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Want to address your council person? Make it quick

A near-sighted city council votes to reduce public comment time at council meetings, an affront to our 113,000 residents.

By Lawrence Christon
Contributor

It's the stuff of Russian farce, except it's not funny. Armando Herman fights for free speech by abusing it. The Downey City Council defends its notion of free speech by cutting back the time the public can express it at council meetings.

Who suffers either way? In an increasingly regular occurrence, the citizens of Downey.

At its January 28 meeting, the council voted, 3-2, to reduce the time anyone can step up to the lectern and speak about city-related issues; or, as the meeting progresses, specific items on the agenda. The historic time allotment had been five minutes on a running clock. Now it's three.

The council had been itching to make that cut for a while—these meetings do drag on. Now they had their excuse. For more than two years, Herman has appeared regularly to leap up at almost anything anyone on the council has to say, yelling, waving signs, shouting profanities and racial insults, making obscure and often unrelated assertions, even shooting his arms in the air when he's not speaking. In short, making a spectacle of himself while council members sit stone-faced before his relentless barrages.

People in the audience shout out telling him children are present and his language is inappropriate. The council, with barely concealed irritation, cautions him about not sharing their respectful decorum, the rules of the game, if you will.

Nothing changes. He rants. They, and we in the audience, stew. Yet another miserably uncomfortable evening grinds on to a despirited conclusion. As an observer, you wonder if all this is really about free speech, as Herman often contends. How many times does someone have to hammer home the same point before the argument reveals itself to be about something else?

In this case, with all his tics and outbursts, his coprolalia and compulsive rants, Herman seems clearly unhinged, somewhere on the Asperger's or autism spectrum perhaps, or even paranoid. No one wants to speculate for the record in an era where public officials tend to steer clear of direct address on mental health issues, sometimes with tragic results.

(Anyone who read Dennis MacDougal's recent L.A. Times op ed piece about his schizophrenic daughter, a lawyer who cleverly outwitted concerned authorities only to be found murdered in Mexico, will feel the horrors that can result from official trepidation and haplessness.)

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Downey kid helps save the world in Super Bowl commercial

Steven Gomez, 11, was cast in the Snickers commercial that aired during Sunday's Super Bowl.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Everybody knows that the Super Bowl is less about the game on the field and more about the star-studded commercials between plays.

That is, everyone except maybe for 11-year-old Steven Gomez; he'd been in commercials before, yet didn't realize just how big a deal his most recent work was.

Steven, a student at Unsworth Elementary School, entered the entertainment business when he was just five years old. Gomez's mom, Elizabeth, said that her son's acting career began as a way to add to his college fund.

While he's done a smattering of print and tv / short work, commercials tend to be his forte. Naturally, it was only a matter of time before he'd take his place during the biggest sporting event of the year.

"I got an audition request for the commercial a while back," said Steven. "I did it, I got the call back, and eventually I got it."

Steven has previously done around seven commercials, including one for Honda that is currently out.

"My first commercial I did with my family...it was for TJ Maxx," said Steven.

The Super Bowl ad was definitely the biggest he's done, however.

Steven was part of the commercial for Snickers, which featured hundreds of extras and



COURTESY PHOTO

Steven Gomez, right, with Luis Guzman on the set of Snickers' Super Bowl commercial.

celebrities coming together to offer up an oversized candy bar in an attempt to fix the world's problems.

He even gets a line in the full version of the commercial.

However, when he hit the airwaves on Sunday, Gomez wasn't even watching the game; he was in his room, playing with his cousin.

In fact, when he's not dropping Snickers bars into pits for the sake of world peace, he's just your ordinary kid; he's a shortstop on his baseball team at Northwest Downey Little League,

he participates in robotics clubs at school, he plays Minecraft with his friends online.

Obviously still very young and with his future still miles ahead of him, Steven hasn't completely decided if he will pursue acting as a career.

He hasn't completely ruled it out though.

"I haven't fully decided," said Steven. "If I want to, I can definitely do that though... becoming a full-time actor is definitely something I'm considering. I've already got a pretty good start."

DUSD gets national acclaim for Character Counts

Downey Unified celebrates being named a Character Counts exemplary school district, a rare honor.

DOWNEY - The Downey Unified School District has been named a Character Counts exemplary school district, this after over a decade of character education programs in each of Downey's public schools.

The announcement was made during a Character Counts coalition meeting on Jan. 28.

"We are proud to designate the Downey Unified School District with the prestigious honor of attaining the designation of Character Counts exemplary school district," said Scott Raecker, executive director of the Robert D. and Billie Ray Center at Drake University, which is the global home to the Character Counts initiative.

"The Ray Center is proud to continue to work with the Downey Unified School District to maintain Character Counts exemplary school

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Dr. John Garcia and Dr. Robert Jagielski.

Probation officers acquitted on cruelty charges

DOWNEY - Four Los Angeles County probation officers have been found not guilty on charges that they unlawfully used pepper spray against teenage girls housed at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey.

A jury deliberated less than a day Tuesday before acquitting LaCour Harrison, Claudette Reynolds, Maria Asuzena Guerrero and Karnesha Marshall of misdemeanor cruelty to a child by endangering her health.

Harrison and Reynolds also were found not guilty of one felony count each of assault by a public officer.

The defendants, who worked as detention services officers, were accused of using excessive force when using pepper spray and also were accused of acting unreasonably by delaying the victims from being decontaminated after they were sprayed.

Two other officers are facing similar charges.

Marlene Rochelle Wilson was charged with five felony counts of assault by a public officer and three misdemeanor counts of child abuse. She faces a possible maximum sentence of eight years and eight months in state prison to be served in local custody.

Janeth Vilchez was charged with one count each of assault by a public officer and child abuse. She faces a possible maximum sentence of four years in prison to be served in local custody.

They are scheduled to return to court for a preliminary hearing setting on March 25.

Downey restaurant grades

Noodles and Company
8908 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 2/3/20
Grade: **A**

Fresh Griller
8855 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 2/3/20
Grade: **A**

Panera Bread
8900 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 2/3/20
Grade: **A**

Sunshine Market
8830 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 1/30/20
Grade: **A**

Acapulco Restaurant y Cantina
9021 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/30/20
Grade: **B**

General Nutrition Center
284 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 1/29/20
Grade: **A**

Miniso
251 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 1/29/20
Grade: **A**

BJ's
121 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 1/29/20
Grade: **A**

Javier Taco Mexico
251 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 1/29/20
Grade: **A**

Tokyo Garden
11946 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/28/20
Grade: **A**

Toyoto's Chicken and Pizza
8510 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/28/20
Grade: **A**

Circle K
12000 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/28/20
Grade: **A**

Delicas Michoacanas
13105 1/2 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/28/20
Grade: **A**

El Charro Taco Shop
8504 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/28/20
Grade: **A**

99 Cent Store
11916 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/28/20
Grade: **A**

El 7 Mares Express
12216 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/28/20
Grade: **A**

Tacos El Grullo
8446 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 1/28/20
Grade: **A**

Michael's Liquor
13421 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/27/20
Grade: **A**

Subway
9131 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/23/20
Grade: **A**

Yoli's Mexican Kitchen
9009 Gallatin Rd.
Date Inspected: 1/23/20
Grade: **A**

El Tequilense
9126 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 1/23/20
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 70°

Saturday 70°

Sunday 65°

THINGS TO DO



Dennis the Menace Park Grand Re-Opening

Saturday - Dennis the Menace Park, 9 am

Join the celebration as Dennis the Menace Park officially reopens after an extensive renovation.



Sip & Paint

Saturday - Whittier Museum, 4 pm
Enjoy wine and snacks while creating your own masterpiece. \$40 with proceeds benefiting the Whittier Historical Society and Museum.



"__ By Women"

Friday - Stay Gallery, 7-10 pm
Opening reception for "__ By Women," a new group exhibit featuring the works of four female artists.



Frida - Stroke of Passion

All Weekend - Casa 101 Theatre
This play explores Frida Kahlo's mental, emotional and physical condition during the last week of her life. Tickets start at \$25.



Cirque Mechanics

Friday - Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, 8 pm
A circus like no other, featuring a galloping mechanical metal horse and a rotating tent frame for strongmen, acrobats, and aerialists. Tickets start at \$40.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

Celebrated the Grand Opening of our "All-Star" Studio today! A space dedicated to celebrating the Media Arts: Broadcasting, Music, Digital Photography, and maybe even some future DJ's mixing sweet beats! Our kids are incredible!
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Single moms get financial help for college from Downey Soroptimist

Six single mothers were chosen to receive financial scholarships to help them make college graduation a reality.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

DOWNEY - Take six outstanding single moms in search of a higher education and you could be at a Soroptimist Live Your Dream Awards dinner like the one last week at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Award will cover costs of books, tuition, transportation to classes, and child care. Child care is a crippling expense when a single mom has toddlers at home and can't leave them. The United States is one of the few industrialized nations where free care for pre-K children is not provided. Thanks to the members of Downey Soroptimist International for filling that gap.

A sympathetic audience of Downey professional and business women listened as the awardees told their stories, some for the first time in

public.

Typically, the award winners are survivors of domestic violence, trafficking or sexual assault. Nearly all of the women and families have overcome enormous obstacles including poverty, teen pregnancy, and drug or alcohol addiction. All are now single head of households, living independently.

This group was no exception. Nearly all the speakers teared up, and the wait staff brought a box of tissues to the podium. There was the teenager who has been in foster care for seven years after a horrendous childhood. Another, a single 20-year-old mother of a now two-year old daughter, said she knew she was too young to have a baby, in high school, yet decided to keep her child and try to go forward.

One winner, Lizbeth, 18, came in a beautiful white prom dress, escorted by boyfriend

Cesar Chavez. Lizbeth is taking pharmaceutical tech classes at Downey Adult School (DAS), and plans on working, using that skill, to "jump start" her real career dream, to be a social worker. She hopes to study at UC Santa Cruz.

Each awardee received a big bouquet of bright flowers, courtesy of the talents of Mia Zimmerman, who did the spring flower table decorations too. Thanks, Mia.

Portia, age 33, said she lives with "two roommates, but they don't pay rent: my children." Her mother, Tomia, nodded agreements as Portia told how she now goes to Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Portia works for the state of California and wants to become a CAL-State OSHA inspector, specializing in enforcement. That means going to the site of any reported infraction and making sure it has been corrected.

OSHA, the Department of Occupational Safety and Health, looks after worker's safety and working conditions, and also elevators and amusement park rides. So Portia will be looking out for all of us.

Nadia, 43, brought her 20-year old daughter for company. "My boys decided she should be the one to come," Nadia said. Melany, the 20-year-old, and her older brother, 22, have moved out and share an apartment, so that shows that Nadia has been successful in raising them to become self-sufficient.

Her 13-year old boy still lives with her, and she is in her



PHOTO BY LORINE PARKS

last semester at Azusa Pacific University, studying to be a teacher to special needs kids. She is working with special needs children right now and know this is the life she wants. But Nadia has student loans, and needs to repay that debt.

How do Soroptimists, whose mission is to make life better for women and girls, manage to come up with the funds for these awards and the other scholarships they give? Downey Soroptimists are known for putting on fun parties like Casino Nights, that are money raisers, and they work hard all year get high quality silent and live auction prizes donated for their glamorous evenings.

The Downey community always looks forward to attending, and they draw the members of other service clubs too.

Members present at the dinner, like Dorothy Pemberton, Linda Haines, Gigi Saab, Ellie Eck, and Judy McDonnell, are long-time Soroptimists. Sharing the enthusiasm with them are the current wave, Dr. Nina Smart, Melissa Barger, President Judy Gallardos de Cisneros and Blanca Rochin, who is principal of Downey Adult School.

When I asked the awardees how they heard about the Soroptimist grant, the three who are enrolled in the DAS named their Principal Blanca. Portia, who goes to Cal State Dominguez Hills, heard through her school counselor, and another through a friend.

Desirée, 23, goes to DAS and is studying to be a medical assistant. She brought along her sister, Denise, who is enrolled in the same program. Next semester she will be an

extern at an Ob-Gyn office in Downey, and hopes to get hired into that group. She needs to pay for daycare for 2-year-old daughter Raine.

The evening began with an address by Monalisa Okojie, founder of Upward African Woman Foundation, stunning in a black lace top and black skirt with orange and black print panels extending from the waist. Dr. Nina Smart, smart in a yellow frock, introduced her.

"Women are the backbone of their community," said Monalisa. "Women hold the key to educating their children, the next generation. And we can help them to start small businesses with a small loan at very small interest rates."

Monalisa's Foundation, a non-profit California organization, empowers women and children who live in substandard conditions, primarily in west Africa. "Our goal is to empower women to be entrepreneurs, through sustainable educational programs and childcare services" she said.

"These recipients are primarily the victims of cultural, mental, sexual, physical abuse and neglect," said Monalisa. "If we all work together we can change women's lives."

"This is one of our wonderful events," said President Judy, "that we work so hard all year to achieve. It directly impacts and improves the lives of those we honor."

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Armando Herman is evicted from a City Council meeting in 2017.

To silence a single dissident, Downey punishes 113,000

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It may even have been illegal to inquire when, in 2017, he was awarded a \$5000 settlement from Downey after being forcibly removed from a council meeting, and the city didn't stipulate the award be given on the condition that Herman submit to a psychiatric evaluation.

In person, Herman is soft-spoken, diffident, fragile-seeming. He has an emotional support dog. He claims to be the victim of "visible and invisible" illnesses. The invisible is a PTSD condition suffered from an unspecified work accident. The visible, for which he receives disability benefits, is sciatica, which, he claims, is what causes him to jump up and down. He says he took on the mission of free speech after his father, who lived in Boyle Heights, was mistreated by the city of Los Angeles and could not find redress.

Herman takes his ostensible causes (the handicapped, the poor, the homeless, the marginalized) to various cities in the region, sometimes wearing a Batman costume. He's smart and calculating about how far he can go without breaking the law, particularly in regard to disruption. He sued the City of Los Angeles in 2018 after council president Herb Wesson was caught on camera threatening to beat him up. The results of the suit are not publicly available, but an unconfirmed report has L.A. awarding him a mid-six figure settlement. Herman denies this.

That's his story. The City of Downey's is no better, and may in fact be worse, as, in this instance, it's come to a futile, illogical and even embarrassing result. The 2017 award of \$5000 satisfied no one except Herman, who, if anything, came back to council meetings emboldened.

Since the latter part of the 20th Century, the U.S. Supreme Court has been watering down curbs on free speech, culminating in Justice John Harlan's famous line, in *Cohen v. California*, "one man's obscenity is another's lyric." Rules of

speech and conduct now rest pretty much with the subjective and sometimes ambiguous codes of community standards.

Still, Downey's Municipal Code specifies, "All persons addressing the City Council shall speak in a civil and courteous manner and shall not yell, scream, or use foul language." The Code also prohibits the public from bringing in signs and placards without prior approval from the mayor. Herman brings signs. At the opening of a council meeting late last year, no sooner had a warning about public profanity left Mayor Rick Rodriguez' lips, when Herman leaped up and yelled "F---k You!!!" Rodriguez sat in angry silence.

So much for courteous and civil manner.

The city's ineffectuality here is compounded by its arrogance. On what authority does Mayor Blanca Pacheco assert, "I believe that three minutes is more than sufficient to get your point across"? Where's the research on what's the fairest amount of time to get a point across?

Many if not most of the people who stand up to comment are initially nervous and intimidated, both by the act of public speaking and the sight of a group of council officials that includes the city manager and city attorney, all looking down from an elevated height as if at a tribunal. It takes time to settle one's nerves. And if the issue at hand is complex or requires any kind of reasoned development, five minutes zip by in a flash.

Alex Saab's argument that holding a city of 113,000 hostage to the rants of one person would seem sensible, logical, even incontestable. And Sean Ashton's observation (paraphrased here) that the city can't expect to know what people think if it doesn't take ample time to listen to them, seems only reasonable. But not to Rick Rodriguez, Pacheco and Claudia Frometa. Our minds are made up; don't confuse us with facts.

Besides, at some base level,

the city of Downey doesn't really seem to care what its populace thinks.

It didn't ask for public opinion when it closed the Downey Art Museum and disbanded Downey's citizen Arts Council. It didn't ask for public opinion when it shut down the library for renovation. It closed fire stations and Furman Park without prior public discussion (and may well have created an angry dilemma over Furman's reconfigured tennis courts, jamming three different sports facilities into one small space). It didn't ask for public input before raiding the Art in Public Places fund for its own arbitrary ends, including the ludicrous makeover of the Avenue Theater Marquee.

And if a public referendum might offer a democratic solution to the Rives Mansion crisis—as referenda did with the McMansion issue and the proposed scale of the Krikorian theater—you know one won't be called now. As a knowledgeable city watcher told me, "Public participation isn't really their thing."

It seems odd that the city would recently reject the anxious pleas of a large group of desperate people, however coarse and rude they were, to suspend unlawful evictions in the dead of winter and just before Christmas, yet pass a measure that would still allow Armando Herman to be Armando Herman, swearing at city officials and poisoning the atmosphere of public discourse.

Perhaps the greatest irony of all is when Pacheco concluded that if Downey's surrounding cities can function with a three minute public commentary period, so can Downey. For the many decades I've lived here, one of the mantras concerning Downey is that it's the step-up city for people in surrounding municipalities, "the rose in the toilet." (I've heard the latter numerous times.)

Not any more, apparently. The rose isn't smelling like it used to.

Downey Unified solidifies pact with Character Counts

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district status in the years to come."

Downey Unified has reinstated a multi-year commitment for a continued integration of the Character Counts framework that includes significant faculty/staff training, student leadership engagement, parent connectivity, utilization of classroom resources, special projects and community engagement.

Downey Unified will continue to provide Character Counts Pursuing Victory With Honor professional development to all coaches as a tool to impart strategies to help implement

character development into their work with student athletes.

In addition, over the next three years Downey Unified will select "Character Champions" at each school who will have the opportunity to participate in one-day professional development sessions focused on specific aspects of character development based on the needs of teachers and schools.

The district will also receive monthly support provided by Character Counts Master Trainers so that staff have a continuous stream of resources and information to use across Downey Unified.

Joining Downey Unified's Board of Education and staff

were Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco, Downey Police Chief Dean Milligan and Captain Leslie Murray, Downey Fire Chief Mark Gillaspie, as well as members from the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities, Downey Family YMCA, ASPIRE, Gangs Out of Downey and the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

Prior to the announcement being made, attendees heard a presentation from Downey Unified's Senior Director of Student Safety, Wellness and Engagement, Dr. Robert Jagielski. Dr. Jagielski presented on the latest Character Counts happening within the schools as well as what character education looks like on a daily basis.

Scooter share program launching at end of February

DOWNEY - Representatives from Sun Scooters were briefly in the city last week to give a first sneak peek of Downey's newest ride-share option, which launches Feb. 29.

Discussions of bringing a shared scooter program to Downey first began last September, after a bike-share program that was implemented earlier that year failed to garner the success and popularity that many had hoped it would.

Council greenlit the trial 90-day pilot program last month, that will bring 100 scooters to the Downtown area over a two-phase period starting Feb 29.

Riders 18 and over with a valid driver's license will be able to rent a scooter through an app on their mobile phone.

Cost will be one dollar, with an additional 15 cents per

minute.

According to Sun CEO Kevin Ellyson, each scooter will max out at 15 mph within a geo-fenced zone.

When the scooter is ridden outside of that area, a push notification will alert the rider and the scooter will begin to slow down.

If the rider ends their rental outside of the designated zone, they will be charged a \$25 service fee.

Ellyson added that while state code does require a helmet, there will be an in-app function that will allow for a helmet to be ordered and delivered for free.

Alex Dominguez, staff writer



PHOTO BY ERIC PIERCE

Lindsey Ellyson models a Sun scooter. The shared scooter program launches Feb. 29 on a trial basis.

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RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS WORKSHOP

The City of Downey is pleased to invite you to share your thoughts about single-family residential design in your neighborhood.

This workshop is the 3rd and final community meeting.

Please take this opportunity to share your ideas before final recommendations are made to the City's Planning Commission and City Council.

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Lewis Elementary stars in Nickelodeon TV show

DOWNEY - Lewis Elementary School will be featured on an episode of Nickelodeon's "The Substitute" on Friday, Feb. 7. The episode is scheduled to air at 7:30 p.m.



Being featured in the fourth episode of the first season of this television series, crewmembers from Nickelodeon visited Downey Unified in October to film this surprise.

Approximately 30 students will be featured in this episode where actor Rico Rodriguez from "Modern Family" visits the Lewis campus to surprise students.

To top off the excitement of their celebrity guest, Rodriguez then unveiled a donation that will be used in support of Lewis Elementary School students and programs.

Depending on the cable provider, this episode will be aired Friday evening but will also be available online through various platforms.

"We would like to thank Nickelodeon and their partners for selecting us for this amazing opportunity," said Lewis Elementary School Principal Allison Box.

"The Substitute" is a hidden camera show that features celebrities who go undercover as professionals in various fields, surprising unsuspecting kids in schools, camps and other locations.

Transformed by a team of special effects artists, the celebrities hide their true identities as they attempt to fool unsuspecting youngsters. During the reveal of a celebrity, a \$25,000 donation is made to the organization.

Church honoring veterans at breakfast event

DOWNEY - A breakfast honoring the U.S. Armed Forces is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, in Downey.

The breakfast event will feature two guest speakers: Joe Enriquez, a U.S. Marine and Vietnam veteran, and Mario Guerra, civilian aide to the secretary of the Army.

There will also be a showcase of military vehicles and music by Julie Simpson.

Admission is \$5 per person.

The event will take place from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Legacy Church, formerly First Baptist Church of Downey.

Credit union accepting scholarship applications

DOWNEY - Downey Federal Credit Union is looking to reward one high school student and one college student with \$1,000 scholarships.

To be eligible, the high school student must be in their last year of high school and reside in the credit union's field of membership, which is Downey, Bell, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Compton, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs or South Gate.

The college student must live or have attended a high school in the credit union's service area or have a parent or guardian who is a member of Downey Federal Credit Union.

The scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence and community service.

The application deadline is Feb. 21. To apply, go to downeyfcu.org/scholarships

Stay Gallery exhibit aims to inspire women

DOWNEY - Stay Gallery will present, "____ by women", an interactive group exhibition featuring the works of four female artists, running Feb. 7-21.

An opening reception is scheduled for Feb. 7 from 7-10 p.m.

The exhibit features the works of Melissa Arevalo, Luna Esparza, Marianna Flores and Josie Marlyn and highlights a colorful array of graphic design, illustration and photography that aim to inspire and empower female creators.

"____ by women" represents the infinite possibilities women can achieve. The title includes a blank line that allows viewers to fill the space with their own imagination.

The exhibition will feature an interactive installation where viewers can fill in the title of the exhibit on a personalized notecard. These notecards will be displayed on a board in the gallery.

"We want to see more women in art and design," the four artists said in a statement. "With our exhibition, we hope to inspire young girls to pursue their dreams and passion projects through positivity and authenticity."

To learn more about the exhibition, visit staygallery.org/bywomen

'Roll Around the Ranch' opens registration

DOWNEY - Rancho Los Amigos' Roll Around the Ranch and Health Fair, an annual event that aims to promote active lifestyle and health ownership in our local community, returns Saturday, May 16, at the Rancho hospital campus.

The public event is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The first Roll Around the Ranch event took place in 2007 with a vision of creating a venue where people of all abilities could engage in physical activity, celebrate their accomplishments, and learn about healthy living.

The event has grown to include a morning of races, live entertainment, motivational speeches, raffles, and a health fair. This year's festival will include a 1K and 5K run/walk, and a fun run for kids.

More than 1,000 people attended last year's event.

Registration for Roll Around the Ranch is free. Sign-up at RanchoFoundation.org/Events

Rancho chosen as Macy's charity partner

DOWNEY - Macy's at Stonewood Center has chosen the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation as its 2020 round-up partner.

Between Feb. 1-15, Macy's shoppers will be asked to round up their total at the register, with proceeds benefiting the foundation.

The Rancho Foundation funds several patient programs at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, including support groups, adaptive art classes, adaptive sports teams, performing arts, and access to transportation.

Tickets on sale for Amistad Gala

DOWNEY - Registration is now open for the Amistad Gala, the annual black-tie fundraiser benefiting the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, which supports Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach. Registration and silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and program at 7 p.m., and dancing from 9:30-11 p.m.

To purchase tickets, visit RanchoFoundation.org/Amistad

Women's advocate Maria Torres honored for work

DOWNEY - Downey community leader Maria Torres was honored last week for her work on behalf of women.

Loteria Nights, an organization of women entrepreneurs, partnered with local business owner Lillian Simonian and hosted over 60 women at Las Palmas Supper Club, a new restaurant located at 8060 Florence Ave. in Downey. The venue is a joint-venture launched by three women in hopes of creating a space for women to dine and dance.

Among the female owners is Simonian, whose husband, Simon Simonian, owns Joseph's Bar and Grill.

In tapping Maria Torres as the night's honoree, the group of women hoped to emphasize the work that Torres focuses upon, chief among them, her "Empower Hour" Series.



Torres, who is executive director of Downey-based non-profit Férias Legales, is no stranger to working with women. Through her work, Torres enables women to come together while opening their respective networks to each other.

Now in its third year, the "Empower Hour" series has become a safe space for women to celebrate one another's accomplishments while connecting women from various fields, including the entertainment, legal, medical, political, and journalistic arenas among others.

Torres, or "Marilola" as she is known to close friends and family, was born in Zacatecas, Mexico and migrated to Los Angeles as a child with her parents and five sisters.

Torres' mother worked as a seamstress and her father a dishwasher to care for Torres and her sisters. They taught her to always be responsible, take dignity in her work and lend a hand to others.

Torres began attending college while still a junior in high school. Since then, Torres has earned a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology on top of her Bachelor's Degree in the same field where she was invited to attend the Honors Convocation as a Cum Laude graduating student.

For nearly 12 years, Torres has worked in the non-profit sector. She worked particularly close with attorneys and judges in her role as the executive administrator for a legal non-profit organization. Feeling that a need existed in the community for more consistent access to free legal resources, Torres worked to establish a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization known as Férias Legales (Spanish for "Legal Fairs").

Through Férias Legales, Torres has ensured the delivery of services to women. As a former victim advocate in the family violence division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, she launched the first Férias Legales "Break the Cycle: A Free Domestic Violence Clinic" where battered women obtained free assistance with legal, mental health, and victims services.

In her capacity as executive director of Férias Legales, Torres was instrumental in establishing a mentorship program for Rio Hondo College students. The mentorship program paired attorneys and judges with students who are enrolled in the Rio Hondo College Pathway to Law School Program, which is designed for college students with an interest in law with the goal of increasing diversity in the legal field.

Torres also oversees multiple interns in various sites. Many of these students are young women and Torres stresses to them the importance of "paying it forward" to other young girls and women in the community through legal clinics and volunteer opportunities.

Due to her work in the community, Torres was named to the Downey Patriot's "40 under 40" young leaders.

On Thursday, she was honored by her fellow women pioneers and was celebrated by friends and family.

The organization Loteria Nights was started to support women in business. The vision is to build a community where women just starting their business can be given a chance to showcase their products and also support women who have found success with their businesses.

Today, Loteria Nights is incorporated into the shopping experience that is more personal while helping women connect with other women entrepreneurs.

Through the event, they create an environment for women to unwind and bond with other women outside of their work and home life. The Loteria players keep coming back month after month because of the fun and upbeat environment that's been created along with the amazing vendors.

The event is an ongoing series held on the fourth Thursday of the month.

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The Rives Mansion is on borrowed time

By Alex Dominguez

It's time to admit what everyone already knows, even if they don't want to accept it.

The Rives Mansion could very well be beyond "saving."

As a lifelong resident of Downey, I know and understand the significance that the mansion serves to our community, both historically and symbolically; much more than just a "gem," it is part of the very soul of the city.

But let me put this into a bit of perspective for you.

An article written by former Downey Patriot Staff Writer Christian Brown describes the mansion as "in need of some repair... with cracks, chinks and chasms visible on the exterior."

That article was written nearly 10 years ago, and things haven't gotten any better.

Let's start with the obvious: the mansion is an absolute eyesore at this point, and every day gone by without some sort of intervention should be considered another day for the property to decay.

There was a fleeting wisp of hope last year, when current owners Arturo Concha and Erika De La Teja proposed restoring and converting the mansion into office spaces.

There was only one problem: the restoration came with a catch 22 in the form of a retail café to be built in front of the mansion, which the frustrated owners insisted was necessary in order to make back their investment.

It wasn't necessarily easy, but 100 conditions later, Concha and De La Teja were able to woo both the Planning Commission and the City Council into approving the plans; through some gritted teeth, of course, but approved, nonetheless.

It was Councilwoman - now Mayor Pro Tem - Claudia Frometa who summed it up best: it was either approve what they had in front of them then, as discouraging as it was, or wait and watch the mansion fall into even more disrepair before inevitably being destroyed.

And now, wouldn't you know it, the mansion is up for sale, again.

What seems to be the popular opinion among many residents is that the city should buy the property and "give it to the people" as a museum / event hall.

As great as I think that would be, it's a solution easier - and truthfully, much more expensively - said than done.

The current asking price for the mansion is \$2.9 million, which - let's be honest - would be a helluva feat all on its own.

And according to Frometa during a recent conversation I had with her, it's a purchase that the city is not in a position to make.

"We love that place; we absolutely do. It brings a lot of emotion on all of us. Certainly, we'd like to see it restored and brought to life, and for it to continue to be this light and this gem in our city," said Frometa. "Unfortunately, again with my position now in the council as an elected official, I can see firsthand that the cost to purchase that property, and to restore and preserve it, to house it and maintain it, really goes beyond what is reasonable for a city. We're looking at \$4-5 million."

"If we take a look at closely what is needed to bring [the mansion] up to code, going, abiding by the preservationists' checklist, it's really cost prohibitive."

Frometa went on to add that it wouldn't make sense - nor be responsible - to spend so many taxpayer dollars on the mansion, when other city issues (such as infrastructure) exist and need attending to.

And before you ask, procuring other, separate funding really isn't realistic either.

"I know that some residents say, 'Surely, there's funds. Surely there's historical, state, and federal funds,'" said Frometa. "True. However, some of these funds go from \$500, to \$5,000, maybe \$10-20,000, some that could be as robust as a couple hundred thousand; those wouldn't make a dent."

And even if the city were able to pool some sort of miracle money together to make the purchase, buying the property still wouldn't be enough. The mansion would still need to be restored and repaired. God only knows how many more taxpayer dollars that would require.

Plain and simple, whoever buys the mansion would be taking a gamble on a hefty investment.

The Downey Historical Society is often thrown around in



Photo by Alex Dominguez

discussion as a potential fit for the mansion.

It makes sense; there have been comparisons made between the Rives Mansion and the Casa de Parley Johnson House that stands on Florence Avenue, which is utilized by the Assistance League of Downey.

Except, it's not a fair comparison; the Gypsy Johnson House was gifted to the Assistance League, not purchased by it.

If there's someone out there with a big enough bank account to purchase, restore, and then just donate the Rives Mansion out of the goodness of their hearts, then I'm curious what else you could be doing for the city as well.

Again, it comes down to money, and if you know anything about the Historical Society, then you know they're even less able to buy the property than the city is.

Saying that isn't a jab, by the way, at the historical society; they do a lot of wonderful work towards the preservation of our city's history.

Unfortunately, it's simply a reality that even the Historical Society has come to accept.

"That would be grand," said President Bob Thompson. "It's just a fact of money, and what kind of arrangements for taxes, water bills, and stuff like that."

There have been some thoughts scattered amongst our readers that if the desire was strong enough with residents, the city could approach the mansion like it did Measure S; invoke a tax with the sole purpose of raising money to buy the historical site. A "Measure RM," if you will excuse the lack of creativity.

It's not a bad idea, but it's not a great one either.

"The council can vote to bring it on the ballot, and ultimately it would be up to the citizens of Downey to vote on it and decide whether that is something they want to do," said Frometa. "Also, keeping in mind that putting something like that on the ballot also costs the city money, and so we would have to look at some kind of a study or really look at, 'is this something that collectively at least 55% of the population [would pass].'"

That takes time; meanwhile, the mansion is currently on the market, and if you believe the attached realtor, the mansion could have a new owner anywhere from four to six months from now.

Who knows what happens after then?

Would it be impossible to "save" the Rives Mansion and return it to its former glory? No. Is it improbable? I'd say that's a safer assumption.

I - like many of you, I'm sure - wish to see the mansion in our city for years and generations to come, yet I'm pragmatic enough to know that if it continues on the path that it has been, then we'd be lucky to see it last 10 years, if that.

We are officially on the clock; every day, hour, minute, and second that goes by brings us that much closer to the mansion's doomsday.

Do I want to see the mansion saved? Absolutely! But the window of opportunity is closing, and it's doing so rapidly.

If you asked me now, I'd say the future of the Rives Mansion looks bleak.

I'll continue to pray for the best, though I can't help but anticipate the worst.

Alex Dominguez is a journalist and staff writer for the Downey Patriot.

Letters to the Editor

Don't give up on the Rives Mansion

Dear Editor:

I've lived in Downey for 45-plus years and am sad to see this historical site go down the tubes.

What about holding various fundraisers in conjunction with a non-profit?. This would be a great place to have a museum and possibly even incorporate several Downey nonprofits together. Surely there is much that can be done.

I understand liability risks, but perhaps local contractors and even retired workers might volunteer to restore the mansion. Has anyone talked to Home Depot and other businesses about donations?

The mansion, if restored, could be rented out as a small wedding venue with restrictions, could house offices of non-profits, perhaps the Stay Gallery art museum, etc.

Maggie Allen Downey

Blame council members for long meetings

Dear Editor:

I support the City Council action to reduce the public comment period from five minutes to three, but not to stifle the free and often offensive speech of the one individual which may have prompted current Mayor Blanca Pacheco, and former mayor Rick Rodriguez before her, to introduce the change.

Councilman Alex Saab is right. Reducing the opportunity for public comment will not modify that person's behavior during council meetings.

I support the reduction in the time allotted for public comment because council meetings have become interminably long, often going past midnight if a contentious issue brings the public out or a controversial hearing is scheduled.

However, I believe what contributes most to the length of council meetings is the time spent on comments from council, and the various presentations to community members and staff from the mayor and others on the dais

Comments at the beginning of each meeting from individual council members, while informative, sometimes go on too long.

Comments from politicians are to be expected of course, but I've yet to see a member of the council in all my years of attending meetings, pass on the opportunity to regale those in attendance about what he/she did, or plans to do, out in the community. Leave that for individual social media accounts.

For the sake of brevity and out of fairness to members of the community who now can only speak for three minutes at a time, I recommend that council members limit their comments at the beginning of the meeting to no more than three minutes as well.

The mayor should direct the City Clerk to use her timer to manage individual council members' comments, too.

I also recommend that the number of presentations be limited to one per meeting, or that a special meeting just for presentations be held quarterly. That way, those who wish to be in the audience for a presentation (and the requisite photo opportunity) can plan on it.

Most of us in the community who regularly attend council meetings are there to participate in and witness the conduct of our city government and elected leaders.

We're not there to waste the time of council or staff; please don't waste ours.

Brian Heyman Downey

Whittier tries to pull a fast one

By Octavio C. Martinez

The homelessness crisis has hit our community hard. It is no secret that Whittier has paid the price when it comes to the impact and the increase the homeless population has had in our communities since 2018: We have witnessed a drastic rise in crime and safety has become a concern in our city. Many parks are no longer the safe, fun places that they once were for many to enjoy.

Due to this crisis, residents near Parnell Park became concerned that the park was overrun with homeless encampments. The City of Whittier responded to the concerns by temporarily closing the park and removing the encampments. Beyond that temporary fix, it's worth asking whether some of our leaders are seeking solutions to the homeless crisis that don't simply shift the problems

associated with homelessness to another segment of our community.

One proposed solution is the development of a homeless shelter near unincorporated Los Angeles County. This location (owned by the City of Whittier) is adjacent to the 605 Freeway, and is a historically disadvantaged community. This community consists of long-time residents who Whittier city leaders and county officials have neglected for far too long. Without addressing their concerns, the Whittier city council is exploring the placement of a homeless shelter smack dab in the middle of this residential area surrounding Esperanza Avenue.

Many residents such as Robert Herrera and Rosa Fernandez have spoken up, but no elected leader has felt the need to protect the targeted community. But, why? Why is the Whittier city council targeting this disenfranchised working-class community?

I have met with these residents and have discussed their concerns, and they ask, why aren't additional locations for a homeless shelter being explored near the homes of Whittier city councilmembers? Is YIMBY (Yes In My Backyard) only good when in reality it is someone else's backyard?

Don't get me wrong, we all feel compassion for the homeless population, and we do need to find a place that is appropriate to house them. However, kicking them out of Whittier proper and into the backyards of hardworking families is not the solution. Targeting this neighborhood to shoulder the responsibility simply because they are in an unincorporated area, out of the way and thus can't vote in city elections and hold the council's feet to the fire is simply unacceptable.

The residents are helpless. They have no say.

We don't want all our parks to end up like Parnell, nor do we want to see any further encampments around the city. But who will shoulder the responsibility for the needed solution? Will any local leader take a stand on behalf of the Esperanza residents?

One of our city councilmembers, Josué Alvarado, had stepped up by stating that he was "flabbergasted at the idea that we're trying to export our problem to your backyard." He also said he is "not a fan of densifying homelessness in a region that's already impoverished."

Even neighboring city officials from Pico Rivera joined in opposing the shelter's suggested location, stating their concerns over targeting "a community faced with environmental and social equity challenges over the years."

This community has no way to fight back and is therefore left with the repercussions of what no one else wants in their own backyards. The only hope lies in the willingness of the community to give a voice to these otherwise voiceless families.

Octavio C. Martinez is a former pastor and commissioner in Whittier.

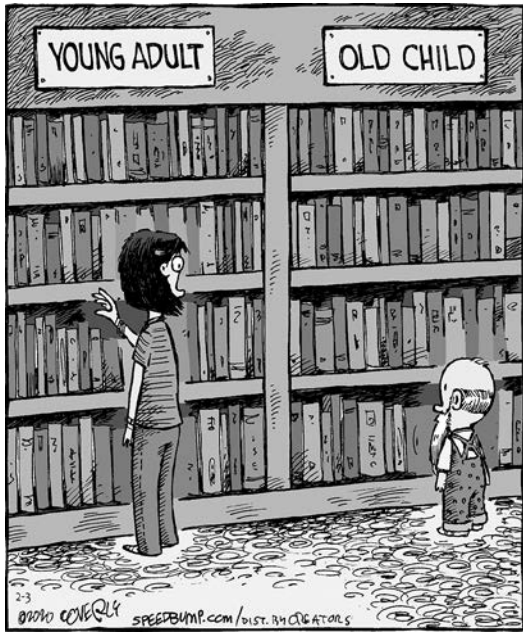
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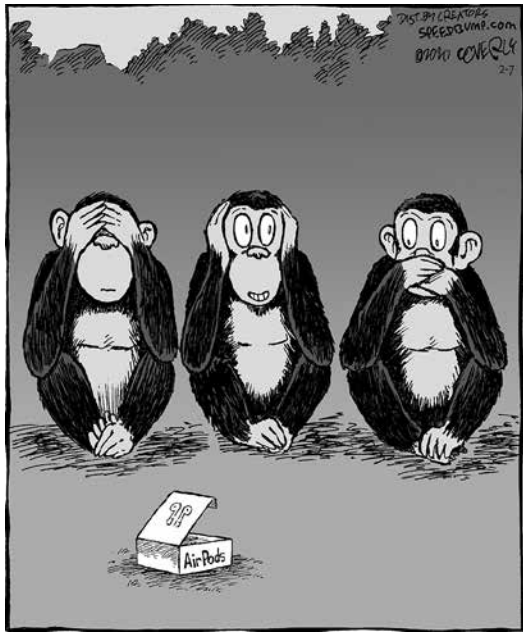
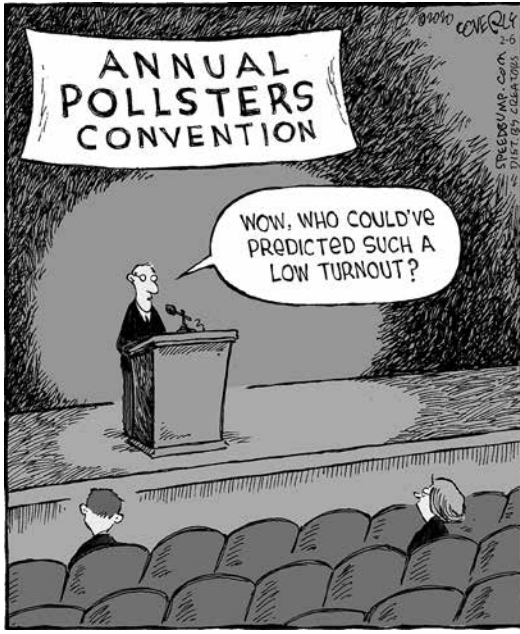
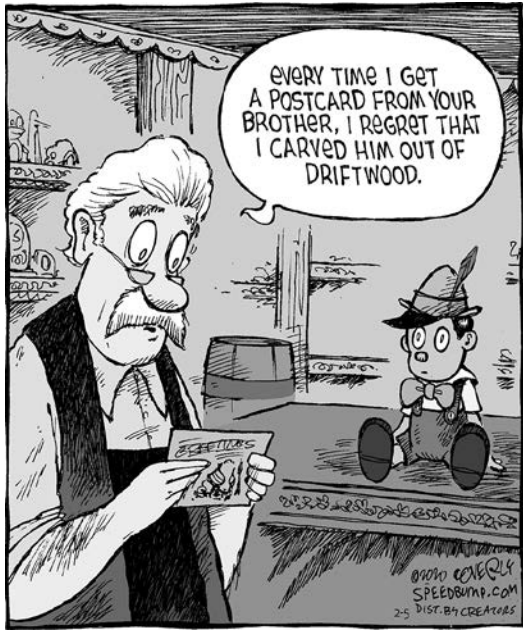
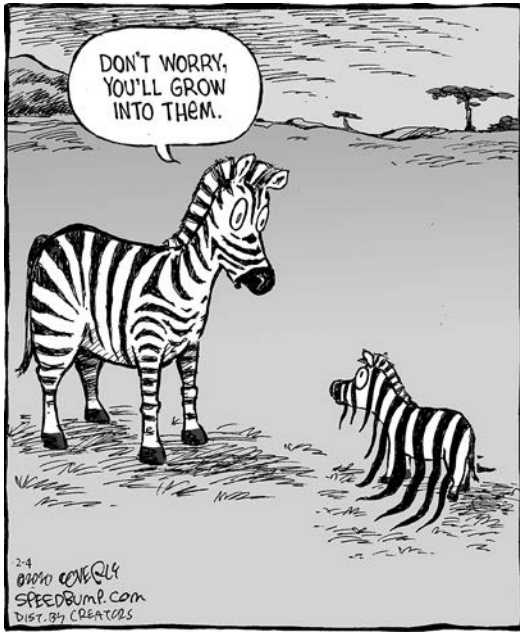
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CITY MEETINGS

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.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462.
 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 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., 6:30 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

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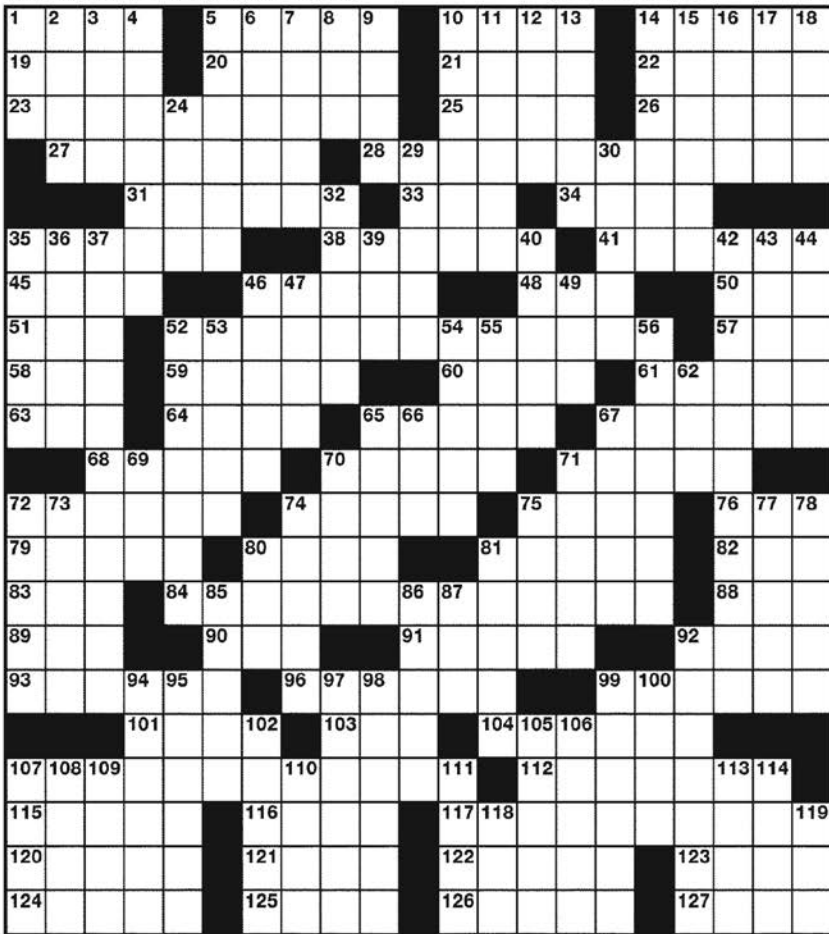
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Downey wins back-to-back league title



Downey High's girls wrestling team has established itself as a force in the San Gabriel Valley League.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

DOWNEY - The Downey High School girls' wrestling team won the San Gabriel Valley League Wrestling Championship last week.

The victory marked a back-to-back title for the Lady Vikings and with their second win in a row, have solidified themselves as the team to beat in league competition moving forward.

The Downey girls' wrestling program has grown each year it has been in existence. This

year's varsity team consists of the young ladies wearing the grey jackets in the picture provided.

From left to right they are: Destiny, Gisele, Stephanie, Isabel, Vanessa, Kat, Stephanie, Sofia and Lily. These girls are coached by Roger Rios, Jorge Guerrero and Jose Aldape.

There is a highlight film of the Downey girls' wrestling team and their league championship on Instagram @thenestfilmco. Special thanks to former Downey High School wrestling coach Miguel Soto for the information and the photo.

Coach Rios, his staff and wrestlers are excited to grow their program and once again claim the league title. League championship wrestling results will be available in next week's Downey Patriot.

■ The Downey High School boys' wrestling team competed at the C.I.F. Division 2 Wrestling Dual Meet Championships last Saturday at Victor Valley High School. The Vikings were eliminated in the first round of competition by Palm Desert, 65-15.

In Downey's side of the 16-team bracket: Paramount defeated West Valley 45-36, Temescal Canyon defeated West Covina 55-24, Palm Desert defeated Downey 65-15 and Laguna Hills defeated South Hills 72-3 in first round competition.

Paramount defeated Temescal Canyon 45-33 and Palm Desert defeated Laguna Hills 37-18 in the quarterfinal round to advance. Palm Desert then defeated Paramount 41-31 in

one semifinal and then defeated Paloma Valley, 40-36, in the championship final. Palm Desert is the C.I.F. Division 2 Dual Meet Champion.

Downey wrestling will now turn their attention to the San Gabriel Valley League championships being held tomorrow at Paramount High School. C.I.F. Individual competition will follow next weekend and that will be followed by the Master's Meet in two weeks and the State Meet the weekend of Feb. 27-29.

■ The Warren High School boys' wrestling team also competed at the C.I.F. Division 2 Wrestling Dual Meet Championships last Saturday at Victor Valley High School.

The Bears were eliminated in the first round of competition by Alta Loma, 39-30.

In Warren's side of the 16-team bracket: Victory Valley defeated Bonita 71-6, Santa Ana defeated Citrus Hill 40-36, Alta Loma defeated Warren 39-30 and Paloma Valley defeated Charter Oak 58-21 in first round competition.

Victory Valley defeated Santa Ana 60-12 and Paloma Valley defeated Alta Loma 42-31 in the quarterfinal round to advance. Paloma Valley then defeated Victor Valley 36-33 in one semifinal and was then defeated by Palm Desert 40-36 in the championship final.

Warren wrestling will also compete in the league

championships tomorrow, with CIF individual competition next weekend.

■ The Warren High School boys' soccer team currently has an overall record of 7-7-3 and are 6-3 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Bears defeated Dominguez at Warren, 5-0, on Jan. 23, defeated Lynwood at Lynwood, 1-0, on Jan. 28, defeated Paramount, 3-1, on Jan. 30, defeated Gahr, 6-0, on Feb. 3 and hosted Downey on Wednesday night (score unavailable at press time).

Although Paramount has already clinched the league title (8-1), Downey and Warren are still competing for second place. Whoever wins tonight's game will finish league play in second place with a record of 7-3 and whoever loses tonight's game will finish league play in third place with a record of 6-4.

Both teams, regardless of outcome tonight, should qualify for C.I.F. Division One postseason play.

The Warren High School girls' soccer team has an overall record of 10-3-3 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 9-0. The Lady Bears defeated Dominguez at Dominguez 13-0 on January 23, defeated Lynwood, 6-1, on Jan. 28, defeated Paramount, 5-0, on Jan. 30, defeated Gahr, 2-0, on Feb. 3 and hosted Downey on Wednesday night (score unavailable at press time).

The winner of Wednesday

night's game between Downey and Warren will determine this year's league title. If Warren wins, they will finish at 10-0 and in first place by themselves.

If Downey wins, there will be a co-championship between both schools with records of 9-1.

The second-round game in league play carries more weight than the first-round games and postseason playoff seedings will reflect that.

■ The third rotation of middle school sports is complete after baseball and softball concluded last Wednesday.

Doty and Stauffer shared a co-championship in baseball with records of 4-2 and Doty was the champion in softball with a record of a 6-0.

As it stands now, Doty has 7.5 total championships, Stauffer has three championships, Griffiths has two championships and Sussman has .5 championship(s). Doty is looking to win the Champions Cup Trophy for the 7th year in a row.

Boys' and girls' basketball (6 teams) and boys' soccer (2 teams) is the next rotation up for competition and will begin the first week in March.

The fifth and final rotation will include boys' and girls' track (6 teams) and will begin after spring break in April.

New playground opens at Carpenter Elementary

DOWNEY - Carpenter Elementary School's Global Language Academies of Downey (G.L.A.D.) held a ribbon cutting ceremony last week to unveil its new kindergarten playground.

Carpenter, previously a campus that housed only fourth and fifth grade students, has been the inaugural location for Downey Unified's G.L.A.D. which provides a Dual Language Immersion program beginning with transitional kindergarten (TK) and kindergarten students.

Now in the second semester of its first year, this Dual Language Immersion program will continue to expand each year until students from TK to fifth grade are biliterate learners.

The decision to house G.L.A.D. on the Carpenter campus made it necessary to provide more appropriate facilities for the younger students, officials said. This playground is the latest adjustment to the campus to better suit recess for Carpenter's TK and kindergarten students.

Those in attendance for the official ribbon cutting were Downey Unified's Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. Garcia, Downey Unified administration, Carpenter Elementary School Principal Diana Verduzco and G.L.A.D. teachers, staff, students and parents.



From left: school board members Nancy Swenson and Barbara Samperi, Carpenter Elementary Principal Diana Verduzco, school board members Tod Corrin, Donald LaPlante, D. Mark Morris, Martha Sodetani and Giggy Perez-Saab, and Superintendent Dr. John Garcia.

Senator Bob Archuleta named to 'Hall of Shame'

DOWNEY - A California progressive organization has named State Sen. Bob Archuleta to its Hall of Shame for a voting record "most closely aligned with the corporate lobbyists and campaign contributors that exploit Californians."

Archuleta, from Pico Rivera, represents Downey in the state Senate.

"For far too long, Californians have suffered under skyrocketing housing costs, a failing healthcare system, a broken criminal justice system, and a deeply underfunded education system," said Eddie Kurtz, executive director of Courage California, which produces the annual Hall of Shame. "That's why voters made California a one-party state with a legislative supermajority: they had faith that Democrats would have the courage to stand up to corporate lobbyists and find solutions to our most critical problems. It's time for Democrats to deliver."

"Legislators must truly represent the values of Californians, and take action to make real, bold progress on the array of challenges our state faces."

In total, a dozen legislators from throughout California were named to the Hall of Shame.

CDBG & HOME Community Meeting

The City of Downey has scheduled four (4) community meetings for review of the City's Fiscal Year 2020-21 federal CDBG and HOME Programs. These meetings provide information on both CDBG & HOME programs and discusses some of the community needs. The meetings also allow an opportunity for community members and service providers to provide input in the annual development process of the Action Plan by commenting on the City's housing and non-housing needs, program priorities, and propose uses for both of these funding sources. The City estimates that in Fiscal Year 2020-21 it will receive up to \$1,064,459 in CDBG and \$440,137 in HOME funds. You are invited to join staff at any of the scheduled community meetings below:

- Wednesday, February 12th at 2 – 3:30 pm**
Stay Gallery – 11140 Downey Avenue
- Wednesday, February 12th at 6 – 7:30 pm**
Space Center – 12400 Columbia Way
- Saturday, February 22nd at 10 – 11:30 am**
BJR Senior Center – 7810 Quill Drive
- Thursday, February 27th at 6 – 7:30 pm**
BJR Senior Center – 7810 Quill Drive

For additional information or to arrange special accommodations to attend any meeting, contact the Housing Division at (562) 904-7161.

CDBG & HOME Junta Comunitaria

La Ciudad De Downey a preparado cuatro (4) juntas comunitarias adicionales acerca de los programas creados con recursos federales llamados CDBG y HOME en el año programado 2020-21. Estas juntas van a proveer informacion acerca de los dos programas (CDBG y HOME) y se van a dialogar algunas de las necesidades en la comunidad. Durante la junta se dara una oportunidad para que miembros de la comunidad y los proveedores de servicios den su punto de ver en el proceso anual del Plan de Accion al comentar acerca de las necesidades en temas de alojamiento, desarrollo, las prioridades de programas y el uso propuesto para utilizar cualquier de los dos fondos federales. La Ciudad estima que recibira \$1,064,459 en recursos CDBG y \$440,137 en los de HOME el siguiente año fiscal.

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Para informacion adicional o pedir arreglos especiales para asistir cualquier reunión, comuníquese con la División de Vivienda al (562) 904-7161.

'Homing' is a memoir set against backdrop of Downey

Mark Lyons wrote "Homing," a memoir, about growing up as a teen in a household where he lost his mother to mental illness.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - How easy is it to forgive those who have dealt you an immense amount of hurt and anger? Homing, a Memoir answers this question against a backdrop of 1950's Southern California.

Homing lifts the veil on the dark, turbulent life of then 14-year-old Mark Lyons.

Now 77, Lyons says that the book first came to be when his son was 14.



Mark Lyons

"Often what a lot of parents do, including myself, when you have kids and they're a certain age you think 'What was I doing when I was 6, or 14,'" said Lyons. "I started thinking about what my life was like when I was 14. The backstory is when I was 14, my mother became mentally ill and stated being institutionalized a lot. Our whole family disintegrated."

While his mother was institutionalized and being treated through methods such as electro-shock therapy, Lyons says that his father - in his focus on taking care of his ailing wife - basically abandoned him and his sister.

"It's one of those things that as a teenager filled me with a lot of rage and loneliness," said Lyons.

Lyons began to try and uncover other, more pleasant elements of his life, including

playing with friends in the old orchards that used to occupy Downey and tending to his own personal pigeon coop.

"I just started writing," said Lyons. "This was like 1995. I just started writing those memories. In a way it was sort of reclaiming my childhood, because all I remembered from my childhood - which I really tried to distance myself from - was the pain and the loneliness."

"I started to build a fuller life for 14- and 15-year-old Mark."

Lyons says that he wrote for around five years, and in the process fell in love with the craft of writing. However, his newfound passion became a bit of a stumbling block in terms of his memoir.

"I realized I was starting to fudge stuff; you know, make up stuff, make it more sexy," said Lyons. "You can't do that in a memoir, so I put it away and started writing fiction. Eventually, I published a series of short stories in fiction. And then I put it away for 20 years, almost."

Fair warning: "Homing" is not for the faint of heart. At times, it deals with the dark and twisted reality that came with Lyon's mother's mental instability.

"Come to find out, there were all these secrets," said Lyons. "Two of the big secrets were that my mother had all of these sexual fantasies about me, that she made my father tell me about. The other secret was that my younger sister...was probably the daughter of our family's best friend."

"This is sort of the stuff of TV melodrama."

The book also explores the "otherworlds" and "sanctuaries" that Lyons would occupy himself with in his attempt to isolate himself away from his family and

miserable reality.

Lyons was eventually able to "flee home" to Berkley, and beyond that, the east coast, however he says he "never really escaped."

"I was terrified of relationships. I was convinced that that reason my mother ended up in the mental hospitals was because of me," said Lyons. "For years, I really struggled to have healthy relationships with women...and I was absolutely sure that my older son would flee me himself the way I did my mother."

Lyons added that he "was sure that he'd go crazy" as his mother did when he turned 40.

It wasn't until much later on that Lyons was able to realize that he had "escaped the vortex of my mother's craziness."

Twenty years later after initially putting it down, Lyons was able to return to his memoir and begin adding to it once more.

More than just a reflection of his life, "Homing" also serves as the symbol of Lyons' forgiveness.

"It was sort of a journey...of forgiving her," said Lyons. "But in some ways, I realized this was a journey of forgiving myself for never having forgiven her."

"Homing" also gives a peek into the setting of the orange groves that have long since gone from the city.

"People who have read my book have said, 'Boy, the place of Downey and Southern California was really important to you,'" said Lyons. "We were surrounded by orange groves, and we went through orange groves to get to school; every place I went. You have to go 60 miles south to see any orange groves now, but that was sort of the magical world that was Downey for me."

"Homing" is available on Amazon.

Things you didn't know about Downey: Jim Stecklein

By Bobbi Bruce
Contributor

DOWNEY - It is always fun to share the memories of a person who grew up in the city of Downey.

Jim Stecklein shared his thoughts on what it was like for people who were born in the 1930s and 40s and considered them the children of the Silent Generation. He stated that they were the smallest number of children born since the early 1900s. The last generation to climb out of the Depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war which rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.

They were the last to remember ration books, for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to meat from the butcher. They saved tin foil and poured fat into tin cans to be used to make ammunition. They hand-mixed white stuff with yellow stuff to make fake butter. They stood in line at the grocery store when it was learned a tub of real butter had just arrived, as kids held a place in line for their mothers.

They saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available. They remembered milk being delivered to their house early in the morning and placed in the milk box on the porch.

They were the last to hear Roosevelt's radio assurances and to see gold stars in front windows of our grieving neighbors. Jim remembered the parades on Aug. 15, 1945 -- Victory Over Japan Day -- and seeing the boys come home from the war, building their Cape Cod style houses, pouring the cellar, tar papering over it and living there until they could afford the time and money to build it out.

They were the last generation who spent childhood without

television. They imagined what they heard on the radio. With no TV, they spent a lot of time playing outside until the street lights came on.

There was no Little League and as kids they played outside and on their own. The ball games were "pick-up" and played on vacant lots sharing baseball mitts because only a few had them.

No kids had a two-wheeler bike until about 1946 when Victory Bikes were sold -- no chrome, flimsy frame, very thin wheels. There was no city playground for kids. To play in the water, they turned the fire hydrants on and ran through the spray.

Their Saturday afternoons at the movies gave them the newsreels of the war and the Holocaust, sandwiches in between the westerns and cartoons.

Telephones were one to a house, often shared and hung on the wall. Computers were called calculators and were hand-cranked. Typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ribbon.

Internet and Google didn't exist. Newspapers and magazines were written for adults. Jim stated they were the last group who had to find out for themselves the information they needed.

The country was exploding with growth. The GI Bill gave returning veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow. VA loans fanned a housing boom. Pent-up demand coupled with new installment payment plans put factories to work.

New highways would bring jobs and mobility. Veterans joined civic clubs and became active in politics. In the late

40s and early 50s, the country seemed to lie in the embrace of brisk but quiet order as it gave birth to its new middle class -- which became known as Baby Boomers.

The radio network expanded from three stations - NBC, ABC and CBS. The telephones started to become method of communications and faxes sent hard copy around the world. A neighborhood television was a rare phenomenon - circular B&W 10-inch screen. Most families could not afford such a luxury and as kids we'd head to the closest TV appliance store to watch in the display window the Milton Berle and his Texaco Comedy Hour and sometimes even a major league ball game from New York City.

Our parents were suddenly free from the confines of the Depression and the war and they threw themselves into exploring opportunities they had never imagined. Jim stated he never felt neglected and was glad to play outside until the street lights came on.

No life plan was had but an economic rising tide in the world gave him plenty of opportunities which he welcomed.

Jim believed that he grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better, not worse. Of the Silent Generation -- the last of us were born in 1945 -- 99.9% of us are either retired or dead, and all believe they grew up in the best of times. "I've been saying this for a long time," said Jim.

Thank you, Jim, for sharing your early memories of growing up in Downey.

Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.

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Short Stories

A tribute to my brother

By Vickie Williams
Contributor

My admiration for my brother, Dorsey Williams Jr., blossomed at a tender age. He played the tuba, the largest instrument in his grade school band, which I thought was cool.

He was tall, brown as a honey bun, and plump with round fat cheeks before shedding his baby fat.

I remember him carrying me on his back and sometimes on his shoulders to and from the Ringling Brothers Circus when I tired of walking. I was petite, easy to carry, and about five years old. He was twelve or thirteen. The circus came to town once a year.

It was held in a tent near the Bernstein Park Zoo which housed the largest snake -- a boa constrictor -- ever held in captivity when I was a child. The zoo was about a half a mile from where we lived on Camp Street.

He started playing football at the age of twelve and eventually grew to be 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighed 220 pounds in high school and 245 pounds in college. His coach in grade school was Mr. Patrick Robinson who was a math whiz, an excellent teacher. Coach Armand, one of his high school coaches, had a master's degree from USC in Southern California and made a great impression on him.

My brother was always athletic, but our mother drilled in all of us the value of getting an education and that once you got it, no one could ever take it away. She was our life coach. He never missed a day in school, but was reported ditching a class one day.

Mother stormed into the school and brought some thunder. She flew there so quickly, it was as if she had wings. How she got there remains a mystery. She never learned how to drive.

She met him in the principal's office, stood toe to toe with him, laid down her law, and he never ditched again.

He could not play football unless he made good grades. I was one of his youngest fans and cheerleaders. My love for football is because of him.

I remember him volunteering to wake up at 4 a.m. in the morning to catch a truck to earn 4 dollars a day chopping cotton in the summertime. That grew old quickly. He was determined to make him some spending change.

He worked as a cashier in Uncle Parker's, my mother's uncle, small convenient store and helped stocked the shelves during his high school years while on school break.

My sisters Peggy, Jo, and I would sit under the bright park lights rooting for him when he played softball at the neighborhood baseball diamond in Bryant Addition where we lived. They knew the Williams sisters were in the crowd.

We strained our voices making lots of noise at his Friday night football games also. We were much closer as a family during those days. Everyone in the stadium was cheering loudly for a relative or a friend.

We made our presence known after the games. We joined the crowd flooding onto the field congratulating and hugging the tired, sweaty players. We were as proud of him as he was of himself to wear the blue and gold as a Carroll High Bulldog.

He won three high school state championships, was one of the captains of his team, and earned a football scholarship to college. His last year in high school, he lost to Saint Augustine, a Catholic school down in New Orleans. The purple and gold beat out the blue and gold that year.

My brother and James 'Shack' Harris, the first black to start at the quarterback position in the American and National Professional Football Leagues, were teammates at Carroll High

School in Monroe, Louisiana. Shack lived around the corner from us. They were like brothers.

My brother was the center that shifted the ball to him. Shack dispelled the myth that a black man was not intelligent enough to play quarterback professionally.

He was as important in breaking the color barrier as a starting quarterback in the professional football leagues as Jackie Robinson was to baseball. In 1969, he started as quarterback with the Buffalo Bills.

I remember my brother coming home after football practice in the summertime, when I was around eight years old. My sisters and I held our noses and made faces and giggled. My sister Jo joked and said, "He's got cooties."

His body drenched in sweat from the sweltering humid, hostile heat caused us to distance ourselves from him. We opened our windows wide to get rid of the repulsive stench.

He tied the shoe strings on his cleats together and draped them over one shoulder as if they were his pride and joy. His soiled shoes and stinky, sweaty socks didn't seem to faze him.

He suffered with athlete's feet, but he continued to follow his own drum beat. His white practice uniform was full of grass stains, grit marks, and gridiron sweat. Thank God for bleach. We couldn't wait for him to bathe.

After practice, he ate like an elephant.

He suffered a hairline fracture playing football in high school, but it didn't lessen his determination. The proudest day of his life was the day he received his football scholarship.

In 1964, the legendary football coach Eddie Robinson at Grambling College came to our home to recruit him. If I remember correctly, mother said she offered coach dinner. He declined, but accepted a piece of sweet potato pie.

My sisters and I were sent to our bedroom. We pressed our ears against the wall trying to hear the conversation. We were disappointed the walls were so thick.

My brother set his sights higher and wanted to attend a university. Our parents let him decide for himself. Grambling was only a teaching college.

He accepted an offer from Coach Smith at Southern University in Baton Rouge, a historical black college established in 1880, and became a proud Southern Jaguar.

He was not recruited by white colleges and it was definitely not because of lack of talent. He valued getting an education and earned a degree in accounting in four years.

He also made captain of his college football team. He was more than a gridiron warrior. He was a scholar athlete.

When he came home from college during spring breaks and at Christmas time, he brought home a different kind of music. It was my first introduction to jazz. I fell in love with it.

"The Girl from Ipanema" by Lou Rawls still echoes in my ears. I can still hear it playing on the new turn table he brought home which looked like a thin brief case.

He introduced me to "Send in the Clowns" by the great Sarah Vaughn, Dinah Washington's "What A Difference A Day Makes," and Wes Montgomery's classic album "Bumpin," which I can sit under a shade tree and listen to all day.

He had shaken the dust off his feet and seemed more polished. He moved to a bebop groove and had a new swag. I discovered a new sound, and it sparkled in my ears. I drank in every note. I paid close attention.

His first semester at Southern University, the

campus nearly 200 miles away, our mother called and spoke to Coach Smith. She wanted to know how he was doing. Coach proceeded to say, "Oh he's doing fine in football. He's playing great."

Mother threw him a curve ball and stopped him dead in his bragging tracks, and said, "I don't give a doggone about no football. How is my son doing in them books?" She left a lasting impression on the coach.

When my brother's son, Christopher, followed in his footsteps and attended Southern University years later, Coach Smith repeated what my mother said to him to his players in the locker room and their parents until his retirement.

I was the lucky one, the only one in my immediate family to attend one of my brother's college football games. Funds were scarce.

My mother and father scraped up their pennies for a roundtrip ticket and I rode on the Continental Trail-Way for the first time from Monroe to Baton Rouge and back. I went to his homecoming game in 1967.

I was fourteen years old. Being the youngest had its perks. I received favor for sure. I had a round-trip ticket but the white bus driver did not give me my return ticket back when he collected the tickets on the bus. He gave me a stub.

I didn't pay attention. I stuck it in my jacket pocket. Dorsey and his girlfriend Charlotte had to scrap up their pennies to pay my way back home.

I spent a weekend on campus with Charlotte, my brother's college sweetheart and her roommate, Jessie Mae, a homegirl from Monroe. I basked in the sunshine of their welcome and affection.

They treated me like I was a princess and so did my brother. Charlotte and Dorsey gave me a tour of the campus. I met some of the jocks my brother played with, participated in the pep rally shaking my blue and gold pompoms, and moved to the rhythm of the battle of the bands.

The campus was massive, spread out like an octopus, too

SOUTH DOWNEY ARTIST OF THE WEEK



Sarah Barrios, Advanced Art, 1st place post-it winner for Ms. Nikajs art class at Downey High School

much to cover. They took me to the bluff where the campus sits on the edge of the Mississippi River. I strolled through the campus with my head up high like I belonged.

I felt so proud to be there. A seed was planted in me. I dreamed. I left with a hunger to attend college one day. Indeed, I did. My brother was my inspiration.

In 1968, Dorsey received his Bachelor's Degree in accounting, and he looked forward to trying out as a free agent for the New York Jets. He went to sleep with a dream and woke up to a nightmare. The Vietnam War intervened and robbed him of his chance to possibly play professional football.

He was drafted in the Army, did his basic training at Fort Polk approximately 10 miles east of Leesville, Louisiana, and was sent to Vietnam in August of 1969.

He served on the frontline for seven months in Chu Lai near the South China Sea. He made rank as a Sargent in the America 1 Division 4th of the 3rd. He received a Bronze Medal.

His last five months in Vietnam, he sat behind a desk once his new commanding officer arrived on the scene. White soldiers with a college degree were not sent to the

frontline. I wonder.

While visiting him in July of 2018, I briefly scanned a small clipping in a photo album his wife Charlotte shared with me about him receiving a Bronze Medal. I don't recall it stating the reason why.

It took me six months after returning home before I asked him why. While visiting him, he unashamedly wore his cap that read Vietnam Veteran. Over fifty years after the fact, I learned why he was awarded the medal.


I didn't want to stir up bad memories. I was cautious in asking. However, my brother was open. We spoke awhile on the phone and then I popped the question.

He said, "I laid down fire. I saved my squad." He was so humble and soft spoken about it. His life and squad were in danger. The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth ranking medal received for valor.

I wasn't clear what he meant by laid down fire. He said it was a military term, so I researched it after speaking with him.

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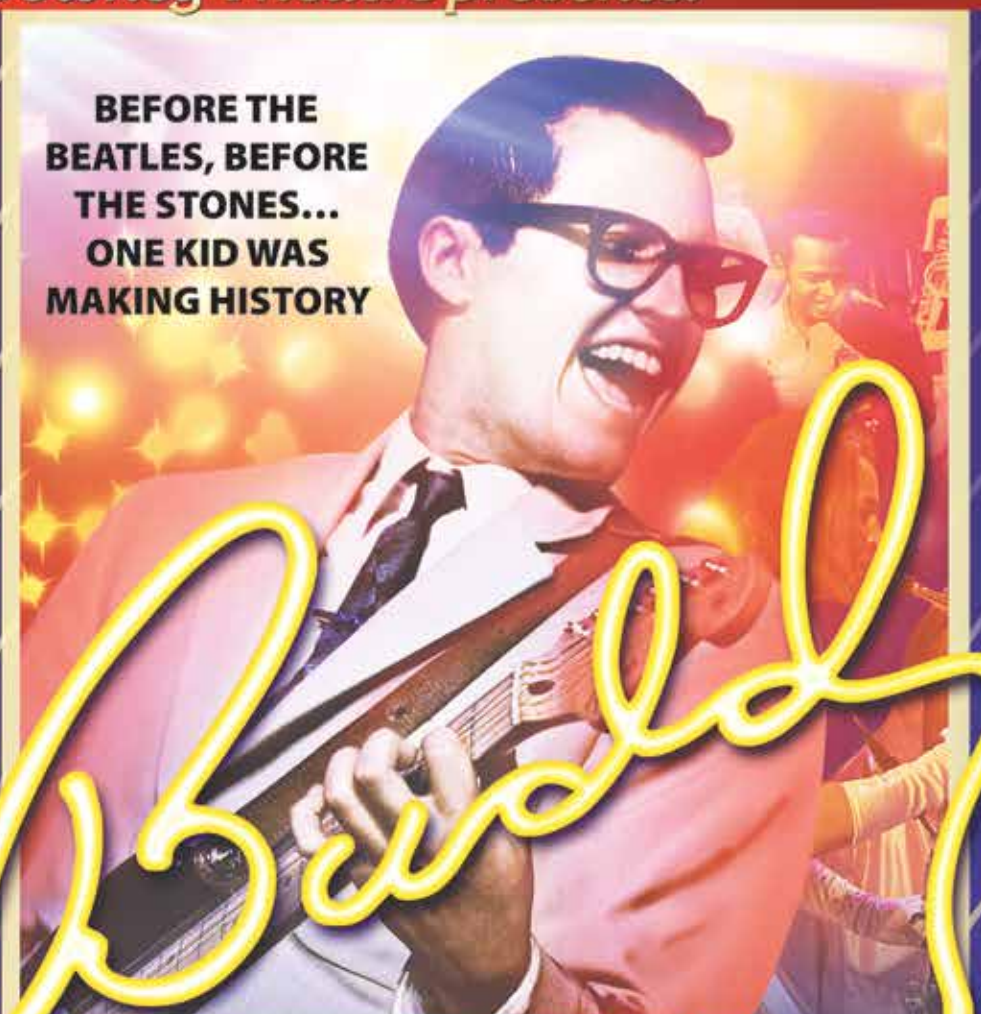
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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Dedication Ceremony, 3 pm. A dedication ceremony for two benches honoring the employees of North American Aviation in Downey, who developed and built the spacecraft that enabled man to set foot on the moon. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

By Women, 7-10 pm. A group exhibition featuring the works of four female artists – Melissa Arevalo, Luna Esparza, Marianna Flores and Josie Marlyn. This exhibition highlights a colorful array of graphic design, illustration and photography that aim to inspire and empower female creators. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Dennis the Menace Park Re-Grand Opening, 9 am. Celebrate the grand re-opening of the recently renovated Dennis the Menace Park. 9125 Arrington Ave.

Galentine's Day, 12-4 pm. Galentine's Day is a celebration of female friendship, so bring a friend and come shop with Glad Glam, Vanity Box Cosmetics and DM Boutique. 11006 New St.

Have a Heart Adoption Event, 10 am to 3 pm. Adopt a dog or cat for only \$14 at this special adoption event. Discounted price applies to cats ages 8 weeks or older and dogs ages 1 year or older. SEAAACA, 97777 Seaca St.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Sue Phillips Memorial Fundraiser, 1-4 pm. Quartermania, luncheon and boutique fundraiser to benefit Relay for Life. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Downey Masonic Lodge, 8244 3rd St.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Residential Design Standards Workshop, 7 pm. Share your thoughts on residential single-family design standards in Downey. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Benefit Concert, 7 pm. Join the Downey High School dance team as they perform a benefit concert for the TLC Family Resource Center. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Gothic Fest, 8 pm. Live death rock

and post punk music, go go dancers, sub-culture artwork, body art, vendors, DJs, and more. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Join other volunteers in helping clean up the neighborhood. Meet in front of Western Pacific Pulp Paper, 9400 Hall Rd.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Jungle Jive Boogie, 9 pm to 1:30 am. Live music by Bebo and the Good Time Boys, plus bands, DJs, cars, and more. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Bakers in Training, 4:30 pm. In this fun filled culinary class, students will be trying their hand at baking two loaves of French Baguettes. One to take home. One to donate to the food community. Students will also receive their own bakers hat and apron, take a behind the scenes tour. Panera Bread, 8900 Apollo Way

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

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

OuteRimCon, 10 am. A oneday mini con presented by the Aerospace Legacy Foundation's speakers bureau. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

The Buddy Holly Story, 8 pm. This production features the classic songs, "That'll Be the Day," "Not Fade Away," "Oh Boy," along with Ritchie Valens' "La Bamba" and The Big Bopper's "Chantilly Lace," plus more. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Walk for Water, 9 am to 1 pm. Join Downey High School's Thirst Project Club as they raise money and awareness regarding the global water crisis. Downey High football stadium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Arc Walk for Independence, 8 am. Choose from a short or long walk and help raise money for The Arc - Los Angeles and Orange Counties, which provides social services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Stonewood Center, 251 Stonewood St.

Sublime Tribute, 9 pm to 2 am. Doin' Time, a Sublime tribute band based out of Long Beach, performs live. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Beauty & the Beast Sing-Along, 2 pm. An interactive presentation of the Disney classic, with on-screen lyrics so the audience can sing along. Buy your tickets at the Downey Theatre box office. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

DFCU Annual Meeting, 5 pm.

Downey Federal Credit Union's annual meeting, where members can hear an overview of what's ahead in the coming year. Warren High School Library, 8141 De Palma St.

Food Packing Event, 6 pm. Are you ready for round 7 of packing 60,000 meals? Join Downey Federal Credit Union for its biggest charity event of the year as they help feed families in need in our communities. Support their efforts to eradicate hunger by donating or volunteering at this memorable event. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Willy Chirino in Concert, 8 pm. Cuban-born vocalist and bandleader Willy Chirino helped create the "Miami sound" of salsa music. He's performing live in Downey. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 11

One Day of Service, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a day dedicated to community service in Downey. Kick-off celebration at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, 7601

Imperial Hwy.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Mulch & Shredding, 8:30 am to noon. Bring your own study containers for free mulch (no bags or truck beds). Bring up to four banker-sized boxes for free on-site shredding. City Hall west parking lot, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Downey Theatre 50th Anniversary Party, 3 pm. A celebratory event and grand re-opening to mark the theater's 50th anniversary. Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Relay for Life, 10 am. Downey Relay for Life celebrates the 20th anniversary of its fight against cancer. This 24-hour event raises money for the American Cancer Society. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

Touch a Truck, 10 am. Downey fire engines, ladder trucks and ambulance vehicles will be on display for kids to jump on, ride on and honk horns. Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Mariachi Los Camperos, 3 pm. The two-time Grammy Award winning mariachi performs a special Mother's

Day concert. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Roll Around the Ranch, 8 am to 1 pm. An annual event where people of all abilities can engage in physical activity, celebrate their accomplishments, and learn about healthy living. Activities include races, live entertainment, motivational speeches, raffles, and a health fair. More than 1,000 people attended last year. Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, 7601 Imperial Hwy.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Downey Ride & Stride, 10 am to 4 pm. An open-street event held in conjunction with the Downey Street Faire, featuring live music, vendors, food, and family activities. Downey Avenue, between Firestone Boulevard and Stewart & Gray Road.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

'Grease' Sing-Along, 7 pm. Fall in love with Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta all over again while singing along to all of the film's big hits. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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

POETRY MATTERS

To an Athlete Dying Young

The time you won your town the race
We chaired you through the market-place;
Man and boy stood cheering by,
And home we brought you shoulder-high.

Today, the road all runners come,
Shoulder-high we bring you home,
And set you at your threshold down,
Townsmen of a stiller town.

Smart lad, to slip betimes away
From fields where glory does not stay,
And early though the laurel grows
It withers quicker than the rose.

Eyes the shady night has shut
Cannot see the record cut,
And silence sounds no worse than cheers
After earth has stopped the ears.

Now you will not swell the rout
Of lads that wore their honours out,
Runners whom renown outran
And the name died before the man.

So set, before its echoes fade,
The fleet foot on the sill of shade,
And hold to the low lintel up
The still-defended challenge-cup.

And round that early-laurelled head
Will flock to gaze the strengthless dead,
And find unwithered on its curls
The garland briefer than a girl's.

A. E. Housman, A Shropshire Lad

RIP Kobe Bryant. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Former two-time Norwalk mayor Rod Rodriguez dies

The fiery council member served as Norwalk mayor twice in the 1980s.

NORWALK - Former Norwalk mayor Marcial "Rod" Rodriguez, who served on Norwalk's City Council from 1982-1990, has died.

Rodriguez passed away early morning on Jan. 27, the city announced in a press release.

He is survived by his children Peggy Zupan and Michael Rodriguez, three grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and three great, great grandchildren.

"Our hearts and prayers are with the Rodriguez family," said current Mayor Margarita L. Rios. "Mr. Rodriguez was a key figure in our city's history; not only did he serve our community, but he also represented Norwalk in larger organizations. We will fondly remember his dedication to our connected community."

Rodriguez served two terms as part of the Norwalk City Council, including two mayoral terms in 1985 and 1988.

Rodriguez's commitment to public service extended beyond the community, as he also served as a member of the National League of Cities Human Development Steering

Committee and League of California Cities Employee Relations Policy Committee, as well as President of the Hispanic Elected Local Officials Caucus of the National League of Cities and the California Contract Cities Association.

Memorial services will be held at 9:30 am on Friday, Feb. 7 at St. John of God, located on 13819 Pioneer Boulevard.

Meanwhile, Norwalk is also mourning the loss of Kevin Gano, who died Sunday morning after battling cancer.

Gano became a well-respected community leader for his introduction of community policing and its positive impact in crime reduction.

"Kevin Gano was a monumental figure in Norwalk history," said Rios. "His dedication to quality of life issues resulted in the introduction of community policing, a program that many communities follow today. His legacy will remain with us as we carry on the programs that he introduced aimed at enriching the lives of our community members."

In the early 1990's, Norwalk neighborhoods were controlled by warring gangs who proudly named themselves after their neighborhood turf. As a result of the growing community

concerns over increasing crimes, the City of Norwalk established the Public Safety Department.

"Kevin Gano founded the Public Safety Department and became its first director," said Vice Mayor Luigi Vernola. "His approach to public safety changed the face of Norwalk. Community policing gave residents a sense of security to enjoy gatherings outside their homes—something that had not been possible."

During the first fifteen years, community-based policing efforts changed the community's outlook towards law enforcement agencies by establishing positive communication and trusting relations. The perception of law enforcement improved substantially and was reflected in the increase of calls for service, improved response time and decrease in overall crime rates.

In fact, in the early 2000s, the FBI ranked Norwalk among the top 20 safest cities with populations over 100,000. The high ranking by the FBI was a result of innovative community policing programs.

"Norwalk would not be the thriving city it is today, without Kevin's leadership," said Councilmember Tony Ayala.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.)

Escrow No. 201005-EK
Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and address of the Seller/Licensee are: TADASHI INOUE, 14788 BEACH BLVD, BLDG A UNIT 5&6, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 The business is known as: LIQUOR PLUS The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers, and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: SAMEH I. FAHMY AND MARY K. NADA, 14788 BEACH BLVD, BLDG A UNIT 5&6, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE

The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS and are located at: 14788 BEACH BLVD, BLDG A UNIT 5&6, LA MIRADA, CA 90638 The kind of license to be transferred is: 21-OFF-SALE GENERAL - LICENSE #443971 now issued for the premises located at: 14788 BEACH BLVD., BLDG A UNIT 5&6, LA MIRADA, CA 90638

The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is: UPON RECEIPT OF BULK LICENSE at the office of: ESCROW ESCROW COMPANY, INC., 14730 BEACH BLVD, SUITE 107 LA MIRADA, CA 90638 The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$120,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CHECKS DEPOSITED INTO ESCROW \$13,000.00, DEMAND NOTE TO BE REPLACED BY BUYER IN CASHIER'S CHECK \$48,500.00, PROMISSORY NOTE \$68,500.00

It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
DATED: JANUARY 28, 2020
Transfer (Seller): TADASHI INOUE
Transferee (Buyer): SAMEH I. FAHMY AND MARY K. NADA
LA2458279 DOWNEY PATRIOT 2/6/2020

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.)

Escrow No. L-037902-JL
Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and address of the Seller/Licensee are: QUICKTIME PIZZA IN DOWNEY INC., 8310 STEWART AND GRAY ROAD, DOWNEY, CA 90241
The business is known as: PIZZA TIME
The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: SALLISER INC., 5970 LUDELL STREET, BELL GARDENS, CA 90201

As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE
The assets to be sold are described in general as: FURNITURE, FIXTURE AND EQUIPMENT, TRADENAME, GOODWILL, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENT, COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE AND ABC LICENSE and are located at: 8310 STEWART AND GRAY ROAD, DOWNEY, CA 90241
The kind of license to be transferred is: ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE, now issued for the premises located at: 8310 STEWART AND GRAY ROAD, DOWNEY, CA 90241

The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is MARCH 2, 2020 at the office of: TOWER ESCROW INC., 3600 WILSHIRE BLVD., #426, LOS ANGELES, CA 90010
The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$160,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: BUYER DEPOSITED INTO ESCROW \$30,000.00, BUYER WILL DEPOSIT INTO ESCROW \$130,000.00
It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
DATED: NOVEMBER 15, 2019
SELLERS: QUICKTIME PIZZA IN DOWNEY INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION,
BUYERS: SALLISER INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (UCC Sec. 6101 et seq. and B & P Sec. 24073 et seq.)

Escrow No. 20-43137-SP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The name(s) and business address of the Seller(s)/licensee(s) are: JUNE WOO SHIN AND BOK JA SHIN, 7617-19 E. FIRESTONE BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90241
Doing Business as: DOWNEY LIQUOR
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s)/licensee(s) within the past three years, as stated by the Seller(s)/licensee(s), is/are: 2020

The name(s) and address of the Buyer(s)/applicant(s) is/are: EMAD KASSAB AND LOURAND DIAB, 7617-19 E. FIRESTONE BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90241
The assets being sold are generally described as: ALL STOCK IN TRADE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL, TRADENAME, LEASE, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AND COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE, AND ABC LICENSE and is/are located at: 7617-19 E. FIRESTONE BLVD., DOWNEY, CA 90241
The type of license to be transferred is/are: 21-474578 OFF SALE GENERAL now issued for the premises located at:
The bulk sale and transfer of alcoholic beverage license(s) is/are intended to be consummated at the office of: TEAM ESCROW, 6025 BEACH BLVD, BUENA PARK, CA 90621 and the anticipated sale date is MARCH 2, 2020

The purchase price of consideration in connection with the sale of the business and transfer of the license, is the sum of \$380,000.00, including inventory estimated at \$70,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: CASH \$380,000.00
It has been agreed between the Seller(s)/licensee(s) and the intended Buyer(s)/transferee(s), as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
DATED:
JUNE WOO SHIN AND BOK JA SHIN, Seller(s)/Licensee(s)
EMAD KASSAB AND LOURAND DIAB, Buyer(s)/Applicant(s)
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020022484

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LOS ANGELES PHOTO BOOTH RENTALS, 13305 PENN ST #10, WHITTIER CA 90602, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALBERT DANIEL SEGOVIA, 9622 WHEELOCK ST, PICO RIVERA CA 90660
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: 01/2020
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/ ALBERT DANIEL SEGOVIA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 22, 2020 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).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020015931

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) OCHO RISGS GOLF, 14400 HAWTHORNE BLVD, LAWDALE CA 90260, COUNTY OF LA
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MAUDIEST LETT, 14400 HAWTHORNE BLVD, LAWDALE CA 90260
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2013
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/ MAUDIEST LETT, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 21, 2020 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
1/30/20, 2/6/20, 2/13/20, 2/20/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020001458

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE ESPINOZA COMPANY, 1609 E STOCKTON AVE, COMPTON CA 90221, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUIS E. ESPINOZA, 1609 E STOCKTON AVE, COMPTON CA 90221
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/ LUIS E. ESPINOZA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 3, 2020 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
1/30/20, 2/6/20, 2/13/20, 2/20/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020016783

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GAMBO TRUCKING, 10320 FELTON AVE APT 6, INGLEWOOD CA 90304, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE LUIS GAMBOA, 10320 FELTON AVE APT 6, INGLEWOOD CA 90304
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: 01/2020
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ JOSE LUIS GAMBOA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 22, 2020 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
1/23/20, 1/30/20, 2/6/20, 2/13/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2019323745

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DONNAS DRY CLEANING AND LAUNDRY, 7354 STEWARD AND GRAY ROAD, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LA

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GREGORY THOMAS GALVIN, 9823 KARMONT AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2015

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/ GREGORY THOMAS GALVIN, OWNER, GREGORY THOMAS GALVIN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 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
1/16/20, 1/23/20, 1/30/20, 2/6/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020011960

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) IMPRENTA DOLINA, 9528 BROOKPARK RD, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANA PATRICIA CORRALES, 9528 BROOKPARK RD, DOWNEY CA 90240
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2019

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/ ANA PATRICIA CORRALES, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 21, 2020 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).

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The Downey Patriot
1/23/20, 1/30/20, 2/6/20, 2/13/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020023592

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CAFECAFE, 1330 W PACIFIC COAST HWY E, WILMINGTON CA 90744, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SOEUNG CHAING, 1330 W PACIFIC COAST HWY E, WILMINGTON CA 90744
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/ SOEUNG CHAING, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 29, 2020 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
1/23/20, 2/13/20, 2/20/20, 2/27/20

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File Number 2020041503

FILE NO: 2015084723 DATE FILED: MARCH 30, 2015
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): H.P. AUTO TIRES & WHEELS
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 448 E FLORENCE AVE UNIT B, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ISMAEL BAUTISTA RAMOS, 3248 E. FLORENCE AVE UNIT B, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255 (2) ISRAEL HERNANDEZ, 3248 E. FLORENCE AVE UNIT B, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255 (3) JOSE LUIS BAUTISTA RAMOS, 3248 E. FLORENCE AVE UNIT B, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255

If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A
This business was conducted by: a General Partnership
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ ISMAEL BAUTISTA RAMOS, PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on JANUARY 17, 2020

is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ ISMAEL BAUTISTA RAMOS, PARTNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on JANUARY 17, 2020

The Downey Patriot
2/6/20, 2/13/20, 2/20/20, 2/27/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020013375

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SPEAK EZ, 10043 ASPEN CIRCLE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DWAYNE KEY JR., 10043 ASPEN CIRCLE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670
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: 01/2020

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/ DWAYNE KEY JR., OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 16, 2020 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
1/30/20, 2/6/20, 2/13/20, 2/20/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2019333263

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE PALETA CART, 9528 BROOKPARK RD, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANA PATRICIA CORRALES, 9528 BROOKPARK RD, DOWNEY CA 90240
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2019

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/ ANA PATRICIA CORRALES, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 31, 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
1/30/20, 2/6/20, 2/13/20, 2/20/20

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2020017206

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CLINICA MEDICA FAMILIAR Y DENTAL, 833 W. WHITTIER BOULEVARD, MONTEBELLO CA 90640, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) R. RUIZ, M.D., A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, 833 W. WHITTIER BOULEVARD, MONTEBELLO CA 90640
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: 11/2018
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ R. RUIZ, M.D., A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, CEO, RUBEN RUIZ, M.D.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 22, 2020 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
1/30/20, 2/6/20, 2/13/20, 2/20/20

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).

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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
1/30/20, 2/6/20, 2/13/20, 2/20/20

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2019327370

FILE NO: 2019034650 DATE FILED: FEBRUARY 8, 2019
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): LAVENDER NAILS & SPA
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 14561 LEFFINGWELL RD #14569, WHITTIER, CA 90604
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KHOI VAN TRAN, 14561 LEFFINGWELL RD #14569, WHITTIER CA 90604
If Corporation or LLC – Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A
Business was conducted by: an Individual
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/KHOI VAN TRAN, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on DECEMBER 23, 2019

the following:

Name	Unit #
Oscar Cervantes	1518
Lauren Griffin	1302
Pedro Gutierrez	1125
Barbara Harris	1341
Jesse Hope	2702
Mary Horton	2316
Jose A Jimenez	1140
Vivian Lopez	2944
Crystal Montijo	3037
Martin Murguia	1215
Maribel Nunez	2491
Jimmie C. Pinedo III	2634
Starr Richardson	2648
Silvano Serrano	2723
Edith Soden	1102

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

Dated this 30th Day of January 2020 and 6th Day of February 2020,
Self Storage Management Company
Bond #: WL11254152

The Downey Patriot
1/30/20, 2/6/20

Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** JANUARY 24, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Laticia Yvette Ballard
9448 Nance St #9
Downey, CA 90241
562-310-9697

The Downey Patriot
1/30/20, 2/6/20, 2/13/20, 2/20/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00406
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARVIN JOSE SANDOVAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MARVIN JOSE SANDOVAL to Proposed name (1) MARVIN JOSE SANDOVAL JR
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MARCH 4, 2020, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00491
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MELDA CARREON MONTES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) AURORA LINAREZ CARREON to Proposed name (1) AURORA ARIEL LINAREZ
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MARCH 4, 2020, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in

the county, **The Downey Patriot** DECEMBER 30, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Imelda Carreon Montes on behalf of Aurora Linarez Carreon
12303 Clearwood Ave, La Mirada, CA 90638
(562) 964-9063
icarreonmontes@yahoo.com

The Downey Patriot
2/6/20, 2/13/20, 2/20/20, 2/27/20

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00005
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner FRANCISCO JOSEPH GONZALEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) FRANCISCO JOSEPH GONZALEZ to Proposed name (1) FRANKIE JOSEPH GRIFFITHS
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at

least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MARCH 11, 2020, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** JANUARY 02, 2020
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
Francisco Joseph Gonzalez
10615 Garnish Drive
Downey, CA, 90241
(562) 353-0481
Frankiegonzalez27@yahoo.com

The Downey Patriot
1/16/20, 1/23/20, 1/30/20, 2/6/20

GOVERNMENT

INVITATION FOR BID

BID Number 011420-KW

DISTRICT WI-FI NETWORK UPGRADE (E-RATE)

Lynwood Unified School District is requesting Qualified Vendors to submit a BID in compliance with E-rate funding program

BID DUE: February 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Location:
Lynwood Unified School District
Purchasing Department, 2nd Floor 11321
Bullis Road
Lynwood, CA 90262

To receive a BID package, go to:
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Any communications regarding this BID shall be in writing by Email to smclucas@myluisd.org and cc: pmora@myluisd.org

Phone calls for information concerning this BID will not be accepted

It is improper for any potential respondent to contact any employee of LUSD other than the Purchasing Department during the solicitation process, related to the BID.

The Downey Patriot
1/30/20, 2/6/20

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20BBCP00022
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RAUL ARYSTAN AKTANOV-DOMINGO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) RAUL ARYSTAN AKTANOV-DOMINGO to Proposed name (1) RAUL ARYSTAN AKTAN DOMINGO
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 28, 2020, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: B, Room: 312
The address of the court is 300 EAST OLIVE AVENUE, BURBANK, CA 91502
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** JANUARY 21, 2020
Judge Darrel Mavis
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20NWCP00033
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LATICIA YVETTE BALLARD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) LATICIA YVETTE BALLARD to Proposed name (1) RYNELL LATICIA BALLARD
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: APRIL 1, 2020, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 20SMCP00049
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner VANCE WESLEY PRICE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) VANCE WESLEY PRICE to Proposed name (1) WES PRICE
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MARCH 27, 2020, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: K, Room: A-203
The address of the court is 1725 MAIN ST ROOM 102 SANTA MONICA 90401
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A tribute to my brother

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My sister-in-law, Charlotte, had told me he received an award for marksmanship in the army.

It all tied in to what I researched. His marksmanship fought off the enemy. I can't help but conclude his aim was on target. He returned home safe and sound. A church member's brother, just as countless others, returned home in a wooden box. Our conversation left me teary eyed.

I am so grateful two soldiers with a flag and his dog tags never came knocking at our mother's door. He was forced to do what he had to do. It was a do or die situation. War creates dark imagines in my mind. It must be hell to be in the midst of it.

Dorsey and Charlotte celebrated 50 years of marriage in December 2018. He married her before heading off to Vietnam.

Speaking with her my last visit in Houston she said to me, "Your brother and I have spent all our adult lives together. I couldn't ask for a better husband. I know his story. Praise God he came home from war safe and sound. We've experienced many bumps in the road together."

"I am so grateful you have each other," I said to her.

Whenever I visit Houston where they live, my brother pays her the highest compliment, "I couldn't ask for

a better wife."

I couldn't ask for a sweeter sister-in-law. From my vantage point, they have a wholesome marriage.

When I witnessed my brother crying seeing his son standing in the center of the football field as captain of his team where he once stood, I saw the tender side of a proud father.

My niece Ursula Nicole (we call Nikki) said to me while we were having lunch together in Houston, "My dad is too good to be true. He's always been there for me. He set the bar high in what I am looking for in a man. My father is a rare breed."

Christopher, his son, echoes a similar refrain, "I appreciate he never missed any of my games."

He helped raise two fine children which are outstanding adults. Nikki is an attorney and Christopher is a regional accountant at the company where he works.

Visiting Houston reminds me of how much I have missed not having my brother and his family close by. Witnessing what a beautiful relationship he has with his wife, two children, his daughter in law, and Mrs. Wise his mother-in-law reinforces how time and geography has robbed us of chunks of each other's lives.

My brother's life not only shined on the gridiron and the battlefield, but also shines in his family and community. After returning to

a civilian life, he got a job as an accountant and enrolled in a Master's Degree program at the University of Houston in Clearwater, Texas shortly after Nikki was born.

He received a medal for valor, but his light shines brightest in the love he expresses in his home with his wife and children and being of service to others in his community. He garners their respect. He prescribes to what our mother taught us, "Charity begins at home."

The thought of him not becoming such a bright spot in the lives of many is unthinkable. I am so grateful he returned from the war safely.

He is a deacon in his church and was responsible for Syngenta, the company he worked for as a regional accountant, donating 21 computers to his congregation. He taught students, young and old, the Microsoft suite: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint at his church and aided high school students in preparing for the SAT and ACT.

His numerous endeavors speak volumes. Mentoring young entrepreneurs at Texas Southern University and serving on the board of the Red Cross in Houston reflects his willingness to serve others.

He was part of the team that welcomed Katrina victims to Houston and helped transport them to various sites for shelter. He prayed with them and lent his ears to their stories.

When hurricane warnings were announced in Houston, he was a volunteer collecting sandbags, aiding in preparation against flooding. My cousin Robert Ford walls needed plastering after hurricane

Harvey in Houston and Dorsey plastered his walls which saved him a lot of money.

"Dorsey did an excellent job. I didn't know Cuz had such skills."

Our oldest brother Pete taught him how to plaster during the summer months while visiting him in LA.

I admire he is not shy in showing his love for his wife. He prepares breakfast and makes her coffee, although he does not drink it. He does not mind rolling up his sleeve washing dishes and putting them away. He is at her beck and call for whatever she needs.

My last visit to Houston, I met the maid he hired to clean their house. He and his wife still have a weekly date night in their retirement. As many visits I have had to Houston, I have never witnessed them not being on the same page.

Chivalry is not dead by his standards. He opens doors for his wife and others, cherishes and provides for his mother-in-law, tips his hat to strangers, and blesses his food before eating like our father.

He loves playing golf and prepares an Excel spreadsheet of scores for his golfing partners. I'm so glad he no longer smokes.

He visits the sick in hospitals and inmates in prison. He pays his respect to people in convalescent homes and still says yes ma'am and no sir. However, he annoys me taking so long to return my phone calls.

At times, I think the phone must weigh a hundred pounds for him to pick it up. I shake my head in disgust. It saddens me that he seldom comes to visit family in California.

I was impressed when he told me he built the first

computer he owned. I asked him how and why he did it.

"I challenged myself to do so. I heard some guys I know talking about they had built one, so I figure if they could do it I could too. I bought a book, read it, and built myself one. The only one by the way," he said.

His mother-in-law, Mrs. Wise, complimented him and said to me, "Dorsey will jump out of a window for his wife and children, and if I was to place a bet on a good man, I would place it on him."

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Source: * U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2019; 2 Seeking Alpha, "We're Definitely Not in a Housing Bubble," August 2017; Invest Four More, "When Will There Be Another Housing Market Crash?" September 2019; 3 U.S. News, "Four Guide to the Housing Market," September 2019; 4 The Mortgage Reports, "Report: Home Equity Increases, but Borrowing Down!," July 2019.

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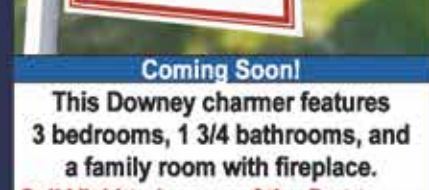
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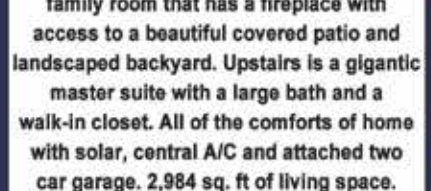
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