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Warren High named a national top 5 school for social inclusion

Warren High earned the honor for creating an "environment of inclusion" on campus.

U.S. Olympic ice skater Michelle Kwan was among those in attendance at a celebration rally Tuesday.

DOWNEY - Warren High School was honored Tuesday by ESPN and Unified Champion Schools for being named a national Special Olympics Unified Champion School.

This prestigious national recognition has named Warren one of five "ESPN Top 5" Banner Schools in the country for their strides in social inclusion.

ESPN and representatives from the Special Olympics were present to provide Warren with this national designation. Also joining the Warren Bears for this celebration was former Olympic ice-skater Michelle Kwan, ESPN SportCenter host Neil Everett and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia.

The pep-rally style ceremony was led by Diego and Karen, two Warren High School students who have been a part of Warren's inclusion revolution.

ESPN's Everett took the mic, revealing his "Bear Cave" shirt, while hyping up the crowd. He then introduced Olympian Kwan who congratulated Warren for creating an environment of inclusion on campus, referencing that "she sees first-hand the impact that the Special Olympics has on thousands of lives."

"What you guys have done is so special. You're pioneers of inclusion," exclaimed Everett as he addressed the crowd during the ceremony. "I think the world would be a better place if the world was more like Warren."

Warren High School principal Laura Rivas then took the stage to speak to the crowd followed



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Over the last several years Warren High has worked to integrate students of all abilities. Pictured above is the cheerleading squad with Michelle Kwan at Tuesday's celebration.

by Downey Unified Board of Education President Nancy Swenson and Assemblymember Garcia.

Garcia shared that she made a special trip from the Capitol that morning to make it to the event, presenting Principal Rivas with an Assembly Resolution in honor of the school's national designation.

Beginning the effort of creating a unified campus nearly 10 years ago, Warren has bridged the gap between the general education population and students with special needs.

A club called Teen Connection was created by Warren's Christine Spino to establish a social forum where all students could come together to form bonds and establish relationships that would

go well beyond the classroom. This club and the Warren campus celebrate inclusion in all school-wide events making the entire student body a part of dances, games, lunch rallies, assemblies, movie nights and talent shows.

The strides to unify the campus have traveled into the classroom and within extracurricular activities, creating unified classes and sports teams.

Last year, Warren introduced a Unified PE Class where an adapted PE class joined with a general PE class one time per week to celebrate inclusion in a physically active environment.

These efforts were furthered this year with the implementation of a Unified Art Class where general education students are

combined with students with special needs.

In this art class, art concepts are the same but the techniques and tools are simply scaffolded, which means they are tailored to the needs of every student with the intention of helping achieve his/her learning goals.

Unified sports were also established last year, where three unified teams were introduced - basketball, track and field, and cheer.

These unified sports have engaged over 100 student-athletes who participate as teammates with one another and work together in a physically demanding, competitive environment.



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Lilac: Rock, roll and family

The Downey rock band is beginning to find success on a national level.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Take a stroll down Santa Monica Pier, and you're extremely likely to come across a group of young musicians jamming out in the vein of hard rock legends such as Metallica, Ozzie Osbourne, and Ronnie James Dio. More than just a talented ensemble, there is a deeper bond between them.

They're Lilac, and they're not just Rock and Roll, they're family.

The five-piece band is made up of the Cristea siblings; three brothers and two sisters ranging from ages 11 to 19.

According to Melody Christea, the band's formation is credited to the family patriarch.

"It all started with our dad; he actually is a music producer,"

said Melody. "He was the one that created the band. Basically, he gave us all instruments that we fell in love with, and then we found our genre of music and we fell in love with what we are doing right now."

Father Florin Cristea, 39, also serves as the band's manager.

He says that his kids "grew up around the studio."

"I saw that they had a talent, that's how it started," said Florin. "I said for everybody to be involved, they had to play an instrument. So, I assigned each one an instrument, took them to Downey Music Center where they took lessons for three years, and then from there the band started."

"At the beginning I was trying to give them an activity...if they stayed home, they'd just play video games every Saturday and Sunday, so on the weekend when they have no school there's a chance to be

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Downey space center anticipates 'one giant leap' in 2019

Columbia Memorial Space Center will celebrate several aerospace milestones this year.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - With two anniversaries upcoming, 2019 looks set to be huge for The Columbia Memorial Space Center.

2019 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon landing, where astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin took man's first steps on the moon.

Because of Downey's rich and deep historical aerospace roots, CMSC Director Ben Dickow has said that the museum will feature plenty of exhibits, programs and activities, and events to pay homage to the landmark event.

"July 20 is 50 years since humanity stepped on the moon. Because this is where all that stuff was designed and built, we've made a really big play to be the Southern California hub of the celebration around that," said Dickow. "Starting with a special exhibit on Nov. 30 of this year, going all the way into Dec. of 2019 and maybe a little beyond, we'll be doing a ton of Apollo related stuff."

Part of the celebration includes a speaker series, which will feature several individuals who worked on the Apollo program. This also includes a partnership with the Los Angeles Public Library to get a smaller version of the series out to their various branches. While



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details were still being confirmed at the time of writing, Dickow says that the speaker series may be recorded and picked up by NASA and the Smithsonian.

"We want to make this available to the world, to come in and be able to download it minutes after we do it," said Dickow.

While many museums will likely be celebrating the historic moonwalk, Dickow says that CMSC will "stand out from the crowd."

"We have this asset that nobody else does which is access to the people who actually built this stuff," said Dickow. "There's no other location out there that has the number of first-hand stories that we can tell, so we're going to capitalize on that next year."

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Downey restaurant grades

Firestone Carwash and Lube (Market Retail)

7421 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/12/19
Grade: **A**

Rite Aid

7859 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/12/19
Grade: **A**

Party City

7171 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/12/19
Grade: **A**

Hollywood Smoothie

12074 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/8/19
Grade: **A**

The Mission Cafe

12820 Woodruff Ave.
Date Inspected: 2/8/19
Grade: **A**

Jamba Juice

12020 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/8/19
Grade: **A**

Jack in the Box

9511 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/7/19
Grade: **A**

The Arc Los Angeles and Orange

9545 Washburn Ave.
Date Inspected: 2/7/19
Grade: **A**

ABC Donuts

8015 Stewart and Gray Rd.
Date Inspected: 2/7/19
Grade: **A**

Green Olive

9234 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/7/19
Grade: **A**

Subway

9228 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/7/19
Grade: **A**

Pacific Burgers

8019 Stewart and Gray Rd.
Date Inspected: 2/7/19
Grade: **A**

The Palms Restaurant

8060 E Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 2/7/19
Grade: **A**

Lee's Maui Hawaiian BBQ

9230 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/7/19
Grade: **A**

Porto's Bakery

8233 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/7/19
Grade: **A**

Joseph's Bar and Grill

11032 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 2/7/19
Grade: **A**

Junction

9370 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 2/7/19
Grade: **A**

Downey Brewing Company

10924 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/6/19
Grade: **A**

El Sushi Loco

11837 Downey Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/6/19
Grade: **A**

Yo Whisk

1305 1/2 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/6/19
Grade: **A**

Burger City Grill

8260 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/6/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 58°

Saturday 59°

Sunday 57°

THINGS TO DO



Painting & Pancakes

Saturday - Norwalk Cultural Arts Center, 10 am

Make a brunch date with your favorite little painter. Open to children ages 6 and up and any adult guardian.



E-waste Collection & Paper Shredding

Saturday - Norwalk City Hall, 9 am to 2 pm

Bring your unwanted electronics for proper disposal. Also bring your important documents for on-site shredding (up to 5 boxes per vehicle).



Long Beach Comic Expo

All Weekend - Long Beach Convention Center

A celebration of comic books and pop culture, with guest signings, meet and greets, panel discussions, cosplay contests, and more. \$25-\$50



Stand-Up Comedy

Saturday - Tacos n Miches, 8 pm

Live comedy performances by Gilbert Esquivel, Tony Palmer, Narcizo Gonzalez, Ignacio Gonzalez, and more. \$10 cover



Scots Festival

All Weekend - Queen Mary

Experience the culture and history of Scotland first hand through an array of authentic activities, athletics, dancing, entertainment and cuisine. \$12-\$25



Ja Rule & Ashanti

Saturday - Fox Theatre, 7 pm

The rapper and R&B singer perform a joint concert. \$37.50

Downey band performed on CBS talent show

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out there performing.”

The Cristea's are a common sight at Santa Monica Pier, having performed there most weekends for the past several years and drawing crowds of a couple hundred people while establishing their fan base.

Liliac consists of 19-year-old lead guitarist Samuel, 18-year-old drummer Abigail, 17-year-old frontwoman Melody on bass guitar and vocals, 12-year-old Ethan on rhythm guitar, and youngest brother Justin, 11, on keyboards.

The band name translates to “vampire bat” in Romanian, where the siblings' parents are from; Florin even claims to have been born not far from the Castle of Dracula.

In addition to giving up most of their weekends, the Cristea children are also home schooled in an effort to dedicate as much time as possible to their music. Samuel, Abigail, and Melody also graduated early at 16 to free up precious rehearsal time.

The band's number of fans has steadily grown with over 48,000 subscribers on YouTube, 20,800 followers on Instagram, and 8,400 likes on Facebook.

These fans also include a well-known member of an iconic rock band.

“Stuart Copeland – he's the drummer for the band The Police – he's a big known drummer,” said Abigail. “I still remember the day he came over and jammed with us; he got on my drum set and played. He's an overall nice



person, and he's a fan of us so that means a lot.”

“It's very insane. It's mind-blowing.”

“He rides his bike every weekend by the pier and he saw us many times and stopped and filmed us secretly,” added Florin.

This led to an opportunity to be featured in a documentary alongside Copeland, which aired on BBC 4.

Liliac released their first original album, Chain of Thorns, on Jan. 25.

Creating their own music – of course – has also been a complete family effort.

“Basically, it starts with the riff. I'm the guitarist so I come up with the guitar riffs, then we show everyone. If they like it [Abigail] comes up with the groove,” said Samuel. “My dad and Melody come up with the melody lines for the songs and then we come together to write the lyrics. Then if we think the song is really good then we record it.”

“We try to write relatable songs that everyone can relate to.”

“Sometimes they have their differences,” added Florin. “But we always go for what is the best thing for the band. That is the final decision.”

In addition to their new album, the group was recently featured on the CBS's new talent show “The World's Best.”

Beyond all the exciting developments immediately imminent for the band, the group hopes to continue making music and expand past the Santa Monica Pier.

“We want to keep making music and touring the world,” said Samuel. “Gaining more fans, the rock and roll life.”

For more information, visit www.liliacband.com.

Report: Columbus among poorest performing schools in state

Columbus High School ranked in the bottom 5 percent in a study by the California Department of Education.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Columbus High School is among California's lowest performing schools, according to a new state report.

A study drafted by the California Department of Education listed Downey's continuation school amongst the lowest five percent academically in the state, using data pulled from the California School Dashboard, which measures school performance using factors such as suspension and graduation rates, college and career readiness, and subject performance.

The Dashboard ranks each

category on a color-coded system from red, to orange, to yellow, to green, to blue, representing poorer performance up to highest performance respectively.

On this ranking system, Columbus scored a yellow ranking in suspension rates and graduation rates, while scoring reds in college and career readiness, mathematics, and English language arts.

By comparison, Downey High School received yellows in college / career readiness, mathematics and English language arts, a green in suspension rate and blue in graduation rate.

Warren scored slightly lower than Downey, earning oranges in suspension rates and mathematics, yellows in English language arts and college / career readiness, and blue in graduation rates.

DUSD released a statement in

response to the report, focusing on a broader picture of student success.

“This is the first-time alternative education schools have been included within the Dashboard results, so with this initial baseline-data we are happy to receive these results to both celebrate our areas of achievement and work on the areas that need to be improved.

“Clearly test scores are important, but the focus at Columbus High School is more than test scores, it's the whole child. With the largest number of students that are categorized as ‘at risk’ we work every day to provide them with academic support as well as the social and emotional support needed to make them successful upon graduation.

“With a graduation rate of 81.9%, we model practices at Columbus that are constantly



refining to improve student achievement and advance post-secondary opportunities for students.

“While test results are one data point, we also focus on the bigger picture that support our students' growth and as a result, we are expecting to be named a Model Continuation High School through the California Department of Education in the next few days.”

Space center plans celebration for Apollo 11 anniversary

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Special hands-on, Apollo-related STEM programs are also being designed for the over year-long celebration.

“This is a big deal. We would be crazy not to capitalize on this huge anniversary,” said Dickow.

Plus, as a special tribute to the landing, the Space Center hopes to host a slew of more intensive, immersive activities to engage and involve the community.

“Apollo 11 launched July 16 and it came back on July 24,” said Dickow. “It just so happens that the 20th in 2019 is on a Saturday. That whole week we want to have more intensive events like reenactments of stuff.”

“Downey had a mission control...we're going to

reconfigure the mission control that's part of the Challenger learning Center to make it look like the old Mission Support room, and do some reenactments there.”

This will include a collaboration with the Nixon Library. President Richard Nixon made the famous phone call to the moon.

CMSC also plans to live tweet the mission during the anniversary week.

For fans of the popular “Dapper Days” at Disneyland, CMSC has a real treat.

“We would love to do a city-wide ‘Walk Back into 1969’ Day, maybe on the 20th,” said Dickow. “The dream is to have everybody in town dress like 1969 and meet up at a few locations that were around 50 years ago just to watch

the landing on monitors, grainy image and everything.”

“Basically, we want to do a ‘Dapper Day’ for a whole town on one day about the moon landing.”

For those who are fans of the CMSC's annual events and activities, never fear; popular CMSC mainstays such as Rocket Fever, Space Expo and Long Beach Comic Con, and its participation in City of Stem will not be phased, now including some moon landing footprints (no pun intended).

“It's going to pop up throughout the year and just sort of layer on to what we do already,” said Dickow.

On top of the Apollo anniversary, CMSC will also be celebrating its own anniversary on Oct. 23 next year.

“It all lines up,” said Dickow.

Dickow hopes that both anniversaries will help bring more patrons and attention to the already growing Space Center.

“We feel that this is going to be a national story and it should drive attendance, hopefully it'll drive membership,” said Dickow. “It gets us out into the world a little bit more and with a bigger playing field.”

“A year ago, this was the future, but now we're almost in 2019. Now I'm starting to think ‘how do we follow this?’... We're already starting to become if not the, maybe the second or third place that people think about for this kind of stuff. In the next five years, we can really be the place for this kind of stuff.”

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Downey Unified open enrollment begins Tuesday

Parents can apply to send their children to schools outside their district boundaries.

DOWNEY - Downey Unified will be conducting its annual Intra-District Open Enrollment (formerly School of Choice) starting mid-February for the upcoming 2019-20 school year.

Downey parents who reside within the district boundaries and wish to have their student(s) attend a Downey Unified school outside of their attendance area may apply. This enrollment period does not apply for parents of students who reside outside of the Downey Unified district boundaries.

From Feb. 19, 2019 through

March 19, 2019, applications for Intra-District Open Enrollment will be available to pick up at any of the 20 Downey Unified schools and the district office or can be filled out and submitted online at www.dusd.net.

New students (including kindergartners) entering a Downey Unified school for the first time and wishing to apply, must also register at their school of residence. This will guarantee registration in the District for the new school year. This open enrollment period was delayed compared to previous years, being offered during the month of January in the past.

Hand written applications, those not submitted online, must be submitted in person to the

Student Services office at the Downey Unified School District by the closing deadline of March 19, 2019, at 4 p.m.

Applications are not processed on a first-come basis. A random, unbiased lottery will be held to place students on an Intra-District Open Enrollment permit waiting list for the 2019-20 school year. Schools may accept students from the established waiting lists according to priority, only if space is available.

For additional information and questions, please contact the Student Services Office at (562) 469-6550.

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Growth in humans and other animals is stimulated by naturally produced growth hormones. In the 1950s, the FDA approved the use of *artificial* growth hormones to enhance the growth rate of cattle and poultry, as well as to increase egg, dairy, and meat production.



Artificial growth hormones are quite effective at expanding our food supply and increasing profits for the food industry, but just how safe is it when we end up consuming them in the foods we eat? Concerns include cancer, early puberty in girls, and other issues. Consumer advocates have fought for years to support a ban similar to one in Europe, where regulations are generally more stringent.

One of the earliest artificial growth hormones to be approved was *recombinant bovine growth hormone *(RBGH), which increases milk production by dairy cows. Although RBGH has been shown to have no discernible direct effect in humans, is it possible that using growth hormone may increase the presence of another hormone, *insulin-like growth factor*(IGF)?

One study found that milk from cows that had been given RBGH contains up to 10 times more IGF. Higher levels of IGF have been associated with an increased risk of breast, prostate and colon cancers in humans, and there may be a higher risk for diabetes as well.

However, even if consuming milk, other dairy, and some fish does indeed raise human blood levels of IGF, the amount appears to be negligible compared to the much higher amount that is naturally found in our body. To match the amount of IGF found in our saliva and digestive tract, we would need to drink about 95 quarts of milk, or eat 170 three-ounce servings of genetically modified salmon in a single day.

It is possible, however, that even negligible increases might be enough to cause harm. Unfortunately, this question has not been conclusively answered yet.

Also dating from the 1950s, ranchers began to fatten up cattle with sex hormones, including estrogen. Today, most beef cows in the United States have an implant in an ear that delivers these hormones. One major concern is that once this beef enters the human food supply, it may lead to earlier puberty (note that today's children, on average, enter puberty at a younger age than did those of a generation ago).

However, once again, the amount of estrogen found in beef is tiny compared to the levels that are naturally in our bodies. Could even minuscule amounts of estrogen affect prepubescent girls and boys? One study showed that children who consumed the

most protein from animal sources entered puberty about seven months earlier than those who consumed the least.

However, it is still not clear whether this is purely a result of hormones added to the food supply, and not due to a number of other factors.

Note that organic meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products are certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to have no hormones or antibiotics added. These foods also come with a much higher price tag. While some experts recommend staying away from all hormone-treated beef and milk, others suggest simply limiting consumption of meat to twice per week and dairy to three servings per day.

The data gathered does not yet show conclusive serious harmful effects from the use of these hormones, but in my opinion, concerns are valid. More research is needed, and in the meantime, we each must come to our own conclusions as to whether changing our diets, or our shopping habits, is worth it.

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

DUSD gets 'A' grade for support of breastfeeding students

Downey Unified has established policies to accommodate breastfeeding students and staff.

DOWNEY - A women's advocacy group has awarded Downey Unified an "A" grade for its efforts in supporting breastfeeding students and staff.

The California Women's Law Center released its 2019 report card Monday, which assessed the lactation accommodation policies of all L.A. County school districts.

Federal and state law mandate school protection of the rights of parenting employees and students, including allowing

breast milk to be provided to their children free from discrimination.

Downey Unified received top marks from the organization for having an employee lactation accommodation policy, and for a separate policy that covers breastfeeding students.

Downey's "A" grade is an improvement from three years ago, when the California Women's Law Center awarded Downey a "D."

Norwalk-La Mirada and Paramount school districts also received "A" grades this year, while Bellflower Unified was awarded an "F" due to its lack of

policies.

Under Title IX and California law, schools are required to provide accommodations to allow pregnant students to remain full participants in their education, receiving the same benefits in school as every other student.

In 2015, California passed a law to clarify that lactating students are entitled to specific protections including the provision of a private space to express milk and that the space provided cannot be a bathroom or a closet.



No injuries were reported after a fire broke out Tuesday night at a home on the 12200 block of Gneiss Ave.

The home suffered major damage to the attic and living room areas, but all residents were able to escape.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Photo by Alex Dominguez

Happy valentine's Day to my daughter Samantha Mia Gonzalez who I love every single day of the year. You are the sweetest thing that's ever come into my life. It has been fascinating watching you grow with such grace. May God guide you and bless you always.
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Your grandchildren are already in debt

By Steven Rattner

Medicare for All. The Green New Deal. Free college tuition.

With each new entrant into the Democratic presidential sweepstakes comes a fresh cascade of ambitious social programs to entice and excite would-be supporters.

The list of “payfors,” to use a bit of Washington jargon, grows more slowly. They’ll pay for this how, again? Tax the rich, tax the rich — or take cover behind a convenient bit of progressive dogma: Don’t worry about the fiscal impact because America’s rising budget deficits and debt levels don’t matter.

That’s a scary drift of thought, and it should set off alarm bells for all Americans. Vast increases in debt will ultimately compromise Washington’s ability to maintain its current array of spending programs, let alone add new ones, and threaten our standard of living.

A short history: While Republicans once were the party of fiscal responsibility, President Ronald Reagan threw that out the window by embracing enormous tax cuts justified by a fiction: the idea that the resulting growth would more than pay for them.

More than a decade later, President Bill Clinton nursed the budget back into surplus, only to have President George W. Bush force through his own tax cuts. His vice president, Dick Cheney, once reportedly said, “Reagan proved deficits don’t matter.”

That attitude, plus the puncturing of the dot-com bubble, two wars and a financial crisis, brought us our first \$1 trillion gap in 2009. But by 2015, President Barack Obama had whittled the deficit down to \$439 billion.

Then came President Trump, with his vast tax cuts along with a bipartisan move to abandon spending restraint with the fiscal 2018 budget. The resulting legislation added \$400 billion to the deficit, according to an estimate from the Committee for a Responsible Budget, and the consequence is a deficit for the current fiscal year of nearly \$900 billion.

On present course and speed, the United States is on track to experience the highest deficits in its history, reaching more than \$2 trillion a year by 2029. Those annual gaps are projected to bring America’s total debt to nearly \$33 trillion by that date, according to the Committee for a Responsible Budget. That’s double today’s level and more than the size of our economy, a peacetime record.

One concern often raised by deficit hawks is that so much borrowing by the government could force interest rates higher, making it harder for businesses to borrow and reducing the amount of capital available to the private sector. In the worst case scenario, they fear that credit markets could partially or completely shut down, putting a hard brake on the economy.

While that’s not impossible, my principal fear is that all this irresponsible borrowing amounts to intergenerational theft. America is simultaneously indulging in two deficit-busting desires: for lower taxes and for robust government programs. Eventually, the interest on all the debt will force the governments of future generations to reverse those fiscally imprudent policies in order to pay for today’s profligacy.

It’s like a couple in their 40s deciding to borrow money to sustain a lavish lifestyle and then leaving the debts for their kids to pay off after they’re gone.

But that’s not all. The generally accepted measure of America’s national debt doesn’t include obligations for future retirement and health care benefits.

In a perfect world, those programs would function like insurance; each generation’s annual premiums would pay for support received during its golden years. That principle was abandoned long ago. Based on the current demographics of the American population, we would need to set aside \$49 trillion to make the Medicare and Social Security Trust Funds truly solvent.

Meanwhile, progressives argue that certain kinds of spending are, in reality, investments that will bring large dividends in the future. With interest rates still near historic lows, they contend that the

returns from borrowing for these investments would greatly exceed interest costs.

While that’s true, deciding what is an investment and what is just an expense with no potential return would inevitably become a political debate. Democrats and Republicans might quickly agree about investing in building roads and bridges but what about spending on education? Should that be considered an investment? What about work force training or research and development? I fear that in the end, many spending programs would be classified as investments simply to make the budget deficit appear smaller.

Regardless, taxes need to go up, starting with unwinding the Trump tax cuts for individuals, which favored the rich. Next, we should take a tougher look at corporate taxation. Reducing the corporate tax rate to maintain our global competitiveness made sense, but it didn’t need to go all the way from 35 percent to 21 percent.

Then there are potential new sources of tax revenue. I’ve expressed support, for example, for eliminating the special treatment of capital gains and dividends. Let’s also reform overly generous estate tax provisions. While I’m all for putting most of the burden on the rich, we need to be mindful of realistic boundaries to ensure that tax avoidance or even expatriation don’t start to rise.

On the spending side, unfortunately, taking a hard look at the entitlements programs is essential. I’m not suggesting eviscerating them, but ideas like modestly raising the retirement age or scaling benefits based on need should be explored.

Even implementing all these adjustments won’t prudently provide room for expansive new social programs. Adopting those would require still tougher choices about raising taxes and trimming spending.

If we care about our kids and the country we are leaving them, Americans will make these tough decisions instead of continuing to duck them.

Steven Rattner was a counselor to the Treasury secretary in the Obama administration.

Grand Canyon University’s disgraceful cancellation

By David Limbaugh

It’s disturbing that Grand Canyon University canceled a speaking event on its campus by Ben Shapiro arranged by the student organization Young Americans for Freedom. Under criticism, the university folded.

An outspoken and hard-hitting conservative, Shapiro has been protested and threatened, as well as disinvited by other schools, but it is troubling that a Christian school, especially one that holds itself out as a Bible-believing institution, caved to leftist thought-police bullies rather than promote the free exchange of ideas in the public square.

In its statement of cancellation, the school hid behind its desire to unite all communities, elevating that “virtue” above all others, including the freedom of academic inquiry and open dissemination of ideas — not to mention the school’s own mission statement. It is particularly objectionable that the university would reflexively acquiesce to the insidious leftist notion that right-wing ideas are inherently divisive rather than recognize that a greater threat of divisiveness emanates from those who demand that politically conservative views be silenced. Has it even occurred to this feckless institution that disunity does not evaporate when you suppress expression or that such suppression may very well exacerbate disunity?

The school stated: “We believe in many of the things that Ben Shapiro speaks about and stands for, including his support for ideals that grow out of traditional Judeo-Christian values and his belief in a free market economy. Our decision to cancel Shapiro’s speaking engagement is not a reflection of his ideologies or the values he represents, but rather a desire to focus on opportunities that bring

people together.”

Excuse me, but how much do you really believe these things if you are not willing to allow people to articulate them on campus because of your fear of vocal opposition? How important are these beliefs to you if at the first hint of conflict you effectively abandon them, thereby lending credence to the protesters’ position that these ideas are innately offensive and divisive?

Why not demonstrate the courage of your professed convictions and respond that you will not be intimidated by those who demand censorship? Why not call out the objectors for their intellectual intolerance and affirmatively state that the communication of ideals you believe in is not divisive but healthy?

Our society and its institutions are increasingly falling for this misguided notion that unity and harmony are the greatest virtues and should be promoted at all costs. It is gloriously fortunate that the Black Robe Regiment — Colonial preachers active at our founding and promoting the cause of independence — did not suffer from the same type of pathetic indifference to the cause of the American Revolution, or else we wouldn’t be having this debate, and you wouldn’t be able to even pretend to believe in ideals that flow from the great American experiment in constitutional governance.

If you truly believe that bringing people together is the highest good, then why do you even bother to promote the Gospel? Haven’t you heard that millions find it offensive and that many of Jesus’ and the Apostle Paul’s statements are considered hate speech today? It would be bad enough if your mission statement endorsed some watered-down version of the Gospel, but you hold yourselves out as adhering to Christian orthodoxy and expressly embracing the Nicene Creed, which, among other things, does not look favorably on

theological heresies. Thank God that the Creed’s formulators didn’t have a lukewarm attitude toward doctrine. It’s one thing to have a strong mission statement; it’s another to honor it.

I’m not fond of the practice of “proof-texting,” or cherry-picking Scripture in support of arguments, but I think these arresting words of Jesus’ are quite applicable here: “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

If you are going to stand for Christ, you have to be willing to stand for his Gospel, which is guaranteed to offend vast swaths of human beings who visit your campus and possibly even students who attend. Does your unwavering priority to foster unity supersede the Gospel truth? Do you — or will you in the future — muzzle yourself in service to it?

Preach unity all you want, but at what cost are you willing to pursue this ephemeral aspiration? Indeed, I wonder whether it is actually unity you seek or freedom from criticism from notoriously vocal leftist ideologues. What a regrettable turn of events!

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The President and chilling free speech

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

While the public discourse has been consumed over the realization that abortion physicians actually let viable babies who survive late-term abortions die — as well as whether President Donald Trump or House Speaker Nancy Pelosi will blink first over the issue of congressional authorization for building a wall at the country’s southern border, to say nothing of the race- and sex-infused mess at the top of the government in Virginia — a profound free speech issue has been bubbling below the radar.

A former White House communications aide and former Trump campaign adviser who has written a blistering tell-all book about the Trump White House now finds himself in litigation about whether he can freely publish his book — which he has already done — and freely profit from it.

The former Trump friend and colleague is Cliff Sims, and his book is called “Team of Vipers.” It makes Chris Christie’s book about his bitter experiences with those around the president look as if it were written by Mother Teresa by comparison. The president and his folks, who knew of the book before it was published, apparently

bristled at the stories related and allegations contained and opinions expressed in it.

This is an unhappy tale, not with regard to accuracy or fairness in reporting but with regard to the doctrine of fair comment and the natural and constitutional right to the freedom of speech. Here is the back story.

When Sims began his time as an official of the Trump campaign, he signed a nondisclosure agreement, or NDA. NDAs typically bar the revelation of information gathered during one’s employment. They were nearly universal in the Trump campaign.

Sims’ NDA also provided that if there was any dispute between him and the campaign over the meaning of the NDA or whether he or the campaign violated it, that dispute would be resolved in secret arbitration, not in a public courtroom in front of a judge and jury. The NDA further provided for liquidated damages — a pre-agreed-upon amount of money that Sims would owe to the campaign if arbitrators found that he violated the NDA.

What about the freedom of speech and the right to a fair trial? The theory of an NDA is that the signer has knowingly waived those rights in return for the employment contemplated by the NDA. This is a quid pro quo. You get hired at a job you want; you get the pay and perks you sought; you agree to keep silent the secrets you learn. And if there is a dispute about what you can say and to whom you can say it, the dispute itself will be resolved in secret because you agreed to that in the NDA. If the arbitrators find that you violated the NDA, you owe a certain amount of money to the other party — in this case,

\$10 million to the Trump campaign — whether you caused damages in that amount or not.

That is at least the theory of how these NDAs are supposed to work. The courts do not favor these agreements, because they often stifle free speech — and often it is speech in which there is a material and serious public interest. Yet as they are between private parties, NDAs are enforceable.

In this case, the speech is about Trump — not as a candidate but as the president. So after Sims’ book was published and after the folks in the West Wing, where he worked for a year, read what he wrote, the Trump campaign — it still has a skeleton staff and lawyers on the payroll — filed a complaint with the designated arbitration entity, demanding the liquidated damages of \$10 million.

Then Sims’ lawyers filed a complaint in federal district court, asking a judge to enjoin the arbitration proceeding because what Sims’ wrote he learned about while working for the government, not on the campaign. The campaign will no doubt point to an NDA it claims Sims signed when he began his tenure in the West Wing and argue that it applies as effectively as the NDA he signed for the campaign. Sims recalls no NDA at the White House.

Here is the problem for Trump. The campaign is not subject to the First Amendment, but the White House clearly is. Even if Sims did sign an NDA at the White House, the First Amendment bars the government from enforcing it, and several federal statutes protect whistleblowers, no matter what they agreed not to say at the outset of their work, unless it is classified material being protected. In the West Wing, Sims worked for the federal government, not Donald Trump personally and not the campaign.

Can the government punish speech of someone who agreed to remain silent? In a word: No. It cannot deter speech, and it cannot chill speech. Chilling takes place when government behavior is so oppressive that the potential speaker is afraid to speak about what he knows.

And if the speech is comment about public people or public policy, it is protected by the doctrine of fair comment. That is a Supreme Court rubric underscoring the truism that the whole purpose of the First Amendment is to protect and encourage open, wide, robust speech about the government — speech that sheds light on dark government corners, speech that is unafraid of and immune from the slightest whiff of government redress, speech that can be harsh in tone and discomfiting in delivery.

It is that brand of public free speech that the Framers intended to protect by the First Amendment. As one of President Trump’s no-holds-barred predecessors famously said, “if you can’t stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.”

If presidents can use legal artifices to punish the speech they hate and fear, they are no longer presidents in a free society. They are princes in an empire.

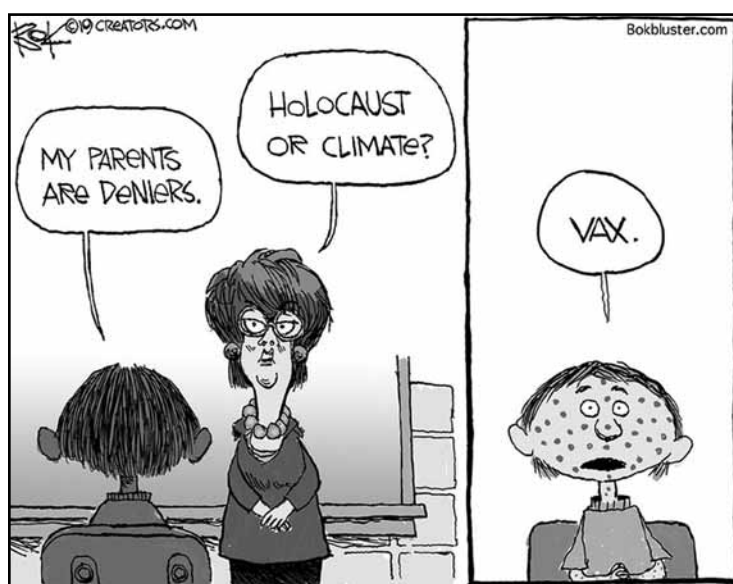
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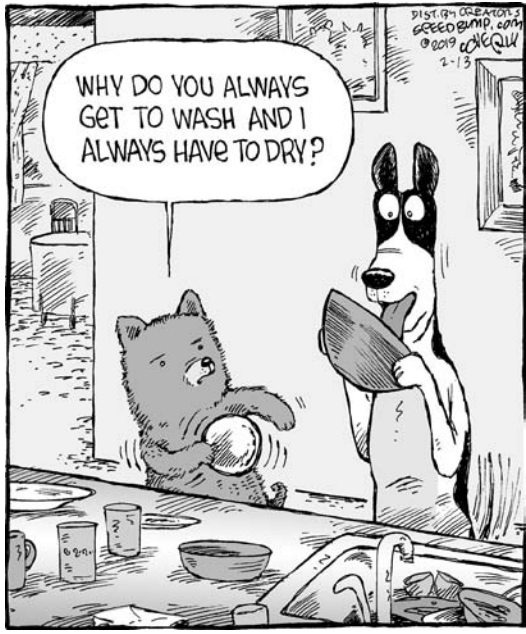
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.
 3rd Tue., 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 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 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...

Feb 14, 1778: The Stars and Stripes was carried to a foreign port, in France, for the first time. It was aboard the American ship Ranger.

1849: The first photograph of a U.S. President, while in office, was taken by Matthew Brady in New York City. President James Polk was the subject of the picture.

1929: The "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in Chicago, IL. Seven gangsters who were rivals of Al Capone were killed.

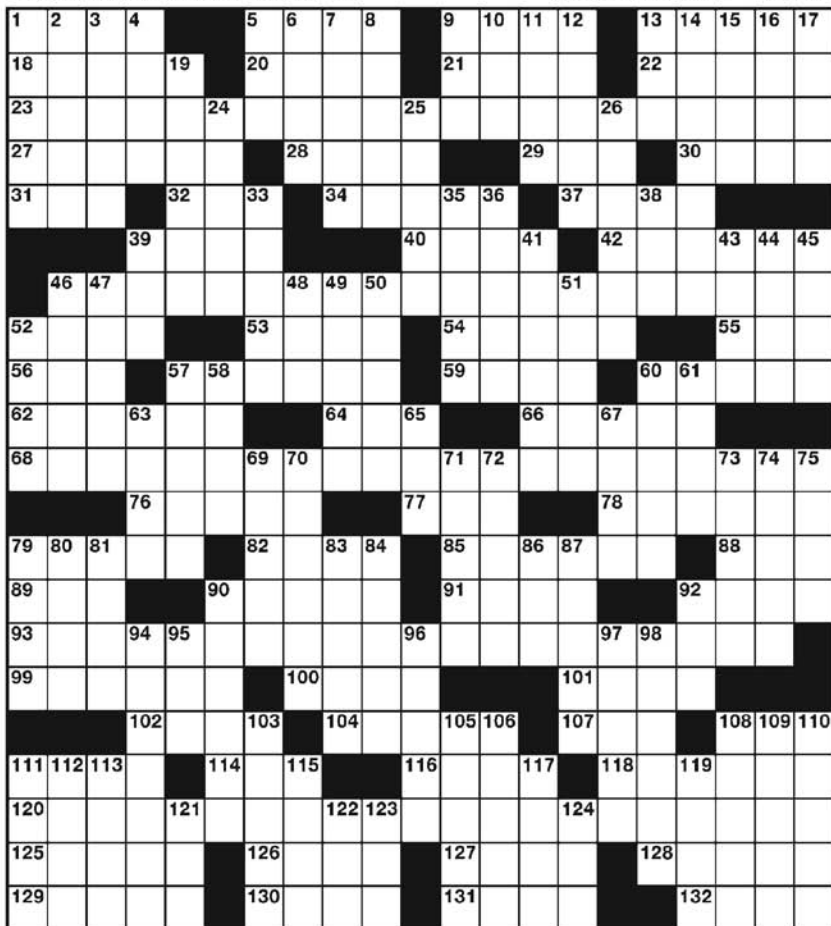
2005: The video-sharing website YouTube was activated.

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 by Gail Grabowski

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Vikings advance to CIF semifinals

Downey girls soccer is one win away from reaching the CIF championship match.

**By Mark Fetter
Staff Writer**

DOWNEY – The Downey High School girls' soccer team has advanced to the semifinal round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

The Lady Vikings defeated West Ranch at Downey 2-1 on February 6th in their first-round game, defeated Bishop Montgomery at Bishop Montgomery 1-0 on February 8th in their second-round game and defeated Sherman Oaks Notre Dame at Sherman Oaks Notre Dame 1-0 on Tuesday in their quarterfinal round game.

Lady Viking Amanda Perez scored the game winner in the first half against Sherman Oaks Notre Dame.

Downey will play against Flintridge Sacred Heart (10-4-3) at Downey at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the semifinal round. Flintridge Sacred Heart defeated South Torrance in their quarterfinal round game 3-2 to advance.

The Lady Vikings are currently 17-5-5 overall and are one win away from advancing to the C.I.F. Division 3 championship game on February 22nd or 23rd.

DOWNEY GIRLS WATER POLO: The Downey High School girls' water polo team saw their

season come to an end last Thursday against El Segundo 9-5 at the Downey Aquatics Center.

The Lady Vikings were eliminated in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 4 playoffs. El Segundo (20-5) was then eliminated by Sunny Hills at El Segundo 8-7 in their quarterfinal round game on February 9th.

Downey defeated Millikan at Downey 8-6 in the first round on February 5th to advance to second round play. The Lady Vikings finished their season with an overall record of 20-7 and a league record of 6-0. Downey is the 2019 San Gabriel Valley League champion.

WARREN GIRLS BASKETBALL: The Warren High School girls' basketball team has advanced to the quarterfinal round of the C.I.F. Division 2AA playoffs.

The Lady Bears defeated St. Paul at St. Paul 52-41 in their first-round game on February 7th and defeated Los Altos at Warren 46-45 in their second-round game on February 9th.

Warren traveled to Rolling Hills Prep (21-3) on Wednesday for their quarterfinal round game against the Lady Huskies. The winner of this game will play the winner of the Huntington Beach/Roosevelt game on Friday.

The Lady Bears are currently 12-14 overall and one win away from the semifinals. Coach Palmer, her staff and players are

all looking forward to getting back to the C.I.F. championship game. The Lady Bears are the 2018 defending C.I.F. Division 3AA champions.

WARREN GIRLS SOCCER: The Warren High School girls' soccer team was eliminated by Vista Murrieta (14-3-3) at Vista Murrieta 3-0 on February 8th in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 2 playoffs.

The Lady Bears defeated Lakewood at Warren 4-0 on February 6th to advance to the second round.

Warren finished their season with an overall record of 18-5-4 and were 9-0-1 in San Gabriel Valley League play. Warren is the 2019 S.G.V.L. champion. Coach Dussan, her staff and players may be a little disappointed with a second-round exit from postseason play but they still played hard and had an excellent season.

WARREN BOYS BASKETBALL: The Warren High School boys' basketball team advanced to the quarterfinals of the C.I.F. Division 3AA playoffs with a win against La Habra at Labra 50-45 on Tuesday night.

The Bears defeated Valley Christian at Warren 61-46 on February 8th to advance to the second round.

The Bears played Santa Clarita Christian at Warren last night

(score unavailable at press time) and will play the winner of the Highland/San Gabriel Academy game if they won Thursday night's game. The Bears currently have an overall record of 20-6 and are the 2019 San Gabriel Valley League champions.

WARREN BOYS WRESTLING: The Warren High School boys' wrestling team had two wrestlers qualify for the Master's Meet at the C.I.F. Individual Competition held at Brea-Olinda High School last weekend.

Warren's 120 pound wrestler Salvador Alvarez placed second and 160 pound wrestler Carlos Durazo placed fourth. Downey's Matthew Morales was the only other wrestler, from Downey or Warren, to advance to the Master's Meet after he placed second at 132 pounds.

Warren's Salvador Alvarez (120) is scheduled to wrestle Kobe Kim of Los Alamitos in his first round match, Carlos Durazo (160) is scheduled to wrestle Adan Torres of Indian Springs in his first round match and Matthew Morales (132) is scheduled to wrestle Michael Valdez of Santa Ana Calvary Chapel in his first round match.

Master's Meet competition will be held at Cerritos College this weekend and the state meet will be held at Rabobank Arena in Bakersfield next weekend.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS: The third rotation of middle sports has concluded and eight more city championships have been claimed.

Middle school student-athletes competed in boys' and girls' basketball and boys' soccer. There were grade level teams for boys' and girls' basketball as well as a junior varsity and varsity boys' soccer teams.

The Sussman 8th grade boy basketball team is the city champion. The Pioneers finished with a record of 4-2. Doty and Stauffer finished tied for second with records of 3-3 and Griffiths finished fourth with a record of 2-4. The Doty and Stauffer 7th grade boy basketball teams were co-champions with records of 5-1 and Griffiths and Sussman tied for third with records of 1-5. The Doty 6th grade boy basketball team is the city champion. The Knights finished with a record of 6-0. Griffiths and Sussman tied for second with records of 3-3 and Stauffer finished in fourth with a record of 0-6.

The Doty and Sussman 8th grade girls' basketball teams are co-champions with records of 5-1. Griffiths finished in third place with a record of 2-4 and Stauffer finished fourth with a record of 0-6. The Doty 7th grade girl basketball team is the city champion. The Lady Knights finished with a record of 6-0. Stauffer finished second with a record of 3-3, Sussman finished third with a record of 2-4 and

Griffiths finished fourth with a record of 1-5. The Stauffer 6th grade girl basketball team is the city champion. The Lady Spartans finished with a record of 5-1. Sussman finished second with a record of 4-1-1, Doty finished third with a record of 2-3-1 and Griffiths finished fourth with a record of 0-6.

The Stauffer varsity soccer team is the city champion. The Spartans finished with a record of 5-1. Griffiths finished second with a record of 3-3 and Doty and Sussman tied for third place with records of 2-4. The Sussman junior varsity soccer team is the city champion. The Pioneers finished with a record of 6-0. Doty finished second with a record of 3-3, Stauffer finished third with a record of 2-4 and Griffiths finished fourth with a record of 1-5.

With the third rotation now complete, Doty leads the race for the Champions Cup Trophy with 7 points, Griffiths is in second place with 5.5 points, Stauffer is in third place with 4 points and Sussman is in fourth place with 2.5 points. Up next is boys' baseball and girls' softball. Four more city championships are up for grabs.

Track and field will follow baseball and softball and that will be the fifth and final rotation this year.

Downey Rotary gets first-hand look at Rancho's new outpatient building

Downey Rotary's history with Rancho Los Amigos dates back to 1924.

**By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist**

DOWNEY – A blustery rainy morning confronted visiting Rotarians, but it cleared just as everyone arrived at Downey's world famous Rancho Los Amigos (RLA) National Rehabilitation Medical Center. We met in the sparkling new Outpatient Building, that compliments the new Jacqueline Perry Inpatient Wing of the hospital, which opened in September, and the big Don Knabe Wellness Center. All are part of project Rancho Rising 2020, right on target for completion.

Bill Kirkwood recalled Downey Rotary's history with RLA. Bill Harriman, one of the founders in 1924 of the Rotary Club of Downey, was Superintendent of Rancho when it was still a work farm for the country poor to serve farming families who could not afford medical services.

Bill also remembered that Bill H., for whom the impressive RLA Administration Building is named, sponsored for membership into

the Rotary Club of Downey a young man whom he called "The Boy Wonder." Guess who? It was Angelo Cardono, now 91 and the club's – and District 5280's – longest serving member since 1948. As a sailor from Rhode Island freshly discharged from the Navy after World War II, he decided to stay here and make Downey his home.

Deborah Arroyo, Director of the Rancho Foundation, served as hostess and was joined by Walter Afbale, Assistant Hospital Administrator. By now nearly 40 members had found their way to the appointed spot, the Auditorium with its pictures windows that showed the lowering sky.

Deborah introduced Administrator Eric Zapata, who explained that the Rancho Foundation is the non-profit fund raising arm at RLA, whose purpose is to improve the life of the patients, and enable them to be productive citizens again.

"If you were a skier," said Deborah, "You might think your skiing days were over after your accident. But we organize trips to the slopes in Colorado, and put them out there again. If not on skis, then on a sleigh or toboggan. Kayak trips, surfing, biking, these

activities can be made available to patients during and after rehab. So there is life after your accident, and life can be good.

Paul Mathis of the Rotary Club of Downey is Treasurer of the Foundation, and Jesse Vargas, Program Chair, is a member of the Board. Deborah invited everyone to come to the Foundation's Gala Ball on March 23, and Rotarians were handed an elegant envelope. Held at the Westin in Long Beach, the Amistad (Friendship) event is a fun, glamorous evening, and the theme this year is A Black and White Ball. Downeyites Sam and Beverly Matthis will be there, as always: they're deeply involved with the Foundation. She's a Soroptimist, he's an Optimist, though the service clubs are not related.

Late Rotary member Pat Gomez Pratt, who died in 2014, was for many years President of the Rancho Foundation Board. She also served as President of the Downey Chamber of Commerce and Grand Marshall of the Christmas Parade. As a young hairdresser, Pat gave her Sundays,

her only day off, for cutting and styling the patients' hair, both men and women, a great moral booster. Later as proprietor of Johnny & Company, Pat even got married at the Amistad Ball, to Cliff Pratt, a Rotarian from the South Gate Club, making cherished memories for many at the Amistad.

Members were divided up into three groups for a tour of the newly opened building, and I joined the one led by Administrator Gilberto Salinas, himself a polio survivor who moved through corridor traffic expertly in his hand-propelled wheelchair.

We stopped by a glass mural wall at the entrance, showing the history of Rancho. Prominent there were Downey Doctors Vern Nickell and Jacquelin Perry. In 1955 they invented the "halo" head brace for patients with spinal or head injuries. And then came Dr. Perry's ground-breaking Gait Analysis studies in 1968, so useful for rehabbing stroke victims. The Downey Symphony will present

a Gershwin! Concert in April, dedicated to Dr. Jackie. Today's discoveries at Rancho are almost magical: brain-to-computer interfacing.

We whizzed through marble corridors, up in brushed steel elevators, past the new Rehab Facility, custom designed to meet the special needs of patients. The \$190 Million building is a "one-stop shop" where patients can get all their therapy, medical and nursing needs all in one place. "They can even get their prescriptions filled speedily here," Gilbert told us.

We walked through the wide enclosed connectors between Out-Patient Building and Hospital. Everywhere we saw smiling wheelchair patients and workers.

When one employee in dark blue scrubs unexpectedly joined the twelve of us on our elevator ride, she was asked to tell what she does, and she willingly explained her role.

A friendly, casual and up-to-date and upbeat place. RLA's new Out-Patient Building is expected to serve an amazing 70,000 patients in 2019. That's a lot of well-spent tax-payers dollars in LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn's Fourth District, doing good work for the community.

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Villalobos Brothers delight in Downey appearance

The trio of Mexican musicians spent time with aspiring Downey musicians ahead of their concert at the Downey Theatre last week.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

Ready!" said Ernesto, the oldest of the Villalobos Brothers. It was more of a maestro's command than a question, because the entire audience of young people and their young parents were standing on their feet, ready to clap and stamp to the 6/8 time San Jarocho beat the Brothers had just taught them.

The biggest rainstorm of the year couldn't dampen the energy of the Villalobos Brothers, nor the enthusiasm of the 100 or so young people, student musicians who had been invited to come to the interactive demonstration the Brothers gave at 1 pm, the afternoon of their evening concert at the Downey Theatre. The excitement came from both sides of the footlights.

Spotted in the audience was Lars Clutterham, active local Downey musician and Downey Symphony Society Board member, who has been helping to spearhead the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities, which operates within the Downey Unified School District.

I sat down in front of Liliانا, 10, who plays violin and goes to Gallatin Elementary School. She has been studying for two years, and admitted bashfully that she practices "nearly" every day, and wants to become a musician. "She plays in an ensemble," her mother Elizabeth said.

That would be the Chamber Ensemble Group that Lars has been conducting and writing music for. Liliانا's favorite piece to play is "Arc of My Life," a new piece by Lars which the Downey Symphony Orchestra played in its world premiere at the Downey Theatre in January. Her other favorite piece? Beethoven's "Ode to Joy."

Seated beside me were a young family from Old River School Road Elementary. Daughter Abigail, 10, plays the violin and her brother Josue, age 11, plays the guitar. They have lessons at school they said. Both mothers had heard the Brothers before, and knew what a treat was coming.

The house lights dimmed and the backstage was lit with an apricot sunrise glow. Out came the three brothers, with their violins, and their back-up, two acoustical guitars and a drummer. Ernesto as the oldest introduced himself and then Alberto and Luis.

Ernesto said they were going to play and teach us some rhythms from the rich Mexican tradition of their home near the port of Vera Cruz. They began with a spirited folk song, and soon Alberto was dancing a zapateado, a foot-stomping kind of dance with intricate tapping by his polished boots.

Then Ernesto stepped forward and began to play a beautiful high melody, simple and yet obviously complex in its power to mesmerize.

"Everybody up," Alberto said, and proceeded to introduce a fast little 1, 2, 3 clapping melody that syncopated to a 1, 2 and then a 1. Soon everyone was clapping and stamping. Some snapped their fingers. "No words," said Luis. "Just sing ai yi."

"Fantastico," said Ernesto. "How many violins do we have?" and many hands were raised. "Guitars?" Yes. "Drums?" One student nudged another and nodded. And singers? Many raised their hands for that, Lars included. Boys and girls volunteered to come up to the stage and demonstrate their clapping and stomping prowess. Several pairs of rain boots were on display, as well as sneakers of various colors and heights.

"We participate, in Mexico," said Ernesto, "when we play and when we sing. And by dancing, we all talk together. People don't just come to listen to something beautiful. They come to be part of it."

"When the Brothers offered us this package with the interactive student participation," said Amber Vogel, Venuetech's Theatre Manager, "we were thrilled to have it." Amber held the lobby door open for us as we came in, the rain pounding down behind us. From a table in the lobby, DFEO members gave everyone an 8-page color handout, outlining the Villalobos fascination with the Mexican Folk Music traditions. A checklist showed the students' names, instrument, and years of playing.

"This is so important," said Lars, "to have these kids hear their instruments played at the peak of performance like this."

The term "son" refers to music from the countryside, not the musica of the church and court, in colonial times. There are 80 sones, or songs, in the San Jarocho tradition, and the Brothers played "El Pijol," about a black bird with a long tail and a large, curved beak that loves to cluster in noisy groups.

"How much do you practice?" asked a student during the question period. "When we began it was very little, maybe 15 minutes," said Ernesto. "But we increased that to half an hour, an hour, two hours, four hours. Now seven hours is how much we practice every day."

"How old were you when you began?" asked another youngster. "Maybe... about your age," came the reply.

Actually, the Brothers' cred and props in classical musical are awesome.

Considered child prodigies, they had early soloist debuts with the Xalapa Symphony Orchestra playing the Sibelius, Brahms, and Saint-Saens violin concertos. They also had solo appearances with the National Symphony Orchestra of Cuba.

"High Octane Mexican Fiddling" said The New Victory Theater; "They develop their own style of playing, called "Fast-Chatting Violin" consisting in a rapid succession of notes and percussive sounds that imitate the human voice."

"These are only labels," says Ernesto, the oldest brother. "We grew up together, making music for many years in the tropics of Veracruz, Mexico."

The Brothers use their violins and their voices to redefine contemporary Mexican music. With masks, poems, traditional Veracruz and European classical music, they layer melody and meter in an exciting new way.

That evening, the audience was treated to original music that featured complex patterns of interwoven three-violin harmonies, intricate call-and-response arrangements and lyrical melodies carried out by one of the brothers as the other two reinforce it in counterpoint.

Evening refreshments of beer, wine and munchies were provided by Soroptimist International of Downey. Cecelia Gopez and Donna Lindley admitted they were glad their table had been moved from the patio into the lobby, because of the inclement weather - which, we hoped, would promote sales. All profits go to Soroptimist projects such as preventing human trafficking.

When the Brothers took the stage again at 8 pm, they were dressed casually, Ernest in a blue suit, light blue silk tie and matching headband and white boots. Luis, in the middle, wore all black with the afternoon's red and yellow striped scarf, and Alberto wore black pants with a native geometric print short-sleeved shirt in red, yellow and blue. Alberto and Luis had on polished black boots, for dancing.

They played again in the Son Jarocho genre, the musical style from their native Veracruz, Mexico. Jarocho represents a fusion of indigenous (primarily Huastecan), Spanish, and African musical elements, reflecting the population which evolved in the region from Spanish colonial times. Themes are love, nature, sailors, and cattle breeding. It is often played on *jaranas* and sung in a style in which several singers exchange improvised verses called *décimas*, often with humorous or offensive content. A perfect way for the three siblings to show off their talent.

The Brothers are proud of the Fandango at the Wall project in 2018. They joined forces with the Afra Latin Jazz orchestra at a live concert at the Tijuana-San Diego border, to promote cross-border friendship and rapprochement. The ultimate goal of Fandango at the Wall is to bring the people of the United States and Mexico together through music. "After all, we don't just share a border but families and friends, histories and futures," said the Brothers.

Born and raised in Xalapa, Mexico, an hour's drive from the port city of Veracruz, the brothers spent their childhood listening to their grandmother, Cristina Vásquez play music for enjoyment after a day's work, for dancers at a country fandango, or for guests dining in the many coastal seafood restaurants. They sing and play the guitar, the piano and the thin-bodied guitars, jaranas. Original compositions, include "Anochipa Tlalticpac" for chorus, jaranas, and pre-Columbian percussion.

In 2000, Ernesto Villalobos won a Fulbright Grant to the Manhattan School of Music, where he performed at Master Classes led by Pinchas Zukerman and travelled to Israel to study with Shlomo Mintz.

The middle brother, Alberto Villalobos, left Mexico in 2002 and studied violin at the Royal Conservatory of Brussels, and was a student by Pierre Boulez at the Lucerne Festival Academy in Switzerland.

In 2003 the youngest brother, Luis Villalobos, moved to Germany. He was also accepted at the prestigious Mozarteum

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'Love Songs' sails to success

Artistic Director Chad Berlinghieri of Cathedral Productions produced the Valentines event "Love Songs" aboard The Queen Mary to rave reviews.

As the capacity crowd entered the Queens Salon on Saturday, the feeling of nostalgia was immediate and overwhelming as one could tell that something very special was about to take place.

Downey Police Chaplain Greg Welch of Risher Mortuary provided the blessing over the meal and the night was off and running. The four-piece jazz ensemble played in the background as the cucumber

wrapped Caesar salads were served before the entrée of Chicken Florentine drizzled in a basil cream sauce followed by Tiramisu for dessert... Dinner was divine!

In-between the courses the international quartet consisting of Teresa Mai, Roberto Gomez, Melissa Maricich, Chad Berlinghieri and accompanied by pianist Curtis Heard delighted the guests to a standing ovation with classic favorites taken from musical theater and the American Song Book.

The highlight of the evening was the vow renewal of Seal Beach residents Mr. Frank and Linda

Park who were celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary that evening.

The event was fortunate to have in attendance Downey Mayor, Rick Rodriguez who honorably presided over the renewal ceremony. As the couple said, "I do" and kissed, the quartet sang "Love Me. That's All I Ask of You!" There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Following the ceremony, the bell of the ball Sister Eymard Flood of the Sisters of St. Clare dazzled the crowd with her witty jokes and reminded the audience that Cathedral Productions has now shipped and distributed over

twelve hundred Isaiah House blankets to the homeless of Southern California in just the last three months.

Seal Beach Knights of Columbus, Risher Mortuary and Downey Rotary have all participated in underwriting the effort that has provided warmth to Downey TLC, Coast to Coast, St. Pius Mathies, St. Columban and Isaiah House.

After the presentation, pop star Cooper Phillip in her fabulous black gown dazzled the packed dance floor with her spectacular vocals as Downey City Council member Claudia Frometa, her husband Nolveris and their bus load of elegant guests led the effort in dancing the night away. Love reigned supreme!



The Valentine Beside Me

Short Story

By Yolanda Adele Contributor

At 19 years of age my husband, Victor, eagerly volunteered to serve our country as a Marine in the Vietnam crisis. We had been married for almost a year.

We wrote Valentine/love letters to each other; keeping the embers of our love lit for eighteen months while we were apart. We got to know each other by the stream of consciousness that comes from writing.

When my sweetheart came back to the Untied States he continued to be my Valentine. His love and strength has sustained me through currents of painful loses, and disappointments, and he has loved me through the many seasons of my life.

I read of beautiful celebrities that have many lovers and / or husbands, but can't seem to find just one man to give them the love and devotion I get on a daily bases. I feel fortunate to be so blessed. I attribute our on going love affair to the many love letters that left an indelible mark on our young and tender hearts.

My sweetheart doesn't seem to remember my faults. I know because, I have pointed them out to him, and he looks surprised. This may also make him a very wise man.

He is my Valentine in the day-to-day living, of going to work everyday, and in the many roles he plays:

"Honey, the faucet is leaking."

"Dad, will you hang my shelves?"

"Papa, my rocking horse won't rock."

"Hey neighbor, will you lend me a hand?"

"Son, the tree needs trimming."

He answers everyone's needs with a resounding, "Sure!", or "You got it."

He doesn't wear a cape (with the letter "V" for Valentine) or carry a saber. However, he is armed with a tool belt, band-aids, strong arms, and a gentle sweet heart. He is not able to leap tall buildings at a single bound, but



he rescues, protects, and nurtures his family in ways that he is not even aware of, as he enriches our lives.

In the movies the hero always gets the girl. This much is true of him also. For I have been "his girl" for over 56 years now. That is why when his role and mine on the stage of life are over, I will gladly ride into the sunset with my Valentine at my side.

Yolanda Adele is a member of the writing class at Norwalk Senior Center.



Cafeteria bill-of-fare

Short Story

By Sharon Benson Smith Contributor

Thumbing through the newspaper this morning, I came across an article about today's kids and the question of eating in our school cafeterias. Try though the government may, they literally hate the food, and most of it ends up in the trash.

This subject created a wrinkle in time for my World War II, plus post wartime, eating in the elementary school cafeteria.

First of all, it wasn't free;

it cost a whopping 25 cents (and in those days 25 cents was whopping!) The cost alone limited the times I or any of my siblings were able to eat in the cafeteria. It was probably two times per month...tops!

As luck would have it, it seemed as though every time I ate in the cafeteria the menu included carrot-raisin salad. I like carrots; I like raisins, and I like mayonnaise. But the combination of the three made me sick. I hated the stuff. But remember, this was during World War II, and post World War II, and you had to eat everything on your plate. Do you remember hearing "They're starving in Europe?"

I masterminded getting around the "yuk" by eating everything else on the tray first, leaving the "yuk" for the very last. Then I stuffed it all in my mouth and, with bulging chipmunk cheeks, made a mad dash to the restroom to spit it all out!

Today, about seventy years later, whenever carrot-raisin salad is on the menu, I pass on the yuk."

Sharon Benson Smith is a member of the writing class at Norwalk Senior Center.

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estate, or both, of JOHN ERIC JOHNSTON aka JOHN E. JOHNSTON aka JOHN JOHNSTON... A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by James Gesner in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

Attorney for petitioner: MARTIN S REED ESQ SBN 58096 REED & REED APC 1901 AVENUE OF THE STARS STE 1100 LOS ANGELES CA 90067 CN957472 JOHNSTON Feb 7,14,21, 2019

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT ALLEN FLORES aka ROBERT A. FLORES aka ROBERT ALLEN FLOREZ Case No. 18STPB08481 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT ALLEN FLORES aka ROBERT A. FLORES aka ROBERT ALLEN FLOREZ.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Brenda Depew in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES... THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Brenda Depew be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

Attorney for petitioner: LYNARD C HINOJOSA ESQ SBN 1387 HINOJOSA & FORER LLP 2215 COLBY AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90064-1504 CN957078 FLORES Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 2019

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN ERIC JOHNSTON aka JOHN JOHNSTON Case No. 19STPB00860 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or

TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 18-01123-CI-CA Title No. 180306262-CA-VIA A.P.N. 8019-031-006 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO SECTION 2923.3 NOTICE THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE 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 PROCEEDINGS 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 of the total amount of the initial publication of this 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. 11248. Quiet Title: Downey, CA 02-13153. 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)(2)(923.55(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. 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ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.: 6321-028-01 PARCEL 2: THE WEST HALF OF LOT 2075 OF TRACT NO. 4766, IN THE CITY OF MAYWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 51, PAGE 21 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.: 6315-007-013 PARCEL 4: LOT 2, BLOCK OF THE 2ND ADDITION TO HUNTINGTON PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

TD SPECIALISTS as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 12/8/2017 as Instrument No. 20171423197 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: SELENE HIGUERA, AS TRUSTEE OF THE BLUEBIRD IRREVOCABLE TRUST, U/A DATED OCTOBER, 2012 , as Tru... PUERTO ESCONDIDO LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY , as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described the land therein: See Exhibit "A Attached Hereto and Made A Part Hereof. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit \$1,719,966.67 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election of Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recording. DATE: 1/30/2019 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST, AS Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE, VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA DEBT COLLECTION ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 9, PAGE 37 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.: 6321-019-003 STOX 916318 The Downey Patriot 2/7/19, 2/14/19, 2/21/19 T.S. No. 072383-CA APN: 6261-018-002 and 6321-019-003 TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 7/20/2007, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. ON 2/20/2019 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 8/20/2007, as Instrument No. 20071942744, , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: DAVID GUERRERO and MAYRA DIMAS GUERRERO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12302 MARBEL AVE DOWNEY, CA 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$247,700.06 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. 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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JEAN HELEN PETERS aka JEAN H. PETERS Case No. 19STPB00913 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JEAN HELEN PETERS aka JEAN H. PETERS A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Michelle Kristina Dunneback and Jack Dean Eddy in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Michelle Kristina Dunneback and Jack Dean Eddy be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

Brothers bring culture to life through music

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University of Salzburg in Austria.

The Villalobos Brothers have been frequent collaborators of The Shul Band, a klezmer band led by Adam Feder. In 2005 Ernesto Villalobos and Adam Feder led a candlelit vigil at the children's barracks inside Auschwitz Berkenau at Owieczim, Poland. "Think of it as Jerry Garcia in Jerusalem," said Adam Feder, the guitar-playing leader.

Ernesto had never met a Jew before he arrived in New York on a Fulbright fellowship. Feeling embraced by the congregation, he invited his brothers, Alberto and Luis, to come to New York and join him playing at the synagogue. Only half jokingly, Mr. Feder said, "The band is one-third mariachi now."

Ernesto spoke of the morning interactive session and said "it is always good to come and connect with the youth. Try to be the person who supports

music, not because there is any money in it, but for the good it does." Joyce Sherwin, Downey Symphonic Society Board member also in the audience, embodies that goal.

We recognized several of the children who had attended the daytime event. Malu from Imperial School who is 8 has been studying the violin since September. Her parents brought her to the concert, and she stayed awake till the very end, although her younger sister, in matching white and pink figured leggings, fell asleep.

The evening began with Flor de Toloache, an all-female mariachi quintet: 2 guitars, a violin and two trumpets, dressed in black velvet fringed jackets and black pants with big silver coin studs. The toloache is a Mexican medicinal plant often associated with magic, and magic is a good word to describe the effect these vivacious women had.

It occurred to one to think, how much was lost, hundreds of years ago, when poetry was separated from the other elements of dance, song, and the musical instruments that create the music. Ironically, cheap indoor gas, and then electric, lighting brought the book indoors but not the performers and the music.

A Fandango, according to the Villalobos Brother's hand-out, is "a social dance and celebration, where all the element of son San Jaracho come together: music, lyrics, instruments, zapateado and reciting of poetry."

A great swell of Hispanic love and appreciation for this community of music rides through the river of life in Downey. It adds to the rich diversity already provided by the Downey Symphonic Society, Venuetech and the Downey Theatre, and the many other musical venues in our city. They bring the feeling of community and togetherness. An evening with the Villalobos Brothers made for an awesome fandango in Downey.

For Ignacio Gonzalez, his is a life of contradictions

Downey resident Ignacio Gonzalez finds the balance between dedicated non-profit worker and semi-obscene stand-up comic.

By Eric Pierce Editor

Name: Ignacio "Nacho" Gonzalez

Age: 48

Residence: Downey

Occupation: Independent living advocate

For as long as he can remember, Ignacio Gonzalez was the "funny" one.

Every group of friends has an Ignacio: the person who lightens awkward conversations with sarcastic comments, the guy who cracks jokes around the office Xerox machine. He is somehow quiet and reserved and also the life of the party.

Ignacio grew up in Bell Gardens, and after graduating Bell Gardens High School, completed his general education courses at East Los Angeles College before heading off to UC Berkeley. He graduated with degrees in economics and public policy, and went straight to work, mostly in non-profit and public service jobs.

His most high-profile position was working as legislative director for then-L.A. County Supervisor Gloria Molina. When she was termed out of office in 2014, Ignacio landed at the Downey-based Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living, where his responsibilities include helping people with mild to moderate developmental disabilities live independent lives -- in other words, outside a nursing home. He remains there today.

It's fulfilling work, but one that doesn't scratch Ignacio's creative itch.

That's why late last year he enrolled in a six-week stand-up comedy class taught by veteran comic Rudy Moreno. Moreno has been a stand-up comic for more than two decades, with credits in "Everybody Loves Raymond," "Arrested Development" and dozens of other TV shows and films.

Ignacio learned of the class through Josefina Lopez, artistic director at Casa 0101 Theatre in Boyle Heights and author

of "Real Women Have Curves." Lopez had enrolled in the comedy class and invited Ignacio, a Casa 0101 board member, to come along. (Side note: a new 6-week session begins Feb. 23.)

"It was kind of spur of the moment," Ignacio said. "You know, last minute, two days before the deadline."

In the class, Ignacio learned that being funny simply isn't enough to be a successful comic. He had to learn structure, timing, emphasis, and how to effectively string one funny anecdote to the next.

"I had all these scattered jokes and Rudy guided me on how to actually put them together in a tight set -- all the mechanics of writing your niche joke, writing the set, and then going up on stage," he said.

Ignacio made his stage debut Oct. 27, 2018 in the main room of the Ice House, delivering a 7-minute set of mostly self-deprecating humor. The performance was positively received by the audience.

Before the show, Ignacio had watched YouTube videos of comedians giving advice to rookie comics, and worked on his material until he knew it line by line.

"You work on your set not just until you memorize it, but until you can't forget it," Ignacio said. "And that eliminates a lot of the nerves, because you're nervous because you think you might embarrass yourself and fall flat, but if you're positive that you know your set, then the nerves go away a little bit."

For his debut performance, Ignacio developed material by drawing on personal experiences. His very first joke was a jab at his oversized frame. ("It's my first time going on stage," he said, before deadpanning, "I've been doing stand up for like 10 years but it's the first time i made it up the steps.")

"Rudy had us write a list of premises, things that happened in your life, things that you hate, and then take it from there," Ignacio later explained. "You develop all these premises, and some of them you'll find might be funny but it would be a one-off: 'Don't you hate when this happens.' ok, so what, that's it,



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

Ignacio Gonzalez works at a non-profit agency helping people with developmental disabilities, and moonlights as a stand-up comedian.

you can't take it anywhere.

"But then there are some jokes you can develop, and have another joke, and another one, and you can sort of pile on the jokes and you can stretch it out into an actual bit."

Since his debut last October, Ignacio has gone on to perform at various bars, clubs and restaurants in Southern California. And not every gig is the same.

"People, especially newbies like me, like to show off, 'Yeah, I've been to the Ice House, yeah I've been here,' but what experienced comics respect is if you go to these little hole-in-the-walls, open mics at different bars where not everyone is there for the comedy night. But if you can go to these places and get somebody to laugh, you know you're doing ok. If you have somebody that has their back to you, just drinking a beer, and suddenly they turn around like, 'Oh wow, that was funny,' that's the goal."

Does Ignacio get political in his stand-up?

"I wouldn't get political for the sake of getting political, but if I can string together three, four, five jokes, then maybe. But it has to be funny. You can't just get up there and spout off like your crazy uncle."

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POETRY MATTERS

Windchime

She goes out to hang the windchime in her nightie and her work boots. It's six-thirty in the morning and she's standing on the plastic ice chest tiptoe to reach the crossbeam of the porch,

windchime in her left hand, hammer in her right, the nail gripped tight between her teeth but nothing happens next because she's trying to figure out how to switch #1 with #3.

She must have been standing in the kitchen, coffee in her hand, asleep, when she heard it—the wind blowing through the sound the windchime wasn't making because it wasn't there.

No one, including me, especially anymore believes till death do us part, but I can see what I would miss in leaving—the way her ankles go into the work boots as she stands upon the ice chest; the problem scrunched into her forehead; the little kissable mouth with the nail in it.

When one is in love, everything about that person seems appealing, even "the way her ankles go into the work boots." With love, either you're in or you're out. Liked being dead or pregnant, there is no half-way. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Tony Hoagland, Graywolf Press

Downey Theatre presents:

Blue Öyster Cult

Thursday, March 14th, 2019 8:00PM



For over four decades, **Blue Öyster Cult** has been thrilling fans of intelligent hard rock worldwide with powerful albums loaded with classic songs. BÖC is one of very few hard rock/heavy metal bands to earn both genuine mainstream critical acclaim as well as commercial success.

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

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

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City of Downey

JOIN US, we want your input!

Rancho Los Amigos South Campus Public Scoping Meeting

Date:	February 25, 2019
Time:	6:00pm - 8:00pm
Location:	Barbara J. Riley Center 7810 Quill Drive Downey, CA 90242

The City of Downey is commencing with preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Rancho Los Amigos South Campus Specific Plan (Project), and has released a Notice of Preparation (NOP), in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), State CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures. We want to know your views and concerns related to the Project's potential environmental effects. Information gathered during the NOP comment period will be used to shape and focus future environmental impact analyses. The City of Downey is also interested in your views as to the scope and content of the environmental information.

Comic Ignacio Gonzalez finds his therapy on stage

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Is Ignacio's material for mature audiences?

"I try not to cuss too much because the advice is if you have to rely on a bad word, then you don't really have the goods."

What's the ultimate goal?

Ignacio has taken scriptwriting classes and has developed a TV pilot, complete with character bios, story arcs, the whole package.

"I think if sometime I can bring the two together [comedy and TV] and can pitch the show, that would be a goal."

Who are his favorite comedians?

Ignacio cites Rodney Dangerfield as an early favorite, but also draws heavily from Chris Rock.

"I think he's brilliant," Ignacio says of Rock. "I don't know if people give him enough credit. Speaking of getting political, he talks politics without getting political. He talked about gun control, and Bill Clinton, and he did it going on 20 years, and it's still pretty relevant."

"And of course all the Latino comics: Jeff Garcia, George Lopez and Gabriel Iglesias."

The difference between a funny person and a comedian:

"We all know funny people but a joke lasts 10 seconds or five seconds even; most places you have to have at least a 5-minute set. You can't just go up there and say, 'Hey, I'm funny, let



PHOTO BY MICHAEL CHIRCO

me spout off for five minutes. You'll find out quickly that you'll fall flat on your face if you don't have something together. Because it's pretty lonely up there."

to a hundred percent you as possible -- you want to be as close to yourself as possible. You want to make people feel like you're just talking to them, like you're talking to your friends."

How much of his material is truly Ignacio, and how much is an act:

"You try to make it as close

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The event raises money for The Arc Los Angeles & Orange Counties, which provides services and advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities.

Participants can choose between a 1- or 3-mile walk, and can walk individually or as part of a team. Registration is \$25 if paid before Feb. 28; \$30 between March 1-29; and \$35 day-of. Children ages 10 and under are free.

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