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Rotary throws gala for YMCA, TLC

The black-tie fundraiser attracted a host of civic leaders, all to raise money for a pair of Downey non-profits.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

DOWNEY – When Rotary throws a party honoring volunteers serving two Downey institutions, get ready for a mellow evening.

The Downey Family YMCA, and TLC Family Resource Center, were this year's choices, and as Dr. John Garcia, presenter of the award for TLC said, "two groups could not be more different."

The Y is one nearly two hundred years old and was started in 1844 in response to unhealthy social conditions arising in the big cities at the end of the Industrial Revolution, and now in the 21st century, caters to the needs of youth, adults and seniors. The other, TLC, which stands for True Lasting Connections, was founded recently, in 2000, and provides for needy families in the Downey Unified School district. Yet they are the same, said Dr. John "in their passion for helping people."

TLC has consistently received the support of Downey educators. As Dr. John said, "My predecessors Dr. Ed Sussman and Dr. Wendy Doty both said we need to preserve TLC. Said Dr. Ed, "Downey is unique in having the only School District that also has a social services component."

Alex Saab was singled out for his contributions to TLC, and he was there with wife Giggy-Perez-Saab, a School Board member. Other Board members Donald La Plante, Martha Medford Sodetani in black and silver mesh and a major white diamond necklace, and Todd Corrin turned out, all splendid in Black and White formal attire, to support the honoree.

All the attendees were hard-working volunteers who, when their day jobs are done, pour their hearts and souls into filling pressing community needs by working in one of Downey's many service organizations. And some help in more ways than one.

For example, Giggy's birthday was the next day, and as her sister Soroptimist Cecelia Gonez said, "Happy Birthday to an amazing mom, wonderful wifey, extraordinary woman and EPIC Soroptimist Sister, the one and only, Giggy Perez -Saab! Feliz Cumpleaños."

Cecilia took time out from the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force Day, to attend. Giggy wore a one-shoulder black gown secured with a fiery diamond decoration and Cecilia was a 20's flapper in black and silver sequins and fringe, and a sparkly headband. Alex varied the formal bow tie look with a silver satin tie.

The Embassy Suites' large Banquet room was draped in gauzy white swags with blinking gold lights running from the crystal chandelier. Tables were covered in matte black cloths, and black and gold program listed the

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Civic leader and auctioneer Dorothy Pemberton.

Gov. Newsom visits Downey to take stand against drug costs

On his 100th day in office, California Gov. Gavin Newsom visits Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – California Governor Gavin Newsom was in Downey on Wednesday, joining Los Angeles County leaders at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center to draw a hard line in the sand against expensive prescription drug and medication costs.

On his 100th day in office, Newsom stood in the shadow of Rancho's new Outpatient Building and announced that the state and LA County would be partnering in the hopes of negotiating down the often-crippling prices of pharmaceutical drugs.

The high costs of prescription drugs have long been in the crosshairs of California's governor.

"I got sworn in 100 days ago, and the first thing I did was sign an executive order...quite literally moments after I walked off the stage," said Newsom. "It was remarkable to me that in the state of California, with this remarkable purchasing we already do...we estimate now it's close to \$13 billion that the state pays into our pharmaceutical purchases."

"In the executive order, there was a reference that we want to open up this purchasing pool to others, including the counties, including the private sector as

well."

L.A. County is the first to partner with the state. Newsom described it as a "populous moment."

"We are lighting up the imagination of others...two governors have called me saying, 'what about us? What about our state joining the state of California,'" said Newsom. "All that frustration and, let's be honest, all that monied interest. Big money here, and they've been buying us off. I'll say it. Politicians of all political stripes have been bought off, been threatened. They don't want to touch this; they're willful in their neglect or their content of all of you as taxpayers. They're taking care of the rest of us."

Newsom added that "we will save billions and billions of dollars over the next several years."

"I get all the arguments; I'm not naïve about that. I can understand we'll pay a modest premium but not 200 percent more for the cost of drugs, versus what you pay up in Ontario, Canada...is it really worth two times more in America than it is, or two and a half times more than it is in Switzerland? It's nonsense," said Newsom. "They've gotten away with it because we've allowed them to get away with it...now we're able to go



PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ

California Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, where he announced a new state effort to reduce pharmaceutical costs.

to the table with massive capacity to leverage the negotiation at that table, to drive down costs, to put more money in your pocket books and make a difference in people's lives."

As he announced the partnership, Newsom was flanked by LA County Supervisors Hilda Solis of District 1 and Janice Hahn of District 4.

"Our governor understands that getting medication and prescription drugs is really driving down our economy, and the quality of life for so many people is impacted in so many ways,"

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Measure O spending has been appropriate, committee says

The citizens' bond oversight committee presented its annual report to the Downey school board last week.

DOWNEY – Revenue from a \$248 million bond measure to renovate Downey Unified schools has been appropriately spent on campus renovations, according to a report issued last week by a civilian oversight committee.

Downey voters approved Measure O in 2014, electing to tax homeowners to fund repairs, upgrades and new construction projects at Downey Unified campuses.

Downey Unified sold \$50 million in bonds in October 2015. The next bond sale occurred in February 2019 in the amount of \$135 million.

After Measure O was approved, the school district created a citizens' bond oversight committee to ensure bond proceeds were properly spent, as required by law.

"The oversight committee has determined that Measure O funds were indeed used for construction

jobs, temporary facilities and utilities, mandatory state inspections, environmental reviews, site preparation, engineering services, and other fees and services that are expected with large construction projects," said Eric Pierce, chair of the oversight committee.

Pierce presented the committee's findings to the school board on April 9.

"Funds for administrative salaries were spent only to the extent they perform administrative oversight work on construction projects," Pierce added.

Measure O spending also underwent an independent audit that revealed no questionable costs, according to the report.

Downey Unified spent about \$28.8 million in bond proceeds during the 2017-18 school year,



PHOTO COURTESY DUSD

The Murdoch Fraser Aquatics Center at Warren High, which opened in October of 2017, was financed by Measure O.

which funded renovation work at all 13 elementary schools, four middle schools, and three high schools. Work was also done at Downey Adult School and district headquarters.

In addition to Pierce, the oversight committee includes Paul Beemer, Danielle De Buhr, Melody Gregorio, Russell Skersick, Jerry Wetzstein and Jeff Townsend.

The complete report is available online at dUSD.net.

Police investigate dead body

DOWNEY – A man found dead early Tuesday morning on Woodruff Avenue didn't suffer major injuries and there are no obvious signs of foul play, according to police.

The body was reported to police at around 5 a.m. Police officers found the man on Woodruff Avenue, just south of Stewart & Gray Road.

Police identified the man as African American, approximately 40 years old. His name was not released pending notification of next of kin.

The L.A. County coroner's office will determine a cause of death.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Richard Garcia at (562) 904-2330.

Eric Pierce, editor

Downey restaurant grades

Kaiser Cafe
12254 Bellflower Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/17/19
Grade: **A**

Southern California Gas Co.
9240 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/17/19
Grade: **A**

Pronto Pizza
8304 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 4/16/19
Grade: **A**

Berto's Mexican Restaurant
11949 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/16/19
Grade: **A**

Guacamaya Oasis
8826 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 4/16/19
Grade: **A**

Club DB Lounge
8206 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/12/19
Grade: **A**

Anarchy Library
13250 Woodruff Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/12/19
Grade: **A**

Gaucha Grill
8830 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 4/12/19
Grade: **A**

Hully Gully
9559 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 4/12/19
Grade: **A**

Bar Louie
8860 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 4/11/19
Grade: **A**

Masa Sushi
7808 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/11/19
Grade: **A**

Bionicos Express
7818 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/11/19
Grade: **A**

Tacos Baja
12623 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/11/19
Grade: **A**

Marie Callender's
7860 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/11/19
Grade: **A**

Guacamaya Oasis
8826 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 4/11/19
Grade: **B**

Mr. Pete's Burgers
12050 Woodruff Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/10/19
Grade: **A**

Fernando's
9484 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/10/19
Grade: **A**

Boston Market
8606 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/9/19
Grade: **A**

Rubio's Mexican Grill
12010 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/9/19
Grade: **A**

Downey Ponytail
12334 Bellflower Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/9/19
Grade: **A**

Hometown Buffet
8432 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/4/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 80°

Saturday 67°

Sunday 68°

THINGS TO DO



Tree Planting

Saturday - Downey City Hall, 11 am
Celebrate Earth Day by helping plant trees in the breezeway outside City Hall.



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday - Olvera Street, 12 pm
Bring your family, friends and pets to this annual celebration. Free and open to the public.



The Office Trivia Bar Crawl

Saturday - Long Beach, 4-10 pm
Crawl multiple bars with exclusive drinks specials, while competing against hundreds of other crawlers in "The Office" trivia. TriviaCrawl.com

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

COYOTES DRAW FRUSTRATION FROM RESIDENTS

EDUARDO RAMIREZ: Coyotes are here to stay and removing them is not and will never be an option. Our one and only path forward is coexistence.

CHRISTOPHER FLORES: We moved in on their territory. Keep that in mind!

ELIZABETH MARTINEZ: It's easy to say leave them alone when you're not the one suffering a loss. They're not afraid of human contact.

JEANNIE GOMEZ: Keep your pets inside and don't leave out food. Simple.

LESLIE MURRAY BECOMES FIRST FEMALE CAPTAIN IN DOWNEY POLICE HISTORY

IVE RAMOS: This makes me so proud, congratulations.

JOAN HEISLER: Congratulations, Captain! Young women in Downey certainly have a strong role model in you, along with all the other women serving this city.

Reach us on Facebook at: Facebook.com/DowneyPatriot

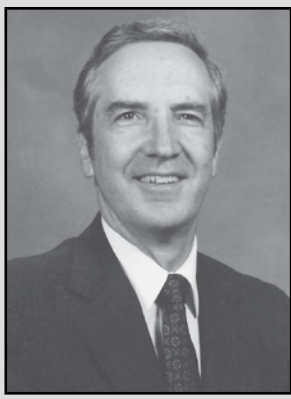
TWEET OF THE WEEK

@DowneyUnified: Saturday was our Robololympics competition. Congratulations to 1st place winners @WJaguars (3rd grade) & @PricePanthers (4th&5th grade)!

In Memory of

Robert F. Fisher

March 26, 1933 - April 6, 2019



Robert Findlay "Bob" Fisher was born in Downey, California on March 26, 1933, younger son of Thomas and Helen Findlay Fisher. He attended Downey schools, graduating from Downey High School in 1951.

Bob attended Occidental College in Eagle Rock, graduating with a BA in Economics. While at Occidental, he was active in Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and Air Force ROTC.

During his junior year, he met Marilyn "Lyn" Beynon, whom he married shortly after his graduation in 1955. Bob was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Air Force, completing his training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, then was assigned to the finance office at Eielson Air Force Base outside Fairbanks, Alaska, where he and Lyn lived from 1956-1958.

Bob and Lyn returned to Downey in 1959 to set up their home and raise their sons. He re-joined his older brother Don in operating their local businesses: General Insurance Agencies, Champion Printing and Assured Income Corporation.

Community involvement was Bob's passion. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Downey, serving in many leadership roles, including teaching Sunday School and singing in the choir. He was a founding member of the Downey YMCA in 1941, participating in many programs both as a youth and later with his sons. Bob served on the Y Board of Managers, acting as Chairman in 1974-1975, and annually took on leadership roles in the Y Current Support Campaign. Bob was a founding member of the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis Club, serving as President from 1971-1972. He was also a member of the Board at Downey Community Hospital.

After retiring in 1994, the Fishers moved to San Clemente, where they became equally active in the community, including San Clemente Presbyterian Church, Kiwanis Club of San Clemente, and San Clemente Friends of the Library. Bob also enjoyed volunteering regularly in the Building and Planning Department at San Clemente City Hall.

Bob is survived by his wife Lyn, sons Jim (Marilyn) and Rick, granddaughters Jenny and Ellie; Nieces Peggy Fisher, Janis (Jesse) Flores, JoAnn Kearns, nephew Rob (Ginnie) Fisher; grand-nieces: Jessica (Dustin) Carroll, Emily Fisher and Rachel Kearns; Cousin: John (Martha) Powers.

A memorial service celebrating Bob's life will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at San Clemente Presbyterian Church, 119 Avenida de la Estrella, San Clemente, CA.

In lieu of flowers, the family gratefully appreciates any contributions made to the Kiwanis Club of San Clemente Foundation, P.O. Box 32, San Clemente, CA 92674. One of Bob's favorite activities of the year was participating on the foundation's college scholarship committee for local high school students.

Lucy Atlas, Kathleen Carter, John Glaister named Teachers of the Year

The three teachers were praised for their dedication to student success and unique approaches to education.

DOWNEY - Three teachers from across Downey Unified were recognized by the Downey United Masonic Lodge 220 at the Board of Education's monthly meeting held on Tuesday, April 9.

This annual award, which first began in 1964, is presented to a teacher from each level in the Downey Unified School District. This year's Masonic Teacher of the Year recipients are Lucy Atlas, Kathleen Carter and John Glaister.

Beginning at the elementary level, **Lucy Atlas**, a fifth-grade teacher at Old River Elementary School, was selected for her unwavering dedication to the success of every student.

Beginning her teaching career in Downey Unified at Gaudin Elementary School in 1986, Atlas transferred to Old River Elementary School in 1997 when the school was first opened. She currently assists in the GATE program, the Gator Glee and has coached students in the Carnival of Champions for the past 25 years.

"Ms. Atlas is humble yet determined to do the right things and to do right by our district, our school and our students," expressed Old River Elementary School principal, Caryn Jasich. "She knows that the support she provides is essential in helping students build the confidence they need to navigate this ever-changing world we live in."

Kathleen Carter, a Social Studies teacher at Doty Middle School, was chosen as the second Masonic Teacher of the Year representing the middle school level.

Previously an ASB Advisor for three years, Carter started at Doty Middle School in 1994 when it was still named East Middle School. Due to family priorities, she



John Glaister, Columbus High School teacher, accepts the award of 2019 Masonic Teacher of the year. From left: Stephen White, Downey United Masonic Lodge 220 Junior Warden; Ralph Lopez, Downey United Masonic Lodge 220; John Glaister; Anthony Zegarra, Columbus High School Principal; and David Olmedo, Downey United Masonic Lodge 220 Senior Warden.

accepted a part-time position at the Downey Adult School assisting in the GED diploma program, then in 2013 she rejoined the Doty staff.

Carter is the co-chairperson for the Social Studies Department and played a key role in assisting the school in receiving the state and national Schools To Watch designation.

"She incorporates new teaching strategies and integrates new technology that she finds effective in always improving student learning," stated Brent Shubin, principal of Doty Middle School. "Mrs. Carter is a shining example of what being an outstanding educator is all about."

Selected from the high school level, Art teacher **John Glaister** from Columbus High School, was the final Downey Unified teacher to be honored.

Glaister has been a teacher at Columbus High for 15 years, teaching art and acting as an ASB Advisor. He provides support across the district, helping elementary schools by making classroom sets of student whiteboards and creating signage for various rooms. Glaister is also active in the Downey community assisting in building book boxes



Doty Middle School's Kathleen Carter was recognized as this year's middle school Masonic Teacher of the Year. From left: Stephen White, Downey United Masonic Lodge 220 Junior Warden; Ralph Lopez, Downey United Masonic Lodge 220; Kathleen Carter; Brent Shubin, Doty Middle School Principal; and David Olmedo, Downey United Masonic Lodge 220 Senior Warden.



Old River Elementary School's Lucy Atlas accepts her Masonic Teacher of the Year plaque from the Downey United Masonic Lodge 220. From left to right: Stephen White, Downey United Masonic Lodge 220 Junior Warden; Ralph Lopez, Downey United Masonic Lodge 220; Lucy Atlas; Caryn Jasich, Old River Principal; and David Olmedo, Downey United Masonic Lodge 220 Senior Warden.

around the city while the public library is closed for renovations.

"Above all Mr. Glaister is an example for all on campus," said Columbus High's principal, Anthony Zegarra. "He helps in any way he can to make Columbus the best place for all who enter our doors every day."

"All three of the Downey

Unified teachers that were awarded the Masonic Teacher of the Year exhibit qualities that direct students down a path that leads them to be citizens of strong character and globally competitive, while providing them with the appropriate tools to be both college and career ready," the school district said in a statement.

Governor visits Downey hospital

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said Solis. "I see it in my district where seniors and young people can't afford to buy their medicine, or they will cut their pills in half. They will forgo buying medicine because they have to pay the rent.

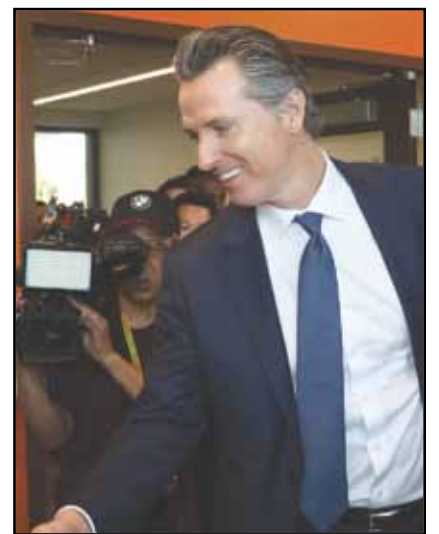
Those choices shouldn't have to be made."

"Right here in the state of California, \$8 billion is what we spend. What would happen if we could somehow do what the VA does...and cut those prices in half? That's something we've been

fighting for a long time."

Hahn said that California would "not wait for Congress."

"Today, California, under [Gov. Newsom's] leadership, is leading the country again," said Hahn. "California is a model for the rest of the country, and I've been so impressed by this governor's bold leadership that he's been showing in his first 100 days in office and today is no exception. He knows we're more effective when we work together; when the cities, the counties, and the state work together."



Spring Worship Guide

He's Alive!

Good Friday - Communion
Friday, April 19th at 12:00pm (Noon)
Special Message and Communion
No Child Care Available - Habra traducción en Español

Servicio de Viernes Santo
Viernes, 19 de Abril a las 7:00pm en el Santuario Principal
Mensaje especial por el Pastor Danny Gamez

He's Alive Jubilation for Kids
Saturday, April 20th at 10:00am at Calvary Chapel Downey
Straight-Up Puppet Team, Glad Scientist, and a Drama.
A Celebration Just For Kids! (3yrs - 6th grade)

He Is Risen Easter "Sonrise" Service
Sunday, April 21st, gates open at 5:30am, Cerritos College Stadium
Message by Pastor Jeff Johnson, with Special Music by CCD Worship Band
Habrá traducción en Español. Solo traiga radio portátil 88.9 F.M.
(If it rains, meet at the church)

Sunday Services
Sunday, April 21st at 8:30 & 10:30am at Calvary Chapel Downey
Message by Pastor Jeff Johnson, Special Music by CCD Worship Band
Habrá traducción en Español - Children's and Youth Ministries available, Nursery through 12th Grade

Servicio En Español, Domingo, 21 de Abril a la 1:30pm en el Santuario Principal
Alabanza especial por Jose Lopez y un Mensaje Especial por el Pastor Danny Gamez

calvarychapel downey
12808 Woodruff Ave. Downey, CA 90808 www.ccdowney.com

Downey United Methodist Church
10801 Downey Avenue, Downey

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019
6am Sunrise Service • 10am Sunday Service
12:00 noon Easter Egg Hunt

8:00am to 11:00am
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The arts are thriving at Downey Unified

Eye on our Schools

By Nancy Swenson
Downey Board of Education

This is my third month of Eye on our Schools, I hope you have enjoyed the first two articles and hope you will continue with me on my journey through our schools. To save space in this article, I'm abbreviating the middle schools to MS and high schools to HS or sometimes I just drop the initials completely.

Words cannot express the great pride I take when asked what school district I represent. I reply the "Great and Wonderful Downey Unified School District" because that is exactly how I feel about this district and so much more. Education in Downey Unified is about much more than the three "R's" (reading, writing and arithmetic). More specifically it's also about creating students who value the Arts.

The past few weeks, I was lucky to see some of the activities associated with the Arts at the middle schools. Our drama teachers are the best around! They are excited about their plays and project energy onto their students, who in turn use that energy in their performances. We also have a great community full of supporters and parents who dedicate their free time in support of our students.

I laughed (and sometimes sang) along with the audience at the productions of "Shakespeare

Goes To Gravel Gulch..." at Doty MS, "Haphazardly Ever After" at Griffiths MS and "Grease" at Stauffer MS. I love the "outtakes" and commercials that you get to watch during intermission at Doty; they made me laugh and kept me entertained while the crew got ready for the next act.

Watching the kids do the "hand jive" during "Grease" took me back a few years, and I must give kudos to dedicated community member, Mr. Jeff Toussing, who carved and painted the Greased Lightnin' car out of styrofoam for Stauffer.

At Griffiths, there was a student in the audience from another district and at the end of the performance I overheard her ask the person sitting next to her if this was a magnet school. The girl she asked replied that it was not. She then responded saying that this production was better than the plays at her own performing arts magnet school... What a great compliment!

These may be middle school productions, but our students, sets and costumes are a big step above standard middle school expectations.

Now moving on to the productions at the high schools, which seem like they could be seen live on Broadway! I recently saw the Downey HS production of "In The Heights" at the Downey Civic Theatre, with music and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda, and

wonderful sets designed and built by Downey HS teacher Vincent Appel.

There was dancing, singing, cheering, crying and everything in-between. I was amazed by the students' ability to remember the often long and fast paced dialogue. You would have thought you were sitting at the Pantages Theatre.

And let's not forget the great productions at Warren HS. While they are always in a smaller and more intimate setting where they do not need to use a microphone, the students are spot on when it comes to being funny, engaging, dramatic and captivating.

I saw their most recent play last Saturday, "Yankee Tavern" and I have to say that it was another brilliant production. Warren's drama teacher majored in set design and again he didn't disappoint. The stage was turned into a working tavern where attendees could purchase a beverage for the evening...non-alcoholic of course. The only beer on tap was root beer.

My favorite annual play is "Night of the Living Dead" where a certain science teacher does a guest appearance as a Zombie. A few years ago, the construction teacher built a rotating platform into the stage floor that turns between scenes when necessary and has been used in multiple plays. That's something you don't see at every high school!

Warren High has another production coming up soon, the comedy "Mrs. California" beginning May 22nd through May

25th at 7:30pm. I highly recommend that you get to the Warren High theater early because seats sell out quickly.

The music programs at the middle and high schools are equally as wonderful as the drama productions. They all have opportunities for some, if not all, of the following activities such as choir groups, jazz bands, marching bands, jazz singers and the list goes on.

Downey HS just came in first place at the Monterey Next Generations Jazz Festival against jazz bands all across the country. And Warren HS has won the Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) Division Championship two years in a row and this school year earned their highest points in school history with a 94.15.

Keep your eyes on the individual schools' websites for opportunities to hear some of the best performances in Southern California.

I talked a lot about the drama productions, but our district also provides so many great opportunities in Music and Visual Arts for our students at all levels. I will revisit this area more during a later article.

As I close, let me put in a couple plugs... If you'd like to have some hands-on fun with animation, I recommend you go to Mr. Bill Austin's class, Room K1, at Warren HS at 6:30 p.m. and 8



Downey High School students performing "In the Heights."

p.m. on Wednesday nights where he opens his classroom doors to anyone that wants to learn about animation.

At the elementary level, please visit the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities' website (DFEO.org) to see what our partner foundation offers our students to help supplement art education.

As you can see, I am very proud of the opportunities we provide our students every day at our schools to help them become citizens of strong character. None of this would be possible if it weren't for the support of every one of our employees. Our teachers are always looking for ways to impact our students and our non-teaching Classified staff for providing food for them every day and keep our schools looking clean, safe and inviting.

Upcoming events:
Downey HS Band Spring

Concert at the Downey Civic Theater - Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.

Warren HS has another play coming up that I mentioned earlier. Visit: www.emersontheatre.net for details

Warren HS Spring Concert at the Downey Civic Theater - Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 p.m.

Doty MS Spring Concert at the Downey Civic Theater - Monday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.

Griffiths MS Spring Concert - Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 p.m.

Sussman MS Concert on the Lawn - Thursday, May 16, 5:00 p.m.

I hope to see you there!

Nancy A. Swenson
President, Downey Unified Board of Education

Mayor's Corner

When I ran for office, my purpose was and always will be to serve the residents of Downey. These residents include children.

During my time in office I have learned that the need for foster homes continues to grow with Downey and neighboring cities experiencing an increase.

The primary purpose of foster care is to provide a safe and stable

environment for a child who cannot be with his or her parents. Downey Cares Collaborative was formed to help children who have been displaced from their homes and need a place where they can feel safe. The group's mission is to cultivate a public-private coalition to address the needs of children and families in the City of Downey who are affected by child abuse and neglect.

Many of us are unfamiliar with foster care and may wonder why it is so important. Maybe you have even considered becoming a foster

parent but weren't sure where to start. By opening your home to these children you will help them learn what a stable home looks like. Oftentimes they have suffered abuse or neglect from their own parents, so they have no idea what a loving home feels like. Foster parents can help them learn what it's like to eat, sleep, and play in a place that is safe and stable.

Statistics have shown that foster kids are 50% more likely to become homeless, develop an addiction, be arrested and not graduate. I believe we are better

than that!

Being a foster parent gives you the opportunity to teach a kid how to be a kid. With patience and love, a child can learn to laugh and to act their age. Foster parents help children understand that there are people who care for them and love them. Opening your home offers a safe transition period for the child while the biological family gets their issues resolved. Many times fostering can even lead to adoption. Helping a foster child is an essential component of bringing families together and

helping kids to grow up and excel in life regardless of what they have gone through.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing or would simply like more information, please join us on Saturday, May 4th from 10 am to 1 pm at New Seasons Church in Downey. Representatives from the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services will be on hand, along with other organizations, to answer questions and give information. Knowing that there are children here in

our city that need a home truly is heartbreaking. Please join me and Downey Cares Collaborative in helping our local kids.

Rick Rodriguez
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Jim Derry, Charles Gregorio and Alex Saab honored

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fabulous live auction items for later in the evening.

“How do you keep glitter from shedding?” asked Dorothy Pemberton, the Auctioneer for the evening’s Live Auction. Dorothy looked glam in a little black number spangled with silver and gold. “Think of it as if you are just trailing stardust,” I advised her.

SEEN ON ENTERING, Dr. Kenny Ferraro, a former Chairman of the Y Board of Managers, and wife Betty in all white outfit with pearls. Betty is a former Downey School Board member. Longtime Y volunteers Bob Earl and wife Joanne were there. Joanne loves to work out at the Y’s Gym. Christina De La Torre, the Y’s volunteer leader in Youth in Government Activities, wore a white sparkly top with black zebra shadow stripes.

They were here to support the Y’s honorees. One was Jim Derry, who was splendid in tux with red bow tie and red cummerbund. Wife Stella wore white top patterned with tiers of large white sequin discs. As Jim said, “I couldn’t have done it without her.” Granddaughter Caitlin with the appropriately Irish name – see Jim about that – had flown in from Denver to see Granddad accept his award. She added to the classic tone of the evening with her flapper headband and long string of pearls

Charles Gregorio, who shared with Jim the Rotary “Robert Golay Service Above Self Award,” attended with wife Melody in

black and gold gem-studded brocade and daughter Emily, in black lace. Emily is a former Dodger ball girl whose exploits have been seen on Channel 7.

Robert Golay, in whose memory the award of recognition is given, was the long-term Executive Director of the Downey Family YMCA, and a stalwart member of the Rotary Club of Downey for many years. His widow Mary attended to congratulate Charles and Jim.

Also making a star entrance with Miss Downey and her court was the Downey Patriot publisher, raven haired Jennifer DeKay. Her one-piece black silk crepe pantsuit over a pair of black stiletto heels took Jennifer around the dance floor. Editor of the Patriot Eric Pierce posed in his party tux with Little Miss Downey. Eric enlivened his dark gray formal jacket with a shirt made of tiny red and white checks, and a red satin figured tie.

Lori Tiffany, the Y’s Executive Director, chic as always with her dancer’s figure encased in a short black sequin slip dress was present with husband Scott. Many in the gathering, like Jennifer and Lori, were Downey Rotarians, and that included Jim and Judy Reynolds, both club members, and Alex and Jenette Lopez, also a husband and wife duo in the club, he dapper in his tux and she in green crepe flapper gown overlaid with ebony sequins. Jenette’s auburn hair was caught up by a diamond-clasped band in a loose mass of ringlets, and Alex wore a dark green silk tie to match his wife’s dress, with his shawl-

collared formal jacket.

All the energy of the evening, including the pleasure of dressing to match the theme, illustrated the way Rotarians approach all their projects. As onetime President Rick Lively once put it, “Rotarians having fun doing good.” Every carefully chosen word there would have pleased founder Paul Harris.

Rotarian attendees posed for a group picture but there were so many, over 40 at least, that the camera’s fish-eye could scarcely get them all clearly. They’ll be joking with each other at next week’s meeting, about the good time they had at the Gala. One Rotarian’s sartorial splendor was commented on by Dr. John when he said, “This person also deserves an award: Will Medina, who wore dress slacks instead of the usual formal black jeans.”

Manny Castro was present, as was newly retired Judge Phil Mautino, formerly assigned to the Los Padrinos Juvenile Court, wearing the de rigueur black tuxedo. Not to be missed was Dr. Ed Potter, a past president and former Assistant School Superintendent. Ed looked invincible in a silver sports-hero jacket and silver-starred soft shirt to match his silver thatch.

Formally dressed Emcee Ray Brown, whose wife Kookie was elegant in her black gown, opened the evening by introducing the local dignitaries. “This looks like a trainable audience,” said Ray, “so I want to instruct you, to hold your applause to just one loud and

enthusiastic clap for each person.”

Sure enough, the guests followed instructions when Former Mayors Sean Ashton and man-about-town Meredith Perkins were introduced, as well as members of the School Board.

ROTARIANS ALSO SEEN: Chad Berlingheiri of Cathedral Productions smash holiday artistic presentation “Christmas in Downey”, with Sister Emarid Flood. Rotary President Greg Welch enjoyed the luxury of sitting back and enjoying the well planned evening, organized by Rotary President-elect Nathan Mahoney.

Jorge Lopez, Pam Powers, Patricia Megallon, and Ryan Keene and wife Jessica also graced the scene with their presence. It’s amazing how a tuxedo makes a handsome man even handsomer. Ask any woman there.

Ray read the names of the evening’s generous sponsors, also listed in the program, and the loud single clap worked for them too

Those who chose to interpret the Black and White 20’s theme in the Gangster mode included Rich Strayer in a killer loud pinstripe suit with black shirt and black fedora with a white band to match his white satin tie. Wife Gloria as his glamorous moll also was dressed to kill in a green satin slip dress overlaid with glittery black netting. Her fluttery eyelids were lined with silver to match her cascading silver earrings.

Another “thug” was Ronnie Fernandez, with his golf cap, long sleeved starched white shirt, and trousers held up by a wide set of black suspenders. No holster was visible for his gun, but he gave you that feeling...

Barbara Lamberth, who handles so many jobs so well for Rotary, was at the door dressed in black and gold and white, handing out meal tickets. The dual entries of filet and lobster are a challenge to any banquet room’s facilities, but the Hilton Embassy Suites



Stella and Jim Derry. “I could not have done it without her,” Jim said. Photo by Lorine Parks

in Downey was up to it. The team of servers brought in the dinner plates, each under its own silver dome. The rock lobster was revealed, resting on its own red carapace, and a sauce boat of drawn butter and a plate of lemon slices accompanied the sweet and tender morsels. Congratulations to General Manager and Rotarian Maurice Casaus, for being the perfect evening. “Phenomenal” Maurice, as Nate referred to him, is the club’s President-Nominee, which means Maurice is in line for the Presidency in two years.

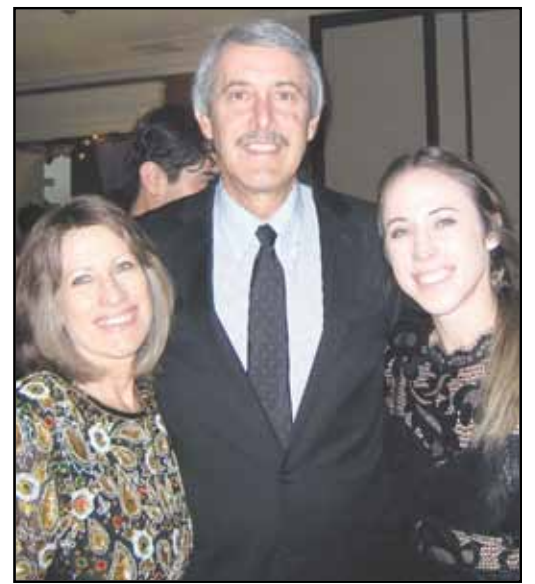
Drs. Debbie and Dan Fox, each a Doctor of Chiropractic, were there, he in a tux, she in a black sequin and net creation. They are also partners in both being Downey Rotarians where he edits the club’s weekly newsletter the Hubhub, with a careful eye from Debbie.

After dinner, while we were still noshing on a delicious chocolate mousse cake, Emcee Ray Brown introduced Russell Skersick who presented the awards to the

honorees from the Downey Y. Charles Gregorio, who has served in one capacity or another for 42 years, starting with swim lessons at the Y’s then outdoor pool. Anyone remember that? Charles has enjoyed being a referee in Y basketball games and selling trees at the Y’s lot at Christmas. He now serves as Chairman of the Board of Managers.

Jim Derry’s contributions are too many to list here, but in 58 years he has filled led every leadership position, from

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Downey Family YMCA honoree Charles Gregorio, wife Melody, and daughter Emily. Photo by Lorine Parks



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A bright spot in California

BY SCOTT SMITH

California’s plastic and paper recycling program may be struggling. And the state has made a mess of its e-waste program that is supposed to keep old televisions and computers out of the landfill.

But there is one bright spot – California’s program to recycle massive amounts of metals from old appliances, cars, construction scraps, and countless other consumer products.

For nearly 50 years, California has been a leader in not just keeping this metal out of our landfills, but in converting it into valuable products. In doing so, the State has created a robust industry that touches every town, city, and county in the state.

Scrap metal recycling provides California with an estimated 51,000 jobs that represent a total of \$3.6 billion in wages. The industry’s economic impact in the state is \$11.5 billion. It also generates more than \$1.5 billion in tax revenue for California governments.

At a street level, tens of thousands of people have built mom-and-pop businesses collecting metals from businesses and neighborhoods. These are typically minority-owned businesses providing income for a segment of our population without much education or another opportunity for economic advancement. These scrap metal collectors have been able to support families by collecting tons of end-of-life products that would otherwise end up in the landfill. They rightly consider themselves environmentalists who provide a valuable service that keeps their communities from blight.

These collectors load up their trucks and drop off metals at local recycling centers that pay them based on weight. These centers sort the metals before delivering them to larger regional recyclers.

In addition to receiving metal from local centers, medium and large recyclers are the collection point for old cars, trucks and buses and metals from manufacturing plants. The old vehicles come from many sources – the State of California’s “cash-for-clunkers” program, auto

dismantlers and non-profit organizations that receive old vehicles as donations. Before recycling, the dismantlers remove all gasoline, liquids, batteries and other potentially hazardous materials. Over a million end of life cars and over 3 million end of life appliances are recycled at these recyclers every year.

Metal recycling facilities engage in a very high-tech, sophisticated process that turns mountains of rusty, old cars and other scrap metals into raw stainless steel, iron, aluminum, steel, and copper. These products are exported and used in the manufacturing of new cars, appliances, and consumer goods, which reduces demand for natural resources.

Over decades, the shredding and recycling process has been refined to the point where 99 percent of all metals are recovered. What is left is something known as “shredder residue.” This includes shredded upholstery, plastic, glass and a minuscule amount of metal. For regulatory purposes, this end of process residue is chemically treated with a cement type mixture before being transported to a landfill as and used as daily cover.

Metal recycling has thrived as a good neighbor in part because it has excellent working relationships with its regulators – local fire departments, regional water boards, and air quality management districts. The regulators have required permits that project the environment and public health.

While household waste recycling is fraught with problems, California’s metal recycling industry has been successfully delivering tremendous benefits to the state’s environment and economy. It is an underappreciated effort that supports working families, diverts waste from landfills and creates value across the board.

Scott Smith serves as executive director of the Gateway Chambers Alliance, a group of 10 local chambers of commerce from across the Gateway Region of Los Angeles County representing hundreds of small businesses and thousands of jobs.

Fire sticks need warning labels

BY MICHAEL CHIRCO

My fiancé and I were recently at Home Depot on a hunt for wonderful plants of different varieties. We walked through aisle after aisle exploring this enchanted green wonderland.

Then we walked into the succulent area. So many beautiful desert plants perfect for the Downey climate and perfect for most of this desert landscape we call Southern California.

Although beautiful, certain ones of these plants you just know not to touch because of the thorns or the needles. One wrong touch and blood may start to appear. So, with that thought, our eyes looked on to the next batch of beautiful desert like plants. And we both landed our eyes on the “fire sticks.”

We both ran over to look at them.

First thing I noticed was that there was no warning label.

The fire sticks are a beautiful plant; you almost cannot take your eyes off of them, like they are calling you, drawing you closer like a magnet. Fire sticks have a proper name of Euphorbia Tirucalli but they’re also known as Aveloz, Indian tree spurge, Naked Lady, pencil cactus, milk bush or what we call them, fire sticks.

Fire sticks are a great plant in areas where rain is limited. They grow with very little water. The branches can be cut and planted and cut and planted forever. One plant can turn into an endless garden of fire sticks. The plant can grow up to 20 feet in height if it is supported correctly.

Fire sticks can also be used as a barrier between properties, a wall cover, a window cover or a great burglar deterrent. We say a great burglar deterrent because when not understood, this plant will quickly make you understand. This plant is not to be touched by the uneducated in plant knowledge.

Just brushing up against the plant will make the rest of your day a bad day. This plant grows many beautiful little fingers, but these fingers are dangerous.

They are very sensitive and a small touch at the tips will expose a

hot, white, milky sap. This sap will get on your skin and start to itch and burn. If you get enough of it on you, and you begin to itch, it will get on your hands and fingers and without thinking about it, eventually you will play with your hair or rub your forehead.

Before you know it a tiny amount with the help of a little bit of sweat will run down your forehead and into your eyebrows and then make its way into your eyes. That’s when you really begin to hate life. And if you don’t have anyone around to help you, well, good luck.

You will have a hard time even opening your eyes. Looking at your phone will be a difficult task. And you will need your phone to call a loved one, because you will need help. Your eyes need to be flushed out continuously while on your back with a saline solution. This sap, in the worst-case scenarios, can lead to blindness.

Removing the sap is a bit difficult because it acts as glue and dries clear. You may think it is gone, but trace residue can cause major symptoms.

In larger plants, when cutting, the sap will actually squirt at you as though the plant is protecting itself, which makes it essential to wear full body protection when removing these plants.

My family and friends all have this plant and large numbers of it. We have all learned the hard way of dealing with this plant. Even our pets have had their experiences. Now we know how to deal with it.

Like coffee, we love them but they are hot and now we are careful.

But most people will learn the hard way. That’s why we would like to see Home Depot and all other nurseries begin to put a warning label on these plants.

You may recall a time when McDonald’s was sued because someone was burned by hot coffee. Well, everyone knows hot coffee will burn, but McDonald’s was forced to label their coffee cups with “CAUTION HOT!”

Fire sticks don’t have thorns or needles, but they are hot, sticky and can cause blindness. Where is their warning label?

Can Bernie Sanders be stopped?

BY STEVE CHAPMAN

At the bottom of my list of the Democratic candidates I would like to see nominated in 2020 is Bernie Sanders. At the top of my list of the candidates I expect to see nominated? Same.

The presidential campaign is still young. The first actual votes will not be cast for more than nine months, when the Iowa caucuses are held on Feb. 3. In a congested race, as we know from the Kentucky Derby, the fastest contenders can find themselves hopelessly boxed in. But at the moment, it’s easier to see a path for Sanders to win the Democratic nomination than it is for anyone else.

I have written before of my many objections to Sanders, which have not abated. But his political strengths are not to be underestimated.

Plenty of politicians look formidable until they actually enter the campaign. Remember Rudy Giuliani in 2008? Or Rick Perry in 2012? The jump to the major leagues is bigger than it looks.

Sanders, however, has competed at this level before, and he came close to defeating a rival who was the most admired woman in America for 17 consecutive years.

Hillary Clinton was a savvy, impeccably qualified and lavishly funded candidate who had the backing of the party establishment and the nostalgic power of her husband’s presidency. Yet Sanders won 23 of the

contests and 43 percent of the votes cast. He excited crowds in a way that Clinton never could.

He has raised far more money than anyone else this time around, the great majority from small donors — which suggests that a lot of people who voted for him in 2016 are eager to do it again.

Sanders’ central advantage in 2016 was the blunt repetition of his signature themes: Medicare for All, taxing the rich, free college, fighting Wall Street, attacking inequality. No one can match his credentials on these issues. No one is better at communicating them in a forceful manner.

His status as the only socialist in Congress gave him an anti-establishment credibility that remains as potent as ever. But for all his eccentricities, Sanders proved to be a sure-footed campaigner who avoided gaffes without ever sounding canned or cautious. His appearance at a Fox News town hall Monday showed fearlessness.

Sanders has wrought a change in the Democratic Party, pushing its ideological center of gravity well to the left of where it was just four years ago. He paved the way for such firebrands as Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib to be elected to the House. The Congressional Progressive Caucus has 98 members, up from 69 in 2014.

Medicare for All has gained the support of many Democratic politicians, including several of those running against him. On that and other issues, the senator from Vermont could sue most of his opponents for plagiarism.

His disadvantage is that he’s well to the left of most Democratic voters — half of whom say they are moderate or conservative. The New York Times noted that “perhaps 1 in 10 Democrats over all... might identify as democratic socialists, based on recent polls.”

Among less liberal Democrats, the obvious alternative to Sanders is Joe Biden. But Biden has run twice for president with dismal results. His responses to women’s complaints about his unwanted touching were tone deaf — and revived bitter memories of how he handled the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings.

His past positions on abortion, criminal justice and the Iraq war will be used against him. He has a propensity for unforced errors, brought on by his garrulous nature and thirst for attention. If any candidate is a good bet to self-destruct, it’s Biden.

Donald Trump got the Republican nomination not because he was the best candidate but because the better ones split up the voters who disliked him. Sanders may not be the choice of most Democrats, but he is better placed to capture consistent pluralities than anyone else.

Candidates who might outshine him in a small field, such as Elizabeth Warren, Kamala Harris, Cory Booker and Julian Castro, will struggle to set themselves apart from each other. Fresh-faced youngsters Beto O’Rourke and Pete Buttigieg are bound to seem underprepared next to the battle-scarred Bernie.

Most Democrats would probably prefer not to risk losing the election by nominating an avowed socialist. But as Trump showed in 2016, a majority that is divided can be conquered.

Steve Chapman is a blogger for the Chicago Tribune.

Coyotes in Downey

Dear Editor:

I was filled with incredulity when I read your coyote story (“Residents Frustrated with Coyotes,” 4/11/19). The statements made by Mayor Rick Rodriguez fall well short of a focus on reporting and any potential solution.

I have been a homeowner in the Island community within the city of Downey for over three years. When I first moved to Downey, the coyote sightings and interactions were far less prevalent than they are today. The experience is contrary to what was stated by Mayor Rodriguez.

The potential reporting gap is likely the tools used for information capture. Many residents in the Downey community utilize the NextDoor application rather than the city reporting tool. There are obvious advantages such as immediate notification and response with the Nextdoor Application. I would suggest that the City of Downey look to provide such advancements in notification. As such, it will lead to a more accurate number of coyote sightings and interactions.

Fearing a lawsuit from an animal rights activists group should only be half of the legal fear. Many residents rescue animals that become valuable family pets. Twice I have witnessed coyotes carrying lifeless cats and on four occasions found the partially consumed bodies of cats in local yards and Treasure Island Park. It would seem that a lack of action out fear of a lawsuit from some external entity will serve to force residents to press legal action against the city for slow / no action to address the problem. The residents of Downey are not asking for someone to exterminate the coyotes, but do want a community drafted plan to alleviate the issue.

The current rains have created great overgrowth of many plants and bushes. The overgrowth creates many hiding places for coyote dens or can just serve as cover for lone coyotes. The Island residents have seen progress being made on reducing this issue in Treasure Island Park over the last week.

As residents we appreciate the action and ask that it become part of the routine maintenance procedures within Downey parks.

Robbin Messler Downey

Dear Editor:

I am a retired 62-year-old, 10-year resident of Downey. I am a member of the Nextdoor app and have read a lot about coyote sightings and pet kills. I’ve spent the bulk of my life in Manhattan Beach and Torrance respectively.

Growing up, we never had a wild animal problem until the last five years or so. No one’s pets were being attacked and killed by coyotes. So the argument that we are encroaching on their territory and must coexist is a farce.

Allow me to comment on the mayor’s points. First of all, the concern for many of us is not *our* being attacked, it is the ability of the coyote to scale a six foot cinderblock wall like a cat. No pet, dog nor cat is safe in their own back yard. Our pets are our family!

A friend in Torrance had her small dog killed, partially eaten and then, because the dog was too heavy to carry back over the six foot wall... buried in her flower bed for later consumption. My friend was home at the time and never heard a thing.

The mayor also mentioned the cost of lawsuits, but for what, I cannot tell: “What we’re trying to do is be intelligent as well as aggressive, because the last thing we want to do is spend tax dollars on a lawsuit. Any defense lawyer will tell you that any amount of defense for any court action, any litigation, starts at \$50,000. That’s tax dollars...I’m very careful how we spend tax dollars.” Huh? What kind of lawsuit?

Also mentioned is the cost of setting traps at \$200 a pop. What? Torrance has implemented trapping in response to their residents but if you are not willing to spend the money, get a bunch of us “hysterical” citizens together to set and monitor traps. When a coyote is trapped, proper authorities would then be contacted to remove and euthanize this predator. Many of us are keen animal rights proponents who are pro-domesticated companions over wild canines.

If our mayor feels unable to handle the expense on his own, please get together with our neighbor communities and start trapping and eliminating these predators.

Christine Ige Downey

Dear Editor:

Mayor Rodriguez called residents’ complaints about coyotes “exaggerated” and “hype.” It’s apparent he has never lost a pet to a coyote.

Coyotes are a growing danger in our community, and not just because they threaten our pets. These coyotes are growing increasingly comfortable around humans and it’s only a matter of time until a human is attacked and seriously hurt (if not worse).

The mayor owes an apology to Downey residents. But even better, he needs to stop talking, start listening, and take the concerns of his constituents more seriously.

Sandra Sampley Downey

Railing against Democrats

Dear Editor:

Does anyone other than me wonder why those I call “Dumb Democrats” are so unhappy with the U.S.?

They want to change everything. Beto O’Rourke wants the border wall torn down. I guess so he can skateboard across the border. He goes along with Ocasio-Cortez’s New Green Deal, which will only cost every person \$65,000 a year.

He and other democratic candidates are apologizing for being too white. I don’t. I had nothing to do with my race or sex, and I don’t think anyone else does either.

I’m weary of so many people feeling discriminated against. Yes, some are, but that’s life. Get over it, try to change things for the better, but stop bellyaching, be friendly and try to change things in a peaceful way and make friends of enemies.

Bernie Sanders wants everything to be free with the rich to pay for it. No one has to work if they don’t want to. When the rich go broke, who pays?

Also, I don’t want any government officials handling my healthcare. Freedom of speech is allowed to everyone only if it conforms to the leftist agenda.

Some of the democrats want illegals to vote and Sanders wants felons to be allowed to vote. Anything for a democratic vote.

All democratic candidates feel it’s ok to murder babies – 62 million killed so far. Guess they haven’t heard of contraceptives, but as Congresswoman Roybal-Allard expressed, she feels compassionate for illegals’ children, but so far I haven’t seen a tear shed for American babies.

Kamala Harris and other democratic candidates want to legalize marijuana nationally; guess that’s because she said she had used drugs when she was young.

Guess Joe Biden isn’t far enough left for most democrats. Congressman Swallow just announced he is running. He can add to the mighty chorus of democrats who share this intense hatred of President Trump.

Has any Democrat running for President told us how they will deal with Russia, China, Venezuela, North Korea, Iran and other nations, or how they will protect our nation, or how they would pay down our \$22 trillion debt?

So far, the only thing they unite on is the intense hatred of President Trump and the success he had doing what he said he would do.

Elsa Van Leuven Downey

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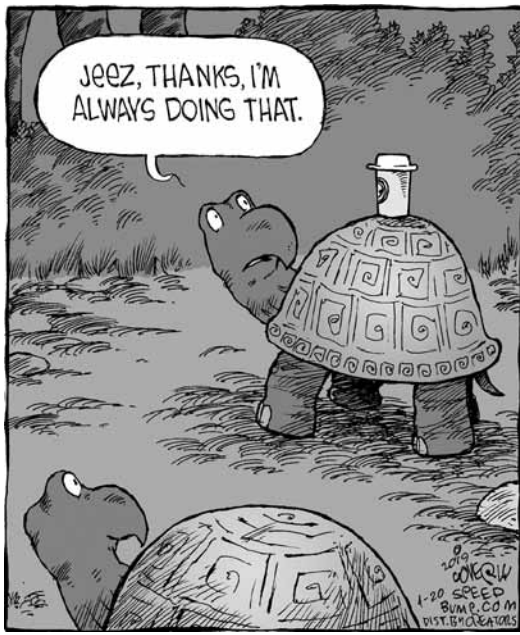
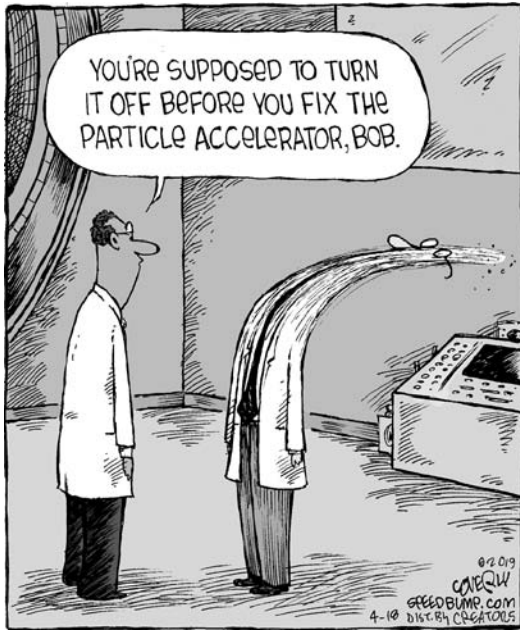
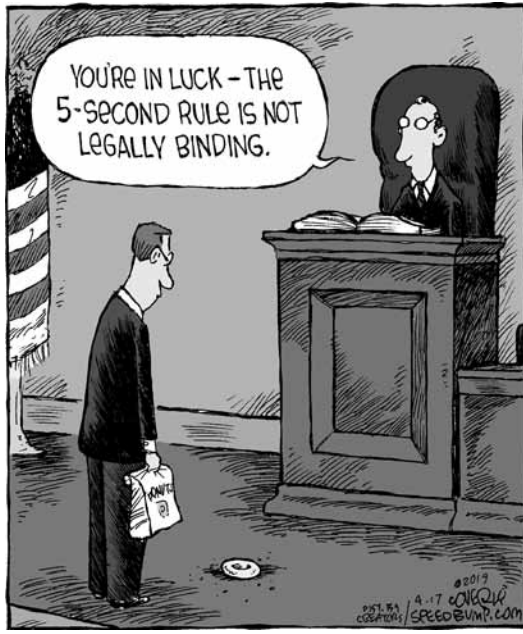
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- 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
- 1st Tue., 4:00pm: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 1st Tue., 6:00pm: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No.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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

- 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
- 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
- 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.
- 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

- 9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 10 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: 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 Barbara 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.

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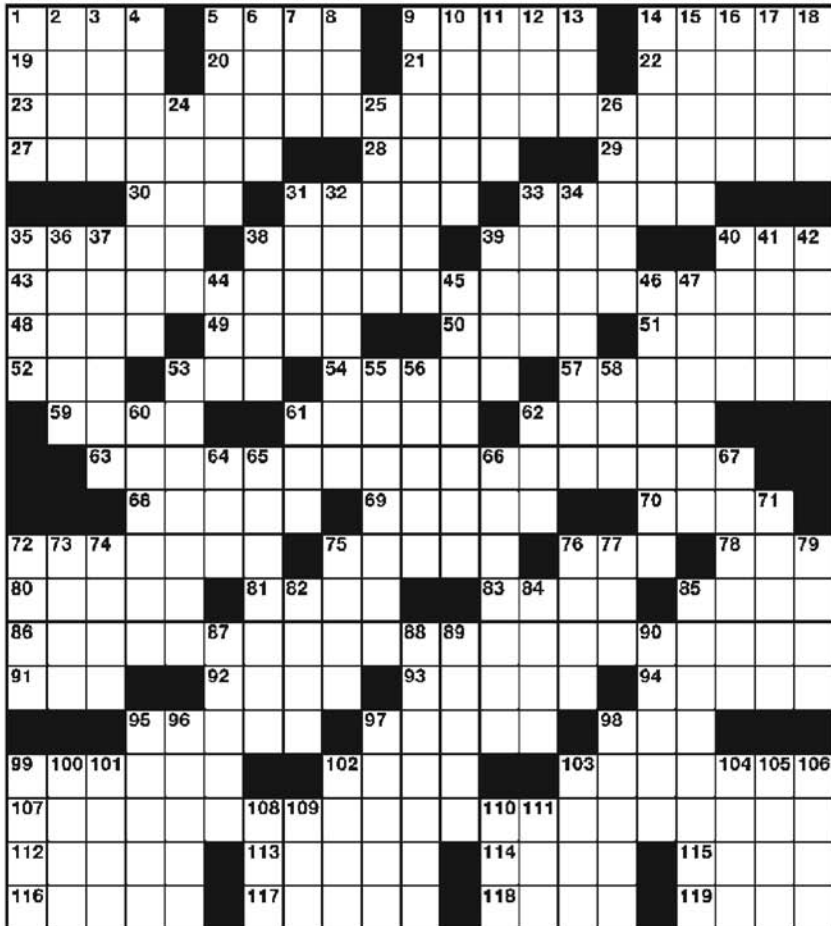
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- 1906:** A major earthquake struck San Francisco and set off raging fires. More than 3,000 people died.
- 1955:** Physicist Albert Einstein died at age 76.
- 1999:** Wayne Gretzky, the National Hockey League's all-time leading scorer, played his last professional game, at Madison Square Garden in New York.

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Wine Down Paint Night, 7-9 pm. Join your friends for a night of painting, socializing and unwinding with your friends. \$40, wine included. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Mulch Giveaway & Paper Shredding, 8 am to 12 pm. Bring your own 32-gallon containers to receive free mulch. (No bags, no truck beds.) Bring your personal documents for free on-site shredding. City Hall west parking lot, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Spend one hour cleaning up litter in the community. Del Taco, 8028 Firestone Blvd.

Easter Car Hop, 10 am to 1 pm. Art walk, crafts, Easter egg hunt, raffle, and worship. First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 3rd St.

He's Alive Jubilation, 10 am. An Easter celebration for kids ages 3 through sixth grade. Featuring a children's choir performance, dramatic skit, the Glad Scientist, puppet show, and more. Calvary Chapel Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

Family Paint Day, 10:30 am. Enjoy a fun-filled day of painting and creativity with your little one(s). Make lasting memories & take home your works of art. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

Summer Expo, 12-3 pm. The Parks & Recreation Department will highlight its upcoming summer programs and events for all ages. Registration will be available on-site. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Angels Game, 11:30 am. A group excursion to watch the Angles play the Seattle Mariners. \$30 Downey resident, \$34 non-resident. Bus leaves from the Barbara J. Riley Center.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Police Officer & Firefighter Awards, 11:30 am. Luncheon to honor Downey's police officer and firefighter of the year. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Fair Housing Training, 1-5 pm. Fair Housing Foundation will explain state and federal fair housing laws, discusses state and federally protected classes, advertising guidelines, and how to prevent allegations. Participants receive Fair Housing Certificate upon successfully passing course exam. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Hands-Only CPR, 4 pm. Learn how to perform hands-only CPR in this free class offered by the L.A. County Department of Public Health. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Latino Comp Golf Tournament, 10:30

am. Eighth annual golf tournament fundraiser in support of LatinoComp, a non-profit workers compensation organization. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Crimson Coward Ribbon Cutting, 11 am. Ribbon Cutting ceremony for new chicken restaurant Crimson Coward. 10405 Lakewood Blvd.

Downey Symphony Guild Gala Fundraiser, 5:30 pm. A gala fundraiser to raise money for the "Music in the Schools" program. Los Amigos Golf Course, 7295 Quill Dr.

Kiwanis Casino Night, 6-10 pm. Casino games, raffles, contests for best Hawaiian costume, and more. Proceeds benefit Downey Kiwanis' community service projects. Azar Event Center, 12215 Slauson Ave., Santa Fe Springs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

CERT Training, 8 am. The Downey Fire Department offers training for new members of Downey's Community Emergency Response Team. Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.

Downey One Day of Service, 9 am. Join service clubs, churches, non-profits, local businesses, and residents in a city-wide day of volunteering.

Drug Take-Back, 10 am to 2 pm. Drop off expired, unused or unwanted prescription medication for proper disposal. Downey Police Department west parking lot, 10911 Brookshire Ave.

Food Traditions, 10:30 am. Learn about different food traditions and how to create new ones, along with learning how to make your own trail mix. For kids ages 12-18. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

25-Year Anniversary, 5-8 pm. Join 24 Hour Real Estate as they celebrate their silver anniversary in Downey. 24 Hour Real Estate, 8635 Florence Ave., Suite 101

FRIDAY, MAY 3

The Digital Project, 5-7 pm. Opening reception for The Digital Project, an exhibit celebrating the art of photography and featuring the works of Downey High students. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Foster Care and Adoption, 10 am. Have you ever considered being a foster or adoptive parent? Attend this meeting to learn all about the fostering and adoption process. New Seasons Downey, 9001 Paramount Blvd.

Downey Street Faire, 11 am. The Downey Street Faire returns for its 26th year. Featuring food, live music, and dozens of vendors. Brookshire Avenue, between Firestone and 5th Street.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Burritos & Boutique Fundraiser, 8-11 am. Enjoy a breakfast burrito and shop for jewelry, home goods, handcrafted items, and more \$8 admission with proceeds to benefit Bethel 244 Downey of Job's Daughters. Downey Masonic Temple, 8244 3rd St.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Roaring '20s Casino Night, 6 pm. A fundraiser for Soroptimist International of Downey. Casino gaming, food, entertainment, silent auction, and raffle opportunities. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

CERT Training, 8 am. The Downey Fire Department offers training for new members of Downey's Community Emergency Response Team. Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.

STEAM Festival, 9 am. A community festival celebrating science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Downey Federal Credit Union, 8237 3rd St.

Coffee with your Councilmember, 10 am. Join Councilman Sean Ashton as he discusses the Clean Power Alliance and your options. Vazza Cafe, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Kids & Cops Day, 10 am. Police officers and local kids come together for a day of games and activities. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

Girl's Yoga Day, 1 pm. Join Annette as she celebrates and honors women at the 4th annual Girl's Yoga Day. Downey Yoga, 8036 3rd St., suite 104

Relay for Life Fundraiser, 1 pm. The 13th annual Sue Phillips Memorial Fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. \$20 admission includes lunch and bingo cards. Downey Masonic Lodge, 8244 3rd St.

Excursion to Fiddler on the Roof, 4 pm. A group excursion to see the Tony Award-nominated musical "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Segerstrom Center. \$61 resident, \$65 non-resident. Bus departs from the Barbara J. Riley Center.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

CERT Training, 8 am. The Downey Fire Department offers training for new members of Downey's Community Emergency Response Team. Calvary Chapel Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Spend one hour cleaning up litter in the community. Denny's, 8350 Firestone Blvd.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 19

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

The Freecoasters Summer Tour, 9 pm. The Freecoasters (FL) bring their soulful reggae, rocksteady and ska music out west for the first time. Anarchy Library, 13250 Woodruff Ave.

MONDAY, MAY 27

Memorial Day Remembrance, 11 am. Guest speakers, wreath laying, rifle salute, performance of "Taps," and student singers. Downey Cemetery, 9073 Gardendale St.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Doty Middle School Promotion, 2 pm. Promotion ceremony for Doty Middle School's eighth-graders. Downey High School stadium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Stauffer Middle School Promotion, 2 pm. Promotion ceremony for Stauffer Middle School's eighth-graders. Warren High School stadium, 8141 De Palma St.

Columbus High Graduation, 6:30 pm. Columbus High's class of 2018 graduates. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Hands-Only CPR, 10:30 am. Learn how to perform hands-only CPR in this free class offered by the L.A. County Department of Public Health. For adults ages 55 and older. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

Griffith Middle School Promotion, 2 pm. Promotion ceremony for Griffith Middle School's eighth-graders. Warren High School stadium, 8141 De Palma St.

Sussman Middle School Promotion, 2 pm. Promotion ceremony for Griffith Middle School's eighth-graders. Downey High School stadium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Downey High Graduation, 7 pm. Downey High's class of 2018 graduates. Long Beach City College, 5000 E. Lew Davis St.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Downey Greek Festival, 11 am to 10 pm. The Downey Greek Festival returns with food, drinks, live music, dancing, shopping, kids zone, and desserts. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

Rock Tributes, 9 pm. Black Sabbath and Led Zeppelin tribute bands perform. Plus 80s music, beer, and tacos. \$20 admission includes food. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Downey Greek Festival, 11 am to 10 pm. The Downey Greek Festival returns with food, drinks, live music, dancing, shopping, kids zone, and desserts. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Senior Citizens Billiards Tournament, 10 am. The eighth annual billiards tournament open to Downey seniors. Registration opens May 8. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Citizenship Clinic, 10 am. Receive free help with the N400 citizenship application and a fee waiver. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

Fantastic Patrick Show, 4 pm. Forty-five minutes of comedy, tricks, juggling, plate spinning, and more. Free show presented by the Downey City Library. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. Mark Easterday and the 40oz Band play the best of today's country hits, from Blake Shelton to Johnny Cash. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Peterson Automotive Museum, 8:45 am. A group excursion to the Peterson Automotive Museum. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the vault before exploring the main exhibits and cafe. \$38 for Downey residents, \$42 for non-

resident. Bus departs from the Barbara J. Riley Center.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Aspire Open Lottery Orientation, 9 am, 10 am and 11 am. Attend an orientation session to learn more about Aspire, the city of Downey's after-school program. Receive a lottery ticket to have a chance for the free program. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Mighty Mickey's Magic, 4 pm. Juggling, tall unicycling, and more. Free show presented by the Downey City Library. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. Salsa Caliente plays salsa, cumbias, and more of today's Latin music. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Go Skate Day, 12-5 pm. Kids ages 6-17 are invited to help kick off the first day of summer with a day of skating, activities, games, and music. Meredith Perkins Skate Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Mega Mujeres Market, 1-5 pm. Sixty-plus vendors, photo booths, workshops, special guests, raffles, and two cash bars. \$10/presale, \$15/at the door. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. The Downey Symphony performs under the direction of music director Sharon Lavery. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

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Thursday
April 25, 2019
7:30pm

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Rotary gala raises money for TLC, YMCA

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Indian Guides to Board Chairman and member of the President's Club. Winner of the coveted Red Triangle Award for Community Service, Jim is a stellar motivational speaker during Campaign, the Y's yearly drive by its volunteers to raise the funds needed to carry on the Y's programs and scholarships. As Jim tells it, "People give to people." No one can say no to Jim. Jim's name was inscribed in 1997 in the Los Angeles Y's metro Golden Book.

Alex Saab, winner of the service award for his help with TLC's work, has been active in so many Downey endeavors. He is presently a Councilman and former Mayor, as well as past president of Downey Kiwanis, and fully engaged as husband and father to 3 young children with wife Giggy. They live in Downey and are bringing up their children in the fine Downey School System.

Silent auction items offered enticing opportunities: a get-away weekend in Seattle, or at some elite Hilton properties; tickets to an Angel's game complete with parking, and a lucite-encased baseball autographed by pitcher Tyler Skaggs.

One could pick between The Downey Theatre's upcoming presentation of We've Only Just Begun, the tribute to Downey's own Carpenters, or 2 season tickets to the 2019-20 season of the Downey Symphony Orchestra. Spirit Baskets competed with the unique opportunity to bid for a half-page color ad in the Downey Patriot.

Chair of the evening Nate Mahoney thanked those on the Rotary Club's organizing committee: Alex Lopez; Luz Perez, TLC's Executive Director; and Lori Tiffany, who holds the same position for the Y; Pamela Passow,

Downey Parks and Recreation director; Olivia Gutierrez and Rachel Montero, DUSD-TLC.

Excitement mounted with anticipation of the live auction items. Auctioneer Dorothy Pemberton's gold tones turned crisp and professional as she described and then sought buyers for a fabulous condo week in Palm Desert, and a dinner for four at the Downey Fire Station.

"Great food, good conversation and the chance to make a donation," she said.

A ride-along with a Downey police officer offers a special look into our city and its variety of citizens. The dedication of our sworn officers shows every day when they carry out the routine but always risky patrol duty, answering calls and investigating possible crime.

Rotary was grateful to all the prize donors, and one of the big tickets was a safari to South Africa's Thula Thula Game Preserve in Zululand, with two game drives a day, all meals and lodging included. A safari is the trip of a lifetime, a glimpse into the world where animals rule.

The final prize to be auctioned was a week in Kauai at a deluxe condo at Poipu Kai on Kauai's sunny south shore, during prime time, January of 2020. That will be here sooner that we know.

Thanks to the generosity of guests, sponsors and doors, the Rotary Gala celebrated another successful Downey milestone.

As the older guests left, the party turned into a "dancing until midnight" party, as the invitation had promised. Under a warm pink light Nate Mahoney could be seen twisting his way across the dance floor, joined by Luz Perez in her flapper black sequins and fringe.

Looked like a lively evening to come, to this exiting senior.



Marge Lewis, membership chairman of the Downey Symphony Guild, presents a \$15,000 donation to Don Marshall, president of the Downey Symphonic Society, on April 6, on the stage of the Downey Theatre during the Downey Symphony Orchestra's Gershwin concert.

Photo courtesy Downey Symphony Guild



Downey resident Kookie Brown met Pope Francis while on a trip to Italy late last year.

"My twin sister gave me a trip to Rome for our birthday," said Kookie. "We were there December 8-15. I contacted a friend who happens to be a Bishop asking if he could guide me to get tickets for the Papal Mass on December 12.

"He emailed me and informed me that yes, tickets are there for me and my sisters. Our youngest sister joined us."

Fundraiser to benefit 'Music in the Schools'

DOWNEY - The Downey Symphony Guild invites the public to their annual gala fundraiser for the Music in the Schools program and the Downey Symphony Orchestra. The event will be held at Los Amigos Golf Course on Friday, April 26. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. dinner will be served.

"Friday, the 26th of April, is National Arbor Day. President Nixon proclaimed National Arbor Day to be the last Friday in April, so, our theme will be tree-related and works well with spring and the planting of seeds, etc.," said Katie Hare, the Downey Symphony Guild's driving force. "We will have some great items to bid on in our silent and live auctions and a wonderful, delicious dinner."

Hare continued, "The Downey Symphony Guild just presented our annual donation to the Downey Symphonic Society and the Orchestra. We were so pleased to be able to give \$15,000 at the Gershwin concert on the 6th of this month. All that money helps fund the Music in the Schools program and the Orchestra concerts in the Downey Theatre. Now we start to build up funds again for the Guild's donation next April.

"The DSG (Downey Symphony Guild) works hard at raising these funds all year long. I thank each and every Guild member for their financial support."

There is still time to make a reservation by phone. The cost per person is \$65. For reservations and more information, contact Katie Hare at (562) 861-8507.

The 2018-19 season is the 60th diamond anniversary of the Downey Symphony Orchestra and there are a few more events planned:

Friday, April 26 - Downey Symphony Guild gala fundraiser at Los Amigos Golf Course, 5:0 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26 - Downey Symphony Orchestra free summer concert in Furman Park, 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 30 - Downey Symphonic Society and Symphony Guild end of 60th season summertime barbecue at the Women's Club of Downey, 3 p.m.

OLPH Women's Guild installing executive board

DOWNEY - The public is invited to attend the installation of the OLPH Women's Guild 2019-20 executive board that will take place at the 8:15 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Friday, May 17.

A breakfast buffet will immediately follow at the Rio Hondo Event Center. Cost of the buffet is \$25.

RSVP deadline is May 7. Make checks payable to OLPH Women's Guild and mail to OLPH Women's Guild, attention Linda Malme, 10727 Downey Ave., Downey, CA 90241.

For questions, call Linda at (562) 869-6491.

Fair housing seminar Tuesday

DOWNEY - The Fair Housing Foundation will host fair housing certificate management training Tuesday, April 23, from 1-5 p.m. at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

The course is free and open to the public. This training is targeted towards property management professionals.

Officials will explain state and federal fair housing laws, discuss state and federally protected classes, advertising guidelines, and how to prevent allegations.

Participants will receive a Fair Housing certificate upon successfully passing a course exam.

Easter celebration for kids

DOWNEY - Calvary Chapel Downey is hosting a "He's Alive Jubilation" for children ages 3 through sixth grade this Saturday, April 20, starting at 10 a.m. in the main sanctuary.

The free event includes dramatic skits, a children's choir performance, puppet show, and a science performance.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

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FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Warrior Cup Tournament, 11 am. The second annual Warrior Cup golf tournament benefiting St. Pius-St. Matthias Academy. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. The 1st Marine Division Band plays its annual patriotic program. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Pageant of the Masters, 6:15 pm. A group excursion to the Pageant of the Masters festival in Laguna Beach. \$42 for Downey residents, \$46 non-resident. Bus departs from the Barbara J. Riley Center.

MONDAY, JULY 15

Kids Imagine Nation, 4 pm. A combination of hilarious tricks and stand-up comedy by Michael Rayner. Free show presented by the Downey City Library. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. The Wiseguys play their style of big band music in this special performance with the mayor. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Real Estate Career Night, 6 pm. An informational seminar for people considering a career in real estate. Keller Williams, 8255 Firestone Blvd., st. 100

MONDAY, JULY 22

Anthony the Magician, 4 pm. A bilingual magic and illusion show focused on interactive stories. Free show presented by the Downey City Library. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Oxnard Salsa Festival, 12:15 pm. A group excursion to the Salsa Festival, featuring salsa music, spicy foods, homemade salsa, and more. Trip includes five salsa tastings and access to reserved seating area. \$40 for Downey residents, \$44 for non-resident. Bus departs from Barbara J. Riley Center.

SATURDAY, AUG. 3

Music and a Movie, 5 pm. The band Tease will perform everything from Top 40 and R&B to old school and 80s. At dusk will be a screening of the film "Sing." Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

TUESDAY, AUG. 6

National Night Out, 5:30-8:30 pm. A nationwide event where the community comes together to learn about crime prevention. Community information booths, food, and children's activities. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, AUG. 17

Rocket Fever, 10 am. L.A.'s first and only urban rocket festival returns. Build and fly your own rocket (\$5 for this class). Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

MONDAY, AUG. 26

Optimist Club Golf Tournament, 10 am. The largest annual fundraising event for the Cerritos Optimist Club. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

Senior Follies Show, 1 pm and 5 pm. Now in its 16th year, the Senior Follies is a talent show for local senior citizens. (For details on how to participate, call (562) 904-7223). Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

State of the City, 12 pm. Mayor Rick Rodriguez delivers Downey's annual State of the City address. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

Havana Nights, 6-9:30 pm. La Charanga performs at this rooftop concert. Food vendors, arts and crafts for kids, artist exhibits, and festival seating (bring your own chair). Downtown Parking Structure, 2nd St. and New St.

Compiled by Eric Pierce. Some events may charge admission fees. Email calendar listings to eric@thedowneypatriot.com

My Parents' Blind Date

Short Stories

By Gail Earl Contributor

It was 1944. Donald was a Marine in the hospital recovering from his war wounds. He was shot through the shoulder and shot through the knee. His recovery would be long and challenging.

After his initial months and months of rebuilding his leg, he was finally able to start with braces and orthopedics to teach him to walk again. He was hospitalized for over one year.

When he was released, he went into vocational rehab to teach him a new profession. He

went into orthopedics and worked mainly on artificial limbs. In those days, artificial limbs were heavy and made from wood.

While in the vocational rehab, he met Elizabeth on a blind date. She was in the nurses corps and dealt with many returning soldiers returning with injuries. They had an immediate attraction and respect for each other's position at the time.

Donald proposed after one week. Elizabeth's family was not happy with her choice. At that time, they considered him a "crippled" and the family feared for her future. Donald's family was not happy either because of religious differences.

But Donald and Elizabeth were in love and wanted to spend

their lives together. Because of family resistance, they agreed to put their marriage off for a while. Three weeks later, they wed.

Over the next eight years they had four children: Don, Sharon, Gail and Jan. Life was very busy for them raising small children.

Don and Elizabeth were very good at teaching important lessons in life. They always concentrated on teaching kindness and compassion. The family was extraordinarily close and loving. From very early on, each child knew the importance of family, and family time was very precious.

Donald was the tender heart and Elizabeth was the structure. They made such a beautiful couple. They danced all through

their marriage. The kids loved to watch them dance and laugh and enjoy each others company.

As the years went on, Elizabeth continued work in nursing and Donald remained in orthopedics. That business changed so much over the years that there were always new techniques to master and new advances possible. He no longer just worked with the artificial limbs and teaching patients to walk with them, but advanced to working mainly in the operating rooms in Los Angeles on patients with broken necks.

He would install a "halo" on the patient's head. In the old days, if you broke your neck, you were either dead or at least confined to a bed for a very long time. The halo is a large metal cage that attaches to the skull and totally immobilizes the spine so no movement is possible, but it makes the patient able to be up and around.

Donald and Elizabeth really loved orthopedics and really loved all the time they got to work together. Elizabeth especially loved working with all the special needs children.

Donald and Elizabeth enjoyed 47 years of a beautiful, happy marriage before Donald died of a heart attack.

Now as a grown woman, I count my blessings every single day of my life for the many life lessons that Donald and Elizabeth taught. Those lessons have truly filled my life with smiles.

Today I have two thoughts:

1. That must have been some blind date!
2. Now I understand why there were always wooden legs burning in our fireplace.

Gail Earl is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

My Secretarial Career

Short Stories

By Sharon Benson Smith Contributor

With no college background to my credit, and given the career landscape of today, I consider myself very fortunate to have gotten a job soon after high school graduation.

Add to this the articles I've read, and hearing first-hand plights from college grads themselves that even their degree doesn't ensure a foot in the door, make me even more grateful.

My career choice began when I was just a kid playing in the middle of our kitchen floor and mom asked me: "What would you like to be when you grow up?" And, "out of the mouth of this babe" came: "a secretary," and that never, ever varied.

My only "paycheck" experience thus far had been the years I worked in high school at the Golden Gate Theatre as an

usherette before being promoted to box office cashier.

My actual career of 55 years began when I was 18 and my oldest son, Steve, was six weeks old. I was hired at Carrier Corporation in the City of Commerce, and assigned to the manager of the Parts Department. I was "so wet behind the ears" that I knew literally nothing about the integral workings of AC and HVAC, and had never officially taken dictation until then.

Needless to say, and embarrassingly so, the first letter dictated to me was wrought with errors. One word in particular that I misspelled (that is synonymous to the industry) was centrifugal (which I had never heard before). I spelled it centrifical.

I also had a problem with the word thermodynamics. I didn't know how to write it in shorthand and had to embarrass myself further by asking more particulars. But, in time, I learned the AC/HVAC jargon, and became an asset to the company.

I drove Steve to Mom's every

morning for her to care for him while I worked. One day as she was doing laundry, toddler Steve reached up to the machine and grabbed a thumb tack that she had cleaned out of a pocket. He popped it into his mouth; mom called me at work in a panic, and now I'm in a panic to get home as fast as possible.

I took him to the emergency hospital; they took an X-ray, and the doctor and his staff were cool as cucumbers. After taking an X-ray, (which they showed me, and panic set in again seeing "that thing" inside my baby's tummy), they instructed me very nonchalantly to: "Just take him home and feed him a lot of starches until it passes."

That was easier said than done as Steve never enjoyed eating. It took my sister-in-law, Virgie, plus sisters Phyllis and Donna, to play airplane games with a spoon to get him to eat while I was at work.

I'm sure you can guess who got the pleasant job of going through his poop until it passed.

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It was a happy day when Mom called me at work...voila! The thumb tack had "passed."

It was a fun company to work for; we celebrated all the birthdays with a cake and sing-a-long, passed out valentines on that special day, wore costumes on Halloween, and had a very festive Christmas celebration at a nice hotel or golf course clubhouse.

I met a host of good people while at Carrier, and made a lifelong friend in Helen Alari.

Carrier was an excellent

choice for starting my career, and I learned so much that enhanced my resume. I left after three years, and took a job with Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in South Gate. That move meant more money and, as Mom used to say, "More money makes the outlook more sunny."

Sharon Benson Smith is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

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Vikings finishing regular season on hot streak

Downey's boys volleyball team is unbeaten in league competition; CIF playoffs start soon.

By Mark Fetter
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The Downey High School boys' volleyball team currently has an overall record of 25-8 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 9-0.

The Vikings defeated cross-town rival Warren at Downey 3-0 on April 2nd, defeated Gahr at Downey 3-0 on April 4th and defeated Paramount at Downey 3-0 on April 9th.

The Vikings defeated Dominguez at Dominguez 3-0 on April 11th, defeated Gahr at Gahr 3-0 on April 12th and defeated Lynwood at Downey 3-0 on April 16th. Downey traveled to Warren last night to face the Bears in their league and regular season finale (score unavailable at press time).

At the time of this writing, Downey is in first place with a record of 9-0, Warren is in second place with a record of 6-2, Paramount is in third place with a record of 4-3, Gahr is in fourth place with a record of 4-5, Lynwood is in fifth place with a record of 1-7 and Dominguez is in sixth place with a record of 0-7.

Coach McCarthy, his staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play on a strong note. C.I.F. playoff brackets will be released soon and postseason action will begin shortly thereafter. Downey competes in C.I.F. Division 2.

WARREN BOYS VOLLEYBALL: The Warren High School boys' volleyball team currently has an overall record of 10-7 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 6-2.

Warren was defeated by cross-town rival Downey at Downey 3-0 on April 2nd, defeated Dominguez at Warren 3-0 on April 4th and defeated Lynwood at Warren 3-0 on April 9th.

The Bears were defeated by Paramount at Warren 3-1 on April 11th, defeated Gahr at Gahr 3-1 on

April 16th and played Dominguez at Dominguez on April 17th (score unavailable at press time). The Bears played Downey yesterday in their much anticipated rematch, are scheduled to play Saddleback Valley Christian later today and will travel to Dominguez to face the Dons next Tuesday in their regular season finale.

At the time of this writing, Downey is currently in first place in league play with a record of 9-0, Warren is in second place in league play with a record of 6-2, Paramount is in third place in league play with a record of 4-3, Gahr is in fourth place in league play with a record of 4-5, Lynwood is in fifth place in league play with a record of 1-7 and Dominguez is in sixth place in league play with a record of 0-7.

Coach Lane, his staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play on a strong note and qualifying for the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

TRACK: The Downey/Warren "Classic" track and field meet took place last Friday evening at Downey High School. Results of the track meet will be in next week's Patriot.

WARREN BASEBALL: The Warren High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 22-6 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 7-2.

Warren split their annual rivalry series with cross-town rival Downey at one win each. Downey won the first game at Downey 4-2 on April 9th and Warren won the second game at Warren 5-4 on April 11th.

In the home win at Warren, the Bears scored one run in the bottom of the first inning to take a 1-0 lead. The Bears pushed across two more runs in the bottom of the second inning and lead 3-0 after two innings of play. Neither Downey or Warren scored in the third, fourth or fifth innings and the score remained 3-0 heading into the top of the sixth inning.

Downey's bats came alive in the top of the sixth inning and

the Vikings scored four runs to take a 4-3 lead heading into the bottom of the sixth inning. The Bears did not score in the bottom of the sixth inning and the score remained 4-3 heading into the top of the seventh inning.

The Vikings did not score in the top of the seventh inning and the score was still 4-3 heading into the bottom of the seventh inning. The Bears pushed two runs across in the bottom of the seventh inning and took the come from behind win, 5-4.

Warren hosted Kennedy of Granada Hills at Warren on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time) and will host Gahr at Warren next Monday and will travel to Gahr next Wednesday to conclude their regular season schedule.

The C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs will begin in two weeks and Coach Pearson, his staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play on a strong note and competing for the S.G.V.L. title.

DOWNEY SOFTBALL: The Downey High School girls' softball team currently has an overall record of 13-12 and are 6-1 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Lady Vikings were defeated by Gahr at Downey 11-1 on April 9th, defeated Paramount at Downey 16-1 on April 11th and defeated Dominguez at Dominguez 19-0 on April 16th.

Downey hosted Lynwood yesterday (score unavailable at press time), will host Cerritos at Downey tomorrow, will travel to cross-town rival Warren on Monday and will travel to Gahr next Wednesday to conclude their regular season schedule.

At the time of this writing, Gahr is currently in first place in league play with a record of 7-0, Downey is in second place



Downey High School's 2019 dance team was named a five-time national champion at the USA Dance Nationals in Anaheim earlier this month. They were also presented the Judge's Award of Excellence and Best Choreography.

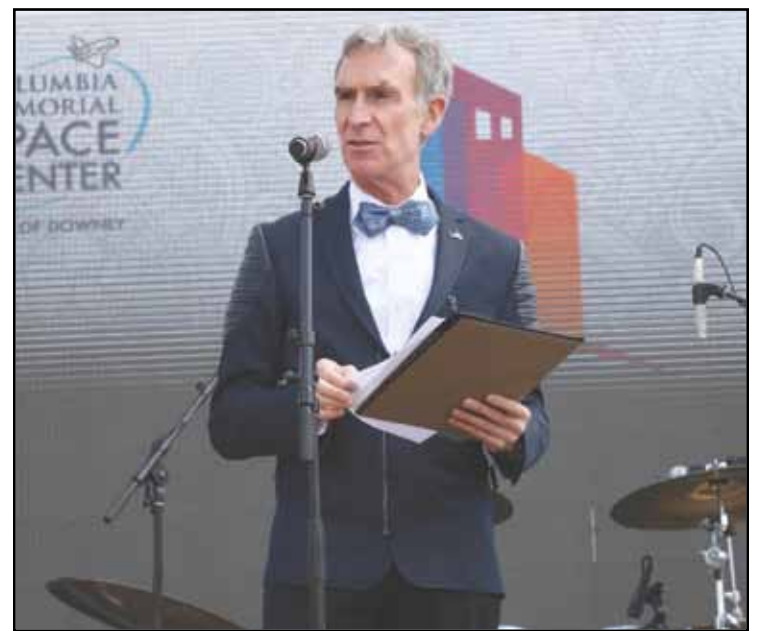
The team is directed by Leslie Patterson and assisted by Cassie Garcia and Alicia Martinez; all three are alumni of Downey Unified.

Photo by Erika Duran

in league play with a record of 6-1, Warren is in third place in league play with a record of 4-2, Paramount is in fourth place in league play with a record of 1-5, Lynwood is in fifth place in league play with a record of 1-6 and Dominguez is in sixth place in league play with a record of 0-5.

Coach Garcia, his staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play on a strong note and competing for a share of the S.G.V.L. title. The Lady Vikings need to beat Warren on Monday and Gahr on Wednesday to make that happen.

C.I.F. playoff brackets will be released next weekend and postseason play will begin a few days later.



After a successful kickoff in Los Angeles earlier in the week, the month-long City of Stem festival catapulted forward with a huge party held at the Columbia Memorial Space Center on Saturday.

The science bash featured several vendors and activities, food trucks, music, and an appearance by none other than Bill Nye the Science Guy.

Photo by Alex Dominguez

Basketball league starting fifth season

DOWNEY – CABA Basketball's commemorative five-year anniversary season will kick off the week of April 22.

New teams are currently forming. For more information, visit CABA Basketball League on Facebook or email cababasketball@gmail.com.

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Things You Didn't Know About Downey

John Gately Downey

By Bobbi Bruce
Downey Historical Society



Sacramento. One lobbyist remarked that he was not surprised that California legislators were for sale, but he was surprised that they sold themselves so cheaply. Sometimes only a few drinks were necessary.

Downey became governor as the result of a killing. He infuriated the lobbyists when he began vetoing bill after bill that would have looted the state treasury. When the infamous Bulkhead bill was on his desk, which would have given the San Francisco waterfront away to private exploiters, a lobbyist dropped into his office and said, "I will go around once for a friend but I will go around twice to get an enemy."

The governor responded, "You better start traveling because I'm going to veto this bill." Hardly the answer of a greedy capitalist.

In later years, an interviewer, noting that Downey was young and inexperienced when he became governor, asked him the secret to being a good governor. Downey's response was, "I decided to obey my first honest impulse and stick with it. I never regretted it." Gov. Downey put

the state on a sound economic footing.

John Downey had no children by either of his wives. He had a half-sister, two full sisters, and a brother who followed him to California and made their impressions on the state in their own way. The brother died young.

Downey's mother, Miss Gately, had first married a John Martin in Ireland, and by him had two daughters. As young ladies, Miss Mary Martin and Miss Winifred Martin came to America and established St. Mary's Female Institute at Bryantown, Maryland. These half-sisters induced young John Downey to come to America.

Miss Gately's second marriage was to Dennis Downey who became the father of John and two full sisters who eventually came to California. His half-sister, Winifred, also came to California.

One of Downey's full sisters married Major Water H. Harvey of Georgia. From this marriage came J. Downey Harvey and Mary Harvey. J. Downey Harvey became heir to the estate of John Downey.

Mrs. Harvey subsequently married Edward Martin, treasurer of the Hibernia Bank of San Francisco. She became

arbiter of Bay Area society well into the 20th century or until that position lost significance. She was a lively and vivacious person.

His other full sister also married well. She became the wife of Peter Donahue, pioneer financier of San Francisco. His name is memorialized in the city of Anaheim.

"Messrs. Frohling and Kohler who started the colony were at my house a great deal and we entertained them handsomely," the governor related. "That is the way that came about." Mrs. Peter Donahue's name was Anna -- Anna's Home.

The Downey impress was felt up and down the state. It bridged the north-south jealousy gap. In the 1880s, Southern California experienced a tremendous boom. It took its place as co-equal to the northern half of the state.

John Downey watched the seeds he had been watering grow into bloom. He died at his home in Los Angeles in 1894 -- one of the great builders of California.

This story came from "The History of Downey, California" by Charles Russell Quinn. To learn more about Downey history, visit the Downey Historical Society.

Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.



PHOTO BY CLAUDIA GOMEZ

Carpenters fans touring Downey next week

DOWNEY - Carpenter fans will get the chance to experience Downey through the eyes of Karen and Richard next week.

A special tour has been produced as part of an already existing 50th Anniversary Carpenter's celebration in Thousand Oaks. While the convention runs from April 24 through 27, a group of attendees will make the trip to the city where the iconic singing duo had their roots on April 25.

Resident Kathy Perez, who has been working as a sort of liaison between event organizers and the community, says that the visitors will be welcomed into Downey with specialty made signs before moving onward to other historical locations.

"Their first stop is going to be McDonald's on Florence and Lakewood," said Perez. "From there they will be going by the family home that was on Newville, which is a big deal to Carpenters fans...For Carpenters fans they say it's like their Graceland, it's like going to the mecca."

Perez says that while residents may take some of the locations the tour will see for granted, for Carpenters fans "it's huge."

"They just get so excited when they see these places," said Perez. "For them it's huge, for them to say 'Wow, this is where Karen did this, this where Richard did that.' They are famous places to other people."

The City has also gotten involved as well.

"Mayor Rodriguez presented me with a proclamation declaring that April 22 was...Carpenter's Day," said Perez.

The day will culminate in a performance by Michelle Berting Brett called "We've Only Just Begun: Carpenters Remembered" at the Downey Theatre later that evening, to which tickets are still available.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

John Gately Downey was California's seventh governor and considered, at the time, one of the best.

California had just gone into its second decade of statehood (governors served only a two-year term then) when he assumed office, and the turmoil of the times was not conducive to stable government -- or even honest government.

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My Titanic Moment

Short Stories

By Yolanda Reyna Contributor

It was January 25, 2019, when I stepped on to the grandest ship I've ever seen: "The Carnival Inspiration" heading out to Ensenada. I felt like Rose from the movie "Titanic" and I was hoping to meet a Jack Dawson but I didn't.

I love the film "Titanic." It is one of my favorite movies and when watching, I always imagine me as Rose - so this was my time to shine!

When I was invited to sail this astronomical ship, I jumped at the chance. It was an 80's karaoke cruise which is my era. It was three nights of singing. I had planned six months in advance.

It was only \$300 plus my passport card, which was \$70. When my picture was taken at the local post office, I was asked to remove my earrings, necklace and put my hair behind my ears. You're asked to do that so that your face is completely exposed.

A lady friend of mine invited me along with other ladies, a few couples, and other guests. We all wore our karaoke T-shirt's. People actually thought we were professional singers, ha!

When we arrived in Long Beach, I could not believe my eyes when I saw this massive, majestic man-made ship sitting on God's creation - the ocean. I was starry eyed, stunned, and smiling at this monstrous ship. This beauty of a ship carries a guest capacity of 2,054, and has an onboard crew of 920, also the gross tonnage is 70,367.

As I made my way onto the ship, I turned and imagined me waving to my family and friends - re-enacting the movie. I couldn't help myself. Sad to say none of my family or friends were there to see me off.

Karaoke night had a full lineup of singers. I sang "Like a Prayer" by Madonna. When you sing, you get a raffle ticket for singing, and at the end of the evening the raffle is drawn, and I won. It was a \$25 gift card. Dinner on the ship was elegant while music played and the waiters and waitresses would start dancing and you're gestured to get up and join in the fun, while waving your serviette.

I and two other ladies shared a cabin and I was asked if I would take the top bunk. The cabin was the size of a match box, so small we were literally nose-to-nose, squeezing and holding in our tummies as we passed by each other.

Snoring went on each night. I said to the ladies, "You both snored last night," and in unison they said, "So did you!"

Sunday we stopped in Baja, Mexico and I recently just found out from my father's sister that my paternal grandmother was from Baja. That's good to know because I never knew that.

By the way, one very important thing, while I was on the cruise, I had completely lost my taste buds from being

previously sick with the flu. It is the worst feeling. Everything tasted metallic like...So I really didn't enjoy the food, and everything looked so good but I just could not grasp the taste. But I had to eat.

The karaoke was fun. You get up and sing your favorite song. The best part is not knowing how to sing but having the courage to get up and sing. Yeah, you guessed it -- that was me.

Every now and then you'd feel the swaying of the ship. I stroled the deck, and I imagined me as being Rose from "Titanic," although I did not have the attire she did. When my friends and I set foot at the top deck, I asked my

friend Bob to take a picture of me with my arms spread out just like Rose in the movie! Again, no Jack Dawson.

He said, "Yo, are you serious?!" I said, "Yes! Hurry up and snap the picture!"

I played miniature golf which was on the top deck and I won. I played ping-pong with my friends, Bob and Patty; I beat Patty and Bob beat me by one point.

One amazing thing I did notice on the ship was that everyone was so happy and friendly. I also noticed everyone had a drink in their hand.

We played bingo one evening and another evening we went to a

comedy club. The comedian gave a brilliant performance.

Everything is just non-stop and you have to keep up with your friends - it's go, go, go! But I needed to have some down time every now and then so I would sneak to the cabin and just rest.

Going on this cruise was an exciting experience for me and I definitely would like to experience it again.

Yolanda Reyna is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

Pictures are Important

Short Stories

By Yolanda Reyna Contributor

Year after year the DMV kept renewing my driver's license by mail without requiring me to show up in person to be tested and photographed. After about 15 years, the picture on my license became very messy from

wear and tear. It even had white blotches over my face.

One day I had a brilliant idea. I would replace my old faded driver's license picture with a photo from one of my old company ID badges. And so, I cut the ID photo the same size as the picture on my license. Then I stapled my ID photo on top of the picture the DMV had taken so many years ago.

Well, I was asked to show my license for identification many, many times, and nobody ever said a word about the stapled photo on it. Until the time I went shopping in a hotel boutique in Hawaii.

There I was, browsing through the beautiful shop with my sister Audrey, my daughter Jan, and my son-in-law Paul. I picked out a sexy pair of swim trunks for Paul. Leaving my family to continue shopping, I went to the sales counter to pay for my purchase with a check.

Of course, the saleslady asked to see my driver's license for identification. And so, I whipped it out and handed it to her.

All of a sudden she said in a very loud voice, "You can't do this!"

I said, "What?"

She said, "You can't change a picture on your license!"

By then my family heard the commotion, so they came over to the counter to find out what was going on.

The saleslady said, "Look! She has changed her picture on her license!"

By then a crowd had gathered. My family looked at me, stunned. Jan said, "Mama, how could you?"

Needless to say, by then my face was red as a beet. Jan offered to pay for the swim trunks by MasterCard, since the saleslady refused to accept my check.

When we got back to our condo, Jan said to me, "Mama, you could go to jail for doing something like that. How could you be so vain?!"

It really wasn't that I was vain; I just did not like that messy license picture in my wallet.

Helen Hampton is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

POETRY MATTERS

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough,
And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Now, of my threescore years and ten,
Twenty will not come again,
And take from seventy springs a score,
It only leaves me fifty more.

And since to look at things in bloom
Fifty springs are little room,
About the woodlands I will go
To see the cherry hung with snow.

A. E. Houseman, A Shropshire Lad

A youth ironically takes half the short poem calculating how little time - a lifetime - he has to appreciate "the cherry hung with snow" at Eastertide. For over a century, these cherry tree blossoms have not died. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorie Parks

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019074069

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) INNOVATIVEIMPROVEMENTS 8308 SANGER AVE, WHITTIER CA 90606, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANTHONY AGUILERA, 8308 SANGER AVE, WHITTIER CA 90606

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ANTHONY AGUILERA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 21, 2019
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The Downey Patriot
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019096272

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LOVING MANE COMPANY, 8129 COMOLETTE STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SONIA DENISE LAMBERT, 8129 COMOLETTE STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2019
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S/SONIA DENISE LAMBERT, OWNER
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4/18/19, 4/25/19, 5/2/19, 5/9/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019087256

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) M & M CLEANING SERVICES, 9205 DEARBON AVE APT A, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MIRIAM LOPEZ ALPIZAR, 9205 DEARBON AVE APT A, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL
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S/MIRIAM LOPEZ ALPIZAR, OWNER
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4/4/19, 4/11/19, 4/18/19, 4/25/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019071424

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SOELZER INC DBA FIRESTONE FABRICATORS, 2308 ORANGE AVE, SIGNAL HILL CA 90755, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SOELZER INC, 2308 ORANGE AVE, SIGNAL HILL CA 90755

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/1994
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/SOELZER INC, CFO, EVA P GUZMAN
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3/28/19, 4/4/19, 4/11/19, 4/18/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019075180

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DON DIRTY (2) DON DIRTY MUSIC, 9290 KLINEDALE AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRANDEN VASQUEZ, 9290 KLINEDALE AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
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S/BRANDEN VASQUEZ, OWNER
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The Downey Patriot
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019066284

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THORN & FIRE, 12452 BELLFLOWER BLVD., DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF ROSE & FIRE, LL, 12452 BELLFLOWER BLVD., DOWNEY CA 90242

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROSE & FIRE, LLC, 12452 BELLFLOWER BLVD., DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 09/2018
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ROSE & FIRE, LLC, CEO, MICHAEL BUCHFUHRER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 14, 2019

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The Downey Patriot
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2019070442

FILE NO: 2018018560 DATE FILED: JANUARY 23, 2018

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): Q'S BEAUTY SALON

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 7413 E. FLORENCE AVE, DOWNEY, CA, 90240

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUZ MARIA QUINTERO, 7906 BROOKMILL RD, DOWNEY CA 90241
If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A
Business was conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/LUZ MARIA QUINTERO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on MARCH 19, 2019

The Downey Patriot
3/28/19, 4/4/19, 4/11/19, 4/18/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019086336

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HOWL GUITARS, 11836 OLD RIVER SCHOOL RD, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) STEVEN ANTHONY SOTO, 11836 OLD RIVER SCHOOL RD, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2018
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S/STEVEN ANTHONY SOTO, OWNER
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The Downey Patriot
4/11/19, 4/18/19, 4/25/19, 5/2/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019087204

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) EXPRESS AUTO BODY REPAIR, 8738 LONG BEACH BLVD, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LENIN STALIN VILLALTA DIAZ, 8738 LONG BEACH BLVD, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2016
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S/LENIN STALIN VILLALTA DIAZ, OWNER
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The Downey Patriot
4/18/19, 4/25/19, 5/2/19, 5/9/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019074912

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) J. GASPAR ROOFING, 8440 OTTO ST, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JORGE LUIS GASPAS GORDILLO, 8440 OTTO ST, DOWNEY CA 90240

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2019
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S/JORGE LUIS GASPAS GORDILLO, OWNER
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Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot
3/28/19, 4/4/19, 4/11/19, 4/18/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019095138

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ROSIE'S TURNEROUND BETTER LIVING, 1428 OLIVE AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90813, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROSEMARIE CHANEY, 1428 OLIVE AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90813

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
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NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: **JUNE 12, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312**
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY NEWSPAPER APRIL 10, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
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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 recordation. DATE: 3/26/2019 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 TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 844-477-7869, or visit this internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 83436. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale." CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS Attn: Patricia S. Ince 8190 East Kaiser Blvd. Anaheim Hills, CA 92808

with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Maria D Maldonado a married woman, as her sole and separate property Duty Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 07/30/2012 as Instrument No. 20121120115 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 04/25/2019 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, Vineyard Ballroom, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$243,100.65 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 11816 La Reina Avenue, Downey, CA 90241 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 18-31271-PM-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 03/27/2019 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 800-280-2832; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative A-FN4689333 04/04/2019, 04/11/2019, 04/18/2019

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Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$561,031.45 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 10825 OFFLEY AVENUE DOWNEY, California 90241 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. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 793-6107 or visit this internet Web site www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 18-1734. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 2/20/2019 PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Sale Line # (800) 793-6107 Michelle R. Ghidotti-Gonsalves, President A-4685798 04/11/2019, 04/18/2019, 04/25/2019

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TRUSTEE SALES

Title Order No. 05937544 Trustee Sale No. 83436 Loan No. 9160031660 APN: 6364-020-021 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/14/2007. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 4/24/2019 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 5/14/2007 as Instrument No. 20071167613 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: SAMUEL GREGORIO AND IRMA ROMAN , as Trustor INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B., A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK , 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). At: 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: LOT 70, TRACT NO. 16098, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 364, PAGE(S) 19 AND 20 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9151 BROOKSHIRE AVE DOWNEY, CA 90240. 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 \$67,512.74 (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

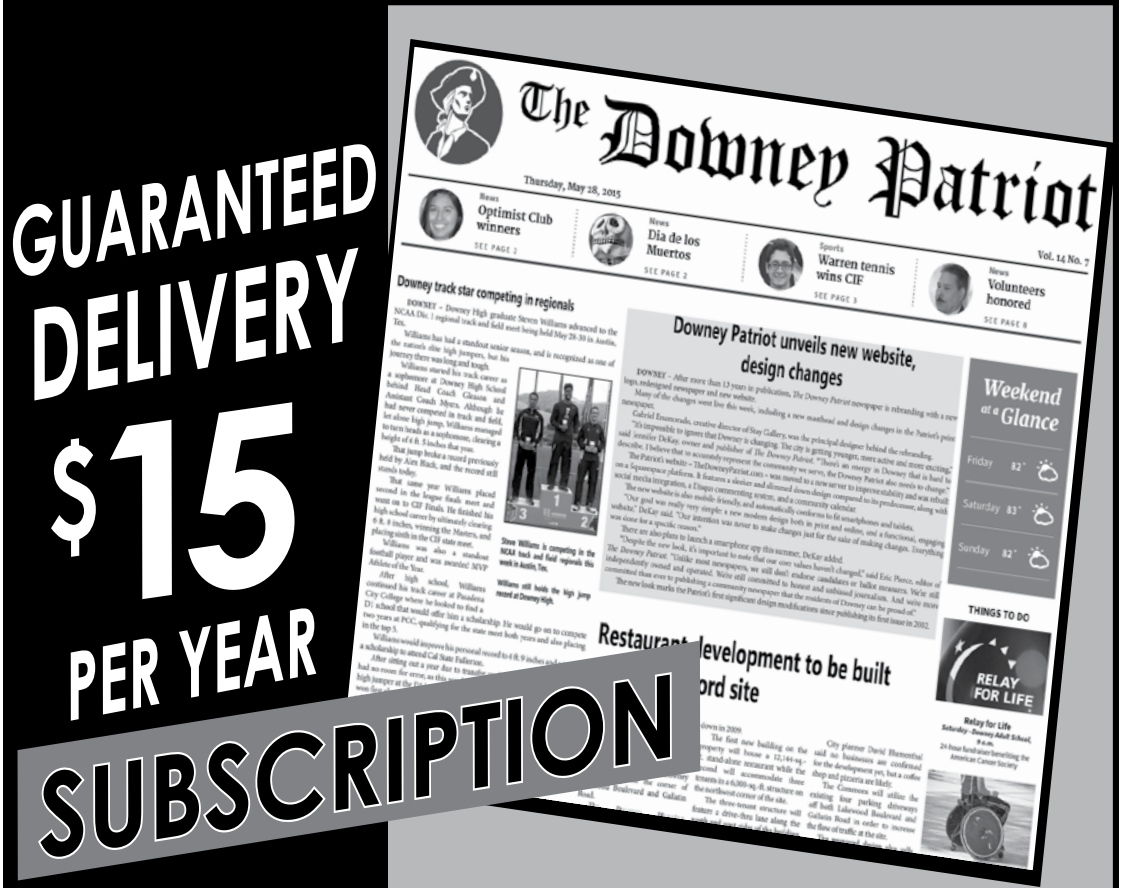
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 18-31271-PM-CA Title No. 180539819-CA VOO A.P.N. 6255-018-011 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/20/2012. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made "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,

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 18-1734 Loan No.: *****714 APN: 8019-032-010 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/29/2017. 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

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The foreclosure process begins once you fall behind on your mortgage payments. Miss just one payment, and you may soon receive a foreclosure notice in the mail. Once you're more than 120 days late, your lender has the legal ability to reclaim your home and sell it to recoup its money—and yes, you'll be forced to vacate the premises.

Adding to the pain, a foreclosure goes on your credit report and can drop your credit score by as much as 300 points, possibly more. This can hurt your ability to obtain a credit card, auto loan, or cellphone plan, and also prevent you from being able to qualify for another mortgage for many years.

But here's the bright side: You have up until the day that foreclosure takes place to sell the home on your own. Still, the process of selling your house before foreclosure isn't easy. Here's what you need to know.

Can you sell a home if you're behind on your mortgage?

Whether or not you can sell your house before foreclosure will depend, first and foremost, on whether your house is worth more or less than what you owe on your mortgage.

If you've fallen behind on your loan payments but aren't

underwater yet—meaning the fair market value of your home is greater than what you owe on your home loan—you can sell your house and use the profits to pay back your lender.

If you choose to go this route, you'd follow the same steps you'd normally take to sell a home: You'd find a listing agent, accept an offer, and fulfill any contingencies before closing on the sale. Typically, you don't need to get your lender's permission to sell your home this way.

However, if your home is worth less than what you owe on your mortgage, you'll need to sell your property as a short sale to avoid foreclosure. The caveat is that your bank has to be on board with this kind of transaction.

Here's how a short sale works: Let's say the bid you get on your home is so low that it won't cover the total amount you owe on your mortgage. If you accept the offer, you're going to end up "short" on paying back your lender. That's OK only if your bank has agreed to accept less than what's owed on the loan.

Getting your bank's blessing, however, may be difficult. Since lenders lose money with short sales, they're not always eager to approve these transactions. But some lenders actually prefer short sales over foreclosing and repossessing homes, since owning and selling property can be huge hassles.

Before approving a short sale, your bank will require you to submit some paperwork, including your offer letter and a "hardship letter" explaining why you can no longer make your mortgage payments, along with financial documents such as income statements or medical bills to back that up. Also, most lenders

will have your home appraised to determine if the offer you've received is fair. If it is, they may allow the deal to go through—though there may be stipulations.

Indeed, lenders will often counter short sale offers with their own demands in an effort to raise their bottom line.

For example, buyers might hear, "We'll accept your offer, but you're responsible for all repairs, wire transfers, and notary fees." It's ultimately up to you, though, to decide whether you're willing to absorb these extra costs. The good news: Your real estate agent can help you negotiate these terms with your bank.

As a home seller, a short sale is preferable to foreclosure, since short sales do way less damage to your credit score than a foreclosure. This means you'll be in better shape to apply for a mortgage and buy a new home down the road. In addition, you get to stay in the home until the sale is completed. (Foreclosures force homeowners to vacate.) You also avoid the shame of having your property repossessed by your bank.

Alternatives to selling your home

If you've fallen behind on your mortgage payments but would like to stay in your home, there are a couple of ways you can get back on track. You might qualify for a mortgage forbearance, a process where your servicer gives you a temporary break from your mortgage payments. Think of it as an "extended grace period," says Guy Cecala, chief executive and publisher of Inside Mortgage Finance.

Another strategy is to negotiate a loan modification, in

which case your mortgage lender agrees to let you change the terms of your loan.

However, if you choose to modify your mortgage and your lender allows you to skip payments temporarily, those missed payments will be added to your loan's principal to pay later—meaning this isn't a get-out-of-jail-free card that lets you walk away from falling behind on your mortgage unscathed.



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