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## Christmas in the 1950's

► Longtime Downey resident Jim McMahon reminisces on Christmastime 60 years ago.

By Jim McMahon  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** - Thinking back, there were some lavish Christmas decorations in the city of Downey during the 1950s-60s.

Not every year was a glamorous year, the region had some recessions, mini-electrical utility brownouts, so there was minimum Christmas decorations during those dips, plus some years we had very bad storms, and Christmas decorations displayed outdoors were thrashed or destroyed by weather elements or vandalism.

Theft and vandalism was ramped up by layoffs from South Gate's General Motors plant and Downey Rockwell, which caused mini-economic recessions in Downey. But then those special holiday years, (in between) Downey was home to one of the most decorated towns.

Sometimes Christmas parades on Firestone Boulevard and Downey Avenue were good, sometimes not so good. Why? The city had very low visibility fog banks, which made it hard to see, plus Downey also had flooding streets when it rained. Many parts of the city were serviced by open ditches with no curbs or gutters.

I also attended the Christmas parades in Huntington Park and Los Angeles during that era. Remember, Downey still had many old orange groves, and they were hit hard by killing frosts and smudge pots, so being outside to attend Christmas lane parades was only a marginal discomfort. Smudge pots burning made for poor air quality and very sooty and oily-smelling air.

Some years we had so much rain, city parks were under water because of poor drainage. My parents' backyard garden could be very wet and boggy, if we had a foot of rain in a week. I do remember standing in rain water, wearing oversized fishing boots, trying to keep dry and still see parades pass by.

I distinctly remember the outdoor Christmas train set very well, that was off of Old River School Road near Rio Flora Place, just north of Firestone Boulevard. Many residents who moved from Downey to Greater Dairy Valley, Calif., remember this private front yard Christmas train display. Located a few blocks northwest of Harvey Broiler Drive- In, the train was built by a 50's circa engineer and displayed daily in the front yard of the wide ranch home by Rio Hondo Golf Course.

For security, at night time, the train was wheeled in to the garage for safekeeping by the owner. It was on display for more than four decades, with animated train personnel working inside the train cars. The train was in pristine condition.

Then there was the big, 16-ft. tall white fiberglass animated snowman, near Luxor and Rives. It sat in the front yards of one of the founders of Tupperware. The front yard was a winter snow yard, with fiberglass sheeting covering the dichondra grass. It looked like a scene out of Alaska.

Many homes in north Downey had outdoor nativity manger scenes in their front yard, accented with electricity-sucking flood lights, hay and big, old-fashioned size Christmas lights. Then residents starting importing tropical plants, so orthodox manger scenes were accented with palm fronds. Palms and yuccas were sprouting everywhere in the city. Christmas azaleas/ camellias were blooming too.

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## Under Mayor Rodriguez, 2019 looks to be year of collaboration

► Rick Rodriguez became Downey's newest mayor last Thursday. He promised increased collaboration between Downey's religious congregations, non-profits and service clubs.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** - Councilman Rick Rodriguez officially started his year as Mayor last Thursday, pledging to collaborate many of Downey's resources to tackle some of the city's tough issues.

Before Rodriguez could take center stage, the residents of Downey honored and gave due to outgoing Mayor Sean Ashton, as is customary at the yearly mayoral transition ceremony.

2018 was Ashton's - who was sworn in to his second term just two days prior - first opportunity to serve as mayor.

"This year as mayor has been a really special year, very busy; busier than I ever really fathomed," said Ashton.

Much of what Ashton covered were improvements made around the city including in infrastructure, and notably upgrades to the fire stations and library through Measure S funds, both of which are still currently in progress.

"Our library hasn't really been modified since it was built," said Ashton. "We're taking the time to rehab the entire library. It's going to be a gorgeous, new state-of-the-art library...something we're looking forward to."

The Measure S funds will also contribute to several park upgrades throughout the city.

Ashton also highlighted a special tribute project that was approved within the last year.

"One other thing I'm proud of...was getting a firefighters memorial," said Ashton. "We have our Police memorial...it's right and fitting to do one for our fallen firefighters as well."

Ashton said that the already approved memorial will hopefully be installed in March or April of next year.

Shortly after Ashton wrapped



Rick Rodriguez is administered the oath of office as he becomes Downey's mayor for 2019.

Photo by Alex Dominguez

up his address, Rodriguez was sworn in to his new role flanked by family.

Very much in line with his personality and faith, Rodriguez's first act as mayor was to lead those in attendance - and symbolically, the city - in prayer, in which he asked for a year "free of turmoil and strife, and focused on the positive."

The new mayor then went straight into his presentation, in which he lined out several of his visions for 2019.

Rodriguez first spoke on veterans, rehashing much of the work that the community already does for those who have served including the military banner and pets for troops programs.

He then announced plans for a Military Service Day.

"We're very fortunate in our city; 96 percent of our kids graduate high school - which is a huge statistic - but I'm not done with that yet," said Rodriguez. "We collaborated with our nonprofits, with Downey Unified, [and] on Jan. 22, we'll be holding a military service day at Calvary Chapel in Downey."

"Calvary Chapel has opened their doors to us to over 500 juniors and seniors. They'll come out on Jan. 22 and there will be all branches of the military. They'll discuss jobs that have transferable skills

like electricians, construction, medical, engineering, I.T., so when they finish their military service they can leave there, earn their education and go right into the job force."

Rodriguez also doubled down on his desire to coordinate and collaborate the efforts of all of Downey's volunteer forces; an endeavor he has pursued since first taking office.

"My first year in office I held a volunteer roundup where 200 like-minded people came out to watch and learn, and see how they could help the citizens of Downey," said Rodriguez. "Step one, we'll divide all the service clubs to meet and discuss and see how each of them can serve certain issues in our city...they'll be assigned their programs, they'll go back to their membership, they'll come back in March and discuss their operation."

"Step three...right here in the breezeway, every club will be represented there with a pop-up and they can recruit with any volunteers they like. By the stroke of noon, all those service projects will be done. We'll see hundreds of volunteers all throughout our city doing good for others for no other recognition than a thank you."

Next came a highlight of the recently established clergy council, which is still in its infancy.

"I think in America we've figured out that in order to run a very well run city, in order to have a collective group in your neighborhood, you need to involve the local place of worship, so I created the City of Downey first Clergy Council," said Rodriguez. "These folks are really the boots on the ground; they get things done. You talk about homeless, kids at risk, runaways, sex trafficking, gang violence, believe me the churches, they know how to fix that problem."

"We have 54 churches with a Downey address...36 are involved. We meet every month... they all come together. We all realize that we are all here to serve one purpose, to serve God's most precious asset, his people."

Rodriguez also shed light on a new grassroots, stakeholder based group focused on tackling issues surrounding foster children.

"170 kids in our city are part of the foster care program," said Rodriguez. "Foster care kids are 50 percent more likely to develop an addiction to drugs or alcohol, 50 percent more likely to be arrested, join a gang, become homeless, or even become suicidal."

"If we want to fix the problem, we have to stop the problem."

Rodriguez also re-introduced a new Downey Business Watch, a quarterly crime prevention series with Downey businesses at its core.

This is Rodriguez's first opportunity to serve as mayor. He was elected to the council in 2016.

## Downey restaurant grades

**Class 302 Cafe**  
8855 Apollo Way #224  
Date Inspected: 12/18/18  
Grade: **A**

**Bob's Bog Boy**  
7447 Firrestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/18/18  
Grade: **A**

**Same Ol' Saloon**  
9560 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/18/18  
Grade: **A**

**Royal Food Express**  
9125 Imperial Hwy. #C  
Date Inspected: 12/18/18  
Grade: **A**

**Subway**  
9131 Imperial Hwy Ste B  
Date Inspected: 12/18/18  
Grade: **A**

**Stinkin Crawfish**  
8240 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/18/18  
Grade: **A**

**Narai Thai Cuisine**  
7611 Firestone Blvd  
Date Inspected: 12/18/18  
Grade: **A**

**El Salto Del Fraile**  
7639 E Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/18/18  
Grade: **A**

**Edible Arrangements**  
8855 Apollo Way  
Date Inspected: 12/18/18  
Grade: **A**

**Circle K**  
12000 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/18  
Grade: **A**

**Pop's Cafe**  
7840 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/18  
Grade: **A**

**Subway**  
8011 E Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/18  
Grade: **A**

**Bionicos Express**  
7818 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/18  
Grade: **A**

**Masa Sushi Bon Appetit**  
7808 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/18  
Grade: **A**

**USA Donuts & Croissants**  
8009 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/18  
Grade: **A**

**Carls Jr.**  
9110 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 12/12/18  
Grade: **A**

**Los Pollos**  
7940 E Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 12/12/18  
Grade: **A**

**Fernando's**  
9484 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/12/18  
Grade: **A**

**Los Amigos Golf Course Restaurant**  
7925 Quill Dr.  
Date Inspected: 12/12/18  
Grade: **A**

**Baskin Robbins**  
7938 E Florence Ave. #11A  
Date Inspected: 12/12/18  
Grade: **A**

**Downey Donuts**  
8011 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 12/12/18  
Grade: **A**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 70°

Saturday 69°

Sunday 72°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Hiking with Santa

**Sunday - Ascot Hills Park, 9 am**  
A 2.5-mile hike in the hills of Los Angeles. Dress in Christmas spirit. Trail is appropriate for beginners and kids.



#### The Nutcracker

**Saturday - La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, 2 pm and 7:30 pm**  
Santa Barbara's acclaimed State Street Ballet performs the beloved holiday classic. \$25 and up



#### White Christmas Sing-Along

**Sunday - Walt Disney Concert Hall, 3 pm and 8 pm**  
Sing with fellow revelers at this special screening of the 1954 classic film, presented with lyrics on screen. Tickets start at \$39



#### Elf Jr. The Musical

**Saturday - Hacienda Heights Community Center, 2 pm**  
The Hacienda Heights Acting Up Drama Club perform this musical based on the hit Christmas film.



#### John Legend

**Sunday - Microsoft Theater, 8 pm**  
R&B king John Legend performs as part of his "A Legendary Christmas" tour. Tickets start at \$129



#### Chinese Lantern Festival

**Saturday - Pomona Fairplex, 5:30 pm**  
1,000 larger than life lanterns, plus dinosaur rides for kids, Kung Fu performances, shadow puppet shows, vendors, beer and margarita garden, and hot cocoa. \$15-\$21



## CRIME REPORT

### FRIDAY, DEC. 7

At about 10:15 pm, a man was confronted by two males as he exited the Walmart on Apollo Way. One suspect demanded the man's wallet, threatening to have a gun. The victim fled and reported the crime.

Responding officers detained both men to the rear of Walmart. The victim positively identified the suspect who was then arrested for the robbery. The other man was determined to not have been involved and was released.

From 10:30 pm until 2:30 am, officers worked a foot beat in the downtown area. They issued 5 municipal code citations and 2 traffic citations.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 8

At about 7:30 pm, officers responded to a traffic collision on Old River School Road and Pellet Street involving three vehicles. Officers arrived on-scene and while conducting their preliminary investigation, an 83-year-old driver who did not see the collision, struck a truck involved in the collision. This secondary collision pushed the truck, causing it to strike one of the on-scene officers. The officer was thrown and knocked to the ground, but thankfully did not sustain any serious injuries. He was transported to the hospital for precautionary reasons.

From 10:30 pm until 2:30 am, officers worked a foot beat in the downtown area. They issued 1 municipal code citation and 7 traffic citations.

# Carol Coombs, star of 'It's a Wonderful Life,' attends screening at St. John Bosco

► Carol Coombs appeared in 24 films during her acting career, but no role was more prolific than that of Janie in "It's a Wonderful Life."

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**BELFLOWER** - To help celebrate the holidays, St. John Bosco High School recently held a screening of a beloved holiday classic, including a special appearance by one of the film's stars.

It's been 72 years since Carol Coombs shared the big screen with James Stewart in "It's a Wonderful Life."

Originally born in Toronto, Canada, Coombs, her mother, and her brother came to California looking for a way to sustain themselves in desperate times. She was just 4 years old at the time.

"My mother brought my brother and I out from Canada, and

she got us in films," said Coombs. "The reason why is because it was the [Great] Depression and we lost everything...we had to leave my father and he never did make it back out."

Coombs, now 82, says that she had no prior inclination to get into films. It was her mother who went to a studio and asked how she could get her children into films.

"They gave us the name of a wonderful person who handled mostly children," said Coombs. "That got us started."

Coombs appeared in 24 films between 1941 and 1958, mostly in minor roles.

Her first film was an uncredited part in 1941's Blossoms in the Dust. She was around 10 years old when she landed the role of eldest daughter Janie in It's a Wonderful Life, which released in 1946.

"It was really exciting because I was part of a family again," said Coombs. "We had left Canada, left

my father. All of a sudden you get this part in a picture and you're going to have a brother and sisters. That was so exciting."

"Every time I got a part in a picture, I knew that it helped us...I was blessed that way."

Coombs says that It's a Wonderful Life didn't do so well upon its first release.

"That's what we've heard; that it wasn't popular very much at first," said Coombs.

She had no idea the holiday classic that it would become.

"Oh, heavens no, not at all," said Coombs. "You're hired, you've got the script. You learn that and you do your best, but you don't know the whole picture of it all. Nothing. But when it came out, wow, what a wonderful movie. We were so thrilled."

She retired from acting after marrying her husband Chet Mueller. The couple has been married for 62 years, and have

three children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Coombs says it is a "blessing" to see It's a Wonderful Life still enjoyed all these years later.

"It was a beautiful film [with] a wonderful director. It was done so well," said Coombs. "The children that were in it as a family are still good friends. We don't live close together but we're still good friends."

Coombs described the Bosco screening as a "real privilege."

"Perhaps a lot of these kids wouldn't have seen it," said Coombs. "There's so many good lessons in the film."

She hopes that future generations will continue to get the true message of the film.

"The blessing of the family. Sticking together through thick and thin," said Coombs. "Every life is important."

Carol Coombs at a screening of "It's a Wonderful Life" at St. John Bosco High School.

Photo by Alex Dominguez



# Downey's Spanish link with Christmas

## Things You Didn't Know About Downey

► Christmas in California was marked with Los Pastores, a sacred performance that celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNY** - In the Downey Historical Society newsletter of December 1975 there was an article submitted by Ruth Miller titled "Merry Christmas -- Christmas in California."

That festive time of year is here, and it is fun to take a nostalgic look at an early California Christmas celebration.

In "Navidad," Don Artura Bandini tells us that Vispera de Navidad, or Christmas Eve, was the day of great expectations, especially for the young people.

They would get on the roof of the large adobe house to watch for the arrival of the great rancheros escorting their individual, gaily-decorated ox-carts which contained their families.

Everyone knew everyone else, and as the families passed each other, the bright curtains of the ox-carts parted, faces peered out, and shrill greetings flew from ox-cart to house and back.

But the big event of the evening was "Los Pastores," or "The Shepherds," a kind of sacred drama. The principal characters were the Archangel Michael, a clownish devil named Bartolo, and

shepherds.

The pastores went from house to house enacting the same scenes. At every house they visited, the shepherds were treated to bunelos -- sweetened cakes fried crisp in grease.

Christmas morning at 3 a.m. was the scene of great commotion as everyone prepared to attend the early Mass, which the Americans called "midnight Mass" but the Spanish Americans named "la misa del gallo" (the mass of the rooster).

Everyone who was not bedridden went to the misa del gallo, which was celebrated at 4 a.m., a beautiful and impressive service with no sermon.

After the mass, everyone gathered at a little distance from the church door to exchange greetings and good wishes; gifts were not customary. The remainder of the day was devoted to social intercourse, music, dancing and horsemanship.

Christmas was a gala social occasion, especially for isolated rancheros, with religious overtones.

Feliz noche buena.

**CEMETERY BURIAL:** The following is from a March 10, 1949 story titled "Oldest California Resident Laid to Rest in Downey Cemetery":

Believed to be the oldest



California resident, the late Mrs. Dorothea De Luera, 126 years old, was laid to rest in the Downey Cemetery last week.

Requiem mass was said for her on Tuesday last week at the Holy Family Church in Artesia, with Father Patrick O'Connor officiating. Rosary was recited Monday evening from the Arnold Funeral Home.

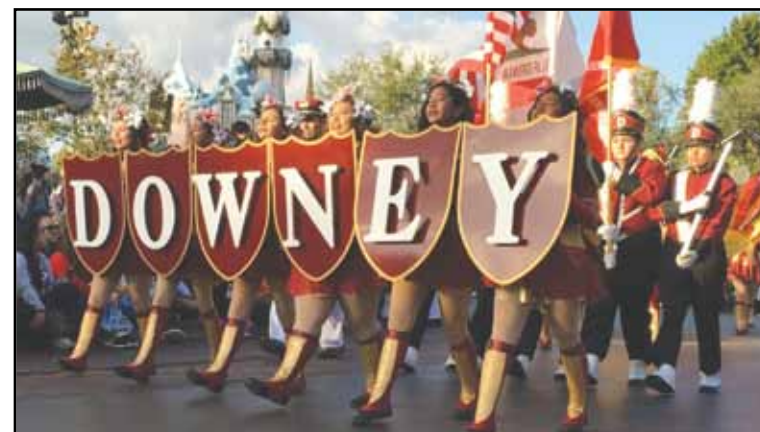
Born in Mexico in the year 1822, the deceased came to California in 1919, making her residence in the Artesia neighborhood. She passed away Friday the 25th, at her home, 15000 Bloomfield Street in Artesia.

She is survived by a son, Leo Escallero of Norwalk, and a daughter, Lola Escallero of Inglewood.

Bobbie Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.

Downey High School's marching band marched through Disneyland on Nov. 30.

Photo courtesy Venese Dobbins



Ten credit union leaders from credit unions in Latin America visited Financial Partners Credit Union's Downey headquarters earlier this month to learn about the company's success and learn from its executive team.

The session focused on technology, with the international delegation particularly focused on FPCU's use of technology to improve customer experience and manage risk.

FPCU board members and former Downey mayors Alex Saab and Mario Guerra also attended and spoke to the delegation.



Downey resident Kookie Brown and her sisters, Kathy Garcia and Janett Riseland, traveled to Rome earlier this month. They are pictured here riding a gondola through Venice.

They also visited the Vatican museum and were able to meet Pope Francis.



# WINTER WORSHIP GUIDE

**Free Pancake, Sausage & Coffee Breakfast**  
at 8:00 am  
Christmas morning  
**GOOD SHEPHERD Lutheran Church**  
13200 Columbia Way, Downey  
562.803.4459

**GOOD SHEPHERD Lutheran Church**  
13200 Columbia Way, Downey  
562.803.4459  
Join us for worship  
Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm  
Christmas Day at 10:00 am  
New Year's Eve 6:00 pm

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
10711 Paramount Blvd., Downey  
(562) 923-1215  
www.messiahlutherandowney.com  
**Christmas Eve**  
**Monday, December 24**  
**5:30pm**  
**We will have a Children's Program**  
11:30pm service Praise, reading and songs

**Community Christmas Service**  
Dec. 22, 10:50am  
**Downey Adventist Church**  
9820 Lakewood Blvd, Downey www.downeychurch.com  
A musical service from a professional vocal ensemble featuring choral arrangements, English carols, selections from Handel's Messiah, and more. All are welcomed.

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# TO CALL OUT KAISER'S CORPORATE GREED



STEVE ALLMAN

This holiday season, hundreds of **Kaiser Permanente** employees and their families are worrying about how they will make ends meet. They are gardeners, warehouse workers, parking attendants and others whose jobs are being outsourced by **Kaiser**.

Workers like Steve Allman, who has been a **Kaiser Permanente** warehouse worker in Downey for 17 years and doesn't know how he will provide for the four family members who rely on his income.

**Kaiser made \$3.8 billion in profits last year, has \$29 billion in reserves, and pays its CEO more than \$10 million a year — yet is outsourcing jobs to “save” money.\***

**So much for the holiday spirit.**



# Looking back on Christmas in the 1950's

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I do remember there were numerous 40's-50's circa ranch homes that converted their living room windows to huge bay windows (floor to ceiling) and there would be an indoor Santa Claus, standing and waving in the window. Santa was located indoors to protect it from the storms. Colorful sprayed Christmas trees (many pink flocked trees) were on display in the front living room windows, along with revolving aluminum Christmas trees, with an electronic rotor color wheel shining up on the Christmas trees.

Many homes had to put up two Christmas trees, one at Thanksgiving, followed by another before Christmas Day, and that one was up until Jan. 6, the Feast of Epiphany. Back then, trees were seldom preserved in water pails, so they dried out quickly.

Wow, I remember many houses had their shake shingle roofs, their frames outlined with Christmas lights. Some had spun fiberglass white sheeting, so an underlayment of Christmas lights shined through the fiberglass to resemble snow sitting on top of Christmas lights.

Probably one of the most spectacular Christmas displays was at the former estate of Karen and Richard Carpenter's parents' home on Newville in northeast Downey. The home was not only lavishly decorated on the outside, it was decorated inside too. Many times, they took us on a tour of their backyard and interior of the house to see all the decorations.

I bet the property had at least 1,000 outdoor Christmas decorations. The home was spread over multiple lots on one of the newer custom tracts for north Downey homes. My parents almost purchased one of them. That street was bumper to bumper, gridlocked with cars during holidays in order to personally view the Carpenters' spread and hear the neighbors' gigantic waterfalls and streams.

Then there was the story book decorated home with Rossmoor wannabe architecture near the intersection of Firestone/

Lakewood where the original McDonald's still stands. We had to park our car and walk around to look inside the house and the garage and see all the elaborate Christmas Village gnome scenes. Many times they served us a warm drink and cookies. My polio cousin, lived near this home; she spent hours at the poor farm, AKA Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center..

I definitely would say the homes north of Firestone were more overly-decorated compared to the homes south of Firestone. It was simple: economics were different, plus larger homes and lot sizes. North Downey was home to celebrities, judges, attorneys and doctors.

Brookmill Street on the westside of Rives was a heavily decorated village of custom homes. One home was owned by the Butler Brothers Furniture and they always had a nice display in the windows. Famous Guy Lombardo played his orchestra a few times on Brookmill for New Years.

Another home was owned by Weinman Department Store in Huntington Park. Many homes on this private street had circular driveways. Another Lavish multi-acre estate was the former owner of Grain/Feed supplies out of Norwalk. Many Hollywood celebs were entertained at that home. It was a completely private, guarded estate.

Many times we went to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church to visit the outdoor nativity scene. At that time, midnight mass was considered illegal.

Probably one of the most spectacular holiday remembrances was cruising Harvey's Broiler Drive-In in the late fifties early sixties, in a Chevrolet Impala. It would take us over one hour of waiting in the streets behind the northside of Harvey's Broiler to get into the car hop, and we would stage our cars up and down 2nd Street and 3rd Street and look into all the beautiful decorated living room bay windows.

Across the street from Harvey's Broiler was Nowlings Oldsmobile, which always had a lavishly painted and decorated showroom. I remember cruising Harveys and looking out at Old's Toronado and 98's. To the east of that was the elegant white glove Regency restaurant, which was kind of a formal Italian building from yesteryears.

The parking lot at Harvey's Broiler was much larger back then compared to today and it was the

home to Riely's Public outdoor swimming pool. I remember seeing teenage skinny dippers from the Harvey's parking lot, hop the wall and go for a swim.

Cars that cruised to Harvey's had front grille wreaths, antlers on the roof and Christmas clad rear view mirror muffs dangling from the optional front window mirrors. Car hydraulics were just starting to come to market. Car hop cruising began after supper hour and ended at midnight. Glasspack tail pipes were all the rage! Cars were over painted with metal flake candy colors and side panels of flames. Tuck 'n roll interiors were replacing the standard vinyl seats from the factory.

Shops at Stonewood Mall had coloring cartoon contests, with winners awarded free turkeys. One year, we won a free Sony TV from Ferndale's Landscape Nursery after purchasing a Christmas tree. Christmas trees were shipped via railroad to LA and then trucked via 18 wheelers out to the suburbs. Stonewood back then was an outdoor mall. Store window fronts were lavishly decorated in the holiday mood, many storefront windows advertising grand prize winning contests for their holiday visual shout out to shoppers. It was in vogue to display real fur pieces and safe to have expensive jewelry on mannequins. Thefts were very uncommon!

At Savon Drug Store on Florence, traffic was a mile long, with shoppers waiting to purchase Christmas toys and free gift wrapping. Toys and presents were stacked to the ceiling, back then it was legal with no building code restrictions.

The heart of outdoor Christmas decorations was north of Firestone, both sides of Rives, up to Florence. Then the neighborhoods over by the Carpenters' grand estate were lavishly decorated too, north of Florence, on both sides of Lakewood Boulevard. Many times, crowds were so large in length that traffic poured out on to Florence.

Christmas trees in the 1950s-60s were much different than today. No farm grown, cultured Christmas trees, they were all natural, mostly Douglas fir and they were rather thin, and a lot of them needed trimming. Also, a different variety of more larger commercial Christmas trees called Knob Cone Pine Trees had a very long pine needle, maybe 6 or 8 inches in length, for flocking and commercial displays. There was very little noble fir or silver tip Christmas trees available during that time.

Sizes of trees were shorter during that era; there were

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in the 1950s.

Photo courtesy Larry Latimer/Downey Historical Society



not very many homes that had cathedral ceilings except businesses. The cost of a Christmas tree was between \$5-\$10, some were as cheap as \$1.99. There were a few artificial Christmas trees, but most of the artificial Christmas trees were aluminum. Tree garland was starting to make its debut, replacing hanging tinsel, no mini lights yet had been marketed. Popcorn ball globes were popular, plus kinetic moving tree ornaments, which moved while hung over lights in the tree. Boys Town wreaths were just barely coming into market. Fresh fruit attached to the said wreaths were eaten by critters, since many neighborhoods in Downey were still surrounded by old citrus groves from farms.

Some of the homes were Jewish decorated, they had a nice display of blue or blue/white Christmas lights, plus the 6-sided star of David .

After Dec. 26, many north Downey families traveled to Hawaii between Christmas and New Years. Homes did not have light timers, so they relied on keeping lights on for 24 hours a day or neighbors helped turn them on/off.

Blooming poinsettias were starting to make their debut from Mexico, bringing in holiday cheer; there were no cyclamen. Flowers were scarce over holidays because of the Rose Parade . My cousins got married on Jan. 6 because churches and homes still were decorated with holiday cheer and weddings used rebotted flowers left over from the holidays.

No matter if the families were rich or poor, mommies and daughters always did a lot of holiday baking. If not they relied on the mobile Helms Bakery truck vendors to purchase gingerbread cookies and holiday jelly rolls. Fruit cakes were awesome, full of Palm Springs dates, varnished with thick liquors. Wines were

still far and few between, families drank hard liquors: gin, vodka, bourbon; thick, syrupy liquors.

Most turkeys, ducks and geese were freshly purchased from meat market lockers because home refrigerator freezers were small and would not fit a turkey. There were no such things as turkey pop-up temperature gauges. Booze holiday decanters were the rage and still can be purchased at antique stores for huge bucks today. In the 1950's, dishwashers were just being introduced as a mobile roll-up unit, hooked up to the sinks. Some countertops were stainless steel, never marble nor granite. Most homes had two-tone colored traditional tiles.

Downey churches provided roaming door to door singing chorals, which were roaming carolers. Since most homes only had black and white TVs and AM radios, the mobile chorals provided the closest thing to stereo singers or holiday cheers. Few homes had pianos back then and even fewer had organs. Performing arts was just being seeded.

Not all Christmases were filled with celebration; the city had some raw bah-humbugs Christmases too. Some homes caught fire because of faulty electrical wires, no circuit auto-breakers, no GFI and because of non-permitted forced air heating units incorrectly installed. Christmas trees caught on fire because of the old fashioned 110 lights causing fire explosions. One of my neighbor's homes did catch on fire, on Christmas Eve; the husband and father burned to death as the Christmas tree exploded next to him. The family lived near the intersection of Luxor/Horton.

There were also many motor vehicle accidents during the holidays. If the people were employed, they got off from their job a few hours early on Christmas

Eve and were given gifts of liquor, a vogue Christmas gift. They got drunk and had motor vehicle accidents over Christmas Eve.

Also there was a lot of kitchen fires over Christmas time because we didn't have the modern stove and built-in ovens nor microwaves, so there was a lot of flash fires on the stove. Bottled milk spoiled very easily during that era as refrigerators were not very good, and we relied on milk deliveries daily.

The milkman delivered the glass bottled milk through the metal milk doors off the kitchen/laundry room. Rotten and perishable goods were not thrown into the garbage disposals (not invented yet) so cooking waste was thrown in side-door delivery pails for twice-weekly pick up services.

Many traditional brick fireplaces in Downey leaked, because they didn't have the money to rebuild the fireplaces from the earthquakes, so it was not uncommon to have smoke filled interiors. From the '40s to '60s, the entire country was rebuilding from WWI and WWII.

Silver Saddle, Pink Pancake Parasol, Kings Imperial, Del Mar, Grand Prix, Memory House, Regency were all packed restaurants in Downey during the holidays. Serving steak and lobster feasts, along with tableside gimlet martini drinks. Dinner and wine was not very popular and beer was more blue collar.

Pina's Pizza, in their, 3-wheel carts, could be seen delivering their store goods to front doors. Pizza was form for holiday hors d'oeuvres. That era of socializing really filled with red meat eaters.

During my early times, Downey was a very decanted city to be born in to. It was a city, with many transplants from Europe and Midwest USA.

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## Getting homeless veterans off the streets is a victory for Downey and L.A. County

By Eric Pierce

Everyone wants to help the homeless, just not in their backyard.

A proposal to build housing for low-income and homeless veterans fell under boisterous opposition this year, particularly by families concerned about its effect on property values.

This particular housing development is slated to be built at 11269 Garfield Ave., on property owned by L.A. County. The property is in Downey and abuts a South Gate neighborhood.

The lot previously was home to American Legion Post No. 723, which was demolished earlier this month to make room for the new apartments.

It's unclear how many people will live at the new complex, but the property totals 2.24 acres, enough space to help a significant number of veterans and their families.

If these protests against affordable housing sound familiar, it's because Downey has been through this before. In 2014, construction began on The View, a six-story, 50-unit low-income apartment complex in the heart of Downtown Downey.

The complaints were largely the same: low-income housing would negatively impact property values. They would become "projects." There was belief that affordable housing was more appropriate for communities outside Downey, although no one was brave enough to say that out loud and statistics show that a significant number of Downey families live below the poverty line.

Four years later, the reality is that The View is one of Downey's

most architecturally beautiful structures. And thanks to on-site property management, The View is largely unassuming, the complex quiet and neatly maintained. (In fact, the only publicity The View has generated was positive, when residents held a barbecue for police officers and firefighters.)

This new development for distressed veterans is an example of Downey and L.A. County taking demonstrable action against a problem that has plagued our society far too long.

You can't say, "I support veterans" and begin your next breath with, "But..."

You can't claim to have empathy for veterans but on the condition your personal comfort is not impacted.

American Legion Post No. 723 operated for decades but in its final years was nothing more than a watering hole for aging vets in search of cheap beer.

According to a memorandum of understanding between L.A. County and Downey, at least 50% of the units will be set aside specifically for homeless veterans. To be clear, this is not a homeless shelter; it is permanent housing for U.S. veterans who are currently living on the streets or in transitional housing.

This is a victory for Downey and all of L.A. County, including South Gate.

*Eric Pierce is editor of the Downey Patriot newspaper.*

## Plans for veteran housing leaves American Legion homeless

By Andrew Sarega

While the nation was mourning the death of WWII Naval Aviator and 41st President of the United States, George Herbert Walker Bush, the building housing the American Legion Post 723 in Hollydale was demolished by Los Angeles County, which owns the parcel in Downey, to make way for a proposed veterans' housing project.

The flag flying at half-mast in front of the building to honor our former Commander-in Chief was sadly apropos, as bulldozers brought down the walls of a place where so many local veterans of our wars have gathered since the Hollydale Post was established in the 1940's.



For all intents and purposes, the demolition of the building is akin to the death of American Legion Post 723. The contents of the building were removed by its members and transferred to storage before demolition, but without a permanent meeting place to gather, it is unlikely the post will survive.

Downey's American Legion Post 270 meets on the third Tuesday of the month in the Sizzler Restaurant on Lakewood Blvd. at 7 p.m., but it is struggling from declining membership. Its remaining members are still active in Downey by supporting both the Veteran's Day ceremony at City Hall and the Memorial Day ceremony at the Downey Cemetery, but in declining numbers every year unfortunately.

Veterans of our military conflicts in the 21st century don't seem to be interested in joining the American Legion or the Veterans of Foreign Wars, as almost everyone did after service during WWII, the Korean War or the Vietnam War. This isn't isolated to Downey; American Legion and VFW posts across the country struggle with declining membership.

Downey honors the active duty service of our citizen soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen through the military banners posted along Firestone Boulevard. It also honors veterans of all of the branches of the military through the beautiful veterans memorials in the Civic Center, and at the niche wall in the Cemetery.

There is also a memorial to the young Downey men killed in Vietnam in the plaza of the Downey Theatre.

Downey has another veteran's service group which is doing good things in our City, as well as for "at promise" students at Columbus High School. It's called "Courage Forward."

Courage Forward is a non-profit whose members are primarily veterans of the War on Terror. They are young, idealistic, enthusiastic and ambitious. The group came together initially as a social club of sorts, but with the vision and leadership of then council candidate and now Mayor Rick Rodriguez, it has evolved into a strong service group and force for good in Downey.

With the demise of Hollydale American Legion Post 723 and the declining membership of Downey American Legion Post 270, Courage Forward has an opportunity to join forces with these service

groups to make them stronger.

Military combatants have a credo they are all willing to die for: "No one left behind" on the battlefield.

I pray and hope that members of the American Legion in Downey aren't left behind.

*Brian Heyman is a United States Air Force veteran and member of American Legion Post 270.*

### Christmas show

Dear Editor:

Hallelujah. We have arrived.

The Cathedral Productions show last Sunday was truly spectacular. It was performed at a level I am used to seeing at the Music Center or at the Hollywood Bowl.

The choruses brought back fond memories of the Vienna Boys Choir and of the Roger Wagner Chorale with their professionalism and discipline. The orchestra and its conductor did their job backing up great soloists with popular and classical songs.

All along it was a very enjoyable afternoon and a great prelude to a happy holiday season.

I hope Chad Berlinghieri continues to bring more productions at the same artistic level so that we don't have to go out of Downey to enjoy great performances of fantastic music.

**Jorge Montero**  
Downey

### Political role model

Dear Editor:

With the passage of George H.W. Bush, the country lost a great and decent leader.

His civility in his public and private life was legendary and his actions are something that the current crop of politicians would do well to emulate. His legacy will stand the test of time.

I am hopeful that another similar leader will emerge in the not-to-distant future so that the country can continue in its path to grandeur.

**Jorge Montero**  
Downey

### Universal healthcare

Dear Editor:

A good friend of mine said that for her, politics starts with the question "What sort of society do we want to live in?" For me, universal healthcare is an important component of that society.

In 2011, a report on the availability of healthcare in various countries ranked the United States as 33rd, behind Mexico. Of the 32 countries ranked higher than the United States, 27 of them provided 99% of their population with some form of health insurance.

While many of us in the United States have decent health insurance, a significant percentage do not. Many with serious illnesses have to choose between bankruptcy or receiving no treatment. Why is this acceptable in America?

The Affordable Care Act was meant to remedy this shameful situation. The act, passed in 2010, was a compromise, based on the conservative concept of an individual mandate first proposed by the Heritage Foundation in 1989. This concept was the conservative alternative to a single-payer system. How ironic that today a conservative judge has used this very mandate as a basis for striking down the entire act.

The World Health Organization describes universal healthcare as a situation where citizens can access health services without incurring financial hardship. Universal healthcare is not some evil boogiemane. It exists throughout the industrialized world. Medicare, established in 1965, goes a long way to providing this universal healthcare for seniors, and is very successful and popular.

The ACA has expanded medical coverage in the United States. The percentage of people without health insurance fell from 16.0% in 2010 to 8.9% in June 2016, adding coverage for 23 million people. This in spite of rising premium costs, much of which have been driven by repeated attempts by the Republican-controlled legislature to sabotage the law.

Let's stop the wrecking-ball, join the rest of the industrialized world, and work to create universal healthcare, health care for all.

**Frank Kearns**  
Downey

### Teacher's concern

Dear Editor:

As a teacher who has loved working for the Downey Unified School District for over a decade, I'm starting to question some decisions made by the people at the top.

Last week, the Patriot ran an article about the possible closure of Carpenter Elementary, as well as Sussman Middle School. What has been communicated to us is that Downey is in a serious stage of declining enrollment, and to get more students to our schools, we must be more competitive. Hence, Carpenter and Sussman eventually turning into dual-immersion (Spanish and English speaking) schools to attract students from inside and outside the city. We've also been told that this is necessary to keep up a decent budget, as schools receive \$40 a day per student in attendance.

Here are a few problems that I, and a lot of other teachers, have with this decision. First, none of this was communicated in a fair way to the staffs of all schools. The stakeholders (us, the parents, the students, etc.) were definitely not involved with this decision. We didn't even have a chance to raise what concerns we might have.

Second, who cares if the enrollment is declining? Studies show that smaller class sizes are beneficial to a student's education. If enrollment goes down, maybe teachers can have 34 students per class, rather than 39. And yes, I get it, maybe we can't afford to keep all teachers if the enrollment goes down and we lose that precious \$40 a day per student. Well I would love to follow up this letter with our concerns of reckless district spending. On a side note, congratulations to the superintendent for getting a 16% pay raise only a few months after telling us that the district is in a tough place financially.

Third, in order to open these new dual-immersion schools, they are going to close both schools for at least a year. That means hundreds of students will have to be relocated to a different school, and the same goes for the many teachers who work at those two schools. There is not enough room in the schools for everyone, so plenty of teachers are going into their holidays with the thought of losing their jobs by the end of the year. I'm guessing at least 20 teachers will lose their jobs, many with new homes and new families.

The bottom line is, I'm worried about how un-unified Downey is becoming. The district is openly working to recruit students from the outside of our city. The district is not involving the teachers and staff who are grinding every day. The leaders are continuing to make decisions without asking for advice, input, or concerns (reminder: leaders who haven't been in the classroom in decades, if at all). District. Please slow down with this decision. I know you need to do what's best for the students. But one thing that is terrible for students is unhappy teachers. I don't need any study to tell me that.

Downey Unified is better than this. No matter what school we teach at, we work hard to serve our students and our city. We work smart to keep our district as it was once known, a "district on a hill." We take pride in the success our students have. We take pride in our opinions being valued.

Anonymous

*Editor's note: The Patriot does not normally publish anonymous letters but made an exception to allow the teacher to be candid in their remarks.*

### Rose Float volunteering

Dear Editor:

Last year, we volunteered to work on Downey's Rose Parade float. We came to California for the purpose of helping where we could for a week.

We knew we were excited then, but it's been a year now and we often talk about the experience. We have chalked it up to the best vacation experience we have ever done.

We were exhausted at the end of each day, but those in charge were so great to work with that we will never forget them. We were totally amazed at seeing how it changed from day to day. Good luck and we hope you win an award this year as well.

Thanks for the opportunity for great memories and meeting so many talented people!

**John and Jo Fesler**  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

### Veterans housing

Dear Editor:

I just read Eric Pierce's op-ed and wanted to say that the big difference between The View and what's planned for the American Legion site is the location, which is what we Hollydale residents have been saying all along. And no, we don't mean NIMBY (not in my backyard).

What many people probably don't know is that our neighborhood is already neglected by our own city and until recently many of us weren't even aware that the Legion was in the city of Downey because we never see Downey PD patrolling, nor do we see Downey code enforcement or public works address any of the issues at the property. (Although Mayor Ashton claims they sent kids to mow the lawn a few years ago).

Compare this to the View site which lies right in the middle of Downey's downtown where it would be of interest to the city to make sure that the property is maintained and monitored 24/7. Of course this property will be in tip top shape all the time and the residents will get emergency services ASAP when they need it. Not like us who have to practically storm City Hall to get potholes fixed and to get more than one officer to patrol regularly.

As far as us being concerned about property values, that's low on our list of concerns but that seems to be the only thing anyone ever hears.

And you're right, this will be a victory for Downey and LA. County. They get to put this facility and its residents out of sight, out of mind. If they were really concerned for vets, why not put this facility in an area that's already thriving and can support more people? Why put it in an area where services or even job opportunities don't exist? And it definitely isn't a victory for South Gate because this adds to a population that our city already cannot support.

I really wish everyone would hear what we're actually saying rather than automatically label us NIMBY, especially when we'll have a similar facility just a half-mile from this location, not 1 1/2 as one of your other articles stated.

And that's the worst part of this, we're constantly mistaken and no one seems to care about our real concerns. We've been trying for months to have conversations with Downey and LA County regarding this project but the only way they'll acknowledge us is if we crash their meetings. So I think they know very well what they're doing but they've succeeded in making us out to be the bad guys.

Good luck to us and the residents of that facility when it's built. I guarantee it won't be the shining example of a good deed that Downey and LA County are making it out to be!

**Renee Acero**  
South Gate

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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.  
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Downey City Library, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.  
 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., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi'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.

### On This Day...

**Dec 20, 1803:** The United States Senate ratified a treaty that included the Louisiana Territories from France for \$15 million. The transfer was completed with formal ceremonies in New Orleans.

**1860:** South Carolina became the first state to secede from the American Union.

**1968:** Author John Steinbeck died at the age of 66.

**1990:** The world's first website and server go live at CERN. The first website was <http://info.cern.ch/hypertext/WWW/TheProject.html>.

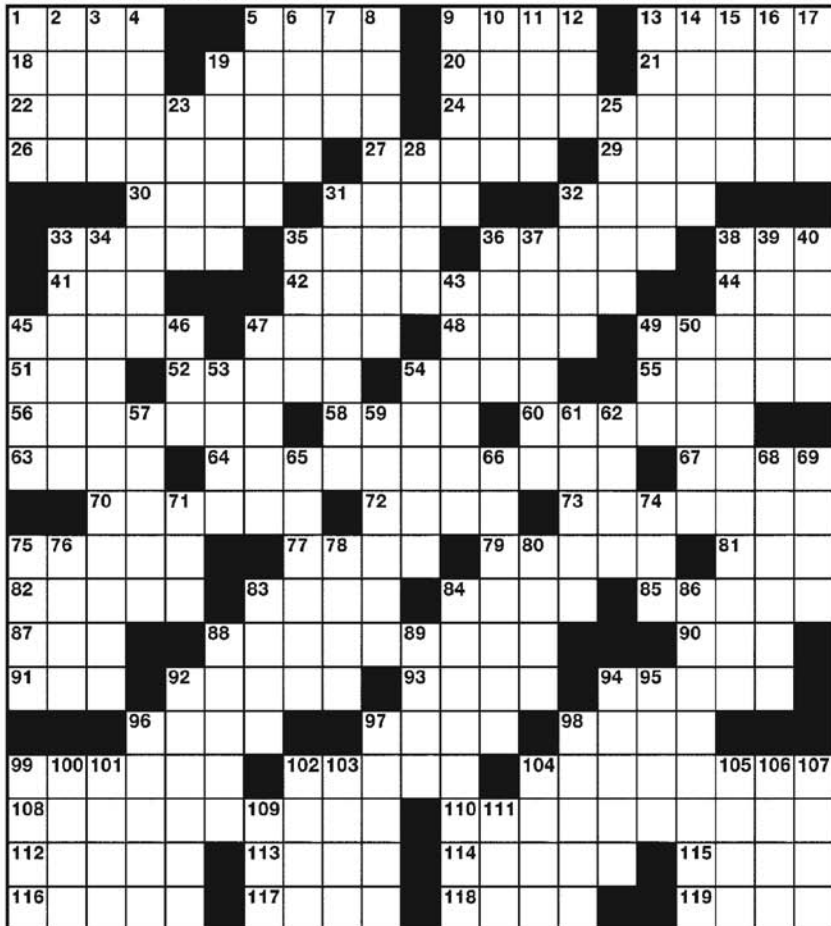
**2001:** The U.S. Congress passed a \$20 billion package to finance the war against terrorism taking place in Afghanistan.

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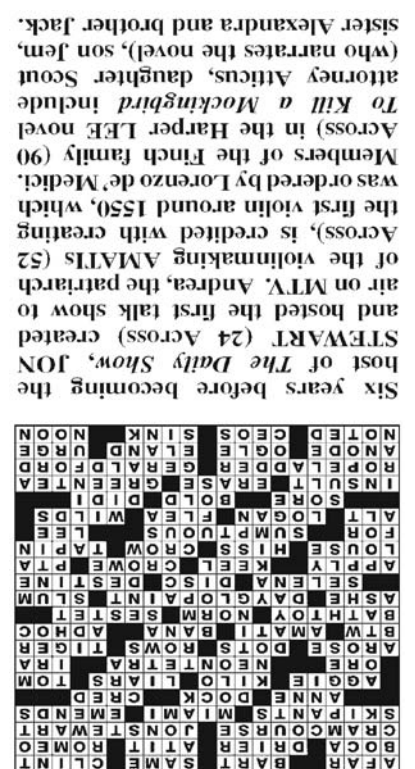


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## DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

### FRIDAY, DEC. 21

**Holiday Recital**, 5 pm. Dance students perform a special holiday season recital. Admission fee is one new, unwrapped toy. Downey Dance Center, 12456 Bellflower Blvd.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 22

**Jacket Distribution**, 11 am. Volunteers will be giving out jackets and sweaters to help keep the homeless warm. Participate as a volunteer or donate clothing items. Hosted by Realty One Group. Rio San Gabriel Park, 9612 Ardine St.

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

**Konstantinos Nazis**, 8 pm. Greek singer Konstantinos Nazis performs live, followed by a meet and greet. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

**Midnight Nightmare**, 9 pm. Live performances by Midnight Nightmare, Zeistencroix, Mortis the Devil's Reject, and more. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 23

**Christmas Service and Toy Giveaway**, 12:45 pm. Christmas service with a special presentation by the Children's Ministry. Toy giveaway to immediately follow the service. The Vine Christian Fellowship, 11610 Lakewood Blvd.

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

Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

**The 12 Plays of Christmas**, 6 pm. Live performance of the play by Pat Cook. Free but must have a ticket (available in the church office). First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 3rd St.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 28

**Gong Bath**, 7:30 pm. A gong bath is when you are "bathed" in sound waves. Once the session starts, you will close your eyes, relax your body, and listen to the Sound. Don't forget your yoga mat, pillow & blanket. Solar Lotus, 11016 Myrtle St.

### MONDAY, DEC. 31

**New Year's Eve Party**, 6-9 pm. Food, dancing, music and a live-stream of the NYC Times Square ball drop. First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 3rd St.

**Masquerade Ball**, 8 pm. Ring in 2019 at this masquerade ball, complete with champagne toast and party favors. Bar Louie, 8860 Apollo Way

**80s Theme New Year's Eve Party**, 9 pm. Welcome 2019 with an 80's theme dance party, featuring two dance floors, two bars, and free party favors. Hully Gully, 9559 Imperial Hwy.

### 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. 5

**Hello Kitty Truck**, 10 am to 8 pm. The famous Hello Kitty Cafe truck will be parked near Cinemark selling treats and merch, while supplies last. Downey Promenade

**Movie Night**, 5:30 pm. Bring the entire family for a free movie night, hosted by the Girls in STEM Club. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 8

**Coffee with the Superintendent**, 6 pm. Chat with Downey Unified superintendent Dr. John Garcia over a cup of coffee. Stauffer Middle School library, 11985 Old River School Rd.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

**Business Watch Meeting**, 9 am. The first in a quarterly series of crime prevention seminars for the Downey business community. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 12

**Human Trafficking Awareness Forum**, 10 am. Hear from a panel of speakers about modern day human trafficking. Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 13

**Mercado Donkey**, 12-5 pm. Vendors, artisan crafts, and food booths. Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 19

**Downey Symphony**, 8 pm. Performances of Mozart, "Peter and the Wolf," and a world premiere by Lars Clutterham. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 25

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

### THURSDAY, JAN. 31

**Lunch & Learn**, 11:30 am. Learn to become a mortgage loan originator in less than 30 days. Hosted by Affinity Real Estate. Downey Association of Realtors, 12073 Paramount Blvd.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 2

**You Are a Masterpiece**, 10 am. An identity initiative workshop featuring paint and praise. For girls ages 9-12. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

**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.

**NWDL Opening Day**, 10 am. Opening Day of Northwest Downey Little League. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

**Angels & Agony**, 9:30 pm. Angels & Agony, a synth-pop band from Holland, performs live in a rare U.S. show. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 14

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

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

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

**Amistad Gala**, 5:30 pm. Annual gala fundraiser benefiting Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Westin Long Beach, 333 Ocean Blvd.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 30

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

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**Downey Symphony**, 8 pm. An all-Gershwin concert, featuring a guest solo by pianist Bernadene Blaha. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

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

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

**Havana Cuba All Stars**, 8 pm. Some of Cuba's greatest musicians and dancers perform everything from the cha cha to rumba. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

**Coffee with the Superintendent**, 9 am. Chat with Downey Unified superintendent Dr. John Garcia over a cup of coffee. Lewis Elementary cafeteria, 113220 Bellflower Blvd.

### MONDAY, APRIL 15

**Downey Adult School Golf Tournament**, 12 pm. Downey Adult School's annual golf tournament raising money for student scholarships. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

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**DOWNEY HAPPENINGS**

# Downey boys basketball off to best start since 1979

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**

**We've Only Just Begun**, 7 pm. A 50th anniversary concert celebration of The Carpenters' first album with A&M Records. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

**Downey High Prom**, 8 pm. Grove of Anaheim, 2200 Katella Ave.

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

**Los Chicos del 512**, 7 pm. Called "the best Selena tribute band out there," Los Chicos del 512 performs across the country, taking audiences back to 1995. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29**

**Columbus High Graduation**, time TBA. Columbus High's class of 2018 graduates. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

**THURSDAY, MAY 30**

**Warren High Graduation**, 6 pm. Warren High's class of 2018 graduates. Long Beach City College, 5000 E. Lew Davis St.

**FRIDAY, MAY 31**

**Downey High Graduation**, 6 pm. Downey High's class of 2018 graduates. Long Beach City College, 5000 E. Lew Davis St.

Compiled by Eric Pierce. Email calendar listings to [eric@thedowneypatriot.com](mailto:eric@thedowneypatriot.com)

By Mark Fetter Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School boys' basketball team is currently 12-1 and off to their best start since the 1979 season.

The Vikings suffered their only loss of the season against Bellflower in the Buc Pride Tournament last week. Downey finished the tournament with a record of 3-1.

After falling to Bellflower 51-49 in their first game on December 10th, the Vikings defeated Cantwell-Sacred Heart of Mary 101-28 in their second game on December 11th, defeated Renaissance Academy 62-43 in their third game on December 13th and defeated Norwalk 67-46 in their fourth and final game on December 15th.

Downey traveled to Staples Center to play Cerritos (4-8) last night (score unavailable at press time) and will compete in the Rancho Mirage Holiday Classic Tournament over the Christmas Break. The Vikings are scheduled to play Thousand Oaks on December 26th and Whitney of Rocklin on December 27th. Later games in this tournament will be determined based on early tournament results.

Downey will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they travel to Paramount to play the Pirates on January 4th. Coach Shelton, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of league play, competing for a league title and making a deep run in the C.I.F. Division 3AA playoffs. The Vikings are currently ranked second in Division 3AA.

**WARREN GIRLS BASKETBALL:** The Warren High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 2-6 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play in early

January.

In recent preseason play, the Lady Bears defeated Orange Lutheran at Orange Lutheran 43-42 on December 12.

Warren is currently competing in the Tournament of Champions being held December 19-22. The Lady Bears were defeated by Desert Ridge 44-33 on Wednesday and have other games scheduled for December 20th, 21st and 22nd against opponents to be determined based on earlier tournament results.

The Lady Bears are also scheduled to compete in the Larry Doyle Tournament December 26-29. Warren is scheduled to play Hawthorne in their first game on December 26th and other opponents will be scheduled based on other early tournament results.

Warren will begin league play when they travel to Lynwood to play the Lady Knights on January 4th, when they travel to Paramount on January 7th, when they host Gahr at Warren on January 9th and when they travel to cross-town rival Downey on January 11th.

Coach Palmer, her staff and players are all looking forward

to the start of league play, competing for a league title and making another run to a championship in C.I.F. Division 2AA postseason play.

**WARREN BOYS SOCCER:** The Warren High School boys' soccer team currently has an overall record of 3-5-1 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play in early January.

The Bears competed in the Santa Barbara Showcase Tournament December 7th and 8th where they finished with a record of 0-1-1. Warren tied San Marcos of Santa Barbara 2-2 in their first game on December 7th and were defeated by Concord De La Salle 2-0 in their second game on December 8th.

In non-tournament play, the Bears were defeated by Edison at Warren 1-0 on December 13th.

Warren also competed in the Adidas West Coast Showcase in Santa Barbara where they finished with a record of 1-2. The Bears defeated El Rancho 1-0 on December 14th at 5 p.m. and were defeated by Katella 4-0 in the same day at 6 p.m. Warren was also defeated by Hamilton of Chandler, Arizona, 4-1 on

December 15th.

The Bears played Katella for the second time in five days at Warren yesterday (score unavailable at press time) and will begin league play when they travel to Lynwood on January 2nd. Warren is also scheduled to play Paramount at Paramount on January 4th, Gahr at Warren on January 8th, and cross-town rival Downey at Warren on January 10th.

Coach Pena, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of league play, competing for a league title and making a deep run in the C.I.F. Division 1 playoffs.

**DOWNEY GIRLS SOCCER:** The Downey High School girls' soccer team currently has a record of 6-3-1.

The Lady Vikings were defeated by JSerra at JSerra 5-0 on December 11th and defeated North Torrance at North Torrance 5-2 on December 13th. Downey defeated Millikan 1-1 (5-4 PK's) on December 15th and defeated Millikan 1-0 on the same day in the Best in the West Tournament at Rio Hondo College.

The Lady Vikings defeated

Arcadia at Downey 2-1 on Tuesday and will compete in the North Orange County Classic Tournament over the Christmas Break. Downey is scheduled to play La Mirada on December 27th at 11:00 a.m. and Oxnard on the same day at 4:00 p.m. The Lady Vikings will play their third game of the tournament on December 28th when they play Sherman Oaks Notre Dame at 11:00 a.m.

Downey will travel to Dominguez for their league opener against the Lady Dons on January 4th, will host Paramount at Downey on January 5th and will host Lynwood at Downey on January 8th. The Lady Vikings will then travel to cross town rival Warren for their highly-anticipated bragging rights game on January 10th.

Coach Aguiniga, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of San Gabriel Valley League play, competing for a league title and making a deep run in the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs. Warren remains the team to beat in league play.

## Downey residents star in 'The Nutcracker'

Contributed by Southern California Dance Theatre

**DOWNEY** – This weekend, a handful of residents of the city of Downey will be performing in "The Nutcracker" ballet.

Each year, Southern California Dance Theatre shares its production of "The Nutcracker" at the Downey Theatre. The Nutcracker is a timeless holiday tradition that is sure to delight

your senses and fill you with the spirit of Christmas.

The SCDT Nutcracker ballet is a must-see this holiday season, and is sure to entertain and awe-inspire from the performances of these special dancers to the magical growing Christmas tree, the dreamy dance between Clara and her Nutcracker Prince, and the enchanted land of the sweets and Sugar Plum fairy.

Limited tickets are still available for both shows, and can be purchased online at [www.downeytheatre.org](http://www.downeytheatre.org), by phone 562-861-8211, or in person at the

box office.

In this year's Nutcracker, you will see Downey residents in the roles of Young Clara, Battle Prince, and Arabian lead. Tania Medina, who started dancing at three years of age, fell in love with ballet during her very first class. She dreamed of becoming Clara, and demonstrated her dedication to work hard by attending as many classes as were available to her. Tania's dream came true, and she will be performing as Young Clara!

Talent and hard work must run in the family, as Tania's older

sister, Luisa Medina has been cast as a lead Arabian dancer.

Luisa began dancing at Southern California Dance Academy seven years ago when she was only six. She has participated in many of SCDT's productions, with her favorite roles being Prayer in last spring's Coppelia, and Chinese lead in last year's Nutcracker. The role of Arabian lead is at the top of her favorites now.

Luisa will perform this breathtaking dance, one

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# POETRY MATTERS

## The Oxen

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 An elder said as we sat in a flock  
 By the embers in hearthside ease.  
 We pictured the meek mild creatures where  
 They dwelt in their strawy pen,  
 Nor did it occur to one of us there  
 To doubt they were kneeling then.  
 So fair a fancy few would weave  
 In these years! Yet, I feel,  
 If someone said on Christmas Eve,  
 ‘Come; see the oxen kneel,  
 ‘In the lonely barton by yonder coomb  
 Our childhood used to know,’  
 I should go with him in the gloom,  
 Hoping it might be so.

*Thomas Hardy*

“The Oxen” was published in The London Times on Christmas Eve 1915, and expresses the disillusionment many felt during the Great War. The rustic words at the end mark a nostalgic desire to return to an earlier time of faith and innocence. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

# ‘The Nutcracker’ at the Downey Theatre

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that requires a combination of flexibility, strength, and athleticism while exuding a graceful ease that allows the audience to become enraptured

with the beauty of the dancers and their movements.

Our Battle Princes this year will be performed by two brothers sharing the role, Kevin and Blake Cordova. After watching a performance of

The Nutcracker in 2010, these two Downey natives became interested in ballet. Shortly thereafter both Kevin and Blake began taking ballet classes at SCDA.

Kevin is now a freshman at Downey High School, has played football with the Downey Razorbacks, and is a third degree black belt in karate.

Blake is a 6th grader at Doty Middle School where he participates in school band. He also enjoys reading and creating art projects.

Seven years since their first ballet class, Kevin and Blake will debut in their role as Battle Prince, and valiantly attempt to protect young Clara from the terrifying Mouse King and his minions of attacking mice, leading the toy soldiers into battle.

They will also alternate as Clara’s brother Fritz, a mischievous boy who causes quite a commotion along with the other boys at the Christmas party hosted by Clara’s family.

Southern California Dance Theatre is located in the city of Long Beach, and offers classical ballet training, as well as contemporary workshops, spring and summer dance camps, and a summer intensive for intermediate and advanced dancers.

In addition, SCDT holds three full productions each year, all held at the beautiful Downey Theatre.

Paula Vreulink is the Creative Director of the company, and this year she has reimaged the story line from previous years to create an even more ethereal and dreamy experience.

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*Lorine Parks, board president in 1986*

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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MONTEBELLO WEINKE CAR CARE #2432, 121 E WHITTIER BLVD, MONTEBELLO CA 90640, LA COUNTY, 5846 LUDELL STREET, BELL GARDENS CA 90201

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GAALIYAH LLC, 5846 LUDELL STREET, BELL GARDENS CA 90201

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/GAALIYAH LLC, PRESIDENT, DIANA GABRIELA KHARECHKO CHAVEZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 17, 2018

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

THE DOWNNEY PATRIOT 12/20/18, 12/27/18, 1/3/19, 1/10/19

### STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM PARTNERSHIP

#### OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

2018295640

Current File No. 2018170029

The following person(s) has/have withdrawn as a general partner(s) from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of (1) TRUE QUALITY INSPECTION located at (street address of principal place of business) 12929 TELEGRAPH RD, UNIT 1 SANTA FE SPRINGS CA, 90650

The fictitious business name statement for the partnership was filed on JULY 11, 2018 in the County of LA COUNTY

The full name and residence of the person(s) withdrawing as a partner(s): MAURO DE LA CRUZ ALVAREZ, 13556 LUKAY ST, WHITTIER, CA 90605

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime).

S/MAURO DE LA CRUZ ALVAREZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on NOVEMBER 27, 2018.

### THE DOWNNEY PATRIOT 11/29/18, 12/6/18, 12/13/18, 12/20/18

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018293935

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AMERICAN PACIFIC CASTERS, 9119 PERKINS STREET, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DAVID C DEMONT, 27036 VIA SAN DIEGO, MISSION VIEJO, CA 92691 (2) JAMES P ALLISON, 10509 DEVERON DR, WHITTIER CA 90601

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

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/DAVID C DEMONT, CO-PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 26, 2018

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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THE DOWNNEY PATRIOT 11/29/18, 12/6/18, 12/13/18, 12/20/18

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018310188

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CARSON FAMILY DENTAL, 144 W CARSON ST, CARSON CA 90745, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GUADALUPE L. PEREIRA, DMD, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, 155 E LOMITA BLVD, CARSON CA 90745

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2018

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/GUADALUPE L. PEREIRA, DMD, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, PRESIDENT, GUADALUPE L. PEREIRA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 13, 2018

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

THE DOWNNEY PATRIOT 11/29/18, 12/6/18, 12/13/18, 12/20/18

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018307665

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ARNOLD RAY DASARO & ASSOCIATES, 7605 CECILIA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARNOLD RAY DASARO, 7605 CECILIA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/1998

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ARNOLD RAY DASARO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 11, 2018

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

THE DOWNNEY PATRIOT 11/29/18, 12/6/18, 12/13/18, 12/20/18

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018299097

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SMARK COMPANY (2) SMARK CHEM COMPANY (3) SMARK (4) SMARK CHEMICAL COMPANY (5) SMARK CHEMICALS (6) SMARK CO., 8636 OTIS STREET, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, COUNTY OF LA

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARTURO DONDIEGO, 18824 SANTA ANA AVENUE, BLOOMINGTON CA 92316

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2005

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one

thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ARTURO DONDIEGO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 30, 2018

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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THE DOWNNEY PATRIOT 11/29/18, 12/6/18, 12/13/18, 12/20/18

#### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

2018310167

FILE NO: 2017042885 DATE FILED: FEBRUARY 21, 2017

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): CARSON FAMILY DENTAL OFFICE

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 144 WEST CARSON ST., CARSON, CA, 90745-4004

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BAJO DMD & LIWANAG DMD, INC., 144 WEST CARSON ST., CARSON CA 90745-4004

If Corporation or LLC – Print State of Incorporation/Organization: CA

Business was conducted by: A CORPORATION

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/BAJO DMD & LIWANAG DMD, INC. VICE PRESIDENT, ELENITA LIWANAG

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on DECEMBER 13, 2018

#### THE DOWNNEY PATRIOT 12/20/18, 12/27/18, 1/3/19, 1/10/19

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018307665

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ARNOLD RAY DASARO & ASSOCIATES, 7605 CECILIA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ARNOLD RAY DASARO, 7605 CECILIA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/1998

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ARNOLD RAY DASARO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 11, 2018

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THE DOWNNEY PATRIOT 12/13/18, 12/20/18, 12/27/18, 1/3/19

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018302086

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) C & H TAX PLUS, 22005 AVOLON BLVD UNIT C, CARSON CA 90845, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 4718, CARSON CA 90749

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HILDA YEPEZ, 21818 S EDGAR ST, CARSON CA 90745

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

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/HILDA YEPEZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 4, 2018

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

THE DOWNNEY PATRIOT 12/6/18, 12/13/18, 12/20/18, 12/27/18

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2018302640

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JUST RIGHT BARBERSHOP, 331 E MARKET STREET, LONG BEACH CA 90805, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN MANUEL VILLALOBOS JR, 6746 GAVIOTA

AVENUE, LONG BEACH CA 90805

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

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/JUAN MANUEL VILLALOBOS JR, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 6, 2018

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use



# Legal Notices/Classifieds

## CLASSIFIEDS

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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** DECEMBER 3, 2018  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**HYERIM CHUNG**  
11051 BARNWALL STREET, APT #12  
NORWALK, CA 90650  
**(714) 833-0114**  
**ROCHELLEHCHUNG@GMAIL.COM**

**CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00061**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner GILBERT RODRIGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) GILBERT RODRIGUEZ TO Proposed name (1) RUDY GILBERT RODRIGUEZ JR.  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: JANUARY 9, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** DECEMBER 7, 2018  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**GILBERT RODRIGUEZ**  
18707 GRAYLAND AVE, APT 1/4  
ARTESIA, CA 90701  
562.458-4886

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 January 11, 2019 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. 4 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 of 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:**  
**TIFFANY A HALIMI ESQ**  
SBN 290492  
**CLARK & TREVITHICK PLC**  
800 WILSHIRE BLVD  
12TH FLR  
LOS ANGELES CA 90017  
CN955671 ERICKSON Dec 20, 2018, Jan 3, 2019

and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site [WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM](http://WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM), using the file number assigned to this case 072891-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117

INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/21/2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Arturo Loza Sanchez and Maria J. Loza, husband and wife as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 07/25/2003 as Instrument No. 03 2120489 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 01/14/2019 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$68,541.17 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 11248 Quinn St, Downey, CA 902413153 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further

recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales), using the file number assigned to this case 18-01123-CI-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 12/10/2018 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727. Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com](http://www.ndscorp.com) Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative A-4678426 12/13/2018, 12/20/2018, 12/27/2018

**The Downey Patriot 12/6/18, 12/13/18, 12/20/18, 12/27/18**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00067**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LEOPOLDO CESAR RODARTE IV filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) LEOPOLDO CESAR RODARTE IV to Proposed name (1) LEOPOLDO CESAR RODARTE BILLON  
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: FEBRUARY 6, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** DECEMBER 12, 2018  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**LEOPOLDO CESAR RODARTE IV**  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00045**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SHANNA LEIGH FRANKLIN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) SHANNA LEIGH FRANKLIN to Proposed name (1) SHANNA LEIGH LOVETTE  
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: JANUARY 23, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** NOVEMBER 19, 2018  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00016**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner STEPHANIE E. CONTRERAS ON BEHALF OF DANIELLA D. CHAVEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) DANIELLA DAISY CHAVEZ to Proposed name (1) XENA DAISY CONTRERAS  
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: JANUARY 16, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** DECEMBER 7, 2018  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**STEPHANIE ELISE CONTRERAS ON BEHALF OF DANIELLA D. CHAVEZ**  
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562.302.3018

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**PROBATE**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEVEN HOWARD ERICKSON**  
Case No. 18STPB11207  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of STEVEN HOWARD ERICKSON A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Michelle Y. Erickson in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Michelle Yvette Erickson 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

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Michael C. Parra Jr and Layna Austin were engaged in Paris August 11.



# Donors deliver teddy bears to children fighting cancer

**DOWNEY** - UCLA alumni delivered hundreds of teddy bears to children undergoing cancer treatment at UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital on Monday.

This is the sixth year that the the UCLA Alumni Los Angeles Southeast Network ("Southeast Bruins") team up with recent UCLA alumna Alexandra Munoz and her mom, Sylvia Munoz, who is also a UCLA alumna.

Alexandra is a cancer survivor and underwent cancer treatment while a student at UCLA. She credits a teddy bear with comforting her through the cold, lonely nights at the Hospital.

Since being cleared of cancer, Alexandra has collected teddy bears and delivered them to children undergoing cancer treatment.

This year, the Southeast Bruins, with help from the Downey Girl Scouts Troop #01173, collected over 150 teddy bears at their annual Holiday Party. On Monday, Ricardo Perez and Maria Torres of the Southeast Bruins, together with the Beachside Bruins, Bay Cities Bruins, Silicon Beach Bruins, Westside Bruins, Alexandra and her mother, Sylvia, delivered hundreds of teddy bears

to the children currently fighting cancer at the Mattel Children's Hospital.

The UCLA Alumni groups and the multiple boxes of teddy bears were welcomed by Alice del Rosario from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and the UCLA Mascot Josephine Bruin.

For more information about the event or the group, please contact Immediate Past President Ricardo Perez, Southeast at rperez@alumni.ucla.edu.

## Red Cross asks for winter donations

**DOWNEY** - The American Red Cross will be in Downey across several dates next month as it looks to collect blood and platelet donations.

A seasonal decline in donations occurs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day when donors get busy with family gatherings and travel. In addition, severe winter weather can cause blood drive cancellations and negatively affect the blood supply.

The Red Cross will be at the following Downey locations:

Dec. 24: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Downey Grocery Outlet

Dec. 26: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Financial Partners Credit Union

Jan. 3: 3-9 p.m., The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Jan. 11: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center

Appointments can be made online at RedCrossBlood.org or by calling (800) RED-CROSS.

## Kimberly Olivas named scholar athlete

**DOWNEY** - Kimberly Olivas of Downey received a Scholar-Athlete Award from Simpson University.

Olivas participated on Simpson University's softball team and maintained a GPA of at least 3.5 during 2017-18.

To qualify as a scholar-athlete, a student must be nominated by the school's head coach and maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Simpson University is a Christian campus located in Redding, Calif.

## Church assembling hygiene kits

**DOWNEY** - Downey Memorial Christian Church is collecting donations as it assembles hygiene kits for the homeless.

The kits will be handed out on sight and are also available for members of the public to distribute.

Items needed for the kits include blankets, beanies, socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, Q-tips, disposable wipes, deodorant, protein bars, razors, and \$5 gift cards to McDonald's.

To make a donation, or for more information, call Caridad at (323) 807-7504.



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