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Police get OK to buy armored vehicle

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - With several active shooter incidents still fresh in memory, the City Council approved on Tuesday the Downey Police Department's purchase of a tactical armored vehicle - also known as a "BearCat" - for future use in high-stakes situations.

According to police, the BearCat vehicle would significantly reduce the risk to officers who are faced with heavily armed suspects.

Total cost of the purchase comes to a grand total of \$319,843.60, including tax and delivery of the unit itself (\$279,476.80), as well as purchase and installation of emergency lighting equipment, police radio, computer and in-car video system equipment (\$40,366.80).

DPD Captain Mark McDaniel - who was in attendance at Tuesday's meeting - said that the police department was thankful to the city council for their continued support.

"As Chief Milligan stated, it's a piece of equipment we hope we never use, but if we need to use it it's going to save lives," said McDaniel. "We can't put a price tag on an officer's life, we can't put a price tag on a resident's life. We put our officers in harm's way, we have to, it's important to provide them with the safe equipment to go home at night."

No new training or special licensing is needed for operation of the vehicle.

The decision to purchase the equipment comes shortly after a string of violent attacks in Gilroy, California, El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio that has many throughout the nation on edge. However, McDaniel says that purchase of a BearCat has been in discussion for years.

"We understand that this is an expensive piece of equipment... it's been a discussion we've had for many years to be honest," said McDaniel. "But in the recent active shooters where we've seen throughout the country where rifles are being used, school shootings... time is of the essence in critical, tactical situations. This has been under discussion, but the timing is right to get that piece of equipment so we can save lives."

DPD were also recently involved in a violent police chase that ended in a standoff and police shooting in Vernon back in May. The suspect in the chase - 24-year-old Dylan Andres Lindsey of Torrance - was the same suspect involved in the fatal shooting of Downey liquor store owner Gurpreet Singh three days prior.

Lindsey succumbed to injuries from what was believed to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound a week later.

According to police, officers were forced to wait over 30 minutes for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Special Enforcement Team to arrive on scene, all while being exposed to great risk.

McDaniel says that possession of a BearCat vehicle would significantly improve local officers' ability to respond in an effective manner.

"If you can put that vehicle - which can withstand a rifle round or a high-caliber handgun round - if you put it in an area where it can deflect or keep people safe, that's a piece of equipment you want to utilize," said McDaniel.



Downey passes plan to regulate street vendors

After California passed a law decriminalizing street vending, Downey has passed its own rules to regulate vendors.

Street vendors will be required to purchase a permit and meet local guidelines.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - In response to Senate Bill 946, the City Council voted on Tuesday to establish a sidewalk vending program.

Prior to Tuesday's vote, Downey did not have a street vending program, however, the recent legislation forced the city's hand.

SB 946 - called the Safe Sidewalk Vending Act - was signed into legislation on Jan. 1, essentially "opening the door" for sidewalk vending to occur without any requirements to ensure proper regulation.

Potentially even more difficult is that under SB 946, standards are set that limit government agencies on how they can regulate street vending.

Under the bill, a legal agency cannot confine a street vendor to a specific areas, neighborhoods, or public right-of-way unless the restriction is directly related to objective health, safety or welfare concerns.

A city can also not prohibit a vendor from selling in a park owned or operated by the local authority, with exceptions for stationary sidewalk vendors who are vending in a park if there is an existing



agreement for concessions that exclusively permits the sale of food or merchandise by the concessionaire.

Sidewalk vendors are also not required to obtain the consent or approval of any non-government entity or individual, such as a nearby business, before selling.

Local authority can, however, impose time, place, and manner restrictions provided they are directly related to objective health, safety, or welfare concerns.

Under Downey's new regulations, vending from motor vehicles is limited to public streets only and is not permitted on any alley, sidewalk, or other public property, and shall be only by means of a motor vehicle licensed by the State of California for commercial purposes.

Each operator will also be required to possess and clearly display a City of Downey business

certificate.

Street vendors will require a permit. Application for a permit will require information including whether the applicant is seeking to operate as a roaming sidewalk vendor or stationary sidewalk vendor, a description of food or merchandise proposed to vend, description, map or drawing of the areas/routes proposed to operate in, and description of the vending cart including measurements of height, width, and depth of the equipment.

Street vendors will also need to provide a copy of a current and valid business license and California seller's permit issued by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

The item was passed on a 4-0 vote as part of the consent calendar, with Councilman Alex Saab absent.

Downey hosting Los Angeles' only rocket festival Saturday

DOWNEY - Downey will play host to Los Angeles' only urban rocket festival -- Rocket Fever -- this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

Sponsored by Financial Partners Credit Union, the free event features a variety of rocket-related activities, including water rockets, stomp rockets, balloon rockets, and straw rockets.

Rockets are free but are limited in supply.

The space center is also offering

specialized rocket-building classes for \$7. All other activities are free.

Rocket Fever also will feature entertainment, food trucks and a space shuttle jumper for kids.

Partnering organizations include Aerojet Rocketdyne, Virgin Orbit, Southern California Rocket Association, Orange County Rocket Society, Discount Rocketry and the Downey Amateur Radio Club.

The Columbia Memorial Space Center is located at 12400 Columbia Way.



Downey restaurant grades

Oasis Water & Bionicos
9061 Imperial Hwy
Date Inspected: 8/13/19
Grade: **A**

Black Bear Diner
7900 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/13/19
Grade: **A**

Shuttle Inn
9067 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 8/13/19
Grade: **A**

Veracruz
9085 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 8/13/19
Grade: **A**

Bionicos Express
7818 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/13/19
Grade: **A**

Pop's Cafe
7840 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/13/19
Grade: **A**

Fernando's
9484 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/12/19
Grade: **A**

Morrison Mgmt Specialist
9449 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 8/12/19
Grade: **A**

Boston Market
8606 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/12/19
Grade: **A**

Cafe N Stuff
9306 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/12/19
Grade: **A**

Tamales Guadalajara
9134 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 8/8/19
Grade: **A**

Lee's Maui Hawaiian BBQ
9230 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/8/19
Grade: **A**

Drinx Drive-Thru Espresso
9236 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/8/19
Grade: **A**

Javier Taco Mexico
251 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 8/7/19
Grade: **A**

Wetzels Pretzels
132 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 8/7/19
Grade: **A**

Bj's Restaurant
121 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 8/7/19
Grade: **A**

Toyito's Chicken & Pizza
8510 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/6/19
Grade: **A**

Del Taco
8028 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/6/19
Grade: **A**

Stewart's Liquor
11112 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/6/19
Grade: **A**

Milkyway Tea House
8270 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/6/19
Grade: **A**

Mariscos Choix
8104 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/6/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 86°

Saturday 79°

Sunday 79°

THINGS TO DO



Crane-Making Day

Saturday - Barbara J. Riley Center, 10 am to noon

Join the Downey Rose Float Association as volunteers work to fold 10,000 origami cranes to share with the city of Downey.



Rocket Fever

Saturday - Columbia Memorial Space Center, 10 am to 5 pm

A variety of rocket related activities including water rockets, stomp rockets, and straw rockets. Participate in a specialized rocket building classes for a small fee of \$7.



Aqua Carnival

Saturday - Norwalk Aquatic Center, 1:30-5:30 pm

In-water and out-of-water games, water slides, recreational swim, swim with a mermaid, food, and more. \$4 children/seniors, \$5 adults



Taco Festival

Saturday - Fullerton Museum Center, 5 pm

Purchase different types of tacos from a variety of vendors. Admission is free and then pay for as many tacos as you can eat.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@downeyfd: Everyone @downeyfd would like to send our prayers and condolences to the Moya Family as well as Our Brothers & Sisters at @ChpRiverside. Rest In Peace Hero & a speedy recovery to the other two officers who were injured.

@downeyunified: Last week we welcomed all of our new teachers to the @DowneyUnified family! We are so thrilled to have them as the newest members of our team and know that we have a great year ahead!

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Demographic Change: Meet the new neighbors, same as the old neighbors

Part VI of VII

By Aron Ramirez
Contributor

The early years of Downey's demographic transformation were marked by uneasy race-relations. White residents who remained in the early 1990s were generally poorer than the white residents who left, and therefore felt stuck as the city changed before them. Some white residents overestimated the cultural differences between themselves and the middle-class Mexican Americans; this perceived difference undermined the existing peace.

But this scarcely discouraged Downey's middle-class Mexican Americans from expressing the assimilated civic identity. This was because they genuinely believed in several of its component actions. Unlike earlier years where the civic identity secured their place among the white majority, in the 1990s, Mexican Americans perpetuated the civic identity to steward the community through challenges to the middle-class quality of life.

One principal holdover was the emphasis on home-owning customs and practices that maximized property values. Middle-class Mexican Americans in the 1990s headed, created, and participated in "property-values"-minded programs. Ironically, this responded to the economic turmoil caused by the very housing bubble that first facilitated Downey's white flight in 1988. In this essay, I'll detail a number of programs Mexican Americans championed as part of their civic identity.

Demographic change in the 1990s coincided with tax problems in Downey. Unsustainable economic growth, the 1986 Tax Reform Act, Federal Reserve policy, and personal debt accumulation caused a national recession in 1990, a counter-

boom of sorts to the housing market of 1988. Locally, this recession and the end of the Cold War spelled far fewer aerospace construction contracts at the Boeing plant in Downey. This revenue formed a significant portion of the city's collected taxes in earlier years, so by 1998, when Boeing shut the Downey plant down entirely, the city's tax base faced major problems. This, combined with fluctuating property values caused by the housing bubble, concerned homeowners in Downey.

The other threat to property values came in the form of gangs. White and Mexican American residents feared that overwhelming demographic turnover could lead to the infiltration of unwelcomed elements and urban-related vices like gang activity. Surprisingly, Mexican Americans and whites alike held these fears and responded in similar ways.

In the 1980s, some gangs trafficked in a lucrative illicit drug trade, while others formed in response to inter-ethnic tensions. Rhetoric like Ronald Reagan's "War on Drugs" initiative found support in communities like Downey where gang activity threatened residents' middle-class standard of living. The gang problem in Downey existed more in imagination than in reality. (More on this later.) Some gangs, though, sprouted from Downey and named themselves after the neighborhoods in which they formed; the Dog Patch Criminals, Brock Avenue Locos, and Margaret Street Locos are three such examples. Many Downey gangs grew from the central Downey working-class barrio, resulting from the lower levels of economic and social capital allocated to these streets.

High school teachers recalled certain students in the 1990s being involved with organized gangs and posing trouble for the administrators on campus. But many gang groups or members

came from outside the city.

Community groups like Gangs out of Downey (GOOD) provided grassroots solutions to these threats. Phil Presicci and former school board member Betty Ferraro founded GOOD in 1989 to steer Downey youth from gang involvement. GOOD tapped Downey resident (and former Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder) Darrell Jackson to helm the program.

A grassroots organization, GOOD was a youth-group alternative to gangs. Through its early years, GOOD enjoyed moderate success steering dozens of youth—mostly low-income Mexican Americans from central and south Downey—from gang influences.

Widely publicized testimonies like that of Francine Perez stoked the community's support. Once an at-risk youth from south Downey, Perez nearly dropped out of school and joined gangs before Darrell Jackson invited her to GOOD. Through the programming of GOOD, especially the mentorship of Jackson, Perez remained in school, maintained a 3.0 grade point average, and joined the cross country team.

By 1993, the organization had attracted a large following. GOOD hosted a "Youth Program Day," with a food court, entertainment, youth sports registration, and a walk-a-thon to raise money for the group's functions. Turnout at the event helped attract corporate sponsorship from Downey-based organizations like Keep Downey Beautiful, the Police Department, and Downey City Services. Kaiser Permanente Hospital topped them all with a \$5,000 check; in later years, more companies donated larger sums to GOOD.

As the city demographics changed, Mexican Americans transitioned to leadership positions—with much of the same success. This stemmed from Mexican American desires

as business owners, parents, and residents to keep streets safe. Safety was as good for business as it was for raising children. Latino/a/x-owned businesses like Lopez Insurance Co. publicized their financial contributions to GOOD to signal their literal investment in safety. Raul Lopez then became the first Mexican American to join GOOD leadership when he assumed the office of vice president in 1996. The next year, Lopez became president and continued the same levels of programming, fundraising, and success.

When asked about his intimate involvement with GOOD, Lopez cited concern for "a decent place for his wife, Arlene, and his five children to live." Lopez and other Mexican Americans genuinely cared for the program. Their support was but one way to uphold the quality of life that first attracted them to Downey and separated the middle-class suburb from nearby minority-majority cities. Their efforts worked, too: in 1996, Lieutenant Wheatly of the Downey Police Department announced that programs like GOOD caused a five-year hiatus in gang-related homicides.

(In truth, the community overestimated GOOD's role. Contemporary crime statistics by the FBI showed falling rates of serious crime throughout metropolitan Los Angeles and across the nation as a whole. When compared to cities like Long Beach or Los Angeles, both of which had much larger populations, Downey actually had slower rates of declining crime.)

During this period, middle-class Mexican Americans also participated in neighborhood improvement programs. One such program was the Neighborhood Preservation Program. Started in January 1997, the Preservation Program grew from the city's commitment to maintaining high property values through demographic change; resident participation ensured

the program's success. Orange County cities introduced similar initiatives in prior years.

The program created a city-paid position for a Community Outreach Officer (later Neighborhood Preservation Officer), who liaised relations between neighborhood residents and various city departments like Code Enforcement. The first budget provided \$71,000 for three neighborhoods—mostly in the apartment-dense fringes of south Downey—with the goal to peruse streets looking for signs of blight: "buildings in need of repair, litter-cluttered yards, cars that don't run parked on lawns, and other signs of gangs and crime."

On paper, the position resembled the usual powers assigned to code enforcement officers. In practice, the Neighborhood Preservation Officer became integral to the program's success.

The inaugural Preservation Officer, Cristina Garcia, epitomized the incoming middle-class Mexican American. (This Cristina Garcia is not the same as our current State Assemblymember.) Garcia was 24 years old at the time of appointment, but she had impressive credentials. In her few years after graduating from the University of California, San Diego with a degree in political science, Garcia interned at a public policy institute, worked as an administrative aide for the City of Beverly Hills, and participated in the federal AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America, the War-on-Poverty-era domestic version of Peace Corps. Garcia had also begun a graduate degree in public administration at the University of Southern California.

Her father, Ernie Garcia, was the city manager of neighboring Norwalk, but she omitted this from her application so she could earn the job by her own merit. The city lauded Garcia's

qualifications and hired her over forty-one other candidates, including police officers and university professors. Her hire signaled the city council's recognition of the new demographic landscape.

Garcia represented the new Downeyite: an American-born college-educated Latino/a/x who, having tasted the middle-class life in some way, upheld a civic identity that promoted high property values through a culture of code enforcement and neighborhood improvement. The city banked on Garcia's ability to resemble and relate to the incoming middle-class Mexican Americans. The high property values would not come from forcible code enforcement by white homeowners and policymakers, but rather from the middle-class Mexican Americans themselves.

Residents from all neighborhoods enthusiastically participated in and ensured the program's success. In the first Neighborhood Preservation meeting, seventy residents from one neighborhood aired their concerns over issues like crime, traffic, and property maintenance. The most common complaints, though, came from Downey residents concerned by juveniles from Paramount.

Residents blamed Paramount youths for generating most threats to their property values, from litter in the park to graffiti on walls to a general family-unfriendly atmosphere. Garcia and other city officials promised to address all concerns from that meeting, and scheduled follow-up events, litter cleanups, and family-friendly programming to reclaim the spaces. City councilmembers were thrilled with the success and enthusiastic community reception of the Neighborhood Preservation Program.

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

Rocket Fever, 10 am to 5 pm. 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

Crane-Making Day, 10 am to noon. Join the Downey Rose Float Association as volunteers work to fold 10,000 origami cranes to share with the city of Downey. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

KidsCreate: Family Paint Day, 10:30 am. Bring your little one and create a work of art. \$35 fee includes guided workshop, two seats (parent and child), two take-home canvases, paint supplies, snacks and refreshments. \$12 each additional child. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

Blood Drive, 2-8 pm. Donations are needed to replenish the American Red Cross's blood supply. Make an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org. Grocery Outlet, 8320 Firestone Blvd.

Independence Park Groundbreaking, 4 pm. A groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate planned renovations at Independence Park. Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Sheriff's Department Job Fair, 8 am to 12 pm. Meet with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department recruiters and learn about a career in law enforcement. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

MONDAY, AUGUST 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.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

City Affairs Meeting, 12 pm. Fire Chief Mark Gillaspie is the guest speaker at the Downey Chamber of Commerce's monthly City Affairs meeting. Chamber of Commerce, 11131 Brookshire Ave.

Wilderness Park Groundbreaking, 4 pm. A groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate planned renovations at Wilderness Park. Wilderness Park, 10999 Little Lake Rd.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Golden Park Groundbreaking, 4 pm. A groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate renovations at Golden Park.

Empower Hour, 6-8 pm. A women's empowerment networking event with special guest Judge Shelly Baron Torrealba, and "Breaking Barriers Award" recipient Dr. Sandra Salazar. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Stars & Stripes Golf Tournament, 11 am. Eighteen holes of golf, plus lunch and an awards dinner. Benefiting the Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

Bon Fire. The Downey Razorbacks hold their annual bon fire, pep rally and raffle in advance of their season-opener.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

Season Opener. The Downey Razorbacks kick off their 2019 football season with games at Downey and Warren high schools.

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Gateway Cities Economic Forum, 11:30 am. Economist Christopher Thornberg returns as keynote speaker at the annual economic forum presented by Financial Partners Credit Union. RSVP at EconomicForum@fpcu.org. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

Sublime Tribute, 8 pm. Sublime tribute band Doin' Time performs live. 21 and older, \$5 cover charge. Bastards

Canteen, 11045 Downey 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.

KidsCreate: Family Paint Day, 10:30 am. Bring your little one and create a work of art. \$35 fee includes guided workshop, two seats (parent and child), two take-home canvases, paint supplies, snacks and refreshments. \$12 each additional child. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

Low-Cost Vaccines, 11 am to 3 pm. Low cost pet vaccinations, deworming, microchips, and flea and tick treatments. Iglesia del Nazareno, 9520 Telegraph Rd.

International Food & Music Festival, 4-10 pm. Live music from six bands, face painting, henna artists, photo booth, and food from local restaurants and food trucks. Downey Avenue between 2nd and 4th Streets

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

Downey Symphony Garden Party, 3 pm to 7 pm. Price tba. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River Rd.

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.

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

State of the Schools, 7 am. The Downey Unified School District's seventh annual State of the Schools summit, featuring a keynote address by superintendent Dr. John Garcia. Los Angeles County Office of Education, 9300 Imperial Hwy.

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, OCT. 20

Princess Trunk or Treat, 1-4 pm. Pumpkin carving, a spooky dance party, costume contest, vendors, and trick-or-treat with princesses. \$5-\$25. Belle's Enchantment Princess Parties, 12830 Paramount Blvd.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

Latina Empowerment Day, 8:30 am to 3 pm. A one day intensive workshop series created to empower Latinas to increase their community impact and

strengthen their skills and knowledge on a variety of issues. So Cal Gas Energy Resource Center, 9240 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

Wheelchair Seminar, 7:30 am to 5 pm. This two day course provides participants with basic concepts of seating and positioning, wheelchair mobility, and assistive technology for every day use. Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, 7601 Imperial Hwy.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

Dia de los Muertos Taco Festival, 12-6 pm. 30+ vegan taco vendors, plus live music, costume contests, and more. \$20 admission includes one taco from each vendor. Los Amigos Golf Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

5K Elf Run, 9 am. Dress in your favorite elf attire for this fun 5K run/walk through Downey. Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

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

7-Eleven slated to open at car dealership site

DOWNEY - A modern-designed 7-Eleven is poised to open in south Downey on a site currently occupied by a used car dealership.

The 2,800 sq. ft. convenience store is projected to open at 13034 Downey Ave..

Downey's Planning Commission gave its blessing to the project earlier this year on a variety of conditions, including that the store's buildings and walls be finished with graffiti resistant materials and that security lighting be installed outdoors.

The store will sell beer and wine for off-site consumption; beer, however, must be sold in quantities of six-packs or larger, and wine cannot be sold in containers of less than 750 milliliters (with the exception of wine coolers sold in four-pack containers or more).

The city also prohibited the 7-Eleven store from posting alcohol advertising on its exterior walls, windows or doors.

Twenty-one trees will surround the store, which will be open 24 hours a day.

The new store will feature modern architecture with a flat roof and metal canopy. The building will include a two-tone stucco finish, large windows, and vertical wood-alternate siding at the corners.

The property has functioned as a used car dealership since 2000.

Eric Pierce, Editor

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Free and reduced-price meals available for DUSD students

DOWNEY — Over the summer, Downey Unified announced that it is again participating in the policy to serve nutritious meals every school day under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program and Afterschool Snack Program.

Effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines. Please visit www.dusd.net and click "Free + Reduced Meals" for the full guidelines.

Households who receive benefits through CalFresh, CalWORKS, or FDIPIR will receive a notification letter in the mail saying that all children automatically qualify for free meals and they do not need to turn in an application for approval.

Children who meet the definition of foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway are eligible for free meals. Contact the Food Services Department if any child in the household is not on the notification letter. The household must let Food Services Department know if they do not want to receive free or reduced-price meals.

If your child/children

participated in the free and reduced-price meal program last school year, a letter with information about the program and how to apply will be sent to the household. Households that want to apply for meal benefits must fill out one application for all children in the household and give it to the Food Services Department located at the Downey Unified School District. Applications are available in the main office at each Downey Unified school as well as online applications can be submitted through www.schoollunchapp.com. For help filling out this application, please contact Monica Stebok, (562) 469-6672, or Marisol Alarid, (562) 469-6674. You will be notified by mail if your application is approved or denied for this program.

Households may turn in an application at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but your household income goes down, household size goes up, or a household member starts receiving CalFresh, CalWORKS, or FDIPIR, you may turn in an application at that time. Information given on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school officials. The last four digits of the Social

Security number from any adult household member or marking that you do not have a Social Security number is required if you include income on the application.

Households that receive Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals by filling out an application.

Foster children are eligible for free and reduced-price meals and may be included as a household member if the foster family chooses to also apply for the non-foster children on the same application. Including foster children as a household member may help the non-foster children qualify for free or reduced-price meals. If the non-foster children are not eligible, this does not keep foster children from receiving free meals.

Your child's eligibility status from last school year will continue into the new school year for up to 30 school days or until the Food Services Department processes your new application or your child is otherwise certified for free or reduced-price meals. Temporary eligibility will expire on September 25, 2019. After the 30 school days, your child will have to pay full price for meals, unless the household receives a notification letter for free or reduced-price meals. Downey Unified's Food Services Department is not required to send reminders or expired eligibility notices.

If you do not agree with the decision or results of verification, you may discuss it with officials from Downey Unified's Food Services Department. One also has the right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by calling or writing the hearing official: Dr. Robert Jagielski, Director, Student Services, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, 90241, (562) 469-6564.

Please contact Downey Unified's Food Services Department at (562) 469-6672 for more information. Downey Unified, USDA and the California Department of Education are equal opportunity providers and employers.

Modernization work starts at Griffiths Middle School



Downey Unified and the partnering construction and architecture firms broke ground last week to mark the commencement of the modernization project at Griffiths Middle School. Left to right: Rachlin Partners' Alan Kong; Griffiths' new principal Dr. Anthony Zegarra; Superintendent Dr. John Garcia; Board of Education members D. Mark Morris, Martha Sodetani, Donald LaPlante, Nancy Swenson, Tod Corrin, Giggy Perez-Saab and Bobbie Samperi; and Erickson-Hall Construction's Justine Sinnott and Mike Arnold.

DOWNEY — Downey Unified broke ground Aug. 6 on a construction modernization project that will also result in a new gymnasium and new two-story classroom building at Griffiths Middle School.

Prior to August's Downey Unified Board of Education meeting, board members and representatives from the partnering construction and architect firms joined together to officially break ground on this new project.

The entire Board of Education, superintendent Dr. John Garcia, new principal Dr. Anthony Zegarra, Erickson-Hall Construction's Justine Sinnott and Mike Arnold, and Rachlin Partners' Alan Kong were present to mark the commencement of this next exciting project for Downey Unified.

After successfully passing Bond Measure O in 2014, numerous construction and modernization projects have been made possible

throughout the school district. With Stauffer Middle School's construction project currently in progress, Sussman Middle School recently starting and now Griffiths underway, Downey Unified continues to take steps to modernize campuses and classrooms to update technological capabilities and make them more secure for both students and staff.

Modernization of the Griffiths' campus will be very similar to the project that recently began at Sussman Middle School.

It will include a brand new two-story classroom building and gymnasium; an addition to the Administration building; reconfiguration of numerous classrooms; renovation of restrooms; and campus-wide fire alarms, security, technology and accessibility upgrades. On the exterior of campus, this project will also include a parking lot reconfiguration, an additional parking area and appropriate safety fencing.

"I, on behalf of the Board of Education, would again like to thank the Downey community for passing Measure O," expressed Board President, Nancy Swenson. "It is with the community's support that the modernization projects across the district have been made possible. Our students will have access to updated facilities filled with state-of-the-art learning tools, and for that we truly thank you."

Working on the architecture side of this project is Rachlin Partners and heading the construction end of the project is Erickson-Hall Construction Co. The Griffiths' construction project is estimated to last 18 months given any interruption due to structural issues and/or weather conflicts.

Doty Middle School will be the final middle school to begin construction, which is in the State approval process now and is estimated to start next summer.

In Memory of

Alan Perkins

June 16, 1954 - December 24, 2018



Alan Perkins passed away on December 24th, 2018. Alan is at home with his Lord and Savior. He was a member at Calvary Community Church for many years. Calvary Community Church in Norwalk, will be hosting an memorial service for Alan Perkins at 14626 Pioneer Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650 with friends and family.

The service will be at 10:30am Sunday August 18, 2019. It will be followed with light refreshments in the fellowship hall.



McKenna

Most everyone used to have a friend in the car business. Someone you could trust to give you the straight scoop and a great deal. Now that most car dealerships are owned by mega corporations, it's harder to do business with the local dealer who will make your car buying experience a breeze. My Dad started selling cars in the Crenshaw district in the mid-50's and now we're managing a three-generation car business with 9 dealerships from South Bay to Laguna Beach. We have succeeded all these years by putting our customers first, and that is how we will continue to earn and keep your business. Plus, we support the local schools and charities in our neighborhoods because that's the right thing to do. Visit any of our 9 dealerships and be prepared to do business with a friend. It will be a surprisingly refreshing throw back to a simpler time.

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Opinion

The case for a contender from the right

BY JOE WALSH

There’s a strong case for President Trump to face a Republican primary challenger. I know a thing or two about insurgencies. I entered Congress in 2011 as an insurgent Tea Party Republican. My goals were conservative and clear: restrain executive power and reduce the debt. Barack Obama was president then, and it was easy for us to rail against runaway spending and executive overreach.

Eight years later, Mr. Trump has increased the deficit more than \$100 billion year over year — it’s now nearing \$1 trillion — and we hear not a word of protest from my former Republican colleagues. He abuses the Constitution for his narcissistic trade war. In private, most congressional Republicans oppose the trade war, but they don’t say anything publicly. But think about this: Mr. Trump’s tariffs are a tax increase on middle-class Americans and are devastating to our farmers. That’s not a smart electoral strategy.

It’s one of the many reasons Mr. Trump is ripe for a primary challenger. In fact, it would buck the historical trend if he didn’t have one. More often than not, unpopular presidents face primary challengers.

Since leaving Congress in 2013, I’ve been the host of my own conservative talk radio show several hours a day, five days a week. The only time a majority of my conservative audience has noticeably broken with the president is when he signed the omnibus spending bill in 2017 that ballooned the deficit. Fiscal responsibility is an issue the American electorate cares about but that our elected officials disregard from the top down — including the Tea Party in the Trump era.

Fiscal matters are only part of it. At the most basic level, Mr. Trump is unfit for office. His lies are so numerous — from his absurd claim that tariffs are “paid for mostly by China, by the way, not by us,” to his prevarication about his crowd sizes, he can’t be

trusted.

In Mr. Trump, I see the worst and ugliest iteration of views I expressed for the better part of a decade. To be sure, I’ve had my share of controversy. On more than one occasion, I questioned Mr. Obama’s truthfulness about his religion. At times, I expressed hate for my political opponents. We now see where this can lead. There’s no place in our politics for personal attacks like that, and I regret making them.

I didn’t vote for Mr. Trump in 2016 because I liked him. I voted for him because he wasn’t Hillary Clinton. Once he was elected, I gave him a fair hearing, and tried to give him the benefit of the doubt. But I soon realized that I couldn’t support him because of the danger he poses to the country, especially the division he sows at every chance, culminating a few weeks ago in his ugly, racist attack on four minority congresswomen.

The fact is, Mr. Trump is a racial arsonist who encourages bigotry and xenophobia to rouse his base and advance his electoral prospects. In this, he inspires imitators.

Republicans should view Mr. Trump as the liability that he is: No matter his flag-hugging, or his military parades, he’s no patriot. In front of the world, he sides with Vladimir Putin over our own intelligence community. That’s dangerous. He encouraged Russian interference in the 2016 election, and he refuses to take foreign threats seriously as we enter the 2020 election. That’s reckless. For three years, he has been at war with our federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies, as he embraces tyrants abroad and embarrasses our allies. That’s un-American.

And despite what his enablers claim, Mr. Trump isn’t a conservative. He’s reckless on fiscal issues; he’s incompetent on the border; he’s clueless on trade; he misunderstands executive power; and he subverts the rule of law. It’s his poor record that makes him

most worthy of a primary challenge.

Mr. Trump has taken the legitimate differences that Americans have on policy and turned them into personal division. He’s caused me to change my tone and to reflect upon where I went over the line and to focus on policy differences moving forward.

We now have a president who retweets conspiracy theories implicating his political opponents in Jeffrey Epstein’s death. We now have a president who does his level best to avoid condemning white supremacy and white nationalism.

Yes, William Weld, the former Massachusetts governor, is challenging Mr. Trump from the center. But the president is more vulnerable to a challenge from the right. I’m on the right, and I’m hugely disappointed that challenge hasn’t yet materialized.

Mr. Trump’s most vulnerable against a challenger who’d make the case for strong borders — instead of warning of “invaders,” dragging us down, turning neighbor against neighbor. A majority of Americans want fixes to our most basic problems.

We need someone who could stand up, look the president in the eye and say: “Enough, sir. We’ve had enough of your indecency. We’ve had enough of your lies, your bullying, your cruelty, enough of your insults, your daily drama, your incitement, enough of the danger you place this country in every single day. We don’t want any of this anymore, and the country certainly can’t stand four more years of it.”

Joe Walsh is a Republican and former Congressman. He is host of a nationally syndicated talk radio show.

Gun debate

Dear Editor:

I agree with U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris’s comment on the recent spate of mass shootings.

Why do the gun enthusiasts even need AR-15 assault rifles? To go hunting? For what? A deer?

After you pumped 60 or 70 high-caliber rounds into it, you would probably be left with little more than a steaming pile of hamburger.

Jack Russell Downey

Dear Editor:

Despite the tragedy at the Walmart in El Paso, Texas, the store is going to continue to sell guns and ammunition.

I guess making a profit is more important than showing respect to the people who died.

Mike Sandoval Downey

Dear Editor:

Obviously Froma Harrop was too quick to write an article condemning “good men with guns.” (“Good Men with Guns Won’t Protect Us,” 8/8/19) Especially with the most recent attempt by yet another lunatic to shoot up a Walmart in Missouri.

In this latest incident, an off-duty fireman who was shopping, held a heavily armed shooter at gun point until police arrived. Luckily, no shots were fired and no one was hurt. Lucky for all that this “good man” had a carry permit and was in the right place at the right time.

It is interesting to note how quickly the gunman surrendered. Obviously he expected helpless people to be his targets but instead found himself at the wrong end of a gun.

Good, responsible citizens, men and women, can defend themselves and others when allowed to carry concealed weapons after undergoing a basic level of training.

Este Delmore Downey

Dear Editor:

“Good men with guns won’t protect us.” That is the most ignorant statement written by a liberal columnist (Froma Harrop) that lives in the posh area of NYC.

The way to stop a bad man with a gun is to have a good man with a gun. This is absolutely true. Who else is going to stop the bad man? Another bad man?

When seconds count, the police are minutes away. An officer/deputy is dispatched after the 911 call is received. Their response time is dictated by availability, time, distance, traffic and weather. Don’t blame the officers.

Gun free zones do not work. If a good man (citizen with a concealed carry weapon) was allowed to carry in the GFZ, the bad guy could have been stopped sooner. There will be casualties because the bad guy determines when he will attack. Don’t say there were casualties because of the evil AR-15. A semi auto pistol would have done the same damage at close range.

Another dumb statement Froma was that she would prefer a psychotic man without a gun than a good man with one. Well, who is going to stop the psycho? The psychotic will buy or steal a gun regardless of the law. Does Froma know that knives are carried by all criminals. Look at all the innocent victims that were sliced and gutted walking on Hollywood Boulevard or around homeless areas.

Citizens in good standing in California should be allowed to conceal carry if they wish. But this is California, home of the violent gangs and criminals. It’s impossible to obtain a CCW in L.A. County and L.A. City. Only the rich and famous can carry because their lives are more important than yours.

The Supreme Court ruled that law enforcement has no obligation to protect you. You are your first responder to protect yourself and your loved ones. That is why it’s called self defense.

Bob Rodriguez Downey

Dear Editor:

Froma Harrop was absolutely correct that good men with guns won’t protect us. That is a statement of fact attributed to the sheer destruction caused by assault-style rifles.

The shooter in Dayton, Ohio, was armed with a semi-automatic AM-15. According to Dayton Police, law enforcement officers engaged him within 20 seconds of when the shooting started. Within 30 seconds after the shooting started, police had killed the gunman.

In that very brief time period, the gunman killed 10 people and injured 27 others.

It’s the guns.

Barbara Walker Downey

The ethical mess of our healthcare

BY AMY GUTMANN AND JONATHAN D. MORENO

The recent Democratic primary debates in Detroit made at least one thing clear: The party exclusively responsible for passing the Affordable Care Act is now waging political warfare over whether to reform it or eliminate it. Senator Bernie Sanders was loud but not lonely in advocating “Medicare for all,” which would supplant the A.C.A. with a single-payer system and virtually abolish private employer-based health insurance. His predictable answer to who will fund its high price is apparently the 1 percent who need to pay their fair share.

But there is another 1 percent, and they are not the privileged ones you’re thinking of. They are the roughly 1 percent of Medicare patients who have end-stage renal disease and cost the system \$34 billion every year. No matter how rich or poor, young or old, Medicare kidney patients are guaranteed treatment mostly paid for by American taxpayers.

The product of vigorous lobbying and minimal deliberation, this one-disease carve-out that Congress passed in 1972 exemplifies the highly politicized patchwork design of the American health care system and its scandalous lack of universal coverage and adequate cost controls.

Anyone with a sense of compassion can applaud saving three-quarters of a million Americans with failing kidneys from death each year. But this program is exorbitantly expensive, and preventive therapies and other effective treatments can be made available at lower costs. It enriches two for-profit companies that control about 70 percent of the dialysis market. It has created perverse incentives for health care providers to supply too many patients with dialysis while devoting scant resources to preventing end-stage kidney disease and providing more kidneys for transplants.

These problems have long been known. Yet for decades policymakers faced insurmountable obstacles in Congress to making valuable reforms, such as controlling the price of renal dialysis, incentivizing less expensive and more convenient at-home dialysis and increasing the number of kidneys available for transplant.

This one-disease benefit raises a broader ethical question: Why is renal dialysis worthier of such generous federal funding more than other lifesaving treatments for other deadly diseases? While almost 750,000 Americans have end-stage kidney disease, over 30 million are diabetic, over two million are insulin-dependent and diabetes treatment costs less and saves many more lives. Why shouldn’t treatment for severe cases of diabetes and other life-threatening diseases like hemophilia, leukemia and other cancers also be fully funded by Medicare?

While Congress was debating the renal disease benefit, Senator Wallace Bennett, a conservative Republican from Utah, argued “A more reasonable way to handle this amendment” was to make it “part of a broader health insurance bill” — not just insurance against one disease. Yet Congress still has not made good on this basic principle. Instead the kidney disease carve out serves as the most glaring example of the country’s counterproductive patchwork of health coverage.

The Trump administration is now proposing to rein in costs for end-stage renal disease treatment in a way it says will not undermine care. Its recommendations — which include enabling more kidney donations by compensating donors for forgone wages and child care — would be both cost-saving and lifesaving.

But the administration’s plan underscores the absurdity of our current health care debate: It would revamp the program using a provision of the A.C.A. that authorizes the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test models of care that work in the private sector and that can enhance service to patients while also reducing costs. This is, of course, the same health care law that Mr. Trump has

pledged to dismantle, including by ordering the Justice Department not to defend it in a major challenge heading to the Supreme Court.

Whether or not the administration succeeds, our health care system will remain sorely lacking in basic justice and economic efficiency. It is a system that too often creates perverse incentives favoring the overtreatment of diseases. To avoid this, we must start treating sick people fairly.

Such a path exists: Rather than repeal and replace the A.C.A., we need to revise and reinforce it. With about 90 percent of Americans now covered by health insurance, the A.C.A. was highly successful in improving our irrational system by expanding coverage for effective treatments while also reining in some spending.

That does not mean the law could not be improved by, for instance, reducing the high costs of drugs, co-pays and deductibles. But instead of calling for improvements, Republicans and now even many Democrats are threatening to dismember the law. That would be a tragic mistake when there is nothing close to a consensus on how to replace it.

There are multiple ways to achieve the worthy, non-utopian goal of reducing the uneven, crazily complicated nature of health care coverage, which has contributed to Americans’ having among the lowest life expectancies and highest infant mortality rate of any affluent nation. Reinforcements to the A.C.A. should include a voluntary public option — “Medicare for more” — that would coexist with common-sense improvements to the private employer-based coverage enjoyed by roughly 160 million Americans.

There’s also an economic and an ethical imperative for employers to improve prevention. They can use their leverage with private insurers to insist on health plan performance metrics and innovations like digitally based care systems that track medical problems before they become dangerous.

By revising and reinforcing the A.C.A., we can benefit all Americans without threatening any with the loss of hard-fought, lifesaving health coverage. Surely our fellow Americans with life-threatening diseases of all sorts are also worth saving.

Amy Gutmann is the president of the University of Pennsylvania, where Jonathan D. Moreno is a professor of bioethics.

I don’t want a tree

Dear Editor:

Today we received a notice on our mailbox that a tree is to be planted in our front yard by TreePeople. Apparently the city of Downey has agreed to allow this group to plant trees on the city easement.

I realize the city has an easement on our property so that we unfortunately have no choice but to allow this to happen.

We have chosen landscaping and hardscaping for the front of our property based on water needs and on what we are willing to do to care for it. We are not being given a choice as to if we want a tree or what kind of tree is to be planted. Our notice didn’t say when this is to occur.

Plus we have over and over again been encouraged to save water. We may have had a rainy winter but it is inevitable we will have more dry winters. And now we are to add trees that will need 15 gallons of water a week. Water that I will have to pay for, of course.

So in addition to the time I’m to spend caring for this tree, I will have to pay for the water used to support it. In a future drought, when the city asks us to save water and threatens to start fining households, will we get a break on this?

I called the City Council office and was told my councilperson is on vacation. I was referred to the Public Works Department. They could not tell me when the tree is to be planted.

I asked what would happen if our sprinkler system is damaged in the process of planting. The reply was, “They’ll take care of it.”

When I asked for elaboration of that point, the same phrase was repeated. I was told to call the number on the notification. I did call that number and left a message, as no one answered.

It sounds like the city agreed to this but doesn’t know any details other than trees will be planted.

We’re not talking about a sidewalk that would facilitate public safety. This is something that will need care. It’s going to grow big and need care. I am not willing to care for a tree that I don’t want and have no say about.

I also think we should have received a notice from our city first, with a number of someone at City Hall who could answer questions.

From what I have observed on my regular walks is that trees get planted on city easement property and grow too big for where they are located. They do not get regular trimming and roots stay shallow because they do not get regular deep watering, causing sidewalks and curbs to raise. The city deals with raised sidewalks by grinding down the sidewalk in an attempt to even the sidewalk.

I do think trees can add to the environment but this is the wrong way to go about it.

Suzanne Dodd Downey

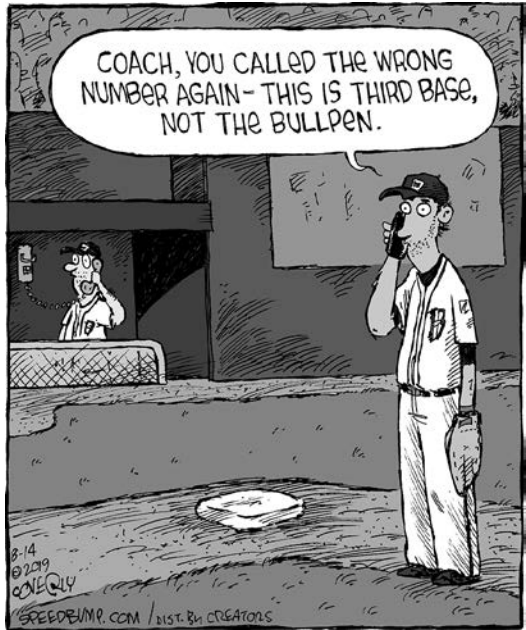
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Downey Community Calendar

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 Nate Mahoney 416-1826.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806 3102.
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Downey City Library, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-2222.
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #202, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

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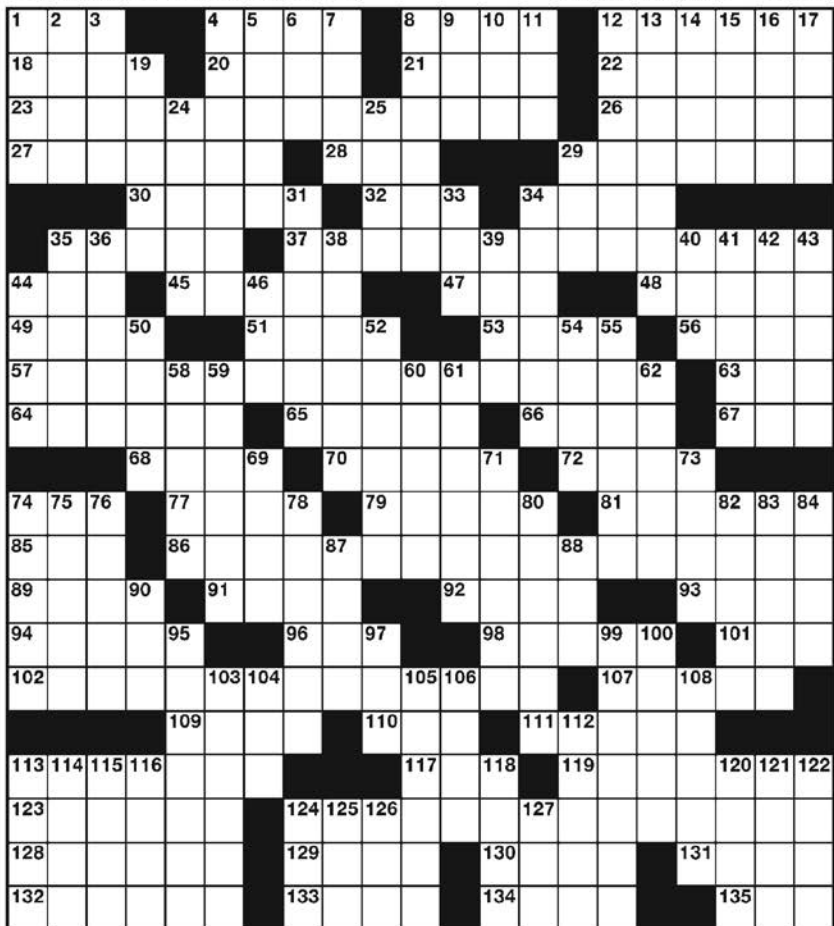
August 15, 1914: The Panama Canal was officially opened to commercial traffic as an American ship sailed from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. The first vessel to pass through the canal was the American cargo and passenger ship SS Ancon
1939: "The Wizard of Oz" premiered in Hollywood, CA. Judy Garland became famous for the movie's song "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."
1945: The Allies proclaimed V-J Day a day after Japan agreed to surrender unconditionally.
2001: Google announced that it would acquire Motorola Mobility for \$12.5 billion.

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Demographic Change: Downey residents find they have more in common than previously assumed

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The program also coincided with the maintenance of higher property values: throughout the 1990s, the median value of owner-occupied homes in Downey remained higher than the county median—and \$60,000 higher than in nearby suburbs. The newspaper lauded the program, Police Chief Caldwell praised Garcia, and councilmember Gary McCaughan's only concern was that the program deserved more funding.

After just seventeen months, the fiscal conservatives of city council offered the Neighborhood Preservation Program a blank check to ensure its growth. The next year, the program expanded to include another salaried officer. Such was the allure of programs that stabilized property values.

Mexican Americans also participated in private programs that privileged home upkeep as a civic duty. Independent programs like Keep Downey Beautiful (KDB) incentivized home improvement by awarding recognition to homes from all parts of Downey. KDB grew out of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., a national program started in 1953 to prevent littering in urban and suburban streets. The association created several initiatives, from hazardous waste disposal to litter clean-up grants. In Downey, KDB hosted recycling drives and litter cleanups, but was known to most residents as the trustee of the Home Beautiful awards. Residents submitted pictures of their homes for yearly award consideration in a number of categories. Judges assessed homes on maintenance, overall appearance, use of landscaping, and "neighborhood impact." Though principally for immaculate single-family homes, KDB also recognized Most Improved and Rental Housing categories to encourage improvement even among those who were not middle-class homeowners. As if to lend implicit support for the property improvement competition, the city allowed KDB to host the awards show every year at city

hall, which was itself a model for tasteful midcentury modern buildings.

Home Beautiful award winners, at the very minimum, complied with a strict municipal code. The municipal code of the 1990s shared most of the structures of the original 1956 code required by state law for incorporated cities. That municipal code reflected an apparently-timeless obsession with property values. The municipal code required meticulous attention, lest a homeowner deviate from the prescribed homogeneity. Landscaping requirements provide one such example. The city code forbade reasonably offensive appearances like broken windows or vegetation that promoted fire hazards. Some requirements, however, were more subjective. Technical charts filled the "Landscaping Requirements" section that mandated

Except in the R-1 and R-2 zones, the total number of trees required shall be as follows: One (1) tree for every five (5) parking spaces; and One (1) tree for every twenty (20) linear feet of street (include street side) frontage...Except in the R-1 and R-2 zones, the size of trees, at time of planting, shall be required in Table 9.5-4.

Or, that homeowners must provide:

[a] colorful landscape edge [that] should be established at the base of buildings. Avoid asphalt edges at the base of structures as much as possible. Plant materials located in containers are appropriate...Planting masses on-site should assume a simple, non-uniform arrangement. The diversity of massing types should be great enough to provide interest, but kept to a level that evokes a relaxed natural feeling.

Compliance ensured the continuation of the manicured single-family ranch-style aesthetic. Conformity, not flexibility, was required. But these requirements were prohibitive on two levels: initial cost and cost of maintenance. For new developers, compliance with ordinances, especially fanciful tree and sightly

vegetation requirements, could add significant costs.

By design, the middle-class Mexican Americans who moved to Downey needed to have the means to afford these costly requirements. The cost of maintenance similarly prohibited certain property owners. For front lawns, prohibitions included vegetation "out of conformity with neighboring community standards to such an extent as to result in, or contribute to, a diminution of property values," such as "[l]awns with grass in excess of six inches (6") in height."

Maintenance was required almost weekly, lest a lawn grow more than a disorderly six inches. Thus, a family moving into Downey needed to allocate, on a weekly basis, either hours of their day or monetary pay to maintain their vegetation. Such costs added up to a significant yearly investment, and restricted homeowners to those of middle-class means.

Home Beautiful competitions thus embodied two key aspects of the civic identity. For one, compliance with the municipal code preserved the ranch-style aesthetic popular in middle-class white suburbs and prevented Mexican Americans from introducing architectural styles like the Spanish mission style that are associated with Mexican culture. Second, Home Beautiful incentivized Mexican Americans to publicly privilege a "high-property-values" framework during the years of demographic transformation. Home Beautiful therefore not only helped to stabilize property values but also tied the new demographic to the civic identity.

Latino/a/x families like Irma and Marco Barrios enthusiastically participated in KDB competitions. By 2000, the Barrios family, like many other Mexican American families, were perennial winners. Even families from south Downey showed up on Most Improved lists, suggesting

earnest efforts by working-to-lower-middle-class families to uphold the higher property values.

These programs were but some of the ways the incoming middle-class Mexican Americans perpetuated a "high-property-values" framework in the 1990s. To them, this component of the assimilated civic identity offered the proper remedy for fluctuating property values. But by perpetuating this framework, middle-class Mexican Americans unknowingly calcified a very specific definition of "Downey living," one epitomized by programs like GOOD, the Neighborhood Preservation Program, and KDB, to name a few.

This was not inevitable. Home-owning practices and customs of minority-majority cities like Paramount or South Gate did not independently threaten property values (and therefore the quality of life). To be sure, some attitudes like intolerance of gangs did, on their own, protect against damage to property and life. But "intolerance of gangs" as a proxy for "intolerance of Paramount," as residents at Neighborhood Preservation meetings suggested, was altogether different. Similarly, Spanish-style mission homes did not independently pose threats to property values. (Consider how the opposition to such styles is along the lines of "it's an ugly style" or "it's not like classic Downey homes," which are subjective assessments of valuation, as opposed to "it promotes a fire hazard.")

But Spanish-style mission homes as metonyms for the home-owning practices and preferences in, say, Huntington Park (where the style is more

common), were what posed the threat to Downey property values. This has less to do with the buildings themselves, and more to do with how ideas about the built environment suggested what constituted "good" suburban living. It was about "keeping South Gate" (or any southeast Los Angeles suburb) out of Downey.

Which is to say that by perpetuating many components of the "high-property-values" framework of white-majority Downey, middle-class Mexican Americans were perpetuating the racial ideology that first informed ideas of "good" and "bad" home-owning practices. This was not a

conscious association, but it had far-reaching implications, some of which are still a part of the way Downeyites think about their homes today.

There is a more immediate example of this. In the 1990s, undocumented immigrants from Mexico and Central America fled economic and natural disasters and trekked north. Some made their homes in Downey. Their presence ignited very public clashes between Mexican Americans' ethnic and class identities. I look forward to concluding the series with that story next week.

Downey's class of 1969 is reuniting

DOWNEY - Downey High School's class of 1969 will celebrate its 50th reunion Saturday, Sept. 14, from 6-11 p.m. at the Costa Mesa Country Club.

Tickets will be sold through August and will not be available at the door.

More than 200 classmates and guests from 19 states (and one from out of the country) have already purchased tickets. There will be a DJ, photographers, a sketch artist, and an Italian buffet table.

To purchase tickets, go to ReunionDB.com. After typing in your last/maiden name and legal first name, click on your record and follow the prompts.

For questions, email DowneyReunion1969@gmail.com.

Classmates are also encouraged to join the Facebook reunion group by searching "Downey Reunion 1969."



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Vikings to scrimmage with Cathedral HS before season opener next week

By Mark Fetter
Sportswriter

DOWNEY - The Downey High School football team has been busy preparing for the start of their 2019 football season. The Vikings will host Cathedral High School of Los Angeles tonight in a scrimmage at Downey at 7 p.m. This scrimmage will serve as an excellent opportunity to evaluate performances and make necessary adjustments for the season opener next week.

The Vikings will officially get their season underway next Friday night when they travel to Corona Del Mar to play the Sea Kings. Corona Del Mar finished last season with an overall record of 11-2-1 and a Sunset League record of 4-0-1. The Sea Kings were defeated by Grace Brethren 26-14 in the C.I.F. Division 4 championship game.

The Vikings have a balance of juniors and seniors who will all contribute to this year's team. Downey will be led on offense by junior quarterback Chris Hernandez (5'10, 205), senior running back Jaden Allen (5'11, 190), tight ends senior Lawrence Joseph (6'0, 205), senior Isaiah Burton (5'8, 195), and junior Jeremy Castro (6'1, 180). Junior Xander Orozco (5'9, 145) and senior Issiah Apodaca will be catching passes from the receiver position.

The offensive line will be led by senior left tackle Aaron Delgado (6'2, 260), senior left guard Fernando Andrade (6'3, 270), junior center Nick Vargas (6'2, 270), senior right guard Emmanuel De Leon (5'11, 255) and senior right tackle Mathias Ascencio (6'1, 245).

The team's defense will play a key role in the success of this year's season. Several players return with more experience under their belt, while others are looking to make a name for themselves as a first-year starter. Senior defensive lineman Anthony Lopez (6'0, 180), senior defensive lineman Justin Sanchez (6'2, 255), senior defensive lineman Mario Gonzalez (5'11, 250) and senior defensive lineman Daniel Mena (6'0, 178) all return with more experience and skill.

The linebacking corps will be led by senior Isaiah Burton (5'8, 195) and sophomore Aiden Chapman (5'9, 180). The defensive backs will be led by senior Dillon Laurer (6'1, 175), senior Alex Rodriguez (5'10, 160) and sophomore Jailen Dozier (6'1, 180). Early team leaders for captain responsibilities may or may not include standout players Anthony Lopez, Joseph Lawrence, Isaiah Burton and Aaron Delgado. The players and coaches will determine that situation fairly soon.

This is certainly a new look for the football team at Downey. Standout players Kijon Fouts, Noah Skobis and others have graduated so many new opportunities for younger players have emerged. Downey finished last season with an overall record of 6-6 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 3-2. The Vikings were defeated by Citrus Hill at Downey 35-28 in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

Coach Williams, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2019 football season and making a deeper run in postseason play.

SPX-SM Football: The Warriors will host a scrimmage against Hawthorne at SPX-SMA next Friday night at 5 p.m.

Their football season will officially start when they host Santa Clarita Christian of Canyon Country at SPX-SMA on Aug. 30. The Warriors will host Bishop Montgomery of Torrance on Sept. 6 and will then travel to South Torrance on Sept. 13.

SPX-SMA will host St. Anthony's of Long Beach on Sept. 20 at SPX-SMA and will then travel to Trinity Classical Academy in Valencia on Sept. 26. The Warriors will then travel to Cerritos to play Cerritos at Rants Stadium on Oct. 4. SPX-SMA will then travel to Godinez Fundamental of Santa Ana on Oct. 11. The game against Godinez Fundamental will mark the end of preseason play and the game against St. Bernard the following week will mark the beginning of Santa Fe League play.

The Warriors will host St. Bernard at SPX-SMA on Oct. 18, will then host Verbum Dei of Los Angeles on Oct. 25 and will then travel to Bosco Tech of Rosemead on Nov. 1 in their regular season and league finale.

The Warriors finished last season with an overall record of 4-7 and a Santa Fe League record of 2-1. The Warriors were defeated by El Monte at El Monte last season 67-17 in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 13 playoffs. Head coach Todd Butler, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2019 football season and making another run at postseason play.

DCC Football: The Downey Calvary Chapel football team has been busy working this summer for the start of their 2019 football season.

The Grizzlies will begin their season against Dymally of Los Angeles at Dymally on Aug. 30. The Grizzlies will then host Lighthouse Christian of Santa Monica at Downey on Sept 7. DCC will then host Faith Baptist of Canoga Park at Downey on Sept. 14 and will play Sage Oak of Hesperia at a to be determined location on Sept. 20.

The game against Sage Oak will mark the end of preseason play.

The Grizzlies will begin Express League play when they host St. Michael's Prep of Silverado at Downey on Sept. 28. DCC will then host Sage Hill of Newport Beach at Downey on Oct. 5. The Grizzlies will then host Avalon at Downey on Oct. 11, travel to Lutheran of La Verne on Oct. 19 and will then host Brethren Christian of Huntington Beach at Downey in their regular season and league finale on Oct. 26.

DCC currently has nine games scheduled this season.

The Grizzlies finished last season with an overall record of 6-3 and an Express League record of 4-2. DCC was defeated by Windward of Los Angeles at Windward 53-6 in the first round of the C.I.F. 8 Man Division 1 playoffs.

Head coach Mike Nuno, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2019 football season and making another run at postseason competition.



Party planned for Dr. Stauffer's 102nd birthday

DOWNEY - Downey philanthropist Dr. Mary Stauffer is turning 102 and Downey is throwing a party.

The Mary R. Stauffer Foundation is hosting the party Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Columbia Memorial Space Center. Admission is free the entire day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a reception planned for 11 a.m.

Stauffer is widely known in Downey for her charitable giving, particularly in support of education. Her foundation alone has awarded more than \$5 million to Downey residents and non-profits.

In 2014, the Downey school board voted to rename West Middle School in Stauffer's honor.

"Dr. Mary Stauffer is truly a remarkable woman who has impacted the lives of many people near and far," the city of Downey said in a press release. "With her determination to promote education and career advancement, she has provided many opportunities to so many people."

Stauffer will be at the party to greet guests. The space center is located at 12400 Columbia Way.

Non-profit offers free help with citizenship applications

DOWNEY - Ferias Legales, a Downey-based non-profit, will be offering free legal assistance with citizenship applications and fee waiver applications at Downey's Barbara J. Riley Community Center on Saturday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is in partnership with Downey Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco, and is part of their regular "Naturalize Now: Free Citizenship Clinics" program.

A licensed immigration attorney, Rocio La Rosa, will be providing free eligibility screenings and free assistance with citizenship applications.

Ferias Legales (Spanish for "Legal Fairs") is a Downey-based non-profit organization focusing on delivering free services to underserved communities and increasing diversity in the legal field. The citizenship clinics are aimed at encouraging people to naturalize in an effort to help them protect themselves, their families, and their futures by empowering them with the ability to vote and become civically engaged.

Appointments are not necessary but are encouraged.

For more information, please contact Maria Torres, who serves as executive director, at (213) 842-6214 or mtorres@feriaslegales.org.

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All My Cars

Shared Stories

By Anthony Kingsley Contributor

I bought my first car shortly after I arrived in New York. It was a used green and white 1960 Plymouth Savoy with huge fins at the back. But the hood had some paint damage so I got a \$29.95 Earl Scheib paint job and made it all white.

The Savoy was similar to the Plymouth Fury that was featured in the movie "Christine" except that the Fury had smaller fins. I drove it until it was rear-ended by a truck on the Brooklyn Queens Expressway. This car was the cause of my first lawsuit in the United States.

I was planning on moving so I did not get another car. The metro went anywhere I wanted to go.

When I came to California and got a job, I bought a used Oldsmobile for \$300. As they say - you get what you pay for.

My next car was a used green 1968 Ford Torino with a big V8 engine. A nice car but it gave me some problems. I wrote to Ford and they said sorry but it is out of warranty. I said I would never buy a Ford again.

Next came a used blue 1955 Chevy Nova - a nice little car. Then came a used green 1966 Chevy Nova which was totaled on the Long Beach Freeway. Next, a friend of a friend sold me a red Buick Century that lasted a long time.

Then came my first new car - a black Chevy Monza, a nice car but with no air-conditioning. The nice thing about this car was that the rear seat folded down and made a complete flatbed up to the back of the front seat. I took my father in it to Palm Springs where it was 125 degrees when we got there. The old man had never felt heat like that before. We lay in the shade in the park to recuperate. I sold it to the person I had bought the Buick from.

Next came a new stick-shift white Chevy Camaro with air-conditioning. I drove that for 168,000 miles before it died. We had a lot of fun together. That was some car.

A new white Chevy Cavalier was up next. It got totaled while parked in a strip mall by a woman who put her foot on the accelerator instead of the brake. She refused to provide her insurance information. So, of course, another lawsuit was filed.

It turned out that she did have insurance. I won a judgment but the insurance company refused to pay and they filed for a new trial. I won that also.

Next came a new silver Nissan Versa. That got totaled at night by a hit and run driver on Rosecrans Avenue in Bellflower. The police report said it was my fault because I had crossed Rosecrans in front of a speeding truck with no lights. No injuries.

Then I broke my promise of 40 years earlier. I bought a new white Ford Fiesta. It is a nice little car. It had a fluid leak shortly after I got it but that was fixed under warranty.

I drove it to Arlington, Texas and another trip to Chicago via Route 66. I also drove it to Las Vegas and Bullhead City, Arizona several times.

After the warranty had expired, a light came up on my instrument panel. No advice in my owner's manual so I took to the internet. The solution was to turn the key to the accessories position, put your foot on the brake and the accelerator at the same time and hold them down for thirty seconds. Bingo - that fixed it.

So far so good.

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Miles of Smiles

Shared Stories

By Maria L. Garcia Contributor

Who would ever think that one can experience a life changing moment by merely sitting on a couch?

Watching the 2018 movie, "Pope Francis Man of His Word," gave me such an experience. It was at the movie's end when Pope Francis declares his true confession: "I pray every day for two things: To smile and to have a sense of humor."

Smile - it can cost from nothing to millions of dollars. Either way, it's a win-win fashion statement if one chooses to wear it.

I got a recent email from Darlene, daughter of Phillip Lucas, our very first friend whom I met together with his wife, Lumen, in 1982 as a new immigrant. She had attached two photos of her dad

marking his death at age 105. Interestingly, one picture was labeled "Dad's Classic Smile" and the other, "Dad's Million Dollar Smile" Though Philip's smile was worth its weight in gold, it must not have cost him a single dime.

School pictures require payment with the pro photographer making profit out of the student's free smile, with just a click. So much so with investors who set up photo booths at events for guests to pose, smile and stare at the dot within five second countdowns.

The unfading enigmatic smile of Mona Lisa is classic. Currently costs \$837 million in insurance value though, in reality, this Leonardo da Vinci masterpiece is un-insurable as it is irreplaceable. Mona Lisa is the inescapable Renaissance painting on the course outline I had taught for 12 years. Not until 1985 did I see the painting before

my very eyes at the Louvre Museum in Paris.

In 1958, transcending into the world of music, was the popular song, "A Certain Smile." Lifetime Grammy Achievement awardee, Johnny Mathis, became a household name with many impersonators imitating his Certain Smile. I was one lucky fan who made it to his sold out concert at the Araneta Coliseum in Manila, Philippines in 1960.

"Suddenly you know why your heart sings - when a certain face leads an unsuspecting heart on a merry chase." Six years later, the lyrics resonated in my nostalgic mind when I met the boy in college whom I eventually married.

Icon singer Nat King Cole, of over a hundred songs, popular for his song, "Smile." "that even through fear and sorrow when you smile, you'll find that life is still worthwhile."

I, too, was one of hundreds of fans who would not miss Nat King Cole for the world when he performed live at the same venue in Manila in 1961.

A smile can be attractive, infectious...or non infectious

to one's health. Studies show a smile can lower one's blood pressure, lessen pain, strengthen one's immune system, and relieve stress. Even the dentist uses images of healthy teeth through a smile to advertise a dental product.

With apologies to those who have lost their teeth for one reason or another, my best friend, Victoria from Virginia battling with cancer, had lost her tooth from chemo treatment; nonetheless, she smiles and bears it. She says, "My smile has generated virtues of love and compassion from others who attend to me during my 48-hour infusion and more."

Myself, while pregnant with my youngest child, partially dislodged my front tooth from a fall on the driveway after the rain. Pushing back the displaced tooth, I managed smiling with it for several years until the doctor prescribed a root canal to save it. To this date, I can smile with it, unconscious of its history.

My mom smiled through 11 years of confinement in a rehabilitation hospital at Laguna Honda in San Francisco from 1987 to 1999. Her massive stroke resulted in aphasia,

but smiles and laughter became her signature form of communication.

I would drive or fly from LA to visit Mom. In one of those visits, unaware that I had a smile on my face as I walked eagerly through rows of beds in Mom's ward, a voice from one of the patients, called out: "Your smile erases a multitude of sins!" I was astounded and puzzled by the remark but it was like finding a treasure in a smile.

What children would do at school to earn a smiley sticker as a reward. The yellow emoticon in the 80's has evolved into a myriad of emojis displaying reactions on FB, in texting, posting positivity or negativity.

Smiles have existed through generations way back in the time of King David. In Psalm 39:13, "Turn Your gaze away from me, that I may smile again Before I depart and am no more." David asks God to look away from his sin and forgive him, for strength that he may be prepared for the next life.

Mindful of King David's pearls of wisdom, I too plead for God's mercy that I may have miles of smiles before I sleep.

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Boarding School

Shared Stories

By Helen Hampton Contributor

In 1934, when I was 10 years old, I had my tonsils taken out. After I came home from the hospital, I had a hemorrhage and almost died.

It caused a heart murmur as I lost so much blood. I was so sick that I missed a full year of school.

My mother thought I would need a good school to get caught up with my studies. She decided that I should go to a private school. I began attending a convent boarding school called

Mount Merci in Waterville, Maine. It was taught by Ursuline nuns. I would board there Monday through Friday and return home each weekend.

Life in a convent was quite an experience for a child of 11. The sleeping quarters consisted of a long line of beds, head to head, in the middle of a large dorm room. The room had sleeping alcoves along the walls, with drapes that could be drawn for privacy. I had one of these private rooms with the bedspread and curtains of my choice. It was quite nice.

We ate our meals at long tables in a large dining hall. The nuns would walk up and down to see that everyone ate all their food.

We wore black stockings, black dresses with white hard collars and cuffs that needed to be scrubbed every week with Bon Ami. A big black bow tie completed the costume.

If anyone in the dorm came down with a cold, every child was given a dose of castor oil. There was only one bathroom at the end of the dorm. Needless to say, it was a very disturbing situation when we had to stand in a long line waiting for our turn to use the bathroom. Everyone was hopping up and down in great distress. But I guess we must have managed to live through it.

We had great fun on our time off from our studies. There were many activities to fill our spare time. We roller-skated in the fall and spring, and we ice-skated in the winter. We put on plays, and I had many singing parts in our musicals.

I boarded at Mount Merci for

three years. By then I was caught up with my studies, so I was able to go to public school for my remaining school years.

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Downey amends rules to public comment

The new rules limit how many times a member of the public can speak during a city council meeting.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The City Council on Tuesday voted to change the rules for public comment during agenda and non-agenda public comment periods.

With the new guidelines,

the Council may, but is not required to, allow additional public comments on items that are pulled from the consent calendar.

Otherwise, comment periods for agenda and non-agenda items remain unchanged.

Additionally, two substantive amendments were made to the council's meeting rules.

The first consisted of added language to clarify that the Mayor has the discretion to

rearrange the agenda as needed for the orderly conduct of the meeting.

The other change states that placards, signs, posters, packages, bundles, suitcases or other large objects shall not be admitted if doing so would disrupt, disturb or otherwise impede the orderly course of the meeting.

Unsurprisingly, the only person who was outspoken against the change at Tuesday's

meeting was regular meeting critic Armando Herman, who notoriously and consistently floods agenda and non-agenda public comment periods with abusive demonstrations.

Herman usually approaches the lectern for most if not all items discussed by council, sometimes single handedly adding upwards of an hour to meeting times.

While nothing has officially been said, it is believed by many

that Herman is the catalyst that sparked the recent change.

However, Downey's resident gadfly could now be limited to two five-minute opportunities to air out his always extensive list of grievances.

Herman, who was uncharacteristically tame at Tuesday's meeting, said that "sometimes free speech is robust, venomous and widely spoken."

"Yes, it will stir you up,

because sometimes the intent of the speaker is to stir you up; to call attention to what's important in his opinion," said Herman.

"Just remember how important free speech is, how you engage with it, or who you want to threaten with it."

L.A. County gives preview of 2020 voting process

Starting in 2020, polling places are being replaced with voting centers to modernize the election process.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Los Angeles County plans to modernize its voting experience by the 2020 election.

According to a representative from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk office - who gave a

presentation about the new system at Tuesday's City Council meeting - the county's current system is seen as outdated and is in critical need of an update.

With the modernization, voters will have a period of 11 days to vote, and can vote at any of the voting centers that will be established throughout the county, with fully accessible voting equipment available at each location.

Electronic rosters will be able to access data in real time and allow for same day voter registration.

Voting by mail is also projected to be easier to use, with over 150 drop-offs available county-wide.

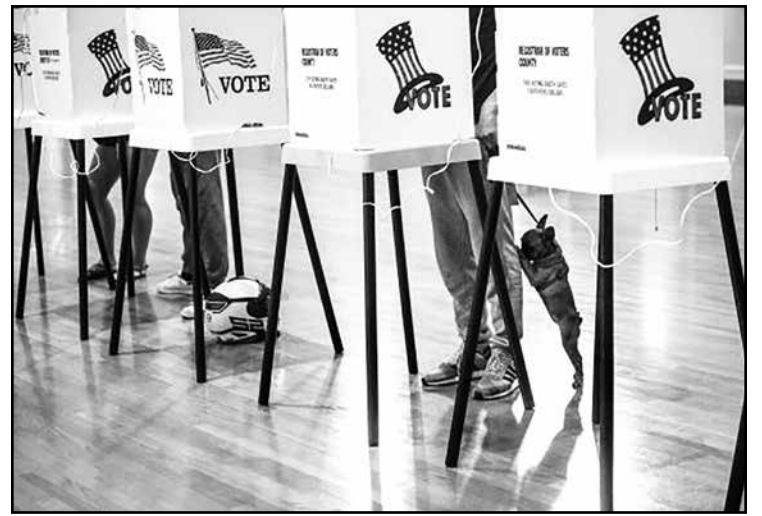
The new system will also utilize an Interactive Sample Ballot (ISB), which will speed up voter experience by pre-marking their selections on a computer or mobile device at home.

The ISB then generates a poll pass, likened to an airline boarding pass, which voters can then scan at a Ballot Marking Device (BMD) to transfer their selections.

The BMD will print a verifiable paper ballot with the voter's selections. By design, the BMD is not connected to any network or the internet, and does not store any voter data.

In addition to speeding up the voter experience, it is also believed that the system can help speed up the results process as well, although the BMD will not tally votes.

More information can be found by visiting VSAP.lavote.net.



Public invited to examine Downey Unified's new health curriculum

DOWNEY - Downey Unified invites the public to examine materials being considered for use in middle school Science and high school Health. The materials selected are in alignment with the new California Healthy Youth Act (AB 329).

Copies of the materials will be on display on the second floor of instructional service department in the Gallegos Administration Center at 11627 Brookshire Avenue, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, now through September 2.

A parent meeting will also be held on Thursday, August 29, at 5:30 p.m. at the Downey Unified School District's Gallegos Administration Center at 11627 Brookshire Avenue in District Conference Center-A

(DCC-A). Previously holding two other parent meetings prior to the end of last school year, this meeting has been set as an additional opportunity for attendees to review the proposed curriculum binder allowing them to see first-hand what potentially would be implemented in middle school Science and high school Health.

The potential curriculum has been available for review since April and the Board of Education continues to discuss the possibility of this proposed curriculum; however, there is no set date for classroom implementation thus far.

Rudolph the Musical returns

DOWNEY - Over the weekend, the Downey Theatre announced that "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical" is returning to Downey for a quadruple set of performances.

The shows are early this year: Nov. 9-10 with two daily performances at 12 pm and 3 pm.

The show also acts as the kickoff to the Downey Theatre's 2019-20 season schedule.

The production stars all the characters from the original TV classic, including Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius and, of course, Rudolph.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2019195215

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE MORTGAGE SOLUTION, 10802 DOWNEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 4199242 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) THE MORTGAGE SOLUTION SERVICES, 8050 FLORENCE AVE 23, DOWNEY CA 90240 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this

statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/THE MORTGAGE SOLUTION SERVICES, CEO, CHOKCHAI KANTATHAVORN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 16, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot
7/25/19, 8/1/19, 8/8/19, 8/15/19**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2019207335

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ROAD DOG CUSTOMS, 11791 SLAUSON AVE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RAMIRO CASILLAS JR, 8352 BIRCHCREST RD, DOWNEY CA 90240 (2) EMMAJEAN DONLUCAS, 8352 BIRCHCREST RD., DOWNEY CA 90240 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/RAMIRO CASILLAS JR, HUSBAND This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 30, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot
8/8/19, 8/15/19, 8/22/19, 8/29/19**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2019200354

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LONDIS FLRAL DESIGN, 725 VIA RIO NIDO, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANDRA ZAVALA-ZAMORA, 7253 VIA RIO NIDO, DOWNEY CA 90241 (2) BRANDON RUBIO, 7253 VIA RIO NIDO, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2019 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/SANDRA ZAVALA-ZAMORA, PARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 22, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot
8/15/19, 8/22/19, 8/29/19, 9/5/19**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2019193675

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TOUCHED BY YESS, 306 STONEWOOD STREET STUDIO 20, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY, 9060 IMPERIAL HWY APT 9, DOWNEY CA 90242 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) YESSSENIA DIAZ TAMAYO, 9060 IMPERIAL HWY APT 9, DOWNEY CA 90242 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2019 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/YESSSENIA DIAZ TAMAYO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 15, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot
8/15/19, 8/22/19, 8/29/19, 9/5/19**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2019213888

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LUXURY HAIR, 306 STONEWOOD STREET SUITE 28, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY, 13817 LONGWORTH AVE, NORWALK CA 90650 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JENNIFER MUNOZ, 13817 LONGWORTH AVE, NORWALK CA 90650 (2) XIMENA ACOSTA, 306 STONEWOOD STREET SUITE 28, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Copartner The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2019 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/JENNIFER MUNOZ, PARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 6, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot
8/8/19, 8/15/19, 8/22/19, 8/29/19**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2019195882

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GRAHAM'S PAINTING CO, 515 S FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90071, LA COUNTY, 500 LOS ALTOS AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90814 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GRAHAM BEACH CA 90814 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2019 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/GRAHAM C BROWN, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 8, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot
8/8/19, 8/15/19, 8/22/19, 8/29/19**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2019217444

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GRAHAM'S PAINTING CO, 515 S FIGUEROA ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90071, LA COUNTY, 500 LOS ALTOS AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90814 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GRAHAM BEACH CA 90814 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/GRAHAM'S PAINTING CO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 8, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) D'REYES SERVICES, 2023 E EL SEGUNDO BLVD, COMPTON CA 90222, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSEFINA DIAZ QUINTERO, 2023 E EL SEGUNDO BLVD, COMPTON CA 90222 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/JOSEFINA DIAZ QUINTERO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 17, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot
8/1/19, 8/8/19, 8/15/19, 8/22/19**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2019214793

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GRACEFUL GROUNDS COFFEE, 5312 BRIERCREST CIRCLE, LAKEWOOD CA 90713, LA COUNTY Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOHN WESLEY RAGAN, 5312 BRIERCREST AVE, LAKEWOOD CA 90713 (2) LIZBETH DEYANIRA RAGAN, 5312 BRIERCREST AVE, LAKEWOOD CA 90713 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/JOHN WESLEY RAGAN, HUSBAND This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 07, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot
8/15/19, 8/22/19, 8/29/19, 9/5/19**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2019195675

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TOUCHED BY YESS, 306 STONEWOOD STREET STUDIO 20, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY, 9060 IMPERIAL HWY APT 9, DOWNEY CA 90242 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) YESSSENIA DIAZ TAMAYO, 9060 IMPERIAL HWY APT 9, DOWNEY CA 90242 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2019 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/YESSSENIA DIAZ TAMAYO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 15, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot
8/15/19, 8/22/19, 8/29/19, 9/5/19**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File Number 2019209482

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) A.M.C. MAINTENANCE CO, 15323 SHEFFORD STREET, HIAWATH HEIGHTS CA 94706, COUNTY P.O.BOX 2247, MONTEBELLO CA 90640 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANTHONY MICHAEL CARMONA, 15323 SHEFFORD STREET, HACIENDA HEIGHTS CA 91745 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 848-9272 or visit this Internet Web site www.elitepostandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 19-56320. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.
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payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 09/04/2019 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12353 HORLEY AVENUE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242 APN#: 6245-008-001 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$529,426.88. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused

said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those

not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 972-732-2581 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site www.hudsonandmarshall.com for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 00000008256661. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: SERVICELINK AUCTION 972-732-2581** www.hudsonandmarshall.com **BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP** as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 07/30/2019 **BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER and WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. A-4700764** 08/08/2019, 08/15/2019, 08/22/2019
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The force is strong at mayor's outdoor movie night

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

A balmy Downey summer night, pink twilight and the twinkle of aircraft as they descended silently toward LAX.

"We thought, an epic space movie, what a great way to bring our community together and celebrate an evening outdoors with the families," said Downey Mayor Rick Rodriguez.

"What better way to learn more about Downey's rich space history and have fun doing it in the process," added the mayor. "The grass lawn of the Space Center makes a great area for showing movies, and it's ideal for families to relax. A place for kids and parents to dress up in costumes and get popcorn and a hot dog".

"A free movie on Saturday night in Downey," said Mark Keller as he carried his folding chair onto the Space Center lawn. "What could be better. I was in middle school when I first saw this movie."

"I came up with this idea," said Mayor Rick, "from a conversation that Councilmember Alex Saab and I had about children. His young children are about my grandchildren's age. Having action figures like Storm Troopers, Bounty Hunters, and Princess Leia, sounded like fun!"

Light-saber waving children danced on the lawn and several Princess Leias strolled by. Having so many Princess Leias was like being on Jupiter with its four bright moons instead of on the Earth planet we inhabit with only the one. Our moon had risen earlier that afternoon and was still a gossamer sphere in the light sky, waxing gibbous - nearly full - and a slight breeze began to play.

"We really want to utilize our Columbia Space Memorial Center as much as possible," said Mayor Rick. "We recently celebrated the anniversary of the Apollo 11; it was obvious that our Downey Families wanted more. So why not create a festival type of an environment, with a classic space movie like the original, 'Star Wars,' viewed outdoors."

"I love movies that you can take kids to, and the Star Wars series seems to have captured the attention of adults and kids alike. So yes," the mayor said when I interviewed him, "Yes, I like Star Wars movies. Most certainly, I will

be in costume! As the Obi-Wan Kenobe character."

The mayor's granddaughter, Adrienne, who is 10 and goes to Calvary Chapel School, was spotted robed in white as Princess you-know-who. Adrienne showed me how her character's glistening coiled hair buns slipped off, "just like ear muffs." Adrienne's long white gauzy gown was clasped by a belt with three silver discs.

"I'd like to see the Space Center as vital to Downey's daily life," said Ben Dickow, director of the Space Museum and Space Center. Ben has shifted and enlarged the original mission of the museum since he came.

"The staff and I developed a mission - to ignite a community of creative and critical thinkers - that values and responds to our community," he said.

"The mission is proactive," said Ben, "and not tied to a certain interest necessarily, like aerospace. It is linked to how we can best serve the public, our role in the community and it's connected to things that are more universal than particular interests." Outside the box and in a galaxy far, far away tonight, I thought.

"We need to be a connector, sure," said Ben, "around a shared interest in science or engineering or history, but mostly around things that are valued by our community, things like learning together or spending time with family and friends. The Space Center is a place for that."

"Ben was a huge help," said Mayor Rick. "We couldn't have had the success without Ben's participation. Ben is very well respected in the museum and science/history industry. His passion for our city is contagious."

"All of the logistics were handled by Ben," said Mayor Rick. "From people, location, food,

props, equipment. He did it all."

"And thankfully," said Mayor Rick, "we have a wonderful city staff, so when I mentioned the idea, they ran with other ideas that complement the event. The Columbia Space center is large enough with plenty of parking and area for kids to run around and show the movie outside. The only real expense to speak of was the part time staff that we would call in for support."

"Some of the food will be sold by our nonprofits as a way to raise funds," said Mayor Rick, "so we are involving many segments of the community. Food trucks are on site to provide a larger menu items."

"The Movie, Star Wars Episode 4: A New Hope, was chosen by a collaboration of us at City Hall," said Mayor Rick. "From Council Member Alex Saab, to our Council Secretary Monica Delgadillo, to our Parks and Recreation Director, Pam Passow, and myself. We all had a hand in it."

"Thank you for coming to the Space Center," Mayor Rick said to the attendees. He was clad in the long monkish robe with the deep folded sleeves of his character, the noble Jedi knight. "Welcome to the first Movie with the Mayor."

"Thank you for being here," said Ben to the crowd of quite a few hundred. "You're awesome. This is the movie that made the biggest impression on me. It changed my life. When my father took me to see it, I knew this was where I wanted to be. Space. Carl Sagan's Cosmos on TV influenced me greatly too. I took some physics courses, and here I am."

The plot? Under orders from the cruel Darth Vader, Princess Leia (Carrie Fisher) is being held hostage. So of course Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) and Han Solo (Harrison Ford), captain of the Millennium Falcon, work together to free her from durance

vile. There's a killer of a final scene, the attack of the Death Wing on the Death Star.

Then there's the rousing music of John Williams. Martial chords; adagio landscape gazing; staccato suspense: was ever movie score more deserving of the full symphonic treatment? Not since "Lawrence of Arabia." Maybe that will be next on the mayor's list.

Kaylin, age 8, from Imperial School was ready to watch, sitting on her blanket in front of us. She was dressed as a character from Star Wars, The Phantom Menace, her favorite in the series. Her cream colored costume was "store bought," Kaylin said, and that included the drapery and sash on the body suit, long armlets and brown pleather boots. Kaylin completed the ensemble with night goggles and a fancy light attachment for seeing in the dark.

Director Ben complimented Kaylin for coming in costume, and gave her a free admission ticket, to encourage Kaylin to come to the Center's STEM Program for Girls.

As Ben said, "The biggest idea that we want to send out to people is that everyone has a part and can be a part of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. That these endeavors are social, vital and anyone is capable of doing them. We'd like to create a network of science fans throughout Southern California."

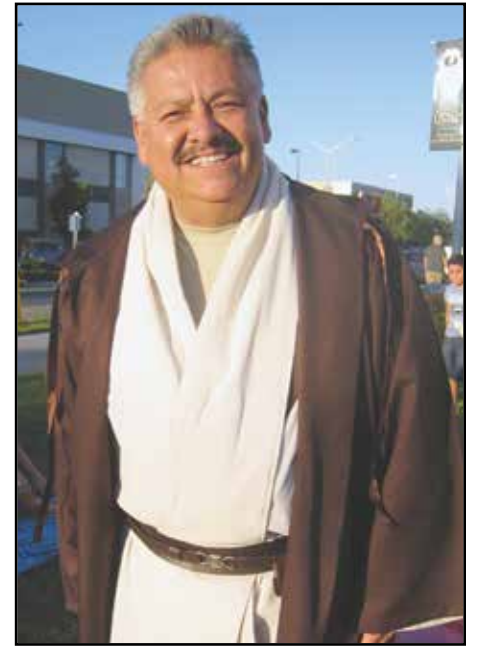
Kaylin's mom Karen and big brother Josh, who is studying

at Cal Poly to be a mechanical engineer, wore vintage tee shirts commemorating this first of the Star War series when it appeared in 1977.

Suddenly, a shining white Storm Trooper appeared on the Space Center sidewalk, and then a trio of Troopers and a metallic and black glassy Darth Vader moved through the crowd on the patio and the lawn. They were meant to be menacing but they obligingly posed for pictures, with everyone from babies to happy adults who were indulging in the evening's nostalgia. Standing behind all the fantasy figures was the one awesome piece of space reality in Downey, the Apollo capsule that went to the moon and back.

Before the movie began people bought hot dogs and ice cream specials from the food trucks and the Paradise Catering crew. Samantha and Chick cheerfully poured extra caramel sauce and dispensed napkins. Popcorn appeared.

Then promptly at eight, with the craggy deserts of Tunisia and the sand dunes of Death Valley filmed as the planet Tatooine, the feature began. First came a battle scene inside a beleaguered



spaceship, with a golden droid with a British accent like Stan Laurel's seeking refuge from the mayhem with his barrel-shaped Oliver Hardy-esque companion, whose dialogue consisted of chirps. A hologram of a miniature Princess Leia appeared, engaged in some mysterious action. The magic had begun.

The audience was rapt. The Mayor and Ben stood aside, by the red food trucks and surveyed the crowd. The moon was now a bright silver disc against the night sky and had risen to a point directly over the Space Center. The evening was definitely a success.

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