much more than just the usual, fluffy review articles due to my specialized expertise that some readers may or may not know about.

For eight years, I was a "professional monster." A "scare-actor." A "haunter." A "slider." I suited up at several different haunts, including Knott's Scary Farm, Rob Zombie's Great American Nightmare, Six Flags Fright Fest, and eventually ended my "career" at the 17th Door.

So instead of just saying where to go and why, I decided to go the more "How to survive

route." This week: How to survive that Haunted House you just bought tickets for.

First, be safe and contribute to a safe environment for you, other guests and the "monsters."

Everyone at the haunt (actors included) are there to have fun. Still, it can be a bit chaotic with all the scaring, screaming, running, and chainsaw hacking.

Safety is the priority at every haunt. While scare-actors are trained, things can and do go wrong. The best way to avoid incident or injury is to not contribute any excess chaos.

Don't "pregame;" if you must drink, stay as sober as possible. Always be mindful of the environment, actors, guests, and equipment (such as fog machines and props) around you. Do not try and be funny and scare another guest. And most importantly, never, ever touch the talent.

Secondly, leave your machismo at the door.

We get it, your girlfriend got scared. That doesn't mean you get to chest bump the axe-murderer up against a wall.

You might not realize it, but

it takes one individual with a bad attitude to soil an entire evening for themselves, their group, and scare-actor involved.

Worst case scenario, it takes one shove from a bad boyfriend to get escorted out of the attraction. In some extreme cases, full out brawls break out.

When it comes down to it, you and your party paid to come into an area and get scared. Each scare-actor is being paid (or sometimes volunteering even) to put on a horror movie-esque show. Don't be upset when that's exactly what happens.

Finally, remember that there's a real person behind that mask.

School teachers. Contractors. Medical staff. Students. You'd be surprised how much people are different from their costumed personas, how "normal" they are under the rubber, latex, and makeup.

For many haunters out there, working these events isn't so much a job as it is a hobby. Many of them make up the horror fanatics and misfits of the world. Haunting isn't a paycheck, it's a bit of a lifestyle.

Many of the masks, costumes,



and props that you may encounter may very well be home-made or customized to each individual, to show a bit of personality between each monster. Dedicated scare-actors are known to put hundreds of dollars and hours of their personal time into their looks and gear.

Did a "slider" just fly past your feet? He spent \$70 on his knee pads. That zombie-girl's

mask was custom made by a professional mask maker, and it cost her over \$100. That crazed clown hand-painted his puppet prop.

Shifts are long. The wear and tear on a haunter's body is great. The sleep deprivation is real. And the pay isn't all that great on top of it.

Every scare-actor you encounter is a person first, and

a "monster" second. Make sure you remember that the next time you decide to show off or fool around with them for a cheap laugh.

Halloween and haunted houses only come around once a year. Have fun and enjoy them! Just make sure the experience is good for everyone, and you should have no problem "surviving."

Dia de los Muertos Festival to feature new film festival

DOWNEY – This year's Dia de los Muertos Festival in Downey will feature a film festival, organizers announced.

Presented by Cinema Culturas, "From Indo to Downey" will feature short, entertaining films relevant to Mexican society, family and culture.

Dia de los Muertos, also known as Day of the Dead, is an age-old tradition in Mexico and Central and South America. The day celebrates the spirits of the dead, who are said to return to earth for one day to rejoin their loved ones.

Families welcome the spirits by building altars (ofrendas) that include mementos and reminders of the deceased, such as photos, favorite foods, hobbies, music, etc.

Customs include eating sweet bread (pan de muertos), decorating sugar skulls (calaveras), face painting, and decorating doorways with colorful papel picado.

City officials are anticipating 30,000 people to attend Downey's Dia de los Muertos festival, which takes place Sunday, Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in and around the Downey Theatre.

The event will feature continuous ballet folklorico and film inside

the 738-seat theater, along with facepainting and arts and crafts in the theater patio.

Also planned:

A sampling of Mexican music forms on the Zocalo stage in the theater courtyard

Variety acts on the Community stage, including ballet folklorico, mariachis, and singers

A fine art exhibit in the theater lobby, curated by the Downey Arts Coalition

An "urban art alley" featuring 20-ft. tall "found art" sculptures and the "Parade of the 10-ft. Cantinas"

The Casa Calaveras Experiences, a multi-media exhibit

"Car Altar Avenue," the merging of Southern California car art and traditional altars

Papel picado demonstrations by renowned artisan Aurora Sanchez. Festival goers can also make a papel picado luminaria to take home

The Mercado, approximately 50 vendors selling Dia de los Muertos themed merchandise

Calaveras decorating

20 booths for local merchants selling their products and services

Food trucks and food carts

The festival officially opens when a troupe of 35 Aztec dancers imbue the area with good spirits.

Community invited to taste school meals

DOWNEY – On Saturday, Oct. 20, Downey Unified's Nutrition Services Department will be hosting the second annual School Meal Expo and Tasting event.

This free event, which is open to Downey Unified parents and students of all grade levels, as well as the Downey community, will be held in the Downey High School cafeteria from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The day is set to showcase a variety of healthy and delicious meal options that are available to Downey Unified students. Guests will have a chance to experience over 20 different items at this tasting event.

Each family will receive a goodie bag and a raffle will be held for a variety of prizes, including gift cards and movie tickets.

Those in attendance will have the opportunity to rotate through various taste-testing stations featuring homemade entrees, authentic gourmet tamales, antibiotic free chicken tenders, fresh grilled 100 percent beef hamburger and many more.

There will also be a station for nutrition education to promote healthy choices. Other stations will include applying for the school lunch program, information for the online meal payment system and a photo booth where guests can take photos with fun props.

For more information, please visit www.dusd.net or our Nutrition Services Department at www.dusd.net/nutritionservices.

60 Words

to celebrate the Downey Symphony Orchestra's 60th anniversary

The outcry begun in 1960 continued loudly for ten years: "Downey Deserves a Decent Theater!"

With hugely successful performances by our orchestra, with John Hume's brilliant Children's Theatre productions, nearly everyone in town was involved either as participant or audience member. "We need a place with good acoustics and staging, and comfortable seating for our audiences."

Shoulders to the wheel!

Symphony archives

Compiled by Joyce Sherwin

POETRY MATTERS

Letter to Yeni on Peering into Her Life

I see you, not as you stand before me, so full of language threatening to spill from you, a silver-blue luminous substance the page of cups might carry in love, in a gold chalice, but as a child I might have seen, held, had I been an adult on that island where we might have become anyone other than ourselves.

You are a sound you say your father carries, a beat in the heart of an African drum that seduced him with the thunder of Changó the red of blood and earth, a flesh-pink guava growing inside you, its seeds on the tips of your fingers like islands, like memories becoming leaves, their veined undersides becoming maps, palmlines, bridges where the sound of water collects childhood in a blue bucket of memory, where my Tío Machuco stands with childhood sandwiches I ate sitting on the cold terraza, leaning against the Southwest red of that couch Tía Hilda discarded like a useless memory when we were no longer voices in open rooms with connecting doors, when we were words, onion-skinned paper as transparent as re-written history or exile.

Sandra M. Castillo

Castillo, a South Florida resident, was born in Havana and emigrated when she was eight on one of the last of President Lyndon Johnson's Freedom Flights. Her Cuban childhood lingers in her memory like the photographs her Tío Berto took which document her family's past. "We started over without a language," she says. Castillo teaches at Miami Dade College in Florida. Changó is the Yoruba orisha of drumming, dancing, thunder, fire, and male virility. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Patricia Beckerman mourned

DOWNEY – Patricia J. Beckerman, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away Monday, Sept. 24, at her home in Long Beach.

She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond Beckerman, in 2005 and her daughter, Cindy Halstead, in 2008.

She is survived by her daughters, Lynda Maybruck (Alan) of Saratoga, Christine Mortensen (Craig) of Laguna Niguel, and Laurie McDaniel of Lake Arrowhead, and Colorado Springs, Colo., as well as 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A vigil will be held Friday, Oct. 12, at 4 p.m., followed by the praying of the Holy Rosary at Miller Mies Mortuary in Downey.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, Oct. 15, at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Downey, followed by interment at Resurrection Cemetery in Rosemead.

Donations in her memory may be made at MelanomaAngelNetwork.org/Pat.



In Memory of

Lawrence Scott Zowada

March 27, 1967 - October 3, 2018



Lawrence Scott Zowada, 51, left us unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 3 surrounded by family, friends and church community. He leaves behind his wife of 18 years, Jeniffer, his precious children, Jackson (14) and Sophie (8) and the daughter of his heart, Krystal. Also grieving his loss are his parents Lawrence and Diane

Zowada.

The family would like to invite you to celebrate his life with them at 10 am on Friday, October 12 at Seacoast Grace Church in Cypress.

Scott will be remembered in our community as an encouraging coach and mentor. Football was his passion. The Rams were his team. He led the Cerritos College Falcons, the Warren High School Bears and volunteered as the coach for the DJAA Panthers for 9 years. Over the last couple of weeks, the family has been flooded with countless stories of the lives that he has impacted with his wisdom and leadership.

Scott had a servant's heart and spent time volunteering with the homeless and in the community. If you needed something, Scott would be there for you. He had a recent goal to participate in the Triumph Foundation Super Hero 5K which unfortunately he was not able to achieve. Scott didn't need a race to prove that he was a hero. He has been and always will be a hero to his family. And now through organ donation, Scott continues to come to the aid of other people.

Born in Fullerton, Scott was raised in Downey and attended Warren High School graduating in 1985. He worked for the Downey Unified District faithfully for over 20 years. An amazing and caring hero, Scott was above all things a family man. His love for his wife was unending and continues to give her strength.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Triumph Foundation. This non-profit foundation is close to the hearts of the Zowada family and has helped them in so many ways. It would bring so much joy to the family to know that they could be part of helping

If you feel called and are able to give, please consider donating to help Jeniffer and her family during this time of loss and uncertainty at [GO FUND ME LINK https://www.gofundme.com/support-the-zowada-family](https://www.gofundme.com/support-the-zowada-family).



Downey residents Rosetta and Steve Henderson took their Downey Patriot on a recent vacation.

The first photo was taken in Waco, Tex., at Magnolia Silo, a market owned and operated by reality TV stars Chip and Joanna Gaines.

The second picture is from Cancun, Mexico.

"We try to book all our flights or activities after we have received the paper on Friday mornings," the couple said. "We love our local paper and it has been a great source of valuable information. Took it with us on both vacations this year."



The Rodriguez and Hernandez families recently took a week-long cruise to Canada, traveling through Vancouver.

From left: Rick and Lupe Rodriguez; Jose, Ayryn and Ada Hernandez; and Koa Quinn Silapie Steele.

Golf tournament raises \$306K for PIH Health

DOWNEY – PIH Health held its 25th Annual Frank Scott Pro/Am Golf Tournament at the Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier on Sept. 24.

The event raised more than \$306,000 to support a new state-of-the-art Clinical Simulation Center at PIH Health.

The new center provides unlimited, hands-on training that will enable PIH Health clinical staff, nurses, residents and physicians to advance their

skills and enhance their ability to provide the highest level of patient care in a simulated "real-life" environment.

To contribute to the Clinical Simulation Center, call (562) 698-0811 ext. 81520.



Elodia Naranjo is celebrating her 100th birthday with family. Born in Chandler, Ariz., on Nov. 6, 1918, she and her parents moved to Los Angeles when she was 2 years old. She had six children and was married to the late Joe Naranjo.

She currently resides at Southland Care Center in Norwalk.

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