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Teen driver shot in road rage incident

A 19-year-old man was shot following a minor traffic collision on Old River School Road.

By Eric Pierce Editor

DOWNEY - A 19-year-old man is not expected to survive after he was shot following a suspected road rage dispute Monday night.

According to witnesses, the victim was involved in a minor traffic collision with another vehicle at around 7:10 p.m. Monday on Old River School Road.

After pulling over on Quill Drive, the driver of the second vehicle exited and shot the teen, striking him in the head, witnesses said.

Bystanders rushed to help the victim, who was transported to a local trauma center.

He is not expected to survive, said Lt. Kathleen Mendoza of the Downey Police Department.

Police arrested 20-year-old Cameron Thomas, of Ft. Worth, Tex., that same night. On Wednesday, the L.A. County District Attorney's office charged him with attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

Neighbors who heard the shooting tried to help the victim, including an off-duty nurse.

"My biggest concern at the time was the amount of blood loss. The cup holders were completely filled, both of them," the nurse told ABC-7. She declined to give her name.

The man's younger sister, who was a passenger in the car, was not injured in the shooting.

Staff writer Alex Dominguez contributed to this report.

Montebello police officer dies in possible suicide

Kenneth Utsinger, of Downey, died Sunday in the police station's locker room.

DOWNEY - Kenneth Utsinger, a 41-year-old Downey resident who worked as a Montebello police officer, died Sunday after being shot by his own gun inside the police station's locker room.



Officials are investigating if the shooting was accidental or a suicide.

"We can ask why, only to never really ever get a true answer, since the person who holds that answer is no longer with us," Montebello Police Chief Brad Keller.

Utsinger worked as a corrections officer in Oklahoma before he and his wife moved to Downey in 2017 to be closer to her family.

He entered the Rio Hondo Police Academy at age 40, where he was voted "most inspirational recruit."

He was sworn-in as a police officer in January.

Utsinger is survived by his wife, Heather; sister-in-law, Amanda; and parents.

Eric Pierce, editor

Downey voices opposition to controversial housing legislation

SB 50 would allow housing developments up to 5 stories tall near eligible bus stops and rail stations, even in areas zoned for single-family houses.

By Eric Pierce Editor

DOWNEY - The city of Downey has formally opposed legislation that, if approved, would allow high-density housing developments near eligible bus stops and train stations across the state, overriding local zoning codes.

SB 50, introduced by state Sen. Scott Wiener of San Francisco, would allow developers to build condo and apartment complexes up to five stories tall near "high-quality" bus stops and transit lines, even in areas zoned strictly for single-family homes.

Introduced by Wiener as an answer to California's housing and homeless crisis, the legislation could substantially alter Downey's skyline, with housing developments along the city's major thoroughfares.

The legislation also relaxes parking requirements or eliminates them entirely, depending on the complex's proximity to mass transit.

"We must take bold steps now to address our severe housing crisis and reduce our carbon footprint," Wiener said in a statement. "For too long we have created sprawl by artificially limiting the number of homes that are built near transit and job centers."

An impartial study by UC Berkeley found that most of Greater Los Angeles would be impacted by SB 50.

In Downey, the university



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Protesters speak out against SB 50 at the April 16 L.A. City Council meeting.

estimated that SB 50 could potentially result in housing developments on Firestone Boulevard, between Lakewood Boulevard and west into South Gate, and across most of Imperial Highway.

Southern portions of Lakewood Boulevard near the Green Line Station also could be impacted.

In a letter to Wiener, Downey Mayor Rick Rodriguez said SB 50 undermines the city's zoning codes while allowing for little to no public input.

"We agree there is a fundamental problem of not enough homes being built in California, and appreciate your commitment in addressing this serious issue," Rodriguez wrote.

"However, we believe there are other ways to spur much needed housing construction statewide without upending longstanding community driven planning processes and stakeholder

involvement."

"The City of Downey is fortunate to be served by multiple agencies' transit lines and by a Metro light rail," Rodriguez added. "This proposed legislation could have dramatic impacts to neighborhoods, and would do so without public input, which is a fundamental right."

Also opposing the bill is the Los Angeles City Council, which said SB 50 would simply create additional market rate housing, doing little to alleviate rising housing costs.

"There are so many reasons to oppose SB 50 that it's almost difficult to know where to start," said Councilman Paul Koretz.

Representatives for state Sen. Bob Archuleta and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia did not respond to requests for comment.

Garcia hopes third time is a charm with tampon tax repeal

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia is sponsoring legislation to eliminate taxes on feminine hygiene products.

DOWNEY - A bill to repeal the tax charged on menstrual health products advanced out of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation committee Monday with unanimous, bipartisan support.

The bill is the third attempt by Garcia (D-Downey) to create a gender neutral tax code.

"When I originally introduced this bill it started a national movement to rectify the discriminatory taxation of menstrual products. California was leading the charge," said Garcia.

"Today, the most progressive state in the union is behind the curve in providing a gender neutral tax code that doesn't profit off of a woman's basic biological functions. I'm hopeful that governor-elect Newsom's sense of equality will prevail over his predecessor's."

In 2016, the bill (AB 1561) passed through the legislature nearly unanimously only to be vetoed by Governor Brown who cited a resulting loss of funds

if the tax was removed. In 2017 the bill was held in Assembly Appropriations.

Currently, women in California still pay over \$20 million annually in taxes on tampons, sanitary napkins, and menstrual cups paying on average \$7 a month for forty years of their lives. California law exempts health items like walkers, medical identification tags, and prescription medication, including Viagra®. Menstrual health products are not tax exempt in California even though they are deemed medical necessities by the Federal Drug Administration.

Garcia has already sent letters to Governor Newsom and the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees to highlight the inequities the tax imposes and request its removal through a budget act.

At least ten states exempt menstrual health products from sales tax. Meanwhile, in California the tax

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It's getting more expensive to rent in Downey

The average price for a 2-bedroom unit in Downey reached \$1,900 this month, a 7.3% increase from last year.

DOWNEY - Monthly rental prices continue to climb in Downey, with the average cost of a 2-bedroom apartment in Downey increasing 7.3% since this time last year, according to an analysis of rental prices in the Los Angeles metro area by Zumper.

The average cost of a 2-bedroom unit in Downey is \$1,900, according to the study.

One-bedroom apartments average \$1,470 monthly, the same price as a year ago.

Of the 22 L.A. County cities examined in the report, Whittier

had the largest monthly rental growth rate at 5.2%, followed by Downey at 5%.

Also notable: for the first time, it is now more expensive to rent in Inglewood than in Downey.

Spurred by construction of a new football stadium, rental prices in Inglewood have skyrocketed the past year, pushing the average monthly rental price of a 2-bedroom apartment to \$1,910.

Lynwood has the cheapest rent, with rental prices dipping 2.2% since last year.

Eric Pierce, editor



Rental prices in Downey continue to climb, according to analysis released this week.

Downey restaurant grades

The Palms Restaurant
8060 E Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/18/19
Grade: **A**

Jim's Burgers
7322 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/18/19
Grade: **A**

McDonalds
8826 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 4/18/19
Grade: **A**

Narai Thai Cuisine
7611 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/18/19
Grade: **A**

Joseph's Bar and Grill
11032 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/18/19
Grade: **A**

Subway
11858 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/18/19
Grade: **A**

Bob's Big Boy
7447 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/18/19
Grade: **A**

Downey Brewing Company
10924 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/18/19
Grade: **A**

Tacos Estilo Guadalajara
8432 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/17/19
Grade: **A**

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**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 76°

Saturday 70°

Sunday 72°

THINGS TO DO



Seal Beach Car Show

Saturday - Main Street in Sea Beach, 9 am to 3 pm

Nearly 550 classic cars, five bands, and family-friendly activities. Park at the Naval Weapons Station and take a free shuttle.



Freestyle Festival

Saturday - Microsoft Theatre, 7 pm

Live performances by Vanilla Ice, Lisa Lisa, Slick Rick, Sugarhill Gang, and other throwback artists. \$54



Back to the Beach Festival

All Weekend - Huntington Beach State Park

A two-day, outdoor music festival with live music from Blink 182, The Used, Goldfinger, Reel Big Fish, and others. \$40 for single day passes

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

DOWNEY RENTAL PRICES JUMP 7.3%

MICHELLE YEGGE: And that's why people keep moving out of this state....too expensive.

REGINA LOPEZ: Rents seem to be ridiculously high everywhere in So Cal.

PRICILLA REYNOLDS: Everything closer to LA has gotten so expensive over the years. Lots of people are moving inland because of how cheap it is to live there.

LA UNICA GRACE: Yup my rent has been raised twice this year. Just in 2019. Unbelievable!

AUDREY MARIA: We tried moving back to Downey and rent is double, almost triple what it was when I used to live there. It's ridiculous.

JOSEPH QUILES: One day i will be the owner of an apartment building and let other people fund my life lol.

Reach us on Facebook at: Facebook.com/DowneyPatriot

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@DowneyFCU: DFCU is collecting newspapers, blankets, and towels for our furry friends at Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEACA). Please bring your donated items to the DFCU branch by Friday April, 26th.

Four Downey Unified classified workers named L.A. County employees of the year

Sandra Jarquin, Jose Ramirez Rosales, Nelly Salinas and Miguel Sanchez are now in the running for California Employees of the Year.

DOWNEY – On April 9, the Downey Unified Board of Education honored four classified (non-teaching) employees for being selected as the 2019 Los Angeles County Classified Employees of the Year.

Honorees include bus driver **Sandra Jarquin**, **Jose Ramirez Rosales** from Lewis and Imperial Elementary schools, **Nelly Salinas** from Warren High School, and **Miguel Sanchez** from Griffiths Middle School.

These four individuals, who made up four of the six people selected across the county for this award, are now nominees at the state level as California Classified Employees of the Year.

School districts across Los Angeles County were asked to nominate a non-teaching employee in six different categories/specialty areas: Child Nutrition; Maintenance, Operations and Facilities; Office and Technical; Para-Educator and Instructional Assistance; Support Services and Security; and Transportation.

With 80 school districts encompassed in LA County and only one nominee selected in each category for this county award, it is a huge fete for Downey Unified to have their employees represent more than half of the categories within this annual award, officials said.

“I am so pleased to share that Downey Unified is representing four of the six categories to compete at the state level. This is truly something to celebrate,” said Board of Education President Nancy Swenson. “Downey Unified has the best staff and this is just another example.”

Sandra Jarquin, who was nominated in the transportation category, is a school bus driver



From left: John Garcia, Superintendent; Angie Rademaker, Personnel Commission member; Miguel Sanchez, Griffiths Middle School, Support Services and Security category; Nelly Salinas, Warren High School, Child Nutrition category; Jose Ramirez Rosales, Lewis and Imperial Elementary schools, Maintenance, Operations & Facilities category; and Sandra Jarquin, bus driver, Transportation category; Nancy Swenson, Board of Education President; John Kennedy, Personnel Commission member.

and has been an employee of Downey Unified for over 16 years. As a bus driver, Jarquin helps set the tone for a student's day, she is the first and last person students see each day.

Through the nomination process, it was evident that she is very vigilant about her students and takes the time to know their specific needs.

“Sandra is a model school bus driver, an exemplary employee, and an ideal teammate for her coworkers,” expressed BethAnn Arko, Director of Classified HR, as she presented this award.

“When I asked the Transportation Supervisor for a few words about Sandra Jarquin, he shared ‘for the students she drives, Sandy is their safety monitor, their listening ear, their smile in the morning, the greeting of encouragement and the security of a routine that begins with a pleasant ride to school.’”

Jose Ramirez Rosales, in the

Maintenance, Operations and Facilities category, was nominated by Lewis Elementary School as their custodian. Rosales has been with Downey Unified for three years and recently was promoted to Utility Worker at Imperial Elementary School.

“One of the quotes entails Jose Ramirez’s drive and desire to always go above and beyond and he lives this out daily,” stated Arko as she began to read directly from Rosales’ letters of recommendation. “He truly exhibits a joy that is pure and authentic each time he’s on our campus. Jose has a humility that inspires others that are around him to be the best they can be. He puts kids first and wholeheartedly supports our teachers and staff. Thank you, Jose, for inspiring greatness and shining so bright as an ‘All-Star.’”

Nelly Salinas, Child Nutrition category, has been a Downey Unified employee since 2005 and is currently working as the Food Service Lead at Warren High

School.

Salinas was featured during the California School Nutrition Association’s “I Love My Lunch Lady Contest” where students made posters and poems dedicated to her. It was shared during the award presentation that she is valued and appreciated by staff, teachers, students and parents.

“Nelly goes above and beyond by working with staff to ensure all students needs are met,” said Arko. “She is approachable and finds solutions to problems that arise. Her work performance not only meets all standards but also influences people around her to strive for better.”

Downey Unified’s final nominee was Miguel Sanchez in the Support Services and Security category. He is currently a Campus Security Assistant at Griffiths Middle School where he has been for three years.

“He attends every school

event so that he is visible to our students and parents, and he enhances our school climate by providing a solid foundation for our students to feel safe and have someone they can confide in regularly,” read Arko as she shared some of the sentiments gathered by his colleagues at Griffiths.

“Whether in need of a walk or talk, the students at GMS know he will provide a sense of calming safety as they navigate their challenges and triumphs. He is a patient and compassionate leader whom the students try to emulate and who the staff members appreciate.”

As all four employees have progressed to the state level and are in the running for 2019 California Employee of the Year, the results of the state award will be released and shared with Downey Unified by the end of April or early May.

Free prom dresses and tuxedos

DOWNEY – Teenage boys and girls can receive free prom attire this Saturday, April 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Casa de Parlay Johnson, 7749 Florence Ave.

The giveaway is sponsored by the Assisteens, the youth auxiliary of the Assistance League of Downey.

Vegan food trucks at Downey Nissan

DOWNEY – Downey Nissan is hosting a pop-up food event featuring vegan food trucks this Saturday, April 27, from 12-2 p.m. in honor of Earth Day.

Scheduled to participate are Mama’s Tamales, Vegan By El Zamorano, and Your Vegan Friend.

The event is free to attend and open to the public.

‘One Day of Service’ this Saturday

DOWNEY – “Downey One Day of Service,” a city-wide day of service spearheaded by Mayor Rick Rodriguez, takes place this Saturday, April 27.

A kick-off rally begins at 9 a.m. in the Don Knabe Plaza at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

Service projects are from 10 a.m. to noon, with various service clubs, organizations, and non-profits conducting their own community-benefit projects.

Kids & Cops Day at Golden Park

DOWNEY – Gangs Out of Downey’s “Kids & Cops Day” has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Golden Park.

The event brings together kids and police officers in a day of outdoor activities.

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Growing up here in Southern California, sushi was not a "thing." It was difficult to find and my parents had no interest. That has changed, and today my own (adult) children and I love sushi.



Is raw fish a healthful food to eat, or are we putting ourselves at risk by consuming it? Are we actually eating what we think we are?

Let's start with the good news. Sushi is a simply prepared fish, a good source of protein, and is low in fat and calories. Most sushi contains omega 3 fatty acids, which have been shown to lower cholesterol and to improve symptoms of depression, along with a number of other benefits. (However, white rice is a simple carbohydrate and not as nutritious as brown rice.)

Let's take a (not very Japanese) California roll. Six pieces have about 250 calories and seven grams of fat, and contain crabmeat, avocado, cucumber, sticky rice flavored with vinegar, seaweed, ginger and soy sauce. In contrast, a fast food burger with cheese will likely have about 750 calories, and that's before the soda and fries.

However, certain fish contain high levels of mercury. According to the FDA and the EPA, most women of childbearing age, along with children, should avoid high mercury levels. In fact, they advise women of childbearing age to eat no more than 12 ounces of fish per week.

For the rest of us, fish is recommended twice a week. Frequent fish eaters (24 ounces or more per week), children, and woman of childbearing age should avoid the following high mercury fish: swordfish, shark, king mackerel, gulf tilefish, marlin, and orange roughy.

Everyone should limit their consumption of these even higher-mercury fish: grouper, Chilean sea bass, bluefish, halibut, black cod, Spanish mackerel, and fresh tuna.

I've always been a fan of tuna salad sandwiches. Note that there

are different kinds of tuna. Light tuna accounts for about 70% of the canned tuna we consume. The FDA considers canned light tuna a lower mercury fish that can safely be eaten twice a week, but other kinds of tuna may have triple the mercury, more calories, higher fat, and fewer omega-3 fatty acids. Because mercury levels even in canned light tuna may be inconsistent, the FDA recommends that pregnant women and young children avoid canned tuna altogether.

What about the risk of infection from eating raw fish? It is possible for raw fish to expose us to bacterial foodborne illnesses (think Hepatitis A and the Norwalk virus), which lead to diarrhea, cramping and vomiting. In addition, some parasites can be passed on in raw fish, although they are killed if the fish is frozen before consumption.

Do we really know what we are eating when we dine on sushi? Seafood fraud has garnered the interest of researchers since 2008, when two high school students performed DNA analyses and found that a quarter of fish products at Manhattan sushi restaurants and seafood markets were mislabeled. Other studies supported and even exceeded their findings of mislabeled fish, and mislabeling appears to continue.

As consumers, what should we do?

- If you are dining out, be picky about where you eat sushi. Make sure that the restaurant is reputable and clean.

- Government agencies do recommend eating fish (either raw or cooked) as a good source of low-fat protein, but also to limit total consumption and to be watchful of mercury levels, especially among children and pregnant women.

My bottom line: eat fish. It is very good for us. Mix it up, have different types, and keep portions small and mostly cooked. Sushi is a wonderful food - but not for daily consumption.

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

Downey credit union recognized for helping Hispanic and immigrant community

Downey Federal Credit Union is one of only 10 credit unions in California to earn the "Juntos Avanzamos" designation.

DOWNEY - Downey Federal Credit Union was awarded the "Juntos Avanzamos" (together we advance) designation last week in honor of the credit union's commitment to helping the Hispanic and immigrant community navigate the U.S. financial system.

The honor was bestowed by Inclusiv, an organization dedicated to helping low- and moderate-income communities reach financial stability through credit unions.

Downey Federal Credit Union becomes only the 10th credit union in California to earn the designation.

"Three major initiatives that we've looked at are: Hispanic communities, low-income communities, and financial literacy," said Ray Mesler, president and CEO of Downey Federal Credit Union. "We really

see that need in Downey and some of the surrounding communities. It is my passion doing this and I know our Board of Directors share that passion as well."

A ceremony was held outside the credit union April 18 to celebrate the "Juntos Avanzamos" designation.

"Downey Federal Credit Union has demonstrated time and time again their incredible commitment to this community," said Councilman Alex Saab, who presented Downey Federal with a proclamation from the city.

"The people helping people model, that is what it comes down to and that is what our staff, day in and day out, embody," said Tyrone Conde, vice president of marketing for Downey Federal.

Pablo DeFilippi, senior vice president of membership and network engagement at Inclusiv, said the "Juntos Avanzamos" designation "will open the doors of opportunity and financial security for Latinos in the city of Downey and beyond."

"On behalf of the growing



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

From left: Clarissa Ritter, vice president of marketing and communications for Inclusiv; Giggy Perez-Saab, DFCU board member; Ray Mesler, DFCU president and CEO; Stan Hanstad, DFCU board member; Tyrone Conde, DFCU vice president of marketing; and Pablo DeFilippi, senior vice president of membership and network engagement for Inclusiv.

Inclusiv/Juntos Avanzamos network, we congratulate Downey Federal Credit Union for

making this public commitment to empowering the Hispanic community," he added.

Where would the Downey library be without its volunteers?

Downey Doings

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

"Thank you" said the tag on each sparkly silver gift bag, at the 38th Annual Volunteer & Major Donor Recognition Brunch, "Volunteers are like diamonds - precious and rare."

Yes, our Downey Library staff is still operating, and Claudia Daley, Literacy Specialist, and Ben Dickow, Director, stood in the lobby of the Rio Hondo Event Center to welcome each guest

along with Fernanda Nunez, assistant from the City of Downey.

The day was overcast, but volunteer Ethyl Kendrick brightened up the morning with a silver sequin head wrap to go with her black and white figured blouse. Head of Library Volunteers Virginia Yoshiyama, who wore fragrant white plumeria blossoms in her topknot, had the same idea. "I like to dress up the occasion," Virginia said, and she did.

"It's quiet from 4-6 p m," said Ethyl, a Tuesday volunteer at the Friends Used Book Store. "That's been my time to work. But I have

my regulars, and they come in then. It's been important to keep open for them. I don't know what we'll all do without a library for 18 months."

The women and men in the room represented many hours of faithful service over many years, and they echoed Ethyl's concern.

Friend of the Downey Library (FODL) Mary Phelps sat near the string quartet as they played during brunch, which is appropriate because Mary is an industrious and long-time member of the Downey




Ethyl Kendrick

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DOWNEY CEMETERY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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This free one-hour event is open to all community members and will feature remarks by the District Trustees, essay readings, and patriotic songs presented by ASPIRE students from Stauffer Middle School and Williams Elementary, a wreath laying, a rifle salute by American Legion Post 270 and the playing of Taps. Speakers from the Downey Historical Society and the Downey Police Department will present inspirational comments during the ceremony. The ceremony will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Wall and garden in the Downey Cemetery.

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019
11:00 A.M.

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A special thank you to Supervisor Janice Hahn, Fourth District, County of Los Angeles for her generosity in support of the Downey Cemetery District Memorial Day Tribute.

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Downey's Stephanie McKnight credits Navy for her 'biggest successes'

Downey native Stephanie McKnight talks about life on the USS Portland.

By Kayla Turnbow

DOWNEY – A Downey native and 2007 Downey High School graduate is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard USS Portland, one of the Navy's newest and most advanced amphibious ships.

Chief Petty Officer Stephanie McKnight is a boatswain's mate aboard the amphibious transport dock operating out of San Diego. A Navy boatswain's mate is responsible for painting, preservation and beautification of the ship.

McKnight credits success in the Navy to many of the lessons learned in Downey.

"I was taught hard work and dedication," said McKnight. "I used to build stuff with my dad and we remodeled a lot. All of it came into play for me when I got here. I really learned how to stay committed to finishing a project the right way."

Commissioned in 2017, Portland is designed to deliver Marines and their equipment where they are needed to support a variety of missions ranging from amphibious assaults to humanitarian relief efforts.

A key element of the Navy and the nation's needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, according to Navy officials, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

Being stationed in San Diego, the principal homeport of the Pacific Fleet, means McKnight is playing an important part in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of the

National Defense Strategy.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities."

Sailors' jobs are highly varied aboard Portland. More than 400 men and women make up the ship's crew, which keeps all parts of the ship running smoothly, from handling weaponry to maintaining the engines. An additional 700 Marines can be embarked. Portland is capable of transporting Marines and landing them where they are needed via helicopters, vertical takeoff and landing aircraft and landing craft.

These amphibious transport dock ships support sea-to-shore assaults, special operations or other warfare missions and can serve as secondary aviation platforms for amphibious ready groups. Because of their inherent capabilities, these ships have been called upon to support humanitarian and other contingency missions on short notice.

"The current and future success of USS Portland will be due to the hard work and dedication from each member of the crew," said Capt. Tony Rodriguez, commanding officer of USS Portland. "Every sailor knows their role and purpose within the ship. By maintaining high standards and sound shipboard operating procedures we can ensure we are ready to answer when the nation calls."

Though there are many ways for sailors to earn distinction in their command, community and career, McKnight is most proud of making chief petty officer.

"This has been one of my biggest successes so far," said McKnight. "I overcame my trials and tribulations. I was undesignated for four years before I picked up boatswain's mate.



Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Bryan Dunn

I am a story for others who are undesignated. I remind them that as long as they don't give up, they will make it."

Serving in the Navy is a continuing tradition of military service for McKnight, who has military ties with family members who have previously served. McKnight is honored to carry on the family tradition.

"My grandfather served in the Navy," said McKnight. "He was a hard worker. He was the reason we remodeled all the time. He knew how to do so much because of the Navy. It has made me more proud to serve because of him."

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, McKnight and other Portland sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs.

"Serving in the Navy is a sense of pride and self worth," McKnight added. "It shows someone else that they can be successful. As long as I can help the junior sailors be where they want to be, I am proud. There is a bigger purpose when serving."

Kayla Turnbow is with the Navy Office of Community Outreach.

Things You Didn't Know About Downey

By Bobbi Bruce
Downey Historical Society

In the fall of 1881, a new industry was headed by Dr. Grover who began to manufacture castor oil.

Grover's plant was at the back of Dr. Merchant's drug store and had an output of one hundred gallons of oil a day. Power to operate the press was furnished by an elf white horse, driven at one time by Logan Rives.

Hour after hour and day after day, Logan drove the horse, occasionally dealing out a whack to keep the power moving.

Castor beans grew to almost tree-like proportions where the ground was moist. The pods were cut by hand and piled in long windrows to reopen, then release their seed. Later, these were gathered and put into sacks.

The crop was obtained by a number of cuttings made each year, yielding something near seven or eight thousand sacks of beans which were converted into castor oil and used as medicine and lubrication for all types of machinery prior to the introduction of petroleum products. Large quantities were shipped to Los Angeles, and one hundred and fifty gallons went to San Francisco each week, besides large amounts to other states.

Hand-cutting proved expensive, and hundreds of acres of land were planted with wine and table grapes.

The manufacture of wine and other grape products began about 1884 when F.B. Weis opened a winery south of the Southern Pacific tracks on Crawford Street where the Emco Asbestos Manufacturing Plant was located.

Men trampling on grapes pressed juice out into a large vat. The juice was then put into huge tanks to ferment.

A year later, the Downey Fruit and Wine Company established a steam-powered wine press just north of the railroad tracks on Crawford Street. Business prospered for the company, as they also used their engine between seasons to saw wood, which was used almost exclusively for fuel. Twenty-five cars of wine were shipped from the depot during 1888, with the following six months showing exports of wine amounting to 1,869,870 pounds.

Soon after this time, a blight, which fatally attacked the roots of the grapevines, destroyed vineyards and ruined the wine industry. The English Walnut, which had proven its adaptability to this vicinity, then became the chief product.

Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.



An Armed Forces Breakfast was held at the First Baptist Church. Veterans in attendance included ranged from those in the World War II, Korea, and Vietnam eras, to current conflicts. Photo by Alex Dominguez

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Yes, President Trump obstructed justice

BY JUDGE ANDREW NAPOLITANO

When the Department of Justice designated Robert Mueller as special counsel to take over the FBI investigation of the Trump campaign in May 2017, Mueller’s initial task was to determine if there had been a conspiracy — an illegal agreement — between the campaign and any Russians to receive anything of value.

When former FBI Director James Comey informed Mueller that he believed Trump fired him because he had declined Trump’s order to shut down the investigation of Trump’s campaign and of his former national security advisor, retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, Mueller began to investigate whether the president had unlawfully attempted to obstruct those investigations.

We now know why Trump was so anxious for the FBI to leave Flynn alone.

Flynn was charged and pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about whether he discussed sanctions in a telephone call with then-Russian ambassador to the United States Sergey Kislyak, before Trump became president. Such a communication could have been unlawful if it interfered with American foreign policy.

So, when Trump learned of the lie, he fired Flynn. Yet in his plea negotiations with Mueller, Flynn revealed why he discussed sanctions with Kislyak — because the pre-presidential Trump asked him to do so. An honest revelation by Trump could have negated Flynn’s prosecution. But the revelation never came.

Last week, Attorney General William Barr released publicly a redacted version of Mueller’s final report. That report concluded that notwithstanding 127 confirmed communications between the campaign and Russians from July 2015 to November 2016 (Trump said there were none), the government could not prove the existence of a conspiracy.

On obstruction, the report concluded that notwithstanding numerous obstructive events engaged in by the president personally, the special counsel would not charge the president and would leave the resolution of obstruction of justice to Congress. Congress, of course, cannot bring criminal charges, but it can impeach.

Trump initially claimed that he had been completely exonerated by Mueller — even though the word “exoneration” and the concept of DOJ exoneration are alien to our legal system. Then, after he learned of the dozen or so documented events of obstruction described in the report, Trump used a barnyard epithet to describe it.

The Constitution prescribes treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors as the sole bases for impeachment. We know that obstruction of justice constitutes an impeachable offense under the “high crimes and misdemeanors” rubric because both presidents in the modern era who were subject to impeachment proceedings — Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton — were charged with obstructing justice.

Obstruction is the rare crime that is rarely completed. Stated differently, the obstructer need not succeed in order to be charged with obstruction. That’s because the statute itself prohibits attempting to impede or interfere with any government proceeding for a corrupt or self-serving purpose.

Thus, if my neighbor tackles me on my way into a courthouse in order to impede a jury from hearing my testimony, and, though delayed, I still make it to the courthouse and testify, then the neighbor is guilty of obstruction because he attempted to impede the work of the jury that was waiting to hear me.

Mueller laid out at least a half-dozen crimes of obstruction committed by Trump — from asking K.T. McFarland to write an untruthful letter about the reason for Flynn’s chat with Kislyak, to asking Corey Lewandowski and then Don McGahn to fire Mueller and McGahn to lie about it, to firing Comey to impede the FBI’s investigations, to dangling a pardon in front of Michael Cohen to stay silent, to ordering his aides to hide and delete records.

The essence of obstruction is deception or diversion — to prevent the government from finding the truth. To Mueller, the issue was not if Trump committed crimes of obstruction. Rather, it was if Trump could be charged successfully with those crimes.

Mueller knew that Barr would block an indictment of Trump because Barr has a personal view of obstruction at odds with the statute itself. Barr’s view requires that the obstructer have done his obstructing in

order to impede the investigation or prosecution of a crime that the obstructer himself has committed. Thus, in this narrow view, because Trump did not commit the crime of conspiracy with the Russians, it was legally impossible for Trump to have obstructed the FBI investigation of that crime.

The nearly universal view of law enforcement, however, is that the obstruction statute prohibits all attempted self-serving interference with government investigations or proceedings. Thus, as Georgetown Professor Neal Katyal recently pointed out, former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was convicted of obstruction for interfering with an investigation of his extramarital affair, even though the affair was lawful.

Famously, Martha Stewart was convicted of obstruction of an investigation into her alleged insider trading, even though the insider trading charges against her had been dismissed. And a federal appeals court recently upheld the obstruction conviction of a defendant who suborned perjury in order to impede the prosecution of the sister of a childhood friend.

On obstruction, Barr is wrong.

So, the dilemma for House Democrats now is whether to utilize Mueller’s evidence of obstruction for impeachment. They know from history that impeachment only succeeds if there is a broad, national, bipartisan consensus behind it, no matter the weight of the evidence or presence of sophisticated legal theories.

They might try to generate that consensus by parading Mueller’s witnesses to public hearings, as House Democrats did to Nixon. Yet, when House Republicans did that to Clinton, and then impeached him, they suffered politically.

The president’s job is to enforce federal law. If he had ordered its violation to save innocent life or preserve human freedom, he would have a moral defense. But ordering obstruction to save himself from the consequences of his own behavior is unlawful, defenseless and condemnable.

Judge Andrew Napolitano is the senior judicial analyst for Fox News.

Beware Soros-funded hijacking of US census

BY MICHELLE MALKIN

“Are you a U.S. citizen?”

Only in self-defeating, sovereignty-eroding America is the idea of asking whether people living in America are American citizens for the American census a matter of controversy.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on whether the Trump administration can include a citizenship question on the high-stakes 2020 Census questionnaire. Thank goodness, the conservative majority indicated support for allowing it. There’s already such a question on the annual American Community Survey administered by the Census Bureau. It was asked in long-form questionnaires sent to a sample of households in 2000. And it was regularly asked in historical census forms from 1820-1950.

But we live in a Trump-deranged age, so now it’s tantamount to an international human rights crime to ask anyone about citizenship status at any time for any reason. Heaven forbid we inconvenience or discomfit legal noncitizens or illegal immigrants with a question!

Open borders activists, left-wing immigration lawyers and identity politics radicals exploded on cue:

—Former Obama Attorney General Eric Holder decried the “unconstitutional and irresponsible action” to “suppress the count in minority communities.”

—The Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee fumed about the “political stunt that unfairly targets immigrant communities throughout our country in an attempt to SILENCE immigrants and benefit Republicans.”

—Histrionic social justice actress Alyssa Milano called it an “attack on immigrant communities and our democracy itself.”

—Jorge Luis Vasquez Jr. of LatinoJustice, funded by George Soros’ Open Society Foundations, vented that a citizenship question would “damage all our daily lives for decades.”

—Kristen Clarke, president of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, another Soros-funded outfit, which sued over the citizenship question, blasted the “scheme to hijack the 2020 Census.”

—The Soros-funded Asian Americans Advancing Justice lobbying group condemned Trump as “racially and politically motivated.”

Let’s all practice our deep pranayama breathing and ground ourselves in reality. It’s the radical left, much of it fueled with Soros’ money, that has hijacked the U.S. Census, not President Donald Trump. “No Illegal Immigrant Left Behind” is crucial to their strategy. Why?

Remember: The Census is used to divvy up seats in the House as a proportion of their population based on the head count. The redistribution of power extends to presidential elections because the Electoral College is pegged to the size of congressional delegations. More people equal more seats. More illegal immigrants equal more power. Indeed, the Center for Immigration Studies determined that in the 2000 election cycle, the presence of noncitizens (illegal immigrants, temporary visitors and green card holders) caused nine seats in the House to switch hands. California added six seats it would not have had otherwise. Texas, New York and Florida each gained a seat. Indiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin each lost a seat. Montana, Kentucky and Utah each failed to secure a seat they would otherwise have gained.

Our Founding Fathers explicitly warned against the perils of foreigners manipulating representation by overwhelming the country. Immigration scholar and author Daniel Horowitz points to Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story’s prophetic admonition: “If aliens might be admitted indiscriminately to enjoy all the rights of citizens at the will of a single state, the Union might itself be endangered by an influx of foreigners, hostile to its institutions, ignorant of its powers, and incapable of a due estimate of its privileges.”

Statesman Roger Sherman similarly emphasized the need to “guard against an improper mode of naturalization” by states adopting “easier terms.”

You’re about to get fewer robocalls. But maybe not for long.

BY THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD

If you think robocall scams have gotten worse lately, you’re right. By one reckoning, Americans received 48 billion robocalls last year, up from 30 billion in 2017.

But there’s good news: Major telecom companies, including AT&T, Comcast, T-Mobile and Verizon, have announced that they will voluntarily adopt the dual technologies known as Secure Telephone Identity Revisited and Signature-Based Handling of Asserted Information Using Tokens, known collectively as STIR/Shaken.

The industrywide use of STIR/Shaken should hamper the prolific robocall industry by making it harder to fake calling from a number belonging to someone else. But will that be enough to end the onslaught of robocalls we all live with today?

The earliest iteration of the technology, which isn’t all that different from what we’re about to get, was introduced in 2006. While robocalls were getting worse and worse, the Federal Communications Commission — a government agency that is supposed to protect consumers where communications networks are concerned — was being kneecapped by a

movement toward deregulation playing out in the courts and eventually within the F.C.C. itself.

“We’re at least five years short of where we should be,” said Henning Schulzrinne, who was chief technology officer of the F.C.C. during the Obama administration. He is also one of the architects of several key technologies, including those that underlie the Voice Over Internet Protocol, or VoIP, which was made popular with Skype, Google Hangouts and FaceTime, and a key tool for robocallers. He attributes the lag to inaction at every level — from industry, to regulators and even technologists like himself. “We didn’t call up The New York Times and say there will be a catastrophe coming,” Mr. Schulzrinne said. “We didn’t raise as much hell as we should have.”

The same technology that lets grandparents video chat with their distant grandchildren makes robocalling cheap and lucrative. Robocallers — often located overseas — make thousands and sometimes millions of phone calls using VoIP. One of the reasons these calls are so difficult to police is that robocallers usually spoof their origin: They appear to be calling from a phone number they don’t actually own. It’s why you get so many unwanted calls from your own area code, sometimes only a few digits off from your own number.

Spoofing also helps robocallers evade any block lists and spam filters that the carriers use, or that you might have signed on to. To pierce the fog of spoofing, STIR/Shaken adds a layer of authentication to calls. It makes spam call filters more effective, it makes uncovering the source of a robocall easier and it helps ordinary people who might get confused by someone pretending to call from, say, their bank’s official 1-800 number.

Things never had to get this bad. The standards body that proposed the first iteration of STIR/Shaken back in 2006 went on to identify robocalling even more urgently as a problem in 2008. By 2012, robocalling had become such a menace that the Federal Trade Commission called a meeting to develop solutions. And in 2016, the F.C.C., under Tom Wheeler, who was then the chairman, asked carriers to voluntarily adopt fixes. They are finally acting now.

Enough with the bars

Dear Editor:

I support M. Padilla’s letter of April 4, 2019 one hundred percent regarding another alcohol drinking business in Downey.

M. Padilla is so right in saying, “What is there to draw anyone to the Downtown Downey scene?”

When are the City Council and Planning Commission going to bring some decent businesses to our city? I am most disappointed in both. Why not bring in other businesses that will uplift our community?

Please don’t bring in anymore alcoholic establishments that destroy citizens’ lives.

Betty Logan Downey

While the government was convening meetings and was finger-wagging at companies, an ideological battle over deregulation was in full swing. Legal experts disagree as to whether the F.C.C. currently has the authority to police robocalls. It’s enough of a question mark that legislation introduced by Senator Ed Markey of Massachusetts would specifically require providers of voice services to use authentication services like STIR/Shaken.

In the wake of the companies’ action against robocallers, what’s likely to happen is that they will adjust their tactics — for example, by buying cheap, “legitimate” United States-based numbers in the hundreds, maybe thousands, rather than spoofing phone numbers from abroad. “The hope is that an industry-led regulatory body is nimble enough to catch spammers as they adapt, and update standards accordingly,” Jake Swearingen wrote in New York magazine.

But there’s no guarantee the telecom companies will continue to fight the scammers as their shady tactics evolve. Phone calls are not the lucrative part of the current array of services the telecom companies offer and are dirt cheap to boot. Telecoms don’t lose much (if any) money on the fire hose of seconds-long spam calls that proliferate. Why invest a lot of resources in blocking them instead of, say, developing 5G networks?

Regulatory agencies exist to protect consumers when economic incentives fail them. Although communications czars under the Obama administration were less averse to regulation, even they did not do enough to stop the robocall scourge. Now a hamstrung F.C.C. is in even worse shape to deal with agile scammers armed to the teeth with technologies that enable them to exploit and torment consumers.

CalMet monopoly

Dear Editor:

While living in Downey, I spoke to Councilman Dave Gafin several times about CalMet fee increases that I believed were unreasonable. Since it is a monopoly, it is up to the City Council to determine if they were fair and necessary.

We cancelled our service when we moved from Downey in October, 2018, and were told by them we would receive a refund for the amount we had overpaid. Thinking that four months was more than adequate time, we called on February 26, 2019 to learn the status, and were told it had not yet been processed. Really?

We called again on March 22, 2019, and were told no one had looked at the account. REALLY?

What do you suppose would have happened if we had been delinquent in our payment of the account? On April 24, I called and asked to speak to a manager. When she finally picked up the call, she said the check would be mailed that day. It is only a small amount, but it is the principle of the thing that so greatly annoys me.

To whom does this monopoly answer?

Hal Nelson Former Downey resident

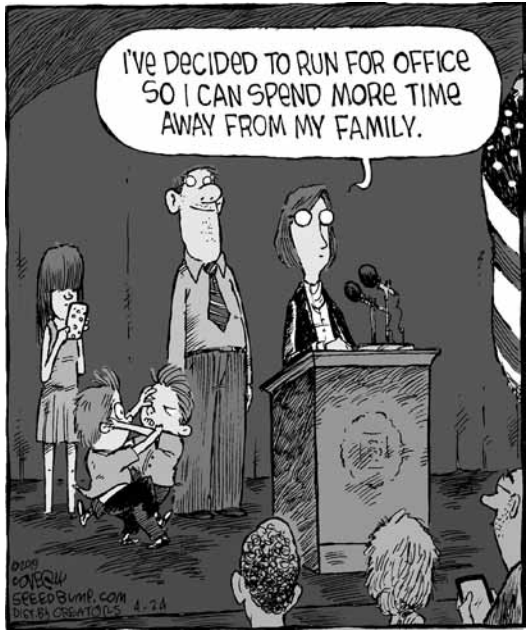
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

- 9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
- 10:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
- 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
- 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Greg Welch 323-816-4532.
- 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
- 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
- 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
- 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
- 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
- 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
- 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
- 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806 3102.
- 3rd Wed., 6 pm: 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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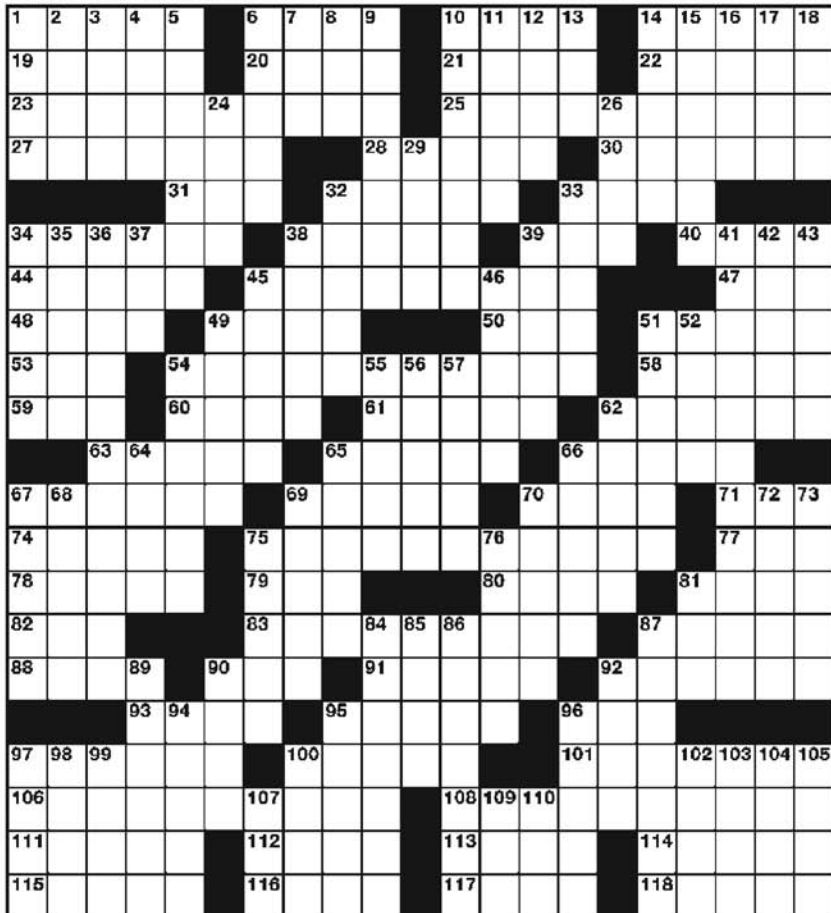
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- 1915:** During World War I, Australian and New Zealand troops landed at Gallipoli in Turkey in hopes of attacking the Central Powers from below. The attack was unsuccessful.
- 1945:** Delegates from about 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.
- 1983:** The Pioneer 10 spacecraft crossed Pluto's orbit, speeding on its endless voyage through the Milky Way.
- 1990:** The U.S. Hubble Space Telescope was placed into Earth's orbit. It was released by the space shuttle Discovery.

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Thomas Edison established his first LABORATORY (23 Across) at Menlo Park, New Jersey, in 1876, moving to West Orange 11 years later. The name of crafts website ETSY (60 Across) was deliberately created as a "new" word, inspired by a similar-sounding French phrase that means "And It's As King William III, Dutch-born, William of Orange (36 Down), grandson of Charles I, ruled England jointly with Queen Mary II, daughter of James II, from 1689 to 1694.



Downey Library indebted to its volunteers



Friends Bookstore volunteers Colette Stallcup and Elsa Frazier.

luncheon Claudia Daley answered the burning question, what is happening after the city had to reject the bids for the new construction work?

"We'll have a groundbreaking ceremony just as soon as a new bid is accepted," said Claudia. "It's out for bid again. We've been coming to work in the Library building but May 1 we expect to report somewhere else."

The Library Advisory Board was thanked. It's composed of one member from each city district: Betty Monroy, Kimberly Hayes, Marie Yusem, Karol Morrison and Beverly Mathis. A bright pastel arrangement of spring flowers, pink and lavender and white, centered each of the seven tables, and men represented about 20% of the attendees. More volunteers are always invited.

The program began with Ben Dickow welcoming everyone and introducing the full complement of City Council members. Mayor Rick Rodriguez was on hand to thank the volunteers and friends. Remarkably, Rick, Alex Saab, and Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco are all Kiwanians. Councilwoman

Claudia Frometa is a former member of the Assistance League of Downey's Gypsy Johnson Auxiliary, and was recently recognized by Soroptimist International of Downey as a "Woman of Distinction."

Councilman Sean Ashton, in his red City of Downey polo shirt, led the Flag Salute and gave the invocation. Sean said that the color was a personal choice, as evinced by Alex Saab in black. "There are maroon ones too," said Sean, who volunteers for eco projects like Keep Downey Beautiful. and at the PTA at the school where he teaches.

Claudia, spring-like in her daffodil yellow jacket over a white dress covered with a floral display, then gave the keynote address. She began with the generosity of the Downey Women's Club 60 years ago, when they gave their collection of books to the City to start its own Library. Now that the library is to be closed for 18 months, the Los Angeles County and local libraries like Santa Fe Springs, City of Commerce and Norwalk have stepped up to open their shelves to Downeyites. The book-orphan of Downey thank them.

Claudia's fascinating history singled out special people like Councilwoman Joyce Lawrence, Cleo Latimer and Louise Cormack who made an extra effort to get the library going during the early years. The library partnered with the Assistance League of Downey to set up Books on Wheels, bringing books to homebound patrons, adults who can no longer go out into the world.

In the 80's, Soroptimist Club members provided Downey children a Great Books Club in a local park. Jean Brazelton used her expertise as a teacher and a writer to teach high school students how to write their college entrance exams. Now there is a program to package books to send to soldiers.

After a generous buffet of scrambled eggs and hash browns, fruit and mini muffins, and sausages and bacon, Claudia opened the awards part of the morning. Each volunteer was recognized by name and a short phrase describing their contribution was read as they came

forward.

All five City Council members shook hands with the volunteers, and presented a handsome Certificate of Appreciation in a black and silver folder. The little gift bag contained a silver case for business cards, which even retired persons now find helpful in this day when everyone exchanges email addresses.

A special shout-out to Major Donors came in the form of a handsomely illuminated scroll in an ebony frame. Receiving the award were Friends of the Downey City Library; Theresa and Michael Gallagher; Peter and Patricia Meursing; and the Rotary Club of Downey. The latter has a long-running program where each week the library sends them a new book purchased with funds that Rotary donates. The club then asks the week's program speaker to honor them by signing the book, as a memento of their appearance.

SEEN IN CONVERSATION: Volunteers Jackie Odell and Sandra Albornoz stopped by to talk about the stories in the Patriot about the two homeless women at the Downey Post Office.

"Something in their lives has gone awry," said Jackie. "Every woman has had that fleeting thought, 'you never know when it could happen to you.' They can't be left to stand out there like this."

Note well: The library may be closed, but the volunteers and friends plan to continue to meet. A picnic supper in Furman Park on Wednesday, July 17, will be the first reunion, to hear the Department of Parks and Recreation's Summer Concert Series, The Wiseguys, who play big band music. Come at 5:30, because the Board of the Friends of the Library will bring salads to share, and there will be food for sale by the Downey Rose Float Association. Everyone works together.

Other get-togethers are planned for November and each three months till the library opens.

Meanwhile, are the staff at the Library keeping busy?

"We're running around like crazy," said Claudia. "There is so much to do before we open again."



Exchange Club Family Support Center planted a pinwheel garden at Downey Unified School District headquarters in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, which is held in April.

Pictured from left are Nancy Swenson of the DUSD School Board, Tom Burney of the Exchange Club Center Board, Bobbie Samperi of DUSD, Rod Ratzlaff of the Exchange Board, Georganne Bruce, Martha Rojas, Marla Morales of the Exchange Club Center Staff, and Giggly Perez-Saab of the DUSD board of education.



Downey resident Hans Fritz, left, visited Virgina and Washington, D.C. recently. He's pictured in front of the White House with legislative intern Jonathan Fonti.

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Symphonic Society Board. Friends of the Downey Library is the extremely active support group that raises money through events such as the Christmas bazaar and bake sale. FODL also underwrote the city's appreciation brunch, so no tax dollars were used for this festive occasion.

Guiding spirit for the

Garcia hopes to have better luck with Newsom

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remains and a case is pending before the California Superior Court. That case claims the state is in violation of the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause on the basis that tampons and sanitary napkins are not luxuries, but basic medical necessities.

In 2017, the self-proclaimed Tampon Queen was successful in expanding access to menstrual health products with the passage of AB 10. That bill provides free menstrual health products in low income school bathrooms.

Last month, her request to the Joint Legislative Committee on Rules to provide free menstrual products in the State Capitol for visitors and staff, was approved.

"The bottom line is we cannot balance the budget on a person's uterus," concluded Garcia. "Every month, for 40 years of our lives, we are being taxed for being born with a uterus. Every month of our adult life we are taxed for our biology. Every month we are told our periods are a luxury, while also being told they are something to be ashamed and we must hide. I respect the need for California to be fiscally sound, but the state budget should not be balanced by a tax of a person's uterus. The same goes for local governments; our tax codes should be gender neutral," said Garcia.



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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

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 Kasino 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Spring Concert, 7 pm. Warren High School's Music Department presents its annual spring concert. \$7. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Golden Bear Awards, 6 pm. Warren High School's annual Golden Bear awards ceremony. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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

Spring Concert, 6 pm. Downey High School's annual spring band concert. \$10. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Black Bear Diner Ribbon Cutting, 11 am. The Downey Chamber of Commerce celebrates the grand opening of Black Bear Diner. 7900 Florence Ave.

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.

Student Symphony Concert, 7:30 pm. Los Angeles County High School for the Arts presents a symphony concert. \$17 admission. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Mariachi Show, 11 am, 2:30 pm and 5:30 pm. Live mariachi performances in honor of Mother's Day. The Palms, 8060 Florence Ave.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Violin Concert, 7:30 pm. Downey Unified students studying music with the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities' violin program will perform a selection of songs. The string ensemble, under the direction of Lars Clutterham, also will perform. \$5 admission. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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.

Classic Car Show, 9 am to 2 pm. Classic cars, roadsters, hot rods, food, raffles, and family fun. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 13200 Columbia Way

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

"A Night in the Islands", 6:30 pm. Te Varua Ori, a Tahitian dance troupe, presents a live performance. Downey Theatre, 8435 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.

MONDAY, MAY 20

Spring Dance Concert, 7 pm. Downey Unified students enrolled in the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities' dance program will perform choreographed dance routines unique to each elementary school campus under the guidance of dance director Jasmine Reppert. \$5 admission. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Senior Awards Night, 6 pm. Downey High School honors its graduating seniors with academic awards. 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.

Spring Guitar Concert, 7 pm. Downey Unified students studying music in the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities' guitar program will perform a selection of songs in group and solo performances. \$5 admission. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

MONDAY, MAY 27

Memorial Day Walk, 7:30 am. Join Courage Forward as they walk from City Hall to Downey Cemetery for the Memorial Day commemoration. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

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.

Sleeping Beauty, 7:30 pm. Southern California Dance Theatre performs a full-length production of "Sleeping Beauty," complete with dancers, sets and costumes. \$29-\$31. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

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.

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.

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Identity Theft Seminar, 9 am. Downey police officers will give a 1-hour seminar on identity theft fraud. Free and open to members of the Downey business community. City Council chambers, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

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

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Short Stories

By Helen Hampton Contributor

Editor's note: This story published last week with incorrect attribution. We are running it again with the proper author listed.

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.

60 Words to celebrate the Downey Symphony Orchestra's 60th anniversary

"My parents, Arlyss and Walter Kelley, were Symphony Board members who happily offered their backyard for annual garden parties. My father continued this tradition well into his 90's. A committee did all the hard work of setting up tables, catering was by Katie Hare, music was led by Sharon Lavery, and an auction raised money. It was always perfectly beautiful!"

Katherine Kelley Tyner remembers Compiled by Joyce Sherwin

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

Hope and Love

All winter
the blue heron
slept among the horses.
I do not know
the custom of herons,
do not know
if the solitary habit
is their way,
or if he listened for
some missing one –
not knowing even
that was what he did –
in the blowing
sounds in the dark.
I know that
hope is the hardest
love we carry.
He slept
with his long neck
folded, like a letter
put away.

Jane Hirshfield, *The Lives of the Heart*, Harper Collins, 1997

Poetry has a way of pairing the most unlikely images. Hirshfield has said that poetry heals by taking what has been separated and exiled and restoring it to wholeness, addressing every realm of what in our lives can feel broken. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

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 The Downey Patriot

Downey beats Warren in track showdown

Downey's boys and girls track and field teams beat Warren, turn attention to CIF postseason.

**By Mark Fetter
Staff Writer**

DOWNEY – The Downey High School girls' track and field team hosted cross-town rival Warren at Downey on Friday, April 12th and came away with a 90-46 win. The Lady Vikings won 12/16 events to secure the victory.

Downey freshman Alyssa Tapanes won the 1600-meter run in a time of 5:18.4, the 4 X 100-meter relay team won in a time of 50.75, Alexis Gonzalez (12) won the 110-meter hurdles in a time of 17.28, Jazmin Orozco (11) won the 400-meter run in a time of 1:02.01, Bryanna Anderson (10) won the 100-meter sprint in a time of 13.14 and Laura Velasco (12) won the 800-meter run in a time of 2:25.23.

Alexis Gonzalez won the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 52.50, Chiamaka Ikejiofor (12) won the 200-meter sprint in a time of 27.02, the 4 X 400-meter relay team won in a time of 4:14.05, Chiamaka Ikejiofor won the high jump with a jump of 5'0, Arriyon White (12) won the long jump with a jump of 16'1 (feet/inches) and also won the triple jump with a jump of 35'1.5 (feet/inches).

Coaches Gleason and Overgawau, their staffs and runners will now turn their attention to league finals and C.I.F. postseason competition.

The Downey High School boys' track and field team also defeated cross-town rival Warren on April 12, coming away with a 95-41 win. The Vikings won 12/16 events to secure the victory.

Downey's 4 X 100-meter relay team won in a time of 43.96, Gabriel Esparza (10) won the 110-meter hurdles in a time of 17.27, Jacob Guerrero (12) won the 400-meter sprint in a time of 52.26, Ali Ahmed (10) won the 100-meter sprint in a time of 11.38, Gabriel Esparza won the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 43.67 and Jacob Skobis (10) won the 200-meter sprint in a time of 23.33.

Matthew Enriquez (12) won the 3200-meter run in a time of 9:51.32, John Guevara (11) won the high jump with a jump of 5'8, Gabriel Esparza won the long jump with a jump of 19'5.5 (feet/inches), Terrell Placide (11) won the triple jump with a jump of 41'11 (feet/inches), Jose Cisneros (12) won the discus with a throw of 176'1 (feet/inches) and also won the shot put with a throw of 50'8.5 (feet/inches).

Cisneros' discus throw of 176'1 (feet/inches) is a new school record as he broke the previous record set by Isaac Dan's throw of 171'2.5 (feet/inches) back in 2011.

Warren still enjoyed individual success.

In girls' competition, Warren's Nadine Gomez (11) won the 3200-meter run in a time of 11:40.5, Linda Rodas (10) won the pole vault with a vault of 9'3 (feet/inches), Faitalia Ah-Fook (11) won the discus with a throw of 126' (feet) and Dayanara Cedejas (10) won the shot put with a throw of 35'3 (feet/inches).

Warren's frosh/soph team was defeated by the score of 84-48.

In boys competition, Warren's Fabian Gabriel (11) won the 1600-meter run in a time of 4:32.71, Alfredo Santana (11) won the 800-meter run in a time of 2:01.35, the 4 X 400-meter relay team won in a time of 3:38.63 and Daniel Arenas (12) won the pole vault with a vault of 10'6 (feet/inches).

Warren's frosh/soph team was defeated by the score of 100.5 to 34.5.

DOWNEY BOYS SWIM: The Downey High School boys' swim team won the San Gabriel Valley League title Thursday, April 18th for the eighth straight year. The junior varsity team also claimed a league championship for the

first straight year. The eight-year championship run marks the first time since the 1960's and Coach Sexton's tenure that Downey has won so many consecutive championships.

The varsity team was led by several key contributors. Thomas Marquez set two new league records in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly. Marquez's time in the 200-yard freestyle was 1:46.77 and his time in the 100-yard butterfly was 53.87.

Senior Nathan Lopez took first overall in the 200-yard individual medley and swam a personal best 2:03.45. Lopez also placed second in a dramatic race after being out touched by a cross-town rival, Warren swimmer. Nathan set an automatic C.I.F. qualifying time of 1:02.57.

Besides Jeremy, we would also like to recognize the following individuals for their volunteer time to the organization: Soledad Gutierrez, Manager Realty Group; and Hans K Fritz, aid to Mayor Rick Rodriguez

Non-profits band to help shut-in seniors

DOWNEY – Hero's for Seniors, officially known as Homeless & Senior Hero's, Inc., is a social entrepreneurial based 501c3 not for profit public benefit corporation operating exclusively in the city of Downey on behalf of our more than 2,000 living-alone senior residents over the age of 64, by utilizing a workforce of veterans – carefully screened and bonded – former homeless persons and young adults not ready for a college or trade school but considering social services.

By mutual agreement, Courage Forward, a non-profit organization which has a strong position with veterans in Downey, will be responsible for guiding veterans to our program and will also help with fundraising

activities.

Each month a Downey business and an individual will earn the reputation of being a standout hero in our community.

For the month of April our business hero is MD Stainless Services located at 8241 Phlox St. between Paramount Boulevard and Downey Avenue. Phone number is (562) 904-7022.

The receptionist at MD Stainless is Ashley, a delightful and professional representative of the company who quickly recognized our non-profit mission in Downey and took our story to management and the workforce who in turn donated their services.

Anyone, commercial or residential, needing any type of stainless services should not hesitate in contacting this quality company which is an outstanding business representative of the Downey community.

Our individual hero of the month is Jeremy Ferguson. Jeremy attended Warren High School

through his junior year and was 3.0 student, captain of the football team, member of the track team and a member of the drama class.

In Jeremy's senior year, a family member introduced him to illegal drugs, methamphetamines specifically, which he didn't respond well to. He became abusive and began criminal activity including stealing computers from the school, which got him arrested and expelled. He spent about four years in county jail where he made up his mind he would never again have anything to do with that lifestyle or family member.

Today, Jeremy is 26, no longer on parole or involved in shady activities. He has a quality job (recently received a promotion), his own apartment and car. But more importantly, Jeremy has volunteered to donate his spare time in talking to young adults

about illegal drugs and how quickly they can cause a person to become active in criminal behavior.

Jeremy has also earned his high school diploma and spent a semester in junior college.

Thank you, Jeremy, for volunteering with Hero's for Seniors! We look forward to your participation.

Next month we will tell Patriot readers about our recently emancipated teenagers and their ongoing struggle to make good decisions on their own behalf and how participating with Hero's for Seniors can help them find their own way in life.

Like most non-profits, we depend on the generosity and kind hearts of donors. We believe the residents and businesses of Downey recognize the importance of a strong upstanding community. Soon we plan on having some fundraising activities at local restaurants.

Besides Jeremy, we would also like to recognize the following individuals for their volunteer time to the organization: Soledad Gutierrez, Manager Realty Group; and Hans K Fritz, aid to Mayor Rick Rodriguez

In the meantime, we ask that interested donors either visit the following website: <https://www.gofundme.com/6wjfkyw> or by sending a check to the Downey Federal Credit Union at 8237 3rd Street, Downey, CA 90241 payable to Homeless & Senior Hero's, Inc.

Any contribution is deeply appreciated! All donors will be recognized unless they request anonymity.

Soon we'll publish contact information. In the meantime, you can offer comments and suggestions by calling (714) 342-8769.

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File Number 2019084124

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

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE REYNA, 3607 WHITTIER BLVD., LOS ANGELES CA 90023

State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2018

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/JOSE REYNA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 29, 2019

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019081960

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GLAM BAR LOS ANGELES, 7332 FLORENCE AVE STE J, DOWNEY CA 90280, LA COUNTY

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

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARITZA ALCARAZ, 10100 MCNERNEY AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280 (2) JOHNNY ALCARAZ, 10100 MCNERNEY AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A MARRIED COUPLE

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S/MARITZA DESIRAE ALCARAZ, WIFE (CO-OWNER)

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 27, 2019

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4/18/19, 4/25/19, 5/2/19, 5/9/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019082687

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VANGUARD AMERICA, 8455 ENRAMADA AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90605, LA COUNTY

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

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELISSA ANN RUBENSTEIN, 8455 ENRAMADA

AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90605

State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

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S/ELISSA ANN RUBENSTEIN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 28, 2019

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The Downey Patriot
4/4/19, 4/11/19, 4/18/19, 4/25/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019107454

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) J&A ELECTRIC, 13418 RUTHER AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, LA COUNTY

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

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAVIER TALAVERA ALVARADO, 13418 RUTHER AVE, PARAMOUNT CA 90723

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/JAVIER TALAVERA ALVARADO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 23, 2019

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019058993

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CEPHALON TACTICAL APPLICATIONS (2) CEPHALON TACTICAL, 1336 W BRAZIL ST, COMPTON CA 90220, LA COUNTY

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

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State of Incorporation: N/A

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

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construction of the raised median islands on Firestone Boulevard from West City Limit to Old River School Road, as shown on the contract plans. The work to be undertaken shall consist of: traffic control; construction staking and surveying; clearing and grubbing; sawcutting and removal of existing AC pavement and underlying PCC pavement, PCC improvements; unclassified excavation; subgrade preparation; cold milling, grading and re-compacting existing base material; construction of PCC median curb, AC and ARHM pavement, AC pavement, AC bus pad; installation of traffic signage, striping, and pavement markings; bio-swale improvements; electrical, fiber optic and traffic signal conduit, traffic signal modifications and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled as Capital Improvement Project No. 15-14.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$40.00 per set**. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

The current prevailing wages for Federal projects, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, are included in the specifications of this project. The local prevailing wages, as determined by the State of California, Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to California Labor Code Part 7, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sections 1770, 1773 and 1773.1 are on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey. The Contractor for this work shall not pay less than the higher of these prevailing wage determinations, which in general, is the determination by the State of California. The Contractor for this work shall perform all the basic regulations, requirements and procedures pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act and related prevailing wage statutes, including Title I of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972.

It is the policy of the City of Downey that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, shall have a maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of this contract. The City of Downey hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement; DBEs will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration for an award. Goals for minority business enterprise participation have been established for the project. In accordance with 49 CFR Part 26, the City of Downey has calculated a **DBE participation goal for this project of twelve (12) percent**.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CIP NO. 15-14. Each proposal or bid must be accompanied by a certified cashier's check, bidder's bond, or a cash deposit, payable to the City of Downey, in the sum of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount base bid as a guarantee that the bidder, should he be successful, will, within ten (10) days after the contract has been mailed or delivered to him or his authorized agent, execute the contract and furnish the necessary bonds. Should a bidder's bond be submitted with any proposal or bid, the bid bond form provided by the City shall be used, and use of substitute forms may disqualify the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit Corporate surety bonds with the Contract. A bond in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price shall be furnished, guaranteeing the faithful performance of said Contract, and a bond in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price shall be furnished for the protection of all laborers and materialmen.

All projects involving Federal funds require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor".

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Description of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the

Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

**Mr. Edwin J. Norris,
Deputy Director of Public Works
E-Mail: enorris@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296**

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would not allow time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA
Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC
City Clerk

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LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600-1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Wednesday, the 15th day of May, 2019, at 10:00 AM, on the premises where said property including: household goods, tools, electronics and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at: Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, 90723, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the following:

Name	Unit #
Allan Jun Cobar	2037
Victor Garcia	2414
Eneleyda Iribre	1357
Jaclynn Lopez	2979
Nancy Lopez	2653
Kelvin Moseley	3026
Martin Murguía	1215
Gilbert Regalado	2107
Fatima Romero	2167
Robert A. Scott	2474
Gabriel Solis	2523
Gene Thomas	1310
Elle Winters	1058

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase in CASH ONLY. All purchased items sold as is, where is and must be removed at the time of sale. Sale subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between Owner and obligated party.

Dated this 25th Day of April 2019 and 2nd Day of May 2019,
Self Storage Management Company
Bond #: WL11254152

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NOTICES

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00125
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner ANGEL GONZALEZ SALAZAR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) ANGEL GONZALEZ SALAZAR to Proposed name (1) ANGEL S GONZALEZ

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JUNE 12, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
APRIL 2, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
**ANGEL GONZALEZ SALAZAR
8625 HOLBROOK ST.
PICO RIVERA, CA, 90660**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00134
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner DAVID JUNG KIM filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) DAVID JUNG KIM to Proposed name (1) DAO JUNG KIM
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 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
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
**DAVID JUNG KIM
15235 E. MATISSE CIR.
LA MIRADA, CA 90638
(562) 640-1688**

**(562) 397-3556
ANGELSGONZALEZ63@YAHOO.COM**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00134
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner DAVID JUNG KIM filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) DAVID JUNG KIM to Proposed name (1) DAO JUNG KIM
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JUNE 12, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
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APRIL 10, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
**DAVID JUNG KIM
15235 E. MATISSE CIR.
LA MIRADA, CA 90638
(562) 640-1688**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00135
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner MAX RAMIUS GABALDON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MAX RAMIUS GABALDON (ON COLORADO BIRTH CERTIFICATE) to Proposed name (1) MAX RAMIUS GABALDON
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: 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 PATRIOT
APRIL 10, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
**MAX RAMIUS GABALDON
7602 SUVA STREET
DOWNEY, CA 90240
(562) 928-1851**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00152
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner FATEN R. ABDELQADER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) REEM NADEEM OTHMAN NAIM to Proposed name (1) REEM NADIM FAKHRI ABDELGHANI
Present name (1) YASMEEN NADEEM ALI OMAR to Proposed name (1) YASMEEN NADIM FAKHRI ABDELGHANI
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: AUGUST 28, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT
APRIL 23, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
**FATEN R. ABDELQADER
9070 FLORENCE AVE NO. 24
DOWNEY, CA 90240
(562) 261-3363
PEACEONERTH7070@GMAIL.COM
REEM NAIM AND YASMEEN OMAR**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00149
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner JODY LEE TAYLOR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JODY LEE TAYLOR to Proposed name (1) JODY LEE DEMANKOWSKI
Present name (1) SAVANNAH ROSE BAEZ TAYLOR to Proposed name (1) SAVANNAH ROSE DEMANKOWSKI
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JUNE 26, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
APRIL 17, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
**JODY LEE TAYLOR
111 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
SUITE 2400
LONG BEACH, CA 90802
(562) 628-1919 PHONE
(562) 628-1909 FAX
Date (Fecha): 12/11/2018
David H. Yamasaki, Clerk of the Court, Mary Johnson, Deputy Clerk**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00149
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner JODY LEE TAYLOR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JODY LEE TAYLOR to Proposed name (1) JODY LEE DEMANKOWSKI
Present name (1) SAVANNAH ROSE BAEZ TAYLOR to Proposed name (1) SAVANNAH ROSE DEMANKOWSKI
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JUNE 26, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
APRIL 17, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
**JODY LEE TAYLOR
111 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
SUITE 2400
LONG BEACH, CA 90802
(562) 628-1919 PHONE
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Date (Fecha): 12/11/2018
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00149
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner JODY LEE TAYLOR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JODY LEE TAYLOR to Proposed name (1) JODY LEE DEMANKOWSKI
Present name (1) SAVANNAH ROSE BAEZ TAYLOR to Proposed name (1) SAVANNAH ROSE DEMANKOWSKI
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JUNE 26, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT
APRIL 17, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
**JODY LEE TAYLOR
111 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
SUITE 2400
LONG BEACH, CA 90802
(562) 628-1919 PHONE
(562) 628-1909 FAX
Date (Fecha): 12/11/2018
David H. Yamasaki, Clerk of the Court, Mary Johnson, Deputy Clerk**

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**SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 99-2019-0193729-CU-PA-CJC**
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): ASHLEY SANDOVAL; DOES 1 to 20; inclusive
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): JOHN MANN; KELLY EATON
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.
There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more. If the court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.
Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o un llamado telefónico no lo protegerá. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida a un secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.
Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión de abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso.
The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es):
**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF ORANGE
CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER
700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST
SANTA ANA, CA 92701**
The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
**EVANT BURGE, ESQ. SB# 86024
SINGLITCO & BURNS, APLC
111 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
SUITE 2400
LONG BEACH, CA 90802
(562) 628-1919 PHONE
(562) 628-1909 FAX
Date (Fecha): 12/11/2018
David H. Yamasaki, Clerk of the Court, Mary Johnson, Deputy Clerk**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00080
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner EDWARD ADOLPH CAIRE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) EDWARD ADOLPH CAIRE to Proposed name (1) EDDIE TORRES
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MAY 8, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT
MARCH 7, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
**EDWARD ADOLPH CAIRE
8107 BELL AVE
LOS ANGELES, CA 90001
(323) 822-8539**

**The Downey Patriot
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TRUSTEE SALES

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In the Philippines as a Peace Corps volunteer

Short Stories

By Anthony R. Kingsley Contributor

In 2012, the Peace Corps was looking for a response volunteer for a six-month assignment in the Philippines. Response assignments are shorter than the regular two-year assignment. My job was to recommend improvements to operations of an organization that took care of indigent children.

In February, I was on a flight to Manila via Narita in Japan. But my flight was delayed and I missed my connecting flight to Manila. I arrived in Manila late and the meeting "committee" had already left.

I found my way to a pension (small hotel) where a reservation had been made for me. The next morning, I was picked up and taken to the Peace Corps office for orientation, language lessons and receive my living allowance. I was told that my assignment place had been changed from Manila to Bosoboso.

A Peace Corps vehicle took me to my site. When I arrived, a welcoming committee of children and staff was waiting for me. They sang a welcoming song and I reciprocated by singing "It's a

Small World."

My living quarters was a room on the second floor in a building with 70 children. That's right, 70. The next morning, I awoke to the sounds of "It's a Small World" being sung in Tagalog.

I shared an office with the pastor who was also a teacher at the school. There were no landline telephones but Peace Corps provided me with a cell phone.

I did a lot of walking and many times children came with me. On one walk, it started to rain and I ducked into a store. I introduced myself and when I started to explain what I was doing in Bosoboso, the lady interrupted me and said, "It is ok Anthony - we know all about you."

This was a religious organization - they did not frown on drinking, only that you did not get drunk. When all the staff and children were eating dinner, I would go to the store to buy a couple of beers. I always carried a canvas bag.

One day I encountered one of the children on my way to the store. She asked me where I was going and I said to do some shopping. She looked me straight in the face and said, "No, you are not. You are going to get your beer like you always do".

I responded, "If you ever tell

anybody, I will strangle you." She said, "It is our secret Tony".

She was eleven years old. Such is life in a mountain village.

One day the pastor came to the office coughing. He said he had gotten something from his son. He decided to share the something with me. A Peace Corps vehicle came and took me to Makati Hospital in Manila. After five days, I was released. I asked Peace Corps for transportation back to Bosoboso but they said no - you are well enough to find your own way back to Bosoboso.

I completed my assignment but a powerful typhoon hit Manila and it was flooded. The office had arranged for a motorcycle to take me to the bus but the road had collapsed and the bus had fallen down into a ravine. The Manila office sent a vehicle to their side of the road collapse and the Bosoboso staff took me to our side of the collapse. We trudged through the mud to get to the vehicle.

Peace Corps processed my close of service paperwork in one day, it usually takes three days. I made my flight to Guangzhou, China for another adventure.

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Summer Evenings

Short Stories

By Mina Anne Chudilowsky Contributor

On summer evenings, I enjoy sitting out on a lawn chair enjoying the quietness of my backyard. I especially like it if there is a gentle breeze blowing.

I may have the hose in my hand and water the plants and lawn, and cool my feet as I watch the birds dart back and forth.

There is a pair of mourning doves who live nearby who frequent my yard and coo to one another. There used to be a scrub jay who visited, but now there is a couple who are very bold and know that I usually scatter old bread crumbs for my bird friends. They jump around and scold me because, today, the grass contains no crumbs.

The hummingbirds flit from the Bird of Paradise to other plants and flowers and may rest on a tree for a while. It's fun to see and hear them zip through the yard and come to a fluttering stop at a flower.

The mockingbirds call to one another and may chase off an invading crow who has come too near their territory.

The crows usually congregate



in my pine tree out front or on the electrical wires making their raucous noise until another calls them away to explore new territories.

Sometimes, if I'm lucky, the trees or bushes will fill up with tiny, little finches who chirp happily while jumping from branch to branch.

The sparrows have gotten a little brazen and don't seem to fear me if I'm not too close to them.

I enjoy watching butterflies flutter from flower to flower, and there seems to be a bigger variety this year.

A solitary bee once hung out by the jade bush and became very territorial and buzzed around my head, trying to chase me away. I'd spray around me, or I'd wave my hand until it flew off, only to return to the jade plant and then buzz me again.

My neighborhood is relatively

quiet. Not too much traffic or dogs barking, although I can hear the 605 Freeway if I tune into it.

The smells coming from my neighbor's kitchen or barbecue gets me thinking about dinner, but it is too relaxing to go in yet.

If I'm not watering the lawn, I may sit out there reading my current book. I still see the activity in my yard as I frequently look up.

I stay out there until the mosquitoes come out and start salivating as they see me -- their dinner, hopefully -- in the middle of their hunting ground. Then I make a hasty retreat to the house and those wonderful contraptions called screens.

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A Whale of a Tail

Short Stories

By Sharon Benson Smith Contributor

We had seen most of the recent plays and movies. We had been to all the area museums, some more than once, and seen their extraordinary exhibits.

Eddie decided it was time for us to head south to the San Diego Zoo. He sure made the right choice! It spelled excitement from the moment we entered the gate... seeing all the wonderful birds, reptiles, and animals; hearing cat roars, monkey noises and bird sounds.

And, taking a break now and then from the sun and fun to grab a bite, enjoy frozen lemonade and to people watch.

After a few hours of meandering the grounds and seeing so many wonderful sights, we saw a sign and an arrow leading to a hippopotamus site. Eddie was very interested since he had been to Africa and saw their habitat and surroundings firsthand. He saw them grazing on the land and then go into the water while he happened to be in a canoe in the estuary. They even pooped on the landing outside his

zippered tent.

We lucked out as there were bleachers where we could sit and relax and watch this "ginormous" hippo swim in a "hippodrome" type water tank. We couldn't get over how huge he was but seemed as light as a feather in that tank, moving so slowly and gracefully through the water.

It wasn't too long before a crowd started gathering. A mother and her young son sat on a bleacher in front of us. They, too, were mesmerized by this animal and its enormity. So much so that the little boy said to his mother,

"Look at that big butt."

I kid you not, it was instantaneous that the hippo's tail started spinning like a propeller. He then backed his butt up to the glass of the tank where the little boy was sitting and pooped a streak! There was so much poop that the water turned tan in color.

The crowd absolutely roared! It was almost as if the hippo understood that the little boy was poking fun at the size of his butt and responded in revenge with, "Well, take this kid, poop-poop-de-doo!"

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