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Attorney admits to selling opioids online

Jackie Ferrari pleaded guilty to selling oxycodone pills on Craigslist; she came under investigation after a woman fatally overdosed.

DOWNEY - A Downey-based attorney pleaded guilty Monday to a federal narcotics distribution charge for illegally selling more than 1,000 oxycodone pills after offering the opioid drugs for sale on Craigslist.

Jackie Ferrari, 36, a resident of Downey, pleaded guilty to one count of illegally distributing oxycodone.

According to court documents, Ferrari sold a law enforcement source 50 oxycodone pills for \$1,200 during a transaction on January 10.

Ferrari was arrested in this case on January 18 after agreeing to sell the source another 180 pills for \$4,100.

The investigation into Ferrari began after a 22-year-old woman died in August 2018 of a fentanyl overdose, and text messages on the victim's phone initially indicated that she may have purchased the narcotics from a drug trafficker associated with Ferrari.

While investigators did not link Ferrari to that overdose death, they opened an investigation "based on evidence...that she is a large-scale trafficker in opiates via the website Craigslist" and information developed by two local police departments tying Ferrari to drug trafficking activities in late 2017, according to an affidavit filed in this case.

Court documents describe how Ferrari posted ads on Craigslist offering oxycodone and other drugs under coded names such as "foxy roxy dolls," which referred to Roxicodone, a short-acting version of oxycodone.

In her plea agreement, Ferrari admitted informing customers that they would be required to ingest a pill in her presence, to verify that they were not law enforcement.

As a result of Monday's guilty plea, Ferrari will face a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison when she is sentenced on October 21 by United States District Judge Michael W. Fitzgerald.

The investigation into Ferrari is being conducted by the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force, which operates under the direction of the Drug Enforcement Administration. The investigation is being led by DEA agents and deputies with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The Costa Mesa Police Department and the Cypress Police Department provided substantial assistance in the investigation.

The case against Ferrari is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Benjamin Barron, Chief of the Santa Ana Branch Office, and A. Carley Palmer of the International Narcotics, Money Laundering & Racketeering Section.

Carrie Uva takes over as Chamber president

Carrie Uva took over as Downey's Chamber of Commerce President during a ceremony held on Tuesday.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Carrie Uva was sworn in Tuesday as the next President of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.

As is tradition, Chamber members met for a gathering inside of the Embassy Suites to sing their praises to the Chamber's outgoing president John Casillas of Farmers & Merchant's Bank, while reigning in the 2019-20 year with the installation of Uva.

Casillas thanked those in attendance, saying "keep it up!"

"Be part of it; keep telling people the good news about what we're doing," said Casillas. "There's a lot of great things, great opportunities for you guys. Make sure you are part of the Chamber."

Incoming directors were sworn in during the event, which included Jesse Galardo of J & E Associates, Ronald Long of Sun Run, and Greg Welch of Risher Mortuary, as well as returning director Michael Chirco of Chirco Heating and Air.

The Chambers Chairmen for 2019-20 were also recognized, including Rain Neg, Paula Mejia, Joanna Peterson, Cindy Kovach, Sheila Tetangco-Bartolone, Ronald Long, Larry Garces, and Jorge Del Toro.

Finally, it was time for Mayor Rick Rodriguez to swear in the incoming president.

Uva, who has been a member of the Chamber since the 1990's, said that she was "truly honored to serve as your president" and



Carrie Uva addresses the Chamber shortly after being sworn in to office by Mayor Rick Rodriguez

thanked outgoing Casillas for the example he left.

"Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the 2019-20 president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce," said Uva. "I want to personally thank John Casillas from Farmers and Merchants Bank for the wonderful job he did serving this past year as our Chamber president. I have some really big shoes to fill, but I know I will give it my all with as much enthusiasm and passion as John had for the Chamber during this past year."

Uva introduced herself as a "proud, lifetime Downey resident, as well as lifetime Downey businesswoman," before going on to describe the events that the Chamber would be looking forward

to in the upcoming year.

"Some of the events that we will be planning in the upcoming year include the 177th annual anniversary lunch, the 24th annual golf tournament, the State of the City Address with our Mayor Rick Rodriguez, the 27th annual street faire, monthly city affairs meetings, ribbon cutting ceremonies, and the fourth annual Elf Run and the 69th annual Christmas Parade."

"I look forward to working and planning all of these events in the upcoming year. I can't wait to start working closely with my board of directors, with the executive board, the ambassadors, and the Downey Chamber staff to plan a terrific 2019-2020 year."

Council approves art pieces for Downtown

Five sculptures were selected to be placed in various areas around Downtown Downey as part of the Art in Public Places Program.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The City Council approved five pieces of art to be placed within the Downtown Downey area on Tuesday.

As part of the Art in Public Places Program, staff has been working with the Downtown Subcommittee - made up of Mayor Alex Saab and Councilman Rick Rodriguez - to determine what pieces would be placed.

The pieces selected include From a Different Perspective by Jane Dedecker, Homeward Monarch by Joe Norman, My Heart is in Your Hands by Jane Dedecker, Infinite Dance by Carol Gold, and On a Roll by Jack Hill.

Councilmember Saab said that "we went through quite a bit of [art] pieces."



"Obviously it's all subjective, right," said Saab. "I think when we went through these, we tried to make them neutral to a certain extent; not overly scandalous but also something that's gonna really give some character to the particular area that its in. We took a little bit of a conservative approach I think because it's Downey Avenue and we're not necessarily the most edgy city."

This sculpture called My Heart is in Your Hands is one of five art pieces the City Council selected for installation in Downtown Downey.

The total cost for the project is \$320,250, with the funds fare currently budgeted within the City's Arts in Public Places budget.

City awards construction contract for library upgrades

Construction is anticipated to begin in August and carry on through June next year.

DOWNEY - City Council awarded an over \$4.7 million construction contract on Tuesday to TELACU Construction Management for the City Library Modernization Project.

The library was closed earlier this year in preparation for the

library upgrades, which are part of Measure S.

The total cost of the project is \$6,968,272, which is included in the City's 2018-20 Capital Improvement Program.

In addition to general building updates to the exterior and interior of the building, the new library will also include four "Quiet Zone study rooms," an enlarged literacy room, three electronic checkout stations, numerous data ports and

collaborative white boards in The Studio (formerly the Colab) room, an upgraded Virtual Reality Lab (called The Cave), a new Cormack room, and an enhanced "Child Friendly" reading and activity area.

Construction related activities are anticipated to begin in August, and are scheduled to be complete in June of next year.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Downey restaurant grades

Kaowok Chinese Kitchen
12022 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 6/25/19
Grade: **A**

To Nostimo
16804 S Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 6/25/19
Grade: **A**

Chili's
12030 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 6/25/19
Grade: **A**

Olive Garden
9253 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 6/25/19
Grade: **A**

Third Street Coffee
8221 3rd St.
Date Inspected: 6/21/19
Grade: **A**

Hall of Fame Market & Deli
10846 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 6/21/19
Grade: **A**

Sbarro
131 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 6/21/19
Grade: **A**

Red Iron Mongolian BBQ
251 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 6/21/19
Grade: **A**

Peking China Restaurant
11039 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 6/20/19
Grade: **A**

Zaiga Grill
8814 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 6/20/19
Grade: **A**

Albertson's (Meat and Seafood)
7676 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 6/20/19
Grade: **A**

Albertsons (Deli)
7676 Firestone Blvd..
Date Inspected: 6/20/19
Grade: **A**

Rock and Brews
467 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 6/20/19
Grade: **A**

Charley's Philly Steak
110 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 6/20/19
Grade: **A**

Bastards
11045 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 6/19/19
Grade: **A**

Benihana
8801 Apollo Way.
Date Inspected: 6/19/19
Grade: **A**

Kyoto Sushi
8009 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 6/19/19
Grade: **A**

L.A. Buns
8237 2nd St.
Date Inspected: 6/19/19
Grade: **A**

Lock & Key Social Drinkery
11033 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 6/19/19
Grade: **A**

Sunny's Sushi and Grill
11531 Bellflower Blvd.
Date Inspected: 6/19/19
Grade: **A**

California Fish Grill
8990 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 6/18/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 83°

Saturday 83°

Sunday 85°

THINGS TO DO



Pirate Invasion Long Beach and Mermaid Festival

Saturday - Sunday - Shoreline Aquatic Park, 8 am to 4 pm

Stage performances, mermaids & mermen. Historical Pirate Encampments, themed vendors



CatCon

Saturday - Sunday - The Vortex in Los Angeles, 4-11 pm

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Toy Zilla Swap Meet

Saturday - Toy Zilla in Alhambra, 10 am to 3 pm

Vendors will have an array of amazing pop culture items for sale. Browse for Collectibles - Toys - Games - Comics - and Art

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

HERE ARE THE SCULPTURES BEING CONSIDERED FOR DOWNTOWN DOWNEY

ANGEL GARCIA: Great Idea pm the art, it should go up all through the four corners of the city and one in downtown. There are still a few that are happy to be in Downey and proud. We also should be using local Downey artist/sculptors, or as far as our surrounding areas. E.g Gateway Cities.

ANDREA CORTELLA IACOVITTI: I like the idea of art throughout Downey, but not clumped together in 4 blocks. I am not a fan of these pieces though - especially the banana.

ALEXIS LATIN: The banana one is definitely my favorite.

JACIE PRIETO LOPEZ: Why? Why do we need this? I'd love to see proper lighting in our city especially in the smaller streets vs this artwork.

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TWEET OF THE WEEK

@AADWrites: I'm used to @CityofDowney officials telling our resident gaffly to tone down his vulgar language, but to the guy calling out from the audience in defense of his kid: Dude...high

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Downey's long affinity for patriotism

Things You Didn't Know About Downey

By Bobbi Bruce
Downey Historical Society

On the front page of the Feb. 15, 1917, issue of a Downey newspaper was a full column, and a third was devoted to "Rules for Flag Etiquette." Sixteen paragraphs detailed the proper usage of the flag.

The war in Europe was getting closer. Evidently the citizens were shaking the folds out of their flags.

The article listed the holidays on which flags should be displayed which included a "Star-Spangled Banner Day" on Sept. 14. Flag Day was listed as June 14. The others were Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, Memorial Day and Independence Day.

On April 5, 1917, the Downey Champion newspaper printed an American flag on its front page with the announcement: "Once again the Stars and Stripes are to engage in warfare. The U.S. Senate has declared that a state of war now exists with Germany. There is no probability that this will be reversed by the lower house."

AUDITORIUMS: In the Downey of that era, as in many small communities even to this day, the high school was the center of social life and of local interest. Its auditorium was used for public functions, such as town meetings for the discussion of local problems. Dances and rallies were held there at which the whole town turned out to support the local team in athletic contests.

It was a local point for civic pride. Usually it was the handsomest building in town. Its students were regarded as the best examples of youth the town could produce. They were patted on the back.

This concern also produced some spirited controversy. The townsfolk interest did not stop at the athletic field. It examined the curriculum: "What are they teaching the children?"

The tension between the professionalism of the teacher and the mixed but strongly voiced uncertainties of the taxpayer over what should be taught and how it should be taught is old as free public education. This natural tension is a check and balance factor in democratic institutions, which is also their salvation. Occasionally,

however, the tension becomes so strident the institution veers towards a shambles. Then sanity appears to rescue the institution.

The Downey High School appears to have been emerging from something close to this pattern as America entered World War I. It was concern that overrode the portentous declaration of April 6. The war did move onto the domestic scene, however.

The Champion paper noted a strong sentiment for the organization of Home Guards in Downey. The newspaper approved, but hoped this could be done quietly and without arousing fanaticism. The fear, or imagined fear in Downey as in all California, was not from Germans or other hyphenated European Americans whose loyalty was suspect, but from Mexicans. Gen. Pershing, it will be remembered, had just won his spurs by chasing Pancho Villa into Mexico and feeling was still running high over his border raids. The war in Europe had possibly diverted the United States from a war with Mexico.

It was feared in California and the Southwest that Mexicans in these areas might use our involvement in the European conflict to flare out their resentments in hit and run acts of sabotage.

In commenting on a suspicion of disloyalty that was sweeping through California because many Mexicans were failing to show up for work, the Champion paper sanely noted that it was the week before Easter, when many Mexicans traditionally practiced absenteeism to observe their religious holidays.

"It is too early to get nervous," the newspaper said. It was too early, nor was there any reason to get nervous. This suspicion never developed into a reality.

The newspaper did a public service in dampening down an unwarranted hysteria. With this fear laid to rest, the community went about its day to day activity with an appearance of business as usual.

Downey volleyball team collecting textiles

DOWNEY - The Downey High School girls volleyball team is hosting a clothing and textile drive through July 25 to raise money for team expenses. The team's goal is to raise \$1000 by collecting at least 650 large bags full of textiles. Community members can help by donating unwanted clothing, shoes, purses, belts, towels, and stuffed animals. The Clothes for the Cause truck will load up all donations on July 25 from 12 - 1 pm. Accepted items include new or

gently used clothing, paired shoes of any kind, bath and kitchen towels, backpacks, curtains and draperies, purses, belts, tablecloths, placemats, and stuffed animals. Glass, breakables, electronics, rags, sheets, blankets, quilts, pet beds, bed pillows, carpeting and / or rugs, uniforms, hotel/hospital linens, or bulk items from thrift stores cannot be accepted. Please contact Bob McCarthy at 559-259-4561 or rmccarthy@dusd.net.

Red Cross holding blood drive

DOWNEY - The American Red Cross is seeking blood donations to prevent a summer blood shortage. A blood drive will be held July 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rancho Los Amigos National

Rehabilitation Center. All blood types are needed. To make an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call (800) RED-CROSS. Donors will receive a free t-shirt.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS: On Aug. 28, 2018, Irene (Kaucher) Lonergan donated to the History Center memorabilia she collected during her time in the Campfire Girls. Lonergan was 8 years old when she came to live in Downey and joined the Campfire Girls when she was in 4th grade at Gallatin School. She stayed in the organization until her 8th grade year at North Junior High School.

Lonergan says that they would meet once a week after school, wearing their uniforms to school on their meet day. Their group was named TAKIPI and was under the leadership of Mrs. Jack Nevin and Lonergan's mother Mrs. John Kaucher.

Lonergan says that each girl in the group had an "Indian name," believing hers to be Mawe ga ska, although she is not entirely sure after 60 years.

Campfire Adults were given some form of formal training in addition to the informal training given through individual conference and leaders' association meetings.

In 1956, Nevin was awarded Outstanding Women in the Community honors and the Silver Medallion Shuta Award that is presented to 10 of the most outstanding women in the United States for creativeness and originality in Campfire work.

Lonergan says that the girls earned beads for doing projects and got to sew them on their vests. Cooking, planting trees, camping, selling peanuts to earn money at the county fairs, and putting on a special tea party at Maude Price are all activities that Lonergan remembers fondly.

Lonergan saved her Campfire Girls membership cards from 1954, 1955, 1956, and 1957, as well as her uniform. She says that she learned many of her life skills through her early training in the Campfire Girls.

Women's Club awards scholarships to eight Downey Students

DOWNEY - Eight Students from Downey Schools were awarded scholarships from the Woman's Club of Downey Foundation at their June meeting. Recognized for their academic excellence and community service and awarded a \$4,000 scholarship were Alyssa Nevarez from Downey High School and Brian Magdaleno from Warren High School. Nevarez's brother, Robert, received the same award in 2016. Receiving the Shirlee MacDowell Music Scholarship (\$1,000) was Andy Garcia from Downey and Abraham Lucas-Cruz from Warren. Three students, Mona Makhlof, Rebecca Ramirez, and Vanessa Rodriguez were awarded a \$500 book scholarship. Nursing student Mariah Mott was the adult school recipient of the \$500 scholarship. The Woman's Club of Downey meets monthly during the months of October through June on the first Wednesday of the month at their clubhouse, 9813 Paramount Blvd. A membership tea will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 10 am at the clubhouse for those who are interested in learning more about the Woman's Club or becoming a member. Reservations may be made by emailing barbarakeenoy@gmail.com.

60 Words

to celebrate the Downey Symphony Orchestra's 60th anniversary

Our Symphony's first conductor once said, "A city without music is a dead city. I have been all over the world and I know that." He was the first of five Music Directors to lead the orchestra over its 60-year history. Volunteer board members work endlessly raising funds, and our concert seasons continue to thrive. Ours is a live city!

Quotation from Mario Cajati, 1967, *Symphony archives*
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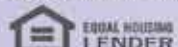
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

My wife will not eat asparagus. She's well aware that it's a highly nutritious dark green vegetable, but has never liked the flavor. That has spared her from experiencing one of the more famous qualities of this particular vegetable: asparagus makes the urine smell terrible!



Patients frequently ask me why their urine smells bad. Here are a few of the most common causes:

The wide variety of **foods** that can result in smelly urine is surprising. Among them are onions, Brussels sprouts, garlic, bananas, turkey, chicken, salmon, curry, many spices, and even some types of coffee. In the case of asparagus, scientists suggest that asparagusic acid is converted to a sulfa-containing chemical...that smells.

Overall, the most common reason that urine starts to smell is not due to the food we consume, but to **dehydration**. It's easy to know if we are dehydrated by our urine's dark color. The quick and easy cure? Drink more water.

For women, **urinary tract infections** are the most common cause of smelly urine. The smell may be ammonia-like, or foul, or even slightly sweet. The same bacteria that cause the UTI cause the odor.

A **yeast infection** in the vagina may lead to a yeasty urine smell. Although the infection is inside the vagina, the urine picks up the smell as it passes through the urethra.

Diabetes can change the odor of urine. Diabetics often need to urinate more frequently, depending on how well controlled the blood sugar is. When sugar is in the urine, it results in a sweet, fruity smell. (The sweet taste of urine was long used as a diagnostic tool for diabetes!)

Cleaning by **douching** is no longer commonly done, and I don't recommend it. It changes the microbiome and the pH balance, and can lead to smelly urine.

Due to chemical and hormonal changes, **pregnancy** can lead to a change in the smell of the urine. It becomes more pungent, and is strongest during the first trimester.

Some **sexually transmitted diseases**, especially chlamydia, can cause an odor in urine.

Certain **medications** can cause urine to smell, including a number of antibiotics. Some vitamins, including the B vitamins, concentrate in the urine and change both the color and smell.

Any unexplained change should trigger a visit to your physician. Most of the causes of smelly urine can and should be promptly treated.

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 Doings

The Downey Greek Food Festival has shined for 35 years, a testament to Downey's thriving Greek community.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

"Spend a Day with the Greek Gods," the ad said.

The crowds that gathered on Saturday for the eagerly awaited Downey Greek Food Festival, enjoyed themselves, even without the presence of Helios, god of the sun.

"In the part of Greece where I come from, near Olympia, I can't ever remember gloomy weather like this," said Harold Tseklenis, one of the guiding lights of Downey's Greek community. "It's always sunny there." But even without the blue skies, the magic of Greece lifted everyone's spirits.

Sounds of non-stop bouzouki music filled the air in the little Agora, a marketplace in the entry lined with vendors. Here you can buy raspberry honey, fresh pressed olive oil, and charms to ward off the evil eye. The god of good parking spaces was already smiling on me. I had lucked out, pulling in right across from the church as someone pulled out, a good beginning.

Delicious odors too: Greek coffee freshly brewing; the roast lamb with the fat sizzling under the gauzy smoke—what are the spices they rub it with?

Inside the festival area, a huge white tent covered an area where all were encouraged to "Get your Greek on" and join the line dancers.

Everyone in Downey comes to the Greek Food Festival, and lots of first-timers wander up from the Saturday Farmer's Market, held just a few blocks down Downey Avenue. You might see someone you haven't seen in years, or someone you had lunch with yesterday; the man you bought a good used car from, or the teller you bank with.

Jorge Lopez, a fellow Rotarian, of Harold's, said, "I'm Cuban but my wife's Greek." Everybody loves a Greek panigiri.

How do the parishioners of St. George's Greek Orthodox Church manage to organize such an authentic - *authentikos* in Greek - weekend fete, for 35 years in a row?

Everyone is a volunteer here, from the baklava bakers to the spit masters who prepare and roast the lamb, 20 of them at a time, turning on 20 spits. There is also the man who cleaves the lamb into serving portions. These lambs are not carved, they're split with an ax, and this is as close as we will ever get to the feasting that Homer wrote about.

"We'll use one hundred lambs this weekend, said Greg Giannikopitas, one of the chairs of the event. "Probably 6,000 people will come."

There are gyros too, a blend of beef and lamb sliced off a big spit, served on pita bread with tzatsiki, a yogurt, cucumber and spice sauce. And souvlaki platters, marinated pork on a sewer, and Greek fries with feta cheese.

Money raised from this festival provides things the church needs beyond the everyday running of the church. "Last year, it was a new roof," said Greg.

"The thing that makes ours different from other Greek festivals you will find in Southern California," said Gavril Gabriel, another of the three co-chairs of the event, "is that the others are part of some larger communities. But here we have a real Downey-centric Greek festival."

Harold took me behind the curtains to see how the food is dished up and served. Specialty of the house is the lamb platter, with rice and Greek salad; a la carte classics dishes are moussaka, a dish made from eggplant, meat, potatoes and béchamel sauce; tiropita, a light and flaky Greek pie filled with feta cheese,; spanakopita, a spinach and cheese pastry; and dolmades, ground lamb with rice rolled in grape leaves. Everything has been made by the ladies of St. George Philoptochos Society of Downey.

Harold introduced me to Nicole Vardabasis, Professor of Biology at UC San Bernardino. Downey is her home parish and she is the second generation of valued stewards.

I had found Harold sitting with Anton Photis and his wife Anastasia, their children and grandchildren. Everyone had Greek fries or a souvlaki platter. Harold and his wife Anna were among the first Orthodox Greek settlers in Downey in the 1950's and '60's.

Main lady among the beauties volunteering behind the scenes was the president of the parish and the chair of parishioner services, "the indefatigable worker Sasha Vithoulkas, who sees to the proper functioning of all non-sacramental aspects," said Harold.

Arranging the boxes of food as fast as the orders came in were volunteers Christina Karapanos, Dora Kotsis, and Christina Sparangis. Christina is a middle school teacher with the DUSD, a second generation active



Sasha Vithoulkas serves a hungry diner. Photos by Lorine Parks

parishioner and daughter of one of the founders of the parish.

The occasion is billed as a food event, but this event is much, much more. The cultural side of Hellenic life was on display in the rooms in the mini-mall across from the church, where the sanctuary stood before the church with its mighty dome was built.

"Tomorrow we are featuring Cretan culture," said Georgia Covell, the third co-chair of the festival, as she took me on a private tour. Mainland Greece has several distinctive regions plus island groups in the Aegean.

And then there is Crete, where the Bronze-Age Minoan civilization flourished before Egypt's dynasties even began. A Cretan will not say, "I am a Greek from Crete. He will say, "I am Cretan."

We stopped at a table with items for a Cretan wedding. A huge round bread, koulopoura gamou, its diameter easily two feet across, was decorated with symbolic bits of pastry expertly

shaped like wheat and flowers, to bring luck. Two dagger-like knives, one for the bride and one for the groom were sheathed in silver and leather and laid beside it. Georgia unsheathed one, to show me. Docents can do that.

"This special bread would be baked by the bride's mother," said Georgia, "and this one just arrived yesterday. It was flown in from Greece. After the dances on Sunday, the cellophane wrap will be taken off, and we'll break the bread and share it." More than enough to feed a village I would say.

Cretan costumes added to the exhibit, including the high white boots that shepherds wear on the mountainside, to keep from getting stuck by the thorny bushes.

"We want to show the culture, history and customs of Greece," Georgia said. Archaeological sites in Greece are World Heritage treasures.

There was also a room for wine tasting, from the wine-producing

areas of both Greek and Crete, accompanied by Greek cheeses, traditionally made from goats and sheep, as the rocky terrain is too steep for cows to navigate.

On the way out I stopped at the dessert table (they'll be good at breakfast too): baklava, dopes and katafi. Pasta flora filled with raspberry or apricot jam; and karidopita. There were other goodies too, but I could come back tomorrow and get them.

The baking pans from the ladies of the parish were inexhaustible. I did note a difference between some of the pasta flora, the fillings and the ways the lattice work was twined. Different recipe from different islands, I supposed.

As I was leaving, the door to the church was open so I went in. It's a quiet and cool place to sit and contemplate, and it is light-filled. The church is the motivating spirit behind all that these parishioners do.

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Rotary 'mourns' demotion of President Greg Welch

Downey Doings

Rotary Club of Downey pranks its outgoing president at a demotion dinner. Nathan Mahoney takes over as leader of the service club.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

If a Hawaiian shirt-clad man driving a hearse sounds like the start of a joke, that's because it is; and on this day, Greg Welch was the punchline.

"He only knew that we were coming in the hearse," said Barbara, Welch's wife. It wasn't until Welch got out at the Embassy Suites and saw all the others greeting him in black suits and somber ties that he realized he'd been the subject of an elaborate practical joke.

Welch was about to attend his demotion ceremony as departing President of the Rotary Club of Downey, and everyone was to dress in mourning for the passing of his presidency. Everyone but

Welch, that is: he'd been told the dress was Hawaiian.

Together Barbara and Greg operate Risher Mortuary and Cremation Services in Downey and Montebello, so the dearly departed theme was a natural.

How could a secret be kept by 80 people? It helped that Greg and Barbara have been out of the country for several weeks, across the seas in Germany, attending a Rotary International Convention, to cap Greg's year as president of the service club.

Guests were checked in by club treasurer Barbara Lamberth, wearing a full widow's veil over a broad-brimmed hat, very becoming. Table decorations included a closed metal urn instead of a floral centerpiece, and décor consisted of sprays of white gladiolas.

Most Rotarians wore black suits, like Judy Reynolds's little black number and Jim Reynolds' tux with black vest and satin lapels. The only other Hawaiian

touch was Dr. Dan Fox's Aloha shirt from his vast collection. Retired Juvenile Court Judge Phil Mautino could have worn his robes, but he chose a gangster-like black shirt, tie, and suit instead.

Jaimee Sul Baker wore a perky bow hat with a tiny face-skimming veil. She accompanied husband Doug, a two-time past district governor of Rotary and one of the eulogists, as the roasters were called.

Doug had a genuine scare with a lung embolism in Maui a few weeks ago, but rallied to come to the party.

Also seen: past president Diane Davis with hubby John, whose dad Don Davis was not only a past president of Downey Rotary Club in 1987-88, but served Downey long and well as fire chief and then city manager before retiring to Coto de Caza.

Diane was in black and John in an even blacker embossed silk jacket.

Not only were Welch and his Board of Directors demoted, the evening also featured the

installation of new president Nathan Mahoney, whose job as president-elect had been to organize this going-away party.

When Welch was saying his thank-you's, his advice to Nate was, "Get yourself another Nate. I couldn't have done it without you backing me so capably."

Incoming president-elect is Maurice Casaus, general manager of the Embassy Suites, and vice president is Jesse Vargas, of Farmers & Merchants Bank in Downey.

Secretary Debbie Fox, administrator at the First Baptist Church and treasurer Barbara Lamberth, retired CEO of Downey Federal Credit Union, round out the list of officers.

"They say 20% of the members often do 80% of the



Nathan Mahoney and Greg Welch

work, said Welch. "But in our club, everyone has been working to get things done.

"My last thank you is to Jim Reynolds," said Welch. "Because he's the one who asked me, 'Have you ever considered joining Rotary?'"

"Of course I had considered it," said Welch. "My wife had

been in it for 28 years, and she was a past district governor. And her father was a Rotarian in Montebello with perfect attendance for 48 years. But until Jim, no one had actually asked me to join.

"Be like Jim, and ask someone to join the club. Sometimes that is all that it takes."

Festival brings Downey's Greek culture to life

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A docent was giving a talk in the original art work that has been done by a husband and wife team who come over from Greece whenever a new project comes along. So far they have painted the face of Christ Pantocrator on the inside of the dome, and the Annunciation scenes above the altar, and Mary, and the Last Supper. The faces of saints and patrons fill the iconostasis, and the Four Gospel writers adorn the apse corners.

I remember when the church was being built, in 2001, and how it took a giant construction crane to hoist up the steel skeleton of the huge dome with its 30 windows, and place it on its square foundation. Another Greek first, squaring the circle.

The white "sugar-cube" church is built in the form of a traditional Greek cross, the arms and the head and foot all being equal length.

The church has no mortgage: the Metropolitan Anthony saw to that when he conducted the door-opening ceremony in 2002, and everything inside the church is paid for. As money is raised, decorations are added: the art work, the carpet, the beautiful blond wood pews.

Now there is also a special project, the Yianni Memorial Fund,

named for a young Downey man whose life was tragically taken away too soon. His name will be remembered in the next phase of development: a hall, a gymnasium, classrooms, kitchens and conference rooms.

I took out the bound volume of the Liturgy available in the pews, and it opened to the very first antiphon, that petitions for the peace of the whole world. The text continues, "For favorable weather, and abundance of the fruits of the earth, and temperate seasons, let us pray to the Lord."

This mass, the most celebrated part in the Byzantine Rite, is attributed to Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople in the 5th century... A prescient St John could have been mindful of climate change.

As I turned the page, the Liturgy went on, "for travelers by land, sea, and air, the sick, the suffering, the captives and their salvation, let us pray unto the Lord." As they say, the Greeks had a word for it.

If you've been to Greece or just visited it on TV with The Durrells in Corfu; if you have danced in your imagination with Zorba on Crete or remember Melina Mercouri's wide-eyed innocence at seeing the classic play Medea, in Never on Sunday; if you fell in love with the Prince of the Lilies in the murals on the walls of the Mycenaean Palace at Knossos on Crete; if you yearn for thyme-scented honey and the mysterious melodies of the oud; if you hunger to know more about the civilization that gave us the Golden Mean, "moderation in all things," because they were a people who knew they were too passionate to be



Dora Kotsis, Christina Karapanos, and Christina Sparangis.

moderate;

Then hunger and thirst and yearn no more. Mark your calendar now for the first week in June in 2020, and join the community of St George's Orthodox Greek Church in Downey for another glorious weekend, come sunny days or not.

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There's no excuse for mistreating children at the border

BY THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD

From his promise of a “beautiful wall” to his false alarms about caravans of alien marauders at the gate, President Trump has exploited immigration as his marquee issue. He is right, there is a crisis: Not of undocumented immigrants or thousands seeking refuge, as the president would have it, but a crisis of American values, a crisis of America’s premier tradition as a welcoming and humane haven. A crisis Mr. Trump has created, even as Congress has fueled it.

That is not to deny that comprehensive immigration reform is urgently needed, as is funding for the overstretched facilities where undocumented immigrants, and most horribly the children of undocumented immigrants, are held.

But, by his divisive, incoherent and barbaric policies, Mr. Trump has only made agreeing on an approach to immigration in the United States far more difficult. He has done so by systematically creating a false narrative of immigrants as job-stealing criminals, by insisting that there is a crisis of illegal immigration where there is none and, most maliciously, by dreaming up schemes to torment these people in the perverse notion that this would deter others from trying to reach the United States.

The most appalling of these has been the separation of children from their parents and detaining them in conditions no child anywhere should suffer, and certainly not children in the care of the American government. At a recent hearing before a federal appeals court in San Francisco, judges were stunned by the administration’s arguments that children sleeping on concrete floors in frigid, overcrowded cells, without soap or toothbrushes, were being kept in “safe and sanitary” facilities, as required by law. “You’re really going to stand up and tell us that being able to sleep isn’t a question of safe and sanitary conditions?” asked one judge.

Mr. Trump’s latest display of cruel bluster was the announcement, and then the delay, of nationwide raids to deport undocumented families. In fact, deporting immigrants who have exhausted their legal claims is not uncommon — President Obama, remember, was often referred to by immigration groups as “deporter in chief” — and the targets of these raids are not

random. But Mr. Trump sought to use the operation to strut before his base and extract concessions from Democrats, and spread panic through immigrant communities. His announcement delayed action by Congress and made the operation that much more difficult by warning those targeted for deportation. Then he tweeted that he was delaying the raids for two weeks.

The United States urgently needs an immigration policy that combines border security, justice and humanity. President Trump has promoted policies that undermine all these goals, and Congress has failed to agree on a coherent vision. You can help turn that around. Here’s how:

Call Congress, your mayor and local representatives. Contact your representative and tell them you want upcoming ICE raids to be called off and detention conditions improved. The legal defense nonprofit Raices has provided a template and an online form that you can use to email your congressional representatives. You can also reach out to your local representatives to ask that they initiate plans to help immigrant communities that are affected by the raids. USA.gov has provided links to finding your city, county and town officials.

Report and document raids and arrests. The National Immigration Law Center has suggested reporting raids to local hotlines, such as United We Dream’s MigraWatch. Raices has said that over the next few days there will be a surge of posts on social media that say ICE has been spotted. The group has urged that people verify these posts before sharing or retweeting because false alarms could spread fear in immigrant communities.

Donate to humanitarian efforts. Many immigrants are not informed of their legal and civil rights as they pursue asylum or face deportation. Several nonprofits are providing free legal representation and other services for immigrants and the families of those detained. United We Dream, the American Civil Liberties Union and Mijente are coordinating advocacy and services at a national level. Local organizations providing legal aid include New Sanctuary Coalition in New York, Las Americas in El Paso and Raices in Texas, Americans for Immigrant Justice in Florida and Denver Immigrant Legal Services Fund in Colorado.

Pilar Weiss, project director of the National Bail Fund Network, says one of the most effective ways to reunite immigrants separated from their families is to assist with paying their bail, which can cost anywhere from \$1,500 to \$80,500. You can find and donate to a bail fund in your city through the National Bail Fund Network.

Inform yourself and your community. The A.C.L.U., who joined forces with Brooklyn Defender Services, has shared a “Know Your Rights” page for encounters with ICE. They have also provided a video to help understand your rights and what to do if ICE officials come to your home.

Hold political candidates accountable. While the presidential primaries are at least eight months away, you can prepare to cast your ballot for a more humane border policy by following what each candidate has shared about their plans for immigration reform.

Speak up. Protest marches and other civic actions to end detention camps and squalid conditions for children and families, are expected across the country in the coming weeks. Or you can also take part in Lights for Liberty, a nationwide vigil on July 12 at 9 p.m. local time. Locations for the vigil include:

El Paso: where migrants are being housed “partially outdoors” near a bridge with no running water for months at a time;

Homestead, Fla.: where a migrant children’s detention facility has been charged with rampant abuse and neglect;

San Diego: near the point of entry border crossing from Tijuana, Mexico;

New York City: where deportation rates have increased by 150 percent between 2016 and 2018;

Washington, D.C. (in front of the Capitol building): to demand action from Congress.

This op-ed was written by the New York Times’ Editorial Board, which operates separately from the news division.

Democrats used to embrace strong markets and strong government. What happened?

BY MICHAEL KAZIN

What kind of economy do Democrats believe in? Joe Biden calls for “stronger labor laws and a tax code that rewards [the] middle class.” Bernie Sanders wants to raise taxes on the rich and guarantee every adult a job. Elizabeth Warren has a slew of plans that include giving employees seats on corporate boards and breaking up giant firms like Facebook and Amazon. Kamala Harris urges a big tax cut for ordinary families and “stricter penalties for companies that cheat their workers.”

Recent polls show that the public is increasingly supportive of proposals like these. Yet no one who hopes to become the nominee has yet come up with a larger vision that would animate such worthy ideas. And without an inspiring way to tie them together, they may come across to voters like items on a mediocre takeout menu: tasty enough but forgettable.

So let one loyal, if anxious, Democrat offer a solution: “moral capitalism,” a system that, in the words of Congressman Joe Kennedy III of Massachusetts, would be “judged not by how much it produces, but how broadly it empowers, backed by a government unafraid to set the conditions for fair and just markets.”

It is a goal that, by different names, national Democratic leaders have articulated since the party first emerged almost two centuries ago. They understood that most voters liked the general idea of a market economy in which they would have a fair chance to rise, but also resented an economy that failed to live up to the rosy promises of its defenders in business and government.

The tradition began in the 1830s when Andrew Jackson vetoed a renewed charter for the Second Bank of the United States, declaring, “It is to be regretted that the rich and powerful too often bend the acts of government to their selfish purposes.” Grover Cleveland renewed the offensive in his attack on the protective tariff in the 1880s, as did William Jennings Bryan in his crusade against the “money power” at the end of the 19th century, and Franklin D. Roosevelt in his assault on “economic royalists” in the 1930s.

For all these Democratic leaders, moral capitalism was an aspiration for a system that would balance protection for the rights of Americans to accumulate property and start businesses with an abiding concern for the welfare of men and women of little or modest means who increasingly worked for somebody else.

That vision did combine two distinct ways to critique the existing economic order and campaign for a better one. One tendency hurls a harsh critique at concentrated power, whether in high finance, manufacturing, the federal government or the perceived alliance between private wealth and private capital. It envisioned a society of small proprietors, or at least of a government that strictly regulates big businesses and compels them to redistribute part of their wealth.

The second kind of moral capitalism fixes on the oppression of Americans on the job, whether by poor working conditions, low wages, insecure employment or a ban on union organizing. Its defenders seek to unite wage earners and their sympathizers, and look more kindly on

those employers, no matter how large, who respect the rights of their employees, and pay them well.

In theory, the two tendencies are not contradictory. Both Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders criticize “monopolies” like Wal-Mart for dominating the marketplace as well as for paying poor wages to workers and resisting attempts by their workers to organize unions. But, historically, which of the two tendencies the Democrats espouse has defined the kind of coalition they strive to build.

The anti-monopoly theme dominated during the first century of the party’s history, from Jackson’s rise in the 1820s to the start of the Great Depression of the 1930s and helped make the Democrats a national party. During that period, the party either ignored the rights and needs of nonwhite people or actively sought to keep them in bondage or in manifestly unequal status. This period had a long run because it united such disparate social forces as white Southern planters and Irish Catholic immigrants around a shared animosity toward Northern industrialists, high finance and high tariffs.

In the 1930s, the pro-worker theme largely replaced the anti-monopoly one, and it was central to the Democrats’ message through the 1960s. The main driver of the change was a labor movement that quintupled its membership during the Great Depression and the Second World War, and became the party’s indispensable base from Franklin Roosevelt to Lyndon Johnson.

For a time, it seemed as if the pro-labor vision of a moral capitalism could become an American version of social democracy, although it was more effective as rhetoric than policy. In his 1944 State of the Union address, Roosevelt proposed a sweeping program that would have guaranteed every American the right to a job, a home and medical care. But a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats blocked legislation to secure any of his grand objectives.

From the 1970s until the start of the Great Recession, liberal

One less candidate

Dear Editor:

I wish to announce that I will not be a candidate for President during the 2020 election.

Those who follow my writings in The Downey Patriot know that I offered my services to be their standard-bearer to the Democrats (Letter to the Editor, 6/13/08) and to the Republicans (Letter to the Editor, 10/13/16). Both parties turned me down to the detriment of the country.

Obama’s legacy was to leave the House, the Senate and most governorships in the hands of extreme nationalistic, ultra-conservative Republicans who can barely hide their contempt for new immigrants even though they themselves have immigrant roots. Trump has shown little respect for the truth and the law and does not dare to engage in any activity that may not be to the liking of his Russian buddies.

My disillusion with the political process is due to the fact that we are using third world political tactics very successfully. I came to this country to avoid third world type of political processes but unfortunately we now use them in this country.

Sadly there is now no place to hide.

Jorge Montero Downey

SB 268

Dear Editor:

California residents should be very concerned about Senate Bill 268 which started out as a CalWorks eligibility bill and was thoroughly gutted by Sen. Scott Wiener, Democrat of San Francisco, into a bill that reduces ballot measure transparency.

Existing law requires that, “If the proposed measure imposes a tax or raises the rate of a tax...the ballot [is] to include in the statement of the measure the amount of money to be raised annually and the rate and the duration of the tax to be levied.” The newly proposed bill eliminates that provision.

If you are a concerned voter who wants to know how tax dollars are spent by our representatives in Sacramento, let Sen. Bob Archuleta (32nd District) know that you opposed SB 268. His phone number is (562) 406-1001.

Norma Gutierrez Downey

politicians and activists tended to downplay the tropes of moral capitalism. They had some sound reasons for doing so. Roosevelt built a multiracial coalition that would have amazed and alarmed Andrew Jackson. Yet most party leaders still defined working people as a noble assemblage composed solely of white men and their family members.

The political earthquake of the black freedom and feminist movements demolished that bigoted assumption. The battle against racism and sexist laws and institutions quickly became central to what it meant to be a committed Democrat. In the current century, alarm about climate change and a commitment to L.G.B.T. rights have been added to the top of the party’s agenda.

But in the past, creating an ideology of moral capitalism and a coalition behind it proved to be the most fruitful electoral strategy for Democrats to follow. Periods when they made persuasive arguments about the need to create and then preserve such a system were the only times when the party gained durable majorities: from the late 1820s until the mid-1850s, and again from the 1930s to the late 1960s.

Of course, major changes have since transformed the nation and its politics. Still, a majority Americans of all races, genders, and national origins continue to suffer from economic insecurity and have little control over the conditions of their work. A vision of moral capitalism would address that shared condition and suggest what changes could significantly improve it.

In his 1944 address, Roosevelt expressed a confidence that, in retrospect, was too sanguine for its time. “We have come to a clear realization of the fact that true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence,” he declared, “We have accepted ... a second Bill of Rights under which a new basis of security and prosperity can be established for all regardless of station, race, or creed.”

Democrats today desperately need to articulate a similarly clear-eyed, buoyant determination to build a decent society. Without moral capitalism or a powerful equivalent, they risk getting stuck in internecine fights while their arrogant adversary rekindles his vow to return America to a “greatness” he can neither define nor deliver.

Michael Kazin, who teaches history at Georgetown and co-edits Dissent, is writing a history of the Democratic Party.

Traffic laws

Dear Editor:

Regarding ‘When a Traffic Ticket Costs \$13,000’ (May 30, 2019):

It’s evident that Ms. Leah Jackson is a self-admitted habitual traffic violator, who does not take responsibility for her actions. She ultimately had her license suspended as a result of her poor decisions.

She indicates that she “spoke with lawmakers, started a new job, had not received a paycheck and could not pay the initial fine,” yet had an opportunity to make arrangements for a payment plan on the arraignment date of the first citation. There was no mention of that court appearance, which she obviously ignored.

The initial violation was for obstructing traffic. This maneuver projects an inconsiderate, selfish, disrespectful driver who obviously doesn’t care what others think. I wonder if the authors of this article, Emily Dindial (A.C.L.U.) and Ron Lampard (American Legislative Exchange Council) were stuck in traffic behind Jackson at the time, would they still have the same compassion? Probably not.

“A few months later” she was pulled over yet again (fails to mention the violation) and was told her driver’s license was suspended. “In less than a month” she received two more citations.

This lack of integrity and poor judgement is a threat to public safety. Just how many violations has she committed when no one was looking and got away with? If she was to be involved in a car accident, what’s the likelihood she would stay to help the potential injured or would she be another hit and run suspect? I’ll go with the latter too.

The rules of the road are meant for traffic safety, good common sense and courteous driving habits. Traffic citations are issued to violators for primary collision factors that prevent collisions, thus educate the public on safe driving habits. Jackson should start by taking responsibility for her actions and stop blaming everyone else for her stupidity. Being a licensed driver is a privilege, not a right, which she lost. She doesn’t deserve to be behind the wheel of a motor vehicle.

The only thing she should be is the poster child for public transportation.

Richard Krainym Downey

The Downey Patriot

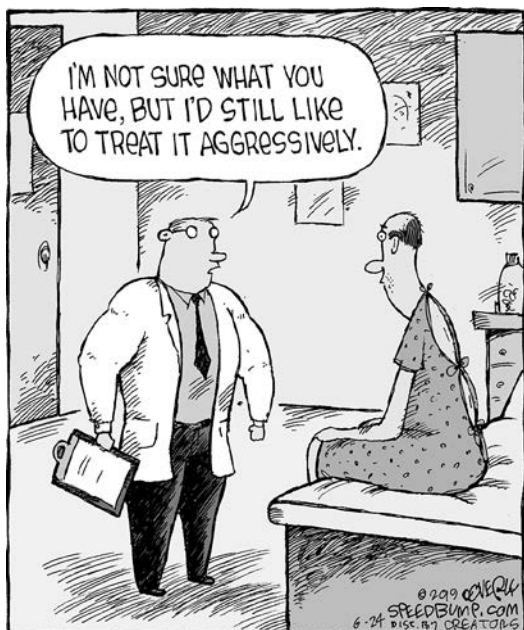
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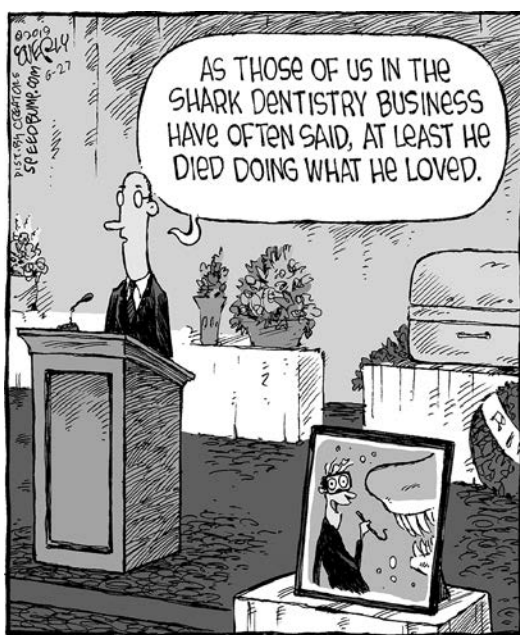
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

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7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.
 3rd Fri., 8:30 am: Women's "In His Glory" Ministry at Los Amigos C. C. 622-3785.

SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.
 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

On This Day...

June 27, 363: The death of Roman Emperor Julian brought an end to the Pagan Revival.
1893: The New York stock market crashed. By the end of the year 600 banks and 74 railroads had gone out of business.
1927: The U.S. Marines adopted the English bulldog as their mascot.
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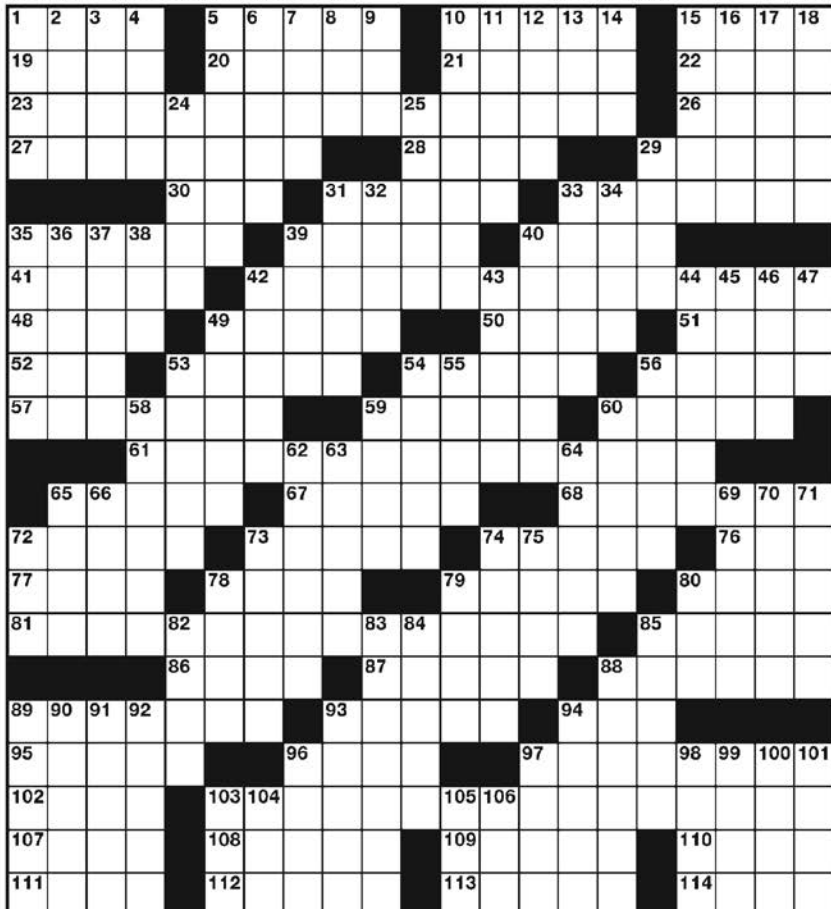
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The reference at 49 Across is to the song "How Ya Gonna Keep 'em Down on the Farm (After They've Seen PARADE)?" The annual Boston Marathon (79 Across) is held each Patriots Day, the third Monday in APRIL; the holiday commemorates the Battle of Lexington and Concord. Three years before Apollo 11, Buzz Aldrin (40 Down) first went to space on the GEMINI 12 mission with Jim Lovell.



Thinking About My Dad

Short Stories

By Sharon Benson Smith
Contributor

This is one of those instances that I believe most of us have experienced; when you're young, your parents and grandparents try to tell you their history, and you scrunch your face and roll your eyes. You don't care because it doesn't interest you at the time. You just sluff it off.

However, later in life, as with me at this very moment in time, you wish you had taken it more seriously by listening to every single word, asking questions and committing it to memory.

So, I've decided to start at the beginning...that is, the beginning as I know it.

Dad was born in Texas in 1914 to a farmer who was born in Arkansas and to his mother who was also born in Texas. He was the fourth child of a total of seven.

The family migrated to Imperial, Calif., in 1916. His father passed away of typhoid fever in 1924, and he had to quit school in the eighth grade to help his older siblings support their mother and the younger children.

I don't know a lot about his growing up, except that it is said that, "It's the hard times that forge you, and in those hardships that individuals live their epic lives that inspire and illuminate."

I know without a doubt that those difficult days are responsible for putting him on the path to his lifelong impeccable work ethic. In other words, Dad was a chest-out, chin-up-kind-of-guy with a working man's confidence.

All I know is slivers of mom's and dad's courtship days in Imperial. I have a few photos of dad in his adult single years, and can readily conclude from them that he was very handsome, drove a neat car and, knowing him, he had a job and money to spend. He was probably one of those bad boys, rough around the edges, that women are always drawn to for some crazy reason.

He courted Mom for quite some time, and they eloped to Yuma after she graduated from Imperial High School.

Their first child, George, was born in Imperial. But soon after his birth, they moved to the Los Angeles area, and rented an apartment

for about a year. Dad went to work driving a milk truck (Lucerne Dairy which was Safeway's private label). Awhile later, he drove a semi for Safeway Stores and was there until he retired in 1977, after about 40 years.

He bought our Gleason Street home for \$1,600 in 1937. Over the years, he and brother George built it from a shanty looking 1-bedroom to a modern 4-bedroom home. In the backyard, he built chicken coops and rabbit hutches, and we had an incinerator for disposing of our trash, until that was outlawed, then he dug a huge hole in the ground for trash disposal.

His hands were always busy doing something...he was the one that neighbors called on when the expertise of a handyman was needed. He also loaned money to the neighbors and relatives. He was the block warden during the war. Since he drove for Safeway, he had access to foods that weren't readily available to the general public. He shared these food items with relatives and neighbors alike. He even allowed neighbors and relatives to live in our home, sometimes indefinitely.

Giving freely to friends, neighbors and relatives, did not mean giving freely to his six. All of us, including Mom, thought this to be a contradiction. But it is well known that "much of our growth as a person will come in hardships and in challenges." And his six had both!

Dad, through his strong will, and Mom through her kindness and God-given grace, taught us how to deal with life's tough lessons, how to keep it together even when you fall apart, how to keep going amid life's ups and downs, and that "falling down is part of life, getting back up is living."

Dad could have coined the phrase, "There's no such thing as a free lunch." There was no such thing as an allowance or being paid for doing chores around the house, that was expected. If we wanted a nickel or two to buy something, we'd have to ask Dad for it. Many times, his response to us was, "If I had an extra nickel, I'd think I was a millionaire."

Needless to say, the six of us began working very early on to earn our spending money.

But once we began earning our own money, particularly after we married and had children of our own, we could borrow from him, under these conditions: "Borrow any amount you need, let him know when you would repay it, and it BETTER be paid per your commitment."

I applaud him for the stance he took on finances. He took care of

all the household bills and paid timely. He had an A-1 credit rating.

Even though he was a good father, an excellent provider, and a hardworking man, his parenting methods wouldn't be accepted today. It's just that the way he raised us kids back then has become a real no-no today. This business of no corporal punishment or spanking has become "spare the rod and spoil the child." And, in my opinion, what a mess our world is in because of it. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.

Everything Dad bought came from Sears on Olympic and Soto. All of our household appliances were Kenmore; all the tools in the garage were Craftsman. Every screw, nut, and bolt by size, were kept in baby food jars. He nailed the lid to a piece of wood overhead then screwed the jar into the lid. I repeat that his strong and industrious hands were busy doing something all the time.

He was a perfectionist...when he went on a cleaning spree, look out! He got each of us involved in the project, and it was always a major project. He would actually hose down the kitchen floor, add soap and we all used our "elbow grease." He moved all the appliances so he could clean behind them.

Back then, I think he thought this is what made the white spots disappear from the black linoleum, or that he bought inferior flooring. It was years later that we told him the truth about us and our friends dancing the Bop and Twist hour after hour on that floor while he was off semi-truckin'. He just shook his head, as in days of old, and then laughed about it along with us.

This is also how he washed down our "mile long" driveway. With his rubber fishing boots up to his knees, he took that push broom and pushed all the dirt down the driveway...not just to where the sidewalk ends, but all the way down to the gutter at the end of Gleason and McDonnell. Each time his perfectionism was turned on us, we'd roll our eyes at him...but to his back when he wasn't looking, of course.

So, in recapping, you might say I'm grateful for the difficult times, as I now realize that in experiencing those times early on got me through the many tough spots that came later in life. And I have to conclude that the greatest gift my parents gave me and my siblings was their love and support, and the necessity to be independent and honest with a good work ethic.

"You don't know the depth of parental love until you are a parent yourself." Cherish them while you have them and cherish them when they're gone. I did and I do!

Now that I'm in the "winter of my years," I remember Dad as being a hardworking man who loved us and did his best to set us on a proper course in life. I never think of him without being grateful that he was my father. I'm so proud of my DNA.

Thanks, Dad, for all you gave to those moments that shaped us. I loved you then, I love you now, I always will, your "Miss Priss."

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

An Unexpected Romance

Short Stories

By Helen Hampton
Contributor

Back in the early 1960s, I used to sing at the piano bar of fine restaurants. One was the Tally Ho in Lakewood.

Sheila played the organ there. My girlfriend Norma and I would go there to hear her play and I would sing.

Norma and I were both single mothers. One night, Sheila told Norma that she knew a nice man who was a widower. His name was Russ and he owned two Rexall drug stores.

Russ came to the restaurant every Saturday night and he sat at the end of the circular piano bar. Sheila thought that Russ would make a good husband for Norma -- if she could snag him.

That very next Saturday

night, Norma was there at the piano bar, ready to meet Russ and turn her charms on him. I was there with her as a back-up, in case she didn't like him.

Sheila introduced the two of us to Russ, and he sat between us. He was a very handsome man, and quite classy. Norma was a very talkative woman and kept up such a conversation with Russ that I hardly had the chance to say a word to him. That was ok with me, because after all, he was supposed to be for Norma, not me.

During her break, Sheila asked Russ if he would like to buy two tickets to hear Kola Pandit, the famous pianist, at the Long Beach Convention Center. Likely she was thinking that this would be a nice affair for Russ to take Norma to. Russ said yes and paid for the two tickets and put them in his jacket pocket without saying anything to Norma about them.

Finally Norma stopped

talking long enough to excuse herself to go to the ladies' room. While she was gone, Russ shocked me by asking if I wanted to go with him to the Kola Pandit concert.

I said yes. He asked for my phone number and said he would call me.

Sure enough, Russ called me the very next day. He took me to a romantic dinner at an elegant restaurant the night of the concert. We had a wonderful evening.

He asked if he could see me again. I said yes, for I was falling in love with him already, despite our 23-year age difference.

Ours was a whirlwind courtship. We were married six weeks later. Russ bought me a beautiful home in the Lakewood Country Club Estates.

Needless to say, my friend Norma was shocked by all of these developments. Soon after my marriage, she came to visit in

my new home.

She looked around at all the beautiful furnishings and said, "Just think, Helen, all of this could have been mine!"

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Correction

A short story in the June 13, 2019 edition of the Downey Patriot titled "Our Humble Home" by Yolanda Adele described her experience living in a trailer at Camp Pendleton.

The photo that accompanied the story was provided by Camp Pendleton but showed a Quonset hut, not a trailer.

The Patriot regrets the error.



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In Memory of

Samuel Chiccarelli

July 27, 1925 - May 22, 2019



Samuel J. "Chic" Chiccarelli, 93, of Milford, MA, passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2019. He was the husband of the late Mafalda "Muffy" (DeCapua) Chiccarelli who passed away in 2012. He was born in Milford son of the late Tomaso and Angelina (Massella) Chiccarelli and moved to Downey, California in 1953 and returned to Milford in 2000. He was a World War II Navy Veteran and also served in the Navy SeaBees until he was 67 years old. Chic was a self-employed mason for many years. He was a member of the Milford Italian Veterans, past president of the Viva La Panza Italian Club in California, and a board member of many years for both Pop Warner and Little League in Downey. Chic was one of the founding members of St. Raymond's church and used his masonry skills to help build the church.

He is survived by his children, Gary Chiccarelli of Milford, Glenn Chiccarelli of CA, Gerry Chiccarelli of Downey, nine grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son Gregory Chiccarelli.

There will be a memorial service held in Downey on Saturday, June 29.

Emmanuel Corona. Coaches Ramon Miranda and Eddie Rodriguez and their runners are looking forward to a challenging summer, another San Gabriel Valley League championship and a run at a C.I.F Division I cross country title.

WARREN GIRLS' BASKETBALL: The Warren High School girls' basketball program has been working hard this summer in the weight room, on the track and inside the gym. Practices began Monday, June 10 and will run through Wednesday, July 17. The Lady Bears have begun their days at 7:30 a.m. in the weight room. At 9 a.m. they head over to the track for conditioning workouts and are inside the gym practicing basketball skills at 9:45 a.m. The Warren girls' basketball program currently has 40 student-athletes participating in summer practices.

Warren is also hosting the Camp for Champs summer program for students with special needs from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Bocce ball, kick ball and swimming are just three of the many fun activities scheduled for this summer with swim starting on Monday, July 1.

The Lady Bears have also just begun hosting a summer league at Warren. Games are scheduled for Tuesday evenings and feature schools from surrounding areas. Currently competing schools include: Mark Keppel, Long Beach Millikan, Whitney, Garfield, Torrance, Whittier, St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy and Warren.

Warren is looking for several players to step up this basketball season. Senior guard Francis Potts, sophomore guard Halle Sii, senior guard Giselle Magana, senior forward Jordan Rousse and senior center Jennine Dahdul are names to watch for this season.

Other contributors to keep an eye on include: junior Amorita "Momo" Fields, sophomore Isabella Pearson and sophomore Melana Goodloe. Each player is looking to fill an important role on this year's team. Coach Palmer, her staff and players are all looking forward to summer camp and getting ready for the upcoming season.

DOWNEY GIRLS' SOCCER: The Downey High School girls' soccer program will begin their summer practices and workouts on Monday, July 8. The first week will begin Monday, July 8 and the last summer workout will run through Friday, Aug. 2. Incoming players are scheduled to practice from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and returning players are scheduled to practice from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The second week will begin Monday, July 15 and will run through Thursday, July 18. Incoming players are scheduled to practice from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and returning players are scheduled to practice from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. The third week will begin Monday, July 22 and will run through Thursday, July 25. Incoming players are scheduled to practice from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and returning players are scheduled to practice from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The fourth and final week will begin on Monday, July 29 and will run through Friday, Aug. 2. Incoming players are scheduled to practice from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and returning players are scheduled to practice from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Any questions regarding the Downey girls' summer soccer program may be directed to head coach Javier Aguiniga at jaguinigacampus@dusd.net. Aguiniga and his staff hope to see you on the soccer field at a camp this summer.

DOWNEY VOLLEYBALL: The Downey High School girls' volleyball program will be starting their summer camps, practices and scrimmages on Monday, July 8. The first camp will run Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12. Camp will run from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. daily and will cost \$90.

The second camp will run Monday, July 15 through Thursday, July 18, also from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The second camp will also feature a girl's elementary and middle school camp from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. This camp will also cost \$90. The third camp will run Monday, July 22 through Thursday, July

25, also from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and will also cost \$90. High school camps will include conditioning and strength training Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Downey beach camp will run Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12 and Monday, July 22 through Thursday, July 25 from 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tryouts for each level of Downey volleyball will be held Friday, July 26 from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. inside the gymnasium at Downey.

Boys volleyball camp will be held Monday, July 15 through Thursday, July 18 from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and will also cost \$90. Any questions regarding summer volleyball at Downey High School may be directed to head coach Bob McCarthy at rmccarthy@dusd.net. McCarthy and his staff hope to see you at one of the many volleyball camps offered this summer.

Southland Credit Union holds Member Appreciation Day

DOWNEY – Southland Credit Union's Downey branch celebrated its Members with a Credit Union of Summer Member Appreciation Day on Saturday, June 15.

Located on Florence Avenue down the street from the iconic oldest operating McDonald's location, Southland Credit Union's Downey branch is one of its busiest. The branch was happy to give back to its longtime and newer Members.

Inside the branch Members picked up summertime giveaways including frisbees, sunblock, lip balm and beach balls. They also entered a raffle for a beach bag full of sand toys, beach towels and other summer items.

If members opened a Southland Jr. Savers Account, or made a deposit of \$5 or more into an existing Jr. Savers Account, they received a set of sand toys. Those who opened a 13-Month Certificate Account were given a free large beach tote.

Los Angeles-based Recess Truck served free ice cream, including scoops and cones, to Members in the branch's parking lot. The truck gave out 200 free servings of ice cream.

Southland Credit Union will have additional Credit Union of Summer events at its other branch locations, including Long Beach, Los Alamitos, Carson, Santa Monica, St. John's Health Center and Los Angeles Federal Branch. A full calendar of events is listed on its website SouthlandCU.org.

A free Yogurtland Day will also take place on July 6 as part of Southland Credit Union's Summer events. Both Downey residents and Southland Credit Union Members can pick up a free serving of frozen yogurt at the Downey Gateway Yogurtland location at 8250 Firestone Blvd., courtesy of Southland Credit Union.

More details on Southland Credit Union's Yogurtland Day can be found at SouthlandCU.org on its Credit Union of Summer page.

The Credit Union is also hosting a Backpack and School Supply Drive through August. School supply shopping can often be a financial burden for some families. Southland hopes to alleviate some of that pressure by accepting new supplies including paper, binders, pens, pencils, art supplies and backpacks, in each one of its branch locations.

Summer training in full swing for Bears, Vikings

By Mark Fetter
Sportswriter

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' cross-country team has been busy this summer getting ready for their fall season. Bear student-athletes have been busy training several days each week from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Practices began on Monday, June 17 after observing the C.I.F. mandated "dead period" the past three weeks since the spring semester ended.

Warren has several runs scheduled for this summer. The Bears will head to Placerville, northern California for training on July 21 and train in South Lake Tahoe on Aug. 7. The Warren cross country program will participate in the annual Fireman's Station Run at El Dorado Hills in early August and will also send several runners to train in Big Bear later in August.

The Bears are scheduled to run at the Mark Covert Event on Aug. 31, and will follow that up with the Laguna Hills Invitational on Sept. 14, the Woodbridge Classic on Sept. 21 and the Portland Cross-Country Run on Sept. 28.

Several Bear runners looking for strong seasons include: senior Fabian Gomez, senior Owen Franco, junior Andrew Hurtado, last year's frosh/soph league champion Isaac Pardo, senior Gerardo Rubio, senior Leonardo Acevedo and sophomore

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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.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Body Camp, 7 am and 9 am. Start your Saturday morning off right with this 60-minute circuit training bootcamp. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

Pound the Ground Walk for Life, 9 am. A half-mile walk to raise money for the LivingHelp Center. 8345 Firestone Blvd.

Together We Dance, 12 pm and 6 pm. A live show presented by Onstage Dance Center. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

Stay Up, 8 pm. Join us for a night of musical performances, stand-up comedy, art installations, and interactive Q&As of the artists themselves. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Mercado Downey, 12-5 pm. Latin vendors, food sales, hourly raffles, free photobooth, and a concha eating contest. Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

Summertime BBQ, 3-7 pm. Downey Symphony's 60th anniversary buffet dinner party, with live entertainment and auctions. \$60. For information and reservations, call Joyce Sherwin at (562) 928-4122. Downey Woman's Club, 9813 Paramount Blvd.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

Princess Carnival, 2-4 pm. Princess meet and greet, paint with a princess, pop-up vendors, and more. \$5-\$20. Belle's Enchantment Princess Parties, 12830 Paramount Blvd.

MONDAY, JULY 8

Kids Imagine Nation, 3:45 pm. A free children's music show courtesy of the Downey City Library. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

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

THURSDAY, JULY 11

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.

FRIDAY, JULY 12

"An Evening of Spiritual Messages," 7 pm. Psychic medium A.J. Barrera helps audience members connect spiritually with lost loved ones. This event may be filmed. Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Mercado Downey, 12-5 pm. Latin vendors, food sales, hourly raffles, free photobooth, and a concha eating contest. Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

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.

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Law & Resource Day, 1 pm. Speak to a lawyer about your personal injury legal questions. Plus live music and lunch. Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, 7601 Imperial Hwy.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Apollo 11 50th Anniversary, 10 am. Join NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory as they provide Apollo themed programming throughout the day and enjoy several break-out dramatic performances sprinkled around the CMSC portraying life in Apollo Program. Watch "live" as Neil Armstrong takes his first "giant leap". Stick around at night for a special screening of "Apollo 11" outside the Space Center. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

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.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Clothing & Textile Drive, 12-1 pm. Help raise money for Downey High's girls volleyball team by donating your unwanted clothing, shoes, purses, belts, towels, and stuffed animals. Downey High, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

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.

MONDAY, JULY 29

Girls on Fire Workshop, 8:30 am. The first day of a 3-day workshop for girls in grades 6-12, addressing the unique set of challenges facing young girls through interactive presentations, physical fitness activities, and team-building sessions. Register at downeyca.org. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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. 10

Fitness Fair, 8 am to 12 pm. A community event to encourage healthy lifestyles, with 15-plus

challenges to test your fitness, yoga sessions, dance party, food, vendors, raffles, and DJ music. Hosted by TLF Fitness Center. Warren High School football field, 8141 De Palma St.

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.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

Surviving the Holidays, 7 pm. No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. Learn how to cope and prepare. Calvary Chapel Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Alpha Omega Con, 10 am to 6 pm. A Christian comic book, art and pop culture convention. First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 3rd St.

Miss Downey Pageant, 5 pm. Young women compete to become Downey royalty. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

Emergency Preparedness Fair, 10 am to 2 pm. Learn hands-only CPR, put out small fires, and learn how to properly prepare for an emergency. Calvary Chapel Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

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.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Passport to Passion," this concert features a solo by violinist Strauss Shi. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

Christmas Parade, 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas Parade, put on by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Downey Avenue, between Florence and 5th Street.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Happy 250th, Beethoven!" this concert features a solo by pianist Sung Chang. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, FEB. 29

Downey TLC 5K, 9 am. A 5K run/walk to benefit the TLC Family Resource Center. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Sounds of America," this concert features a solo by percussionist Eric Guinivan. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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

Fireworks sales begin Monday in Downey

Seventeen non-profits received permits to sell "safe and sane" fireworks.

DOWNEY -- Those wishing to buy "safe and sane" fireworks for the Independence Day holiday can choose from over 17 vendors spread throughout the city this year.

Safe and sane fireworks will be available for sale July 1-4. You must be 18 years old or older to purchase.

The stand locations and the organizations operating them are as follows:

- 12348 Paramount Blvd. - St. Raymond Catholic Church
- 7502 Florence Ave. - Thru Guidance Ministries (at Del Rio Lanes)
- 7399 Stewart & Grey Rd. - West Downey Little League
- 11233 Woodruff Ave. - Elks Lodge #2020
- 8626 Firestone Blvd. - Desert Reign Church
- 8320 Firestone Blvd. - Downey HS Band Boosters
- 7676 Firestone Blvd. - Downey United Methodist Church

- 13525 Lakewood Blvd. - Dios Con Nosotros
- 10231 Lakewood Blvd. - Job's Daughters
- 7851 Gardendale St. - St. Pius X St Matthias Academy
- 9200 Lakewood Blvd. - Downey Rose Float Association
- 9001 Apollo Way - Warren HS Band Boosters (at Wal-mart)
- 7915 Florence Ave. - St. Mark's Episcopal Church
- 9245 Florence Ave. - Downey Free Methodist Church
- 8008 Firestone Blvd. - CC

- Foursquare Church (at CVS)
16. 12808 Woodruff Ave. - Calvary Chapel Church
17. 11837 Lakewood Blvd. - Downey HS Football

Discharge hours are on July 4 between 3-10 p.m. Downey Police Department will have an increased street presence scanning the community for the use and/or possession of illegal fireworks.

Fines begin at \$2,000 for first offenders and increase up to \$3,000.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

'Shrek,' 'Little Mermaid' coming to local stages

CERRITOS -- The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts will close out its 2018-19 Broadway season with the Tony Award-winning "Shrek the Musical."

In a kingdom far away, things get turned upside down when an unseemly ogre -- not a handsome

prince -- shows up to rescue a feisty princess Fiona.

Throw in a donkey who won't shut up, a bad guy with a short temper, a cookie with an attitude, and more than a dozen other fairytale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero.

Showtimes are Aug. 9, 16 and 23 at 8 p.m.; Aug. 10 at 8 p.m.; Aug. 17 and 24 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Aug. 11, 18 and 25 at 2 p.m.; and Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets start at \$45 and can be purchased at cerritoscenter.com

"The Little Mermaid," based on Hans Christian Andersen's story and Disney's acclaimed film, will be performed at the Carpenter Performing Arts Center July 12-28.

The love story features a score

of classic songs, from "Part of Your World" and "Kiss the Girl" to the Academy Award-winning "Under the Sea."

Tickets start at \$20 and can be purchased at musical.org.



The Chiccarellis took a trip to Italy this summer. They are pictured with the Downey Patriot at the Amalfi Coast.

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Downey Symphony at Twilight Summer Concerts

Wednesday's Summer Concert Series featured the city's very own Downey Symphony Orchestra, who dazzled attendees with patriotic songs, stoic marches, and movie ballads.

Children in attendance were also given a special treat, being invited to conduct the ensemble at the end of the show.

As a reminder, there will be no concert next week. Concerts will resume June 10 at 7 pm.

Photos by Alex Dominguez



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Teacher's retirement brings end of popular classroom



Ranee Bolt-Chambers at the entrance of her classroom. She retired earlier this month. Photo courtesy Craig Chambers

Ranee Bolt-Chambers' classroom was a favorite among students at Griffiths Middle School.

She recently retired after a 35-year teaching career.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

You could say that Ranee Bolt-Chambers had the coolest classroom on the Griffiths Middle School campus, but you'd be wrong. Bolt-Chambers doesn't have a classroom; she has an island.

Bolt-Chambers, 68, has taught for 35 years, 25 of which with the Indians. She received her Bachelors of Science in Agricultural Biology from Cal Poly Pomona in 1976, and her teaching credential in agricultural sciences for kindergarten through 12th grade with a supplement in biology. She also received her Master's in 1984 in Agricultural Science.

Bolt-Chambers's career began in Los Angeles Unified School District, before she moved on to Christian Schools.

It was fate, however, that brought her to Downey Unified School District.

"I ended up at Griffiths after I had [my daughters] Cameron and Caitee," said Bolt-Chambers. "My husband Craig had lost his job with the phone company, so we made a deal: whoever gets a job first goes to work, and the other stays home."

in again; Bellflower's credentialing person was on vacation and would not be back in until the following week. Within 15 minutes of hanging up the phone with Bellflower, DUSD called.

Having not signed anything official with Bellflower yet, Bolt-Chambers was torn.

"I grew up with the ethics of you make a promise, you keep your promise," said Bolt-Chambers.

The principal at Griffiths at the time was eager to bring Bolt-Chambers on board, and was able to guarantee a year of employment as opposed to the semester Bellflower had promised. She even ended up with a higher salary than anticipated.

The rest of the story, of course, is history, as Bolt-Chambers has enjoyed a long tenure with the Indians.

Classroom 71 has been a longtime favorite amongst sixth graders, majorly in part to the elaborate decoration and detail that adorns the walls.

Bolt-Chambers says that she wanted to create an environment where sixth graders could have fun and work together while learning.

"I had been learning



Ranee Bolt-Chambers

"I started applying at different school districts and didn't hear from anybody for the longest time...next thing I know I get a phone call from Bellflower School District to come in and interview...I no more than got home and Downey called and asked for an interview."

Both districts had just received an influx of students and needed an extra teacher on deck. While Bolt-Chambers admits that she always preferred Downey to Bellflower, a need to provide for her family led Bolt-Chambers to make a decision: whichever district called first, she would accept.

"I felt really comfortable at Griffiths. It was like, 'I really want to be here,'" said Bolt-Chambers. "But as fate would have it, Bellflower called first."

However, fate stepped

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more about cooperative and collaborative learning," said Bolt-Chambers. "They wanted kids working more together, and I was trying to think of ways to make it more interesting and fun for sixth graders, who fortunately still for the most part like to have fun, and they like to laugh. They're not 'middle school tainted' yet...they're not teenagers yet, but they're not little kids anymore. That's why they call them tweens; they're just neither one. They're a very special group, and I love them for that."

Before the island was a space camp, however when the curriculum changed, the classroom was forced to evolve.

"When the curriculum changed, we went in to teaching geology; more geology than anything else," said Bolt-Chambers. "So I decided, 'okay, let's be an island.'"

Thus, the island affectionately known as LuaPela'Pela'A'heA'honeua took shape.

On LuaPela'Pela'A'heA'honeua,

you'll find fish and reptiles, a watchful monkey, a tiki, and an abundance of flamingos. Sounds of the rainforest fill the space. A weather man reports the forecast from a ham radio station. There's even a volcano that erupts from time to time.

"It's just built over the years," said Bolt-Chambers. "It was one small little germ of an idea, and then this gets added in, and this gets added... it gets extremely involved. It's not something a first-year teacher can just go in and copy...it's what works for you. Teaching the thematic way has worked for me."

And of course, the island's lone inhabitants consist of Bolt-Chambers and her shipwrecked students, which she has split into several four-person teams consisting of a captain, first mate, navigator, and communicator.

At the end of each year, Bolt-Chambers says that "the yacht comes and picks me up off the island."

Unfortunately for students, Bolt-Chambers has announced her retirement, signaling the

end of her famed island.

"The final decision was my health," said Bolt-Chambers, who has been plagued by several health concerns over the last few years. "This last issue just put me over the edge."

"My kids...they need somebody that can be there now and be able to run after them, chase after them, and be able to be creative with the different projects and ideas and things to do."

Bolt-Chambers says that she "had such a great run as a teacher."

"I'm so thankful that I went the direction that I did, and that God has really blessed every moment that I had," said Bolt-Chambers. "I would say 99 percent of the students I had were fantastic young boys and young girls that turned into such lovely men and women. I'm so proud of so many of the things that you all have accomplished."

"The Yacht" sailed Bolt-Chambers off the island for the last time on June 2.

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