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Judge tosses animal control worker's suit

■ A female employee alleged she was demoted after reporting a coworker for sexual harassment while working at the county animal shelter in Downey

By City News Service

DOWNEY — A judge has dismissed a lawsuit brought by a Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control officer who alleged she was sexually harassed by a co-worker and that false complaints the colleague filed against her forced her to accept a demotion out of fear she could lose her job.

On June 26, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Douglas Stern heard arguments on a motion by county attorneys to toss plaintiff Sara Berrelleza's claims for sex and gender harassment, whistleblower retaliation and general retaliation. Stern took the issues under submission and issued a final ruling Tuesday.

Berrelleza was hired by the department in 2008 and reached the rank of animal control officer III in 2015, the suit stated. She was assigned to the Downey facility when Marcos Vega, an animal control III supervisor, was reassigned there from the Baldwin Park facility in June 2018 because of a sexual harassment complaint made against him there, according to the suit.

Shortly thereafter, Vega allegedly began making inappropriate remarks to Berrelleza, touched her without permission and stared at her, the suit filed in November 2019 alleged.

"On numerous occasions, Marcos Vega followed me into the kennels or around the shelter when there was no need for him to do so," Berrelleza said in a sworn declaration. "I never welcomed or invited any romantic attention from Marcos Vega."

An instructor for the county's sexual harassment training acknowledged that Vega's conduct amounted to sexual harassment, the suit stated. But when Berrelleza complained about Vega to her immediate supervisor, the boss "quickly cut plaintiff off and abruptly ended the conversation," the suit stated.

That same day, Berrelleza asked to speak with the manager of the Downey facility, but the manager allegedly told her that an internal complaint was filed against her and that she was being transferred to the Baldwin Park animal care center, increasing the daily commute time to work considerably for the plaintiff.

"The complaint was orchestrated and instigated by Marcos Vega," the suit alleged.

Most of the Baldwin Park center supervisors were friends of Vega and Berrelleza was given an isolated work space and was not given overtime opportunities offered to others of her rank, the suit stated. The Baldwin Park manager allegedly issued her a "bogus written reprimand" in November 2018.

Days later, she asked the department's human resources manager for a transfer to the Carson facility, but never received a reply, according to the suit.

In March 2019, the human resources manager told her she could either accept a demotion to animal control officer II and a transfer to the Norwalk facility, or be involuntarily reduced in rank to an animal control officer I, the suit stated.

"(Berrelleza) accepted the voluntary reduction in rank because she was a single mother in sole support for her children and was terrified that she would be terminated," the suit stated.

But according to Stern's ruling, the county attorneys provided evidence in their court papers that no further harassment occurred after Berrelleza reported Vega's alleged misconduct and that the county took appropriate action after investigating the plaintiff's complaints.

In addition, Animal Care and Control management had no way of knowing in advance that Vega would allegedly harass Berrelleza, according to the judge, who also found that her retaliation claims were based on hearsay evidence.

3 killed in freeway crash

NORWALK — The name of the third victim who was killed in a multiple-vehicle crash on the Santa Ana (5) Freeway in Norwalk was released Tuesday by the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner's office.

The crash was reported Sunday on the northbound Santa Ana Freeway south of Florence Avenue, according to the California Highway Patrol.

The chain of events started at about 2:20 a.m. when a 2017 Honda hit a sound wall and the vehicle became disabled, the CHP said. The driver of a Hadley's tow truck then stopped behind the disabled Honda.

Hector Rivero of Pico Rivera initiated the first crash when he slammed into a 2011 Kia into the tow truck, killing his passenger, 32-year-old Arilene Rivero of Pico Rivera. A 2016 Toyota driven by 22-year-old Luis Marroquin also crashed into the tow truck, killing two passengers, identified by the medical examiner's office as 41-year-old Luis Marroquin and 40-year-old Joel Araujo. The CHP said both Marroquins were from Pomona and Araujo was an Azusa resident.

Arilene Rivero, the 41-year-old Marroquin and Araujo were pronounced dead at the scene, the CHP said.

Hector Rivero and the 22-year-old Marroquin were taken to Saint Francis Medical Center for treatment of major injuries, the CHP said. They were also arrested for suspicion of felony DUI.

The Honda driver, identified as 23-year-old Clarence Hill, was arrested for suspicion of misdemeanor DUI.



Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey was reopened last week and received an intake of 274 youth.

Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall reopens with 274 incarcerated youth

■ The 26-acre Downey facility will house up to 317 children deemed unsuitable for housing at other locations.

By City News Service

DOWNEY — More than 100 juvenile detainees were successfully transferred out of the troubled Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar to the renovated Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey, completing a state-mandated transfer of all L.A. County pre-disposition detainees out of two facilities deemed unsuitable for housing, county officials said Wednesday.

The move of 106 pre-disposition youths -- those whose criminal cases have not yet been adjudicated -- out of Nidorf Hall was completed Tuesday, according to the county Probation Department. They joined roughly 170 youths who were transferred last week to Los Padrinos from Central Juvenile Hall in Lincoln Heights.

According to the county, a total of 274 youths are now housed at Los Padrinos.

The county had been facing

a July 23 deadline set by the Board of State and Community Corrections to move all pre-disposition youths out of Nidorf and Central halls, both of which it determined to be unsuitable for housing youth detainees.

The board cited a laundry list of ongoing violations of state standards at the facilities, including sanitary conditions of the housing units, detainees' access to school and other programs and staffing shortfalls.

Nidorf will continue to be home to a Security Youth Track Facility for post-disposition juvenile offenders. About 60 youth are being housed in that facility.

"We've gone from Mission Impossible to mission accomplished," Guillermo Viera Rosa, the county's interim probation chief, said in a statement. "The relocation of nearly 300 pre-disposition youth safely and in record time demonstrates what public servants across many LA County departments can do when everyone pulls together in the face of daunting odds."

Prior to the BSCC ruling ordering Nidorf and Central to be cleared out, the county Board of Supervisors on May 2 approved a plan to relocate all pre-disposition

youths to Los Padrinos. Under that plan, Central Juvenile Hall will be used solely as an intake unit and a medical and diagnostic/assessment hub for youths, and only post-disposition Secure Youth Track Facility youths will be housed at Nidorf.

Construction and probation crews worked furiously over the previous two months to get Los Padrinos up to speed. Renovation work completed at Los Padrinos included new paint, new flooring, new furnishings, mattresses, fixtures, cameras, interior and exterior lighting upgrades, intercoms, plumbing and partitions for restroom privacy, according to the county.

Los Padrinos was originally opened in 1957. It includes 37 buildings, including 19 living units and nine dormitories, along with a kitchen, classrooms, recreation areas, library, infirmary, laundry, chapel, gym and pool.

Earlier this month, the BSCC officially notified the county that Los Padrinos had passed its pre-opening inspection, clearing it to house up to 317 pre-disposition youths. Probation officials said they plan to house no more than 275 to 300 youths at the 26-acre campus.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday	90°	
Saturday	90°	
Sunday	90°	

ON THIS DAY

1894: The Pullman Strike, a widespread railroad strike in the United States, ended shortly after President Grover Cleveland ordered federal troops to Chicago.

1940: California opened its first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway, connecting Pasadena and Los Angeles.

1944: During World War II, German military leaders attempted to assassinate Adolf Hitler in the July Plot.

1968: At Chicago's Soldier Field, the first Special Olympics began, and some 1,000 athletes—all of whom had intellectual disabilities—participated.

1969: The Eagle lunar landing module, carrying U.S. astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin ("Buzz") Aldrin, landed on the Moon, and several hours later Armstrong became the first person to set foot on its surface.

2012: A gunman opened fire inside a movie theater in Aurora, Colo., killing 12 people and injuring 70 others.

2013: Journalist Helen Thomas, who broke through a number of barriers for women reporters and was known especially for her coverage of U.S. presidents, died at age 92.



2015: The United States and Cuba resumed full diplomatic relations after five decades.

2017: O. J. Simpson was granted parole to be released from prison after serving nine years of a 33-year sentence after being convicted of armed robbery in Las Vegas.

Birthdays

Guitarist **Carlos Santana** (76), "Grey's Anatomy" star **Sandra Oh** (52), actor **Omar Epps** (50), basketball hall of famer **Ray Allen** (48), model **Judy Greer** (48), actress **Gisele Bündchen** (43), and "Dancing with the Stars" dancer **Julianne Hough** (35).

Concerts in the Park

When: Wednesday, July 26
Time: 7 pm
Where: Furman Park
Performing: Anything for Salinas

Karol Posadas was born in Guatemala and raised in the San Fernando Valley. A singer and songwriter for 13 years, she has established herself as one of the most loved and talented Selena Quintanilla tribute artists.

Karol and her band have performed in various states in the US in front of thousands and have loyal fans all over the world.

Anything For Salinas was assembled by Karol's family members, bringing an experience that you'll never forget.



Former little league president enters city council race

Ernesto Valle, former president of Northwest Downey Little League, is proposing a tax on Downey students who live outside district boundaries.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Community volunteer Ernesto Valle has announced his candidacy for the District 3 City Council seat.

A resident of Downey since 2007, Valle is likely most known for his role at Northwest Downey Little League (NWDLL), where he has sat at the helm as president for the past five years. He also served as PTA president at Maude Price Elementary School for one year.

Married to wife Diana, he has a stepdaughter, son, and two daughters ranging between age 3 and 20. He works as an insurance agent with Farmers Insurance.

He enters the political arena "to give our residents in District 3 back a voice."

"I've been in District 3 I

believe since 2007 living here; I've never known my council person," said Valle. "The last few years has been tough for District 3. I feel we haven't really had a voice. There's things that I think we need to address, and sometimes I think it's difficult to know who to address them with, or feel that something is getting done."

His platform begins with the youth.

"We can't have a future without our youth," said Valle. "I see a lot of candidates say crime, homeless, which are part of my platform, but you can't address that without addressing the youth."

Valle made note of a toy drive that was put on by NWDLL, where the organization collected 1,000 toys to distribute, however found that many children were

basic toiletries.

"What does that tell me? When we have people saying we have to attack homelessness, these are our kids, our youth," said Valle. "Before it even gets to that situation, what are we doing for our youth here in the city of Downey to ensure that we don't get to that point?"

Valle suggested that the city should be a better partner to Downey Unified School District.

"When I came to Downey originally, there was 22 kids per classroom. Now, last time I checked in my daughter's classroom at Price, there's 38 to 41 to 42 kids," said Valle. "What's going on here? We have to help our youth, we have to continue to provide them programs, we have to continue to help them, make sure they're educated... What can we do to better prepare them and equip them to make sure that they're not found in that position?"

Valle also took aim at the recent DUSD bond that was passed by voters last year in support of renovating and updating Downey's elementary schools, saying that Downey should help "our kids first."

"We just passed a measure

recently — they said it wasn't a tax, but I'm a homeowner it was really a tax — for the school, to help the students; the bond," said Valle. "If you look at how many kids are here from other areas — Bell Gardens, South Gate, whatnot — you're looking at about from what I understand is 65 percent plus, so why are we getting taxed to help them?"

"I want to help everyone, but maybe we say we take a different approach and say 'Hey, if you're out of Downey, maybe we tax you with \$15 a month' instead of attacking our homeowners and businesses to pay for that influx because we now need to make up for that revenue."

Valle expressed interest in helping create a pathway for renters to become homeowners.

"I know renters was a big thing in the last couple of years. Well, how can we help those renters become homeowners? How can we transition that bridge," said Valle. "Are we working with the local banks, the credit unions? There's special programs. I have a big banking industry background, and there's a lot of programs that we can help to gain for our people so they can stop becoming renters and get into becoming homeowners."

"Phase three" of Valle's campaign tackles crime, drugs, and homelessness.

"One of the biggest problems, and again it all ties in if we start with our youth, is fentanyl, the drugs in our schools," said Valle.

"It's very sad what's going on in our schools with the crime. Everyone talks crime in Downey, but they talk about the regular crime."

He reflected on an incident that occurred at Furman Park, in which members of NWDLL caught an individual attempting to take pictures of a child inside the bathrooms.

"We finally get him, we corner him...It takes Downey PD 40 minutes to get here," said Valle. "They found heroin and a syringe in his bag, and then he was here the next day. So, there's a drug problem."

"I love Downey PD, but are we giving them the right resources? Do we know what they're going through?"

On homelessness, he says that people "just want to keep throwing money at the problem."

"What I propose is do something a little bit different," said Valle. "Number one, enforce our laws. Number two is make sure we're getting the right support by identifying is it a mental disease, is it because of drug addiction, or is it because you're down on your luck?"

"If we identify that you are someone we can help because you're on substance abuse or because you're down on your luck, how about we create a trade center here in Downey that can get you support, get you back on your feet, and then what we can do is go to the local businesses and say, 'Hey, you know what Mom and Pop? This person has been loitering your business for six months? Now they're clean, we've helped them get back on their feet, how about you get them a job and we'll help you with a business tax break?'"

Valle is funding his campaign through a personal donation, and



Ernesto Valle said he is running for city council to give District 3 residents "a voice."

(PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ)

through contributions. He adds that he is trying to avoid "political, normal endorsements," instead targeting "the people of Downey."

"Some of these people do have money and name recognition, but all of these people volunteer their time to the city of Downey," said Valle. "Not just throwing their money at the problem or whatever, but volunteering their time and resources. That's the people I want to be endorsed by, because it does make a difference."

He says that he is "of the community."

"My goal is not to represent just one section or go after one vote," said Valle. "I'm going after everyone because my goal is to represent Downey."

Valle can be found on Instagram at @ernesto.valle67 and on Facebook.

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Gil Legaspi is a commercial real estate broker and reserve LAPD police officer. He reported raising \$50,471 in his campaign for Downey city council.

Gil Legaspi reports raising \$50K in one month

DOWNEY — Downey City Council District 3 candidate Gil Contreras Legaspi has ended this first fundraising period with \$50,471 collected in just one month since announcing his campaign in June.

“I am extremely humbled to have the trust and backing of so many neighbors, friends, businesses, and stakeholders,” said Legaspi. “We’re just getting started. We are going to take advantage of this momentum and meet voters where they are to let them know why our platform is the right one for Downey.”

Legaspi is running for the open council seat in District 3 left vacant following the recall of Catherine Alvarez.

Legaspi has received a number of endorsements from elected officials and community members, including:

- Assemblymember and former Downey Mayor Blanca Pacheco
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn
- Downey Councilmember Timothy Horn
- Former Downey Mayor Kirk Cartozian
- Former Downey Mayor Fernando Vasquez
- Downey Planning Commissioner Miguel Duarte
- Cerritos College trustee Mariana Pacheco
- US Navy veteran Jesus Torres
- Founder of WOLF (War On Lethal Fentanyl) Lissette Rivera.
- Downey community leader Beth Gendreau

To learn more about Legaspi’s campaign, visit gillegaspifordowney.com or connect with him on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

He can also be reached at gillegaspifordowney@gmail.com or by calling (562) 360-4367.



Dorothy Pemberton is a real estate broker associate with Century 21 Peak. She reported a strong start to her city council campaign.

Dorothy Pemberton knocks on nearly 1,000 doors in under 30 days

DOWNEY — Downey City Council District 3 candidate Dorothy Pemberton reported receiving “overwhelming support” after knocking on nearly 1,000 doors in the early start of her campaign.

Pemberton was the leader of the effort to recall former councilwoman Catherine Alvarez.

Among Pemberton’s supporters is former mayor Rick Rodriguez, who has helped her canvass District 3 neighborhoods.

“Dorothy is uniquely qualified to serve all Downey residents,” Rodriguez said. “She has been involved in the community for many years and is now ready to give back at a larger scale.”

Pemberton said she has knocked on 931 doors so far as part of her grassroots campaign. Many residents reported recognizing Pemberton from the recall drive and her community service dating back several decades.

Retired Downey police captain Mark McDaniel endorsed Pemberton, praising her “passion for public service and deep understanding of local issues that have earned her widespread respect.”

“Dorothy understands what our Downey Police Department needs to keep our families safe,” McDaniel said. “She has dedicated countless hours working with Gangs Out of Downey and the Citizens Academy over the years. As former president of GOOD, I should know; she was by my side and I could always count on Dorothy being there. Supporting Dorothy is supporting law enforcement.”

In her campaign, Pemberton has emphasized the importance of community safety, quality of life, fiscal responsibility and economic development.

To learn more about her campaign, visit DorothyPembertonForDowney.com or call her cell phone at (310) 717-3637.

She is also on Facebook and Instagram.

In Memory of

Donald L. Jervis (Don Sr.)

February 5, 1935 - January 15, 2023



Donald L. Jervis, better known as Don Jervis Sr., passed away peacefully in his home—just short of his 88th birthday—surrounded by his family. As the 2nd generation of The Jervis Family Real Estate Legacy, Don was originally licensed in 1953, becoming a member of the Southeast Board of Realtors, then eventually the Downey Board of Realtors. In the early 1960’s, he and his brother purchased Jervis Realty in Maywood from their father, and expanded to 7 offices over the next several years. After 41 years in the profession, he retired in 1994, selling the business to his children in 1994, and to this day, the third Jervis generation continues on with daughter Jackie, broker of Century 21 Jervis & Associates.

Don is survived by the love of his life, Pinkey, married just short of 69 years (he married on his 19th birthday), his children and their spouses, Don & Margaret, Jackie & Judd, Kenny, and Jerry & Tami, as well as 7 wonderful grandchildren and 5 granddogs.

Don’s wisdom, sense of adventure, wit and humor, combined with his undying love for his family and faith in God, will forever live in those whose lives he touched.

A celebration of life will be held on July 29, 2023 at 1:30pm at Downey Calvary Chapel, 12808 Woodruff Avenue in Downey. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to www.alzheimers.am.

In Memory of

Phyllis Gillespie



Longtime Downey resident Phyllis Gillespie died Saturday, July 8, after a lengthy illness. She was 92. Phyllis and her husband Jim, who died in 2000, moved to the “Island” in Downey in 1958. Phyllis was a homemaker who did the lion’s share of raising the couple’s five children: Mary and Maureen (twins), Teresa, Jim and Katie.

Phyllis was born in 1930 in tiny Badus, South Dakota, and lived in the area until going off to the state university, where she earned her degree in sociology. After college, she moved to Washington, D.C. to work as a Senator’s secretary. She and Jim met in the nation’s Capital, married and moved to Jim’s home state of Ohio before deciding to head west more than 60 years ago. Phyllis was a longtime member of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Woman’s Guild, even serving as president. Despite never having rolled a ball, she was instrumental in creating the OLPH bowling league at Del Rio Lanes in the mid ‘70s. She and Jim spent many Thursday nights at Del Rio, and Phyllis eventually became a good bowler, with a 120 average. Phyllis and Jim enjoyed traveling and had several European adventures as well as numerous trips throughout the US, where they especially enjoyed NYC. Besides her five children, Phyllis is survived by 10 grandchildren: Elizabeth, Dan, Bridget, Harley, Brian, Jack, James, Sean, Anne and Michael. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, at OLPH. She will be interred with her husband Jim at Riverside National Cemetery.

In Memory of

Mabel Brown

November 13, 1919 - July 6, 2023



Mabel Bott Brown passed away on July 6, 2023, of natural causes at the age of 103. She was loved by her family and friends, and will be remembered and missed.

Mabel was born November 13, 1919, in Brigham City, Utah, to Nephi Jensen Bott and Jennie Zundel Ward. She grew up in Daly City, California, and Logan, Utah. She first met Charles Franklin Brown in junior high English class, but it wasn’t until a few years later, at Logan High School, that Charles “looked on her with more appreciative eyes.” They both graduated from Utah State University (then Utah State Agricultural College) and were married in 1941. Their daughter Linda was born two years later. Charles served in the Army during World War II. More than 70 years later, Mabel remembered Charles returning home safely after the war: “I can still close my eyes and remember the feeling of complete happiness and relief and peace that I felt.”

After the war, the family of three moved to Southern California to find work, and never left. Mabel volunteered at Downey Community Hospital for thirty years. She hosted many Christmas luncheons at their home, and countless Easter egg hunts in their large, beautiful backyard.

They loved to travel near and far: Europe, Asia, and often back to Logan to visit family. Mabel was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was a loyal supporter of her grandchildren, helping them with college tuition, attending events, and always remembering their birthdays with a card and a check.

Mabel was petite, never weighing more than 100 pounds, and topping out at 5 feet tall. As each of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren inevitably grew taller than her, Grandma made them recite Rule #585: “Even if I’m taller, Grandma’s still the boss.”

As she grew older, Mabel was preceded in death by her siblings, her husband, and many dear friends. In her later years, she became a voracious reader. Linda worked tirelessly not only to keep her continually supplied with books, but also to help her live as independently as possible at home.

We will dearly miss our wonderful Mother and Grandma.

Mabel is survived by her daughter Linda, son-in-law Richard Allen, her five grandchildren and their spouses, and her 22 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

In the words of Charles, “She’s pert, and smart, and mighty cute, that little girl from Logan, UT.”

In Memory of

Anthony Louis Viguera Morales

March 2, 1986 - July 7, 2023



Anthony Morales, 37, was born on March 2, 1986, in Bellflower California to Lisa Viguera-Morales and Louis Morales, Jr. Anthony passed away in the City of Anaheim and joined the lord on July 7, 2023.

Anthony grew up in Downey and was active in youth sports from 1995-2001 and played baseball at Northwest Downey Little League (NWDLL), basketball and baseball at DJAA, and youth football with the Downey Razorbacks. Anthony attended grade school at Rio Hondo Elementary School then went on to attend Griffiths Middle School, West Middle (Stauffer), and East Middle (Doty). Anthony attended Warren and Downey High School and graduated from Downey High School in 2005.

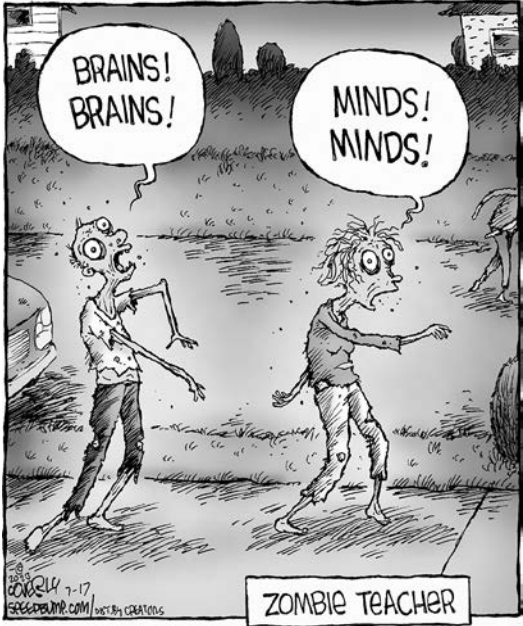
After graduating from American College in 2010 with a Pharmacy Tech license, Anthony moved to Anaheim where he lived with his wife Stephanie Nakayama where they were raising their son, Renzo (9). Anthony changed career paths and worked in the security systems industry and worked for various companies including working as an independent contractor. Anthony was a devoted father who loved his son and family. Anthony had a passion for the outdoors and was compassionate and always willing to help anyone in need. Anthony will be sorely missed by family and by all that know him.

Anthony is survived by his family: Wife- Stephanie, Son- Renzo, Parents- Lisa Viguera-Morales and Louis Morales Jr., Grandparents- Virginia Morales, Louis Morales Sr., and Sandra Lara, Brother- Austin Morales, Aunts/Uncles- Mary Maxwell, Mike Morales, Jessie Viguera, Trina Viguera, Nina Chagolla, and Anna Chagolla, Cousins- Drew Maxwell, Mike Morales, Matthew Morales, Anna Tapia, Natasha Viguera, AJ Viguera, Ralph Juarez, Angel Juarez, Gabriel Juarez, Eric Juarez, Paul Alfonso, Jacob Alfonso, Nicole Alfonso, Frankie Chagolla, Brianna Torres, Nathan Torres, Arie Torres, and Nick Torres.

A Mass Intention offering for Anthony took place on July 15, 2023, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and a memorial service for immediate family was held on July 18, 2023. A Celebration of Anthony’s Life will take place for family and friends on Friday, July 21 from 7pm-11pm at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center in the City of Santa Fe Springs.

Condolences may be sent to the family through our website, www.dignitymemorial.com.

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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
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 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
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 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
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 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
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 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
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 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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Since their introduction in 1959, over one billion Barbie dolls (23 Across) have been sold world-wide. Toaster Strudels (97 Across) are Pillsbury's competition for Kellogg's Pop-Tarts. The septet of round things found about seven answers: BALL (23 Across), DISK (25 Across), BAGEL (47 Across), MOON (85 Across), DOME (107 Across), RING (31 Down) and HOOP (59 Down).

The U.S.-Mexico border is a national shame

By Jill Filipovic

Jill Filipovic is a journalist based in New York and author of the book "OK Boomer, Let's Talk: How My Generation Got Left Behind."

The US-Mexico border is becoming an increasingly inhumane and often deadly zone — and a national shame.

That's the conclusion you have to reach based on emails shared by the Texas Department of Public Safety and originally reported on by The Houston Chronicle.

An email from a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper, obtained by the Chronicle and shared with CNN, describes conditions along the border at Eagle Pass, Texas that the officer himself characterizes as "inhumane." In an effort to discourage migration across the Rio Grande River, the state of Texas has strung razor wire, buoys and other deterrence strategies.

According to the trooper, officers have also been ordered to refuse water to migrants, who are traveling in extreme heat that can top 100 degrees Fahrenheit, and to push them back into the water. These efforts have deterred some migrants; they've also injured and possibly killed many others.

According to the email, medics say they treated a teenager whose leg was broken when he tried to cross a part of the river away from the buoys. One 19-year-old woman, the trooper wrote, was caught in the wire while having a miscarriage. A four-year-old fainted in the extreme heat as her group was forced back into Mexico. And that all allegedly happened within seven hours.

The next day, the trooper wrote, he heard about a mother and her two children who drowned trying to cross the river and avoid the razor wire.

Part of the problem, the trooper wrote, is that the razor-wire-covered buoys don't keep people from trying to cross; the threat of injury just pushes people into areas of the river that are deeper, which poses a greater risk to those traveling with bags or children.

At least 748 people died at the border last fiscal year.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Travis Considine told the Chronicle that there is no water-refusal policy. Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw called for an audit of border procedures to see if there were ways to decrease potential harms to migrants attempting to cross. "The purpose of the wire is to deter smuggling between the ports of entry and not to injure migrants," he wrote. "The smugglers care not if the migrants are injured, but we do, and we must take all necessary measures to mitigate the risk to them including injuries from trying to cross over the concertina wire, drownings and dehydration."

In a statement, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott told CNN: "Texas is deploying every tool and strategy to deter and repel illegal crossings between ports of entry as President Biden's dangerous open border policies entice migrants from over 150 countries to risk their lives entering the country illegally. The absence of razor wire and other deterrence strategies encourages migrants to make unsafe and illegal crossings between ports of entry, while making the job of Texas National Guard soldiers and DPS troopers more dangerous and difficult. President Biden has unleashed a chaos on the border that's unsustainable, and we have a constitutional duty to respond to this unprecedented crisis."

In fact, the Biden administration does not have an "open border" policy; President Joe Biden has adopted stricter immigration policies that have drawn the ire of advocates for immigrants' rights. Those policies include limiting the rights of asylum-seekers at the US-Mexico border, expansions of a Trump-era immigration law, Title 42, invoked as a public health emergency during the Covid pandemic (after a lot of back-and-forth, the administration finally ended that policy in May) and expedited removals of migrants. Border crossings dropped.

Countries, of course, have a right to set their own immigration policies. But the US has a legal obligation to offer asylum-seekers due process under the law, and a moral obligation to not set human traps for desperate people as if they were vermin. Razor wire that pushes people into more dangerous conditions and slices through the skin of some of the world's most vulnerable people is not a reasonable deterrent; it's cruelty, plain and simple.

Many of the people attempting to cross the southern border are looking for financial security that their homelands cannot provide. Others are fleeing endemic violence, threats to their lives and political instability. A great many Americans seem to read these stories and see images of exhausted moms toting babies near the Rio Grande and wonder, "Why would they do that?" Maybe, instead of disbelief and disgust, we could really try to answer that question: Why would someone risk their own life, and their child's life, at a dangerous border crossing unless they determined that whatever they were fleeing was worse?

When it comes to the border, the trooper wrote in his email, "We need to operate it correctly in the eyes of God. We need to recognize that these are people who are made in the image of God and need to be treated as such."

There is nothing good or godly about what's happening at the border. There is only Hell on earth — created, in part, by American politicians.

Furman Park's fields should remain open

Dear Editor:

I have always wondered why the play fields at Furman Park are not available for any park visitor to use when there is no one playing or practicing on the baseball fields.

These are public parks and every year, Measure S generates about \$9 million to go towards our community. Overall, I believe just for Furman Park it's supposed to be about \$5 million.

I'm at Furman Park about three times per week throughout the year and these fields are gated and locked up, giving no one access.

I understand there might be leagues who "rent" them, but in either case, I would like for someone to respond to my inquiry because it's such a shame to see the fields empty when no one is using them most of the time.

So many families and children visit this park and they don't have access to the fields.

Moni Zamora
Downey

Ojos Locos

Dear Editor:

When will Ojos Locos be opening? I want to know when to prepare for the crime wave that it will be bringing to our city.

Margarita Lucho
Downey

A vote for Dorothy Pemberton

Dear Editor:

The saying "if you want something done, ask a busy person", aptly describes Dorothy who is currently very busy with her involvement of 10 years with Gangs Out of Downey, 20 years each with Soroptimist International Downey, Downey YMCA, Assistance League of Downey and 4 years experience with the Public Works Committee. In addition to her active roles in these community services, she is a 30-year realtor/broker in Downey.

With her very busy schedule, Dorothy, nevertheless, worked tirelessly to remove Catherine Alvarez from her seat in the city council, and organized not one but two petitions to recall Ms. Alvarez because the first petition lacked 35 votes. When Dorothy knocked on my door and asked if I would like to sign this recall petition, I readily said yes because I knew of Catherine's criminal record and never appreciated her representing my district. Thankfully, with Dorothy's dedicated work and that of the recall committee, their efforts paid off with a win of 90% of the vote.

I agree with Alex Dominguez that we should not be influenced by hyperbole and lazy cliches when selecting a candidate, but instead, qualify on the basis of virtue, value, position and work, and I might add patriotism and love for country, and very importantly, love and concern for the welfare of Downey. Dorothy has lived all her life in Downey, and her impeccable credentials of leadership, integrity, capability and experience more than qualifies her to represent District 3! Dorothy Pemberton has my vote.

Martha Morrissy
Downey

College isn't for everone

Dear Editor:

I recently came across a post in one of Downey's Facebook groups discussing the emphasis on college education as a prerequisite for success in life. This led me to ponder why schools don't also highlight trade jobs as viable options.

While certain professions like nursing, medicine, and teaching do require a college education, not everyone intends to pursue those careers or has an interest in attending college at all.

The alternative often presented to students is joining the military, which I don't oppose as it provides valuable job training, travel opportunities, and potential college funding. However, it may not appeal to everyone or be feasible due to various reasons.

So, why don't schools actively promote trade jobs? These professions offer excellent career paths and competitive salaries. Shouldn't Downey Unified School District (DUSD) consider establishing a program for trade jobs, similar to the existing STEM or college-focused programs for high school students?

DUSD high school students already have the option to simultaneously take high school and college courses. By doing so, they can earn college credits and expedite their journey to obtaining a degree upon high school graduation.

Allow me to propose an idea to DUSD board members, teachers, and city council members in the hopes that they will consider and explore its feasibility. Let DUSD collaborate with local trade job unions such as plumbing, carpentry, and electricians. Together, they can promote these trade jobs to high school students and develop a program that enables them to participate in training classes or apprenticeships while completing their high school education. This way, students will be well-prepared to enter the workforce right after graduating from high school.

I hope this letter reaches the intended recipients and sparks their interest, prompting them to delve into the possibility of creating such a program.

Gideon Valdez
Downey

Kindness over politeness

By Eric Pierce

Eric Pierce is editor of the Downey Patriot.

We often use the words "nice" and "kind" interchangeably, but there is a subtle but important difference between the two. Being nice is about being polite and agreeable, while being kind is about being compassionate and helpful.

Politeness is often about following social norms and expectations. It's about saying please and thank you, holding doors open for people, and generally being pleasant to be around. While politeness is certainly a good thing, it can sometimes be superficial. We can be polite to people without actually caring about them or their well-being.

Kindness, on the other hand, is about putting others before ourselves. It's about doing things that will help others, even if it means putting ourselves out. Kind people are compassionate and understanding. They are willing to listen to others and offer help when needed.

Here are some examples of the difference between being polite and being kind:

A polite person might hold the door open for someone, but a kind person might also offer to help them carry their groceries.

A polite person might say they're sorry when they bump into someone, but a kind person might also ask if they're okay.

A polite person might donate to charity, but a kind person might also volunteer their time to help others.

So, which is more important, being polite or being kind?

The answer is that both are important, but kindness is ultimately more valuable. Politeness is a great way to make a good impression, but kindness is what makes the world a better place. Kind people make others feel good, and they make the

world a more caring and compassionate place.

If you want to make a difference in the world, be kind.

Here are some tips for being more kind:

Be mindful of your words and actions.

Put others before yourself.

Be compassionate and understanding.

Be willing to help others.

Be generous with your time and resources.

Being kind is a choice, and it's a choice that we all have the power to make. So, let's choose to be kind, and make the world a better place.

SCOTUS did its job

Dear Editor:

I sympathize with Rachel Clark's position. ("The Supreme Court Made Generational Poverty More Difficult to Break," 7/6/23)

My family too was very poor when I grew up, but I was lucky. Back in the mid-50s, I could earn enough in the summer to pay for room and meals for two quarters at California Polytechnic College, and just had to work part time to cover the third. I received no help from my family, nor did I receive any grants. I had to pay for my books and materials, and there were a few lab fees. There was no tuition.

Still, I wound up at graduation with a debt of about \$350 - then about one quarter of room, board, and some fees. I paid that back about two months after going to work at Lockheed Aircraft. I graduated in July, 1959.

Sometime after that (I do not remember exactly when), lab fees increased and then the school started charging tuition. Minor at first, but it just kept growing. I do remember that in 1963, our president (JFK) was assassinated and LBJ became president. Shortly after that, LBJ declared war on poverty. Suddenly, our government required massive amounts of money. They got it from anywhere they could. Our national debt has been skyrocketing since.

I am sorry that Ms. Clark has been a victim of all this, but the SCOTUS must be credited with finally trying to halt the inflation machine before it drowns us in debt. We can only hope that The Supreme Court continues fixing old errors and puts a stop to government funded welfare. If they do not, I believe that we will continue our march to the cliff.

If you have been voting for the "big spenders", then I regret to inform you that you are a part of the problem. If we can get our government under control, then there may be a solution to your problem. But not likely if the massive inflation continues.

By the way, I believe that our current welfare system assures that generational poverty is likely to increase because we are making welfare better than working for some people.

Gordon Wall
Downey

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Art museum objects to mechanic's reinstatement

■ The L.A. County Museum of Art was ordered to reinstate an employee who was fired due to felony convictions for illegal possession of assault weapons.

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles County Museum of Art is asking a judge to overturn a Civil Service Commission decision to reinstate a refrigeration mechanic who was arrested along with his brother after marijuana plants and a cache of firearms and ammunition were seized at three locations.

The petition involves the punishment levied on Manuel Scagliotti, who museum attorneys state was discharged because of convictions for illegal possession of assault weapons, larceny and a marijuana-related charge.

"The arrest and incident were covered in the news media and were a source of embarrassment for the county," the petition states.

A county Civil Service Commission representative did not immediately reply to a request for comment on the petition brought Monday.

After Scagliotti was discharged, he petitioned the commission for a hearing and an officer was appointed to hear the evidence, according to the petition, which further states that the officer recommended upholding the firing.

"The hearing officer further prepared a statement of facts and conclusions of law that found Scagliotti's claims that he committed the crimes out of ignorance not credible ..." the petition states.

The officer additionally found that Scagliotti's termination was appropriate considering that the department would be continuing to employ someone who was found to have "intentionally acted in such a reckless manner," the petition states.

After Scagliotti objected to the commission's adopting of the hearing officer's report, the panel by a 3-2 vote overturned the discharge in April and determined he should be reinstated to his position with a 30-day suspension, the petition states.

"This order came despite adopting the hearing officer's report with findings reflecting Scagliotti's behavior outside of work unbecoming of a county employee," according to the museum attorneys, who further argue in their court papers that Scagliotti's reinstatement was an "abuse of discretion."

The Los Angeles Police Department said at the time of the arrests that warrants were served in April 2016 in the 800 block of Terrace 49 in Mount Washington, the 6000 block of Tipton Way in Highland Park and the 13000 block of Bradley Avenue in Sylmar.

Various types of firearms and thousands of rounds of ammunition were seized along with about \$4,500 in cash from the Mount Washington address, police said. The seized marijuana allegedly had an approximate street value of \$500,000.

Manuel Scagliotti, then 44, was arrested at the Terrace 49 location and his brother, Livio Scagliotti, then 49, at the Tipton Avenue location, police said.

Rotary celebrates new board

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

DOWNEY — Rotary Club of Downey celebrated the end of their current year with a Demotion Dinner, and then a picnic in Furman Park.

At the dinner, Amelia Sanchez stepped down as president after a successful year, 12 new members being inducted into the club. Mel said that her goal as president this year was to re-energize and re-engage the club, coming back from COVID and absentee attendance by Zoom.

"My goal was to keep it simple," said Mel. Simple, but not easy.

Barbara Lamberth will take over as president, with Emilio Martinez as president-elect. Ray Brown will be the treasurer.

The traditional picnic in the park included all the generations, children and grandchildren. Raul Lopez's son Alex came with wife Jenette, both members too, and their twin sons and Teddy. Newly graduated computer engineer Mark Montero was there with parents Jorge and Maru. The Saylor's had grandparents Brian and Elise, and sons and grandkids. Mike Pohlen contributed four chilled jugs of orange juice from his trees here in Downey, freshly squeezed. Downey Rotary is more than service above self, and the fellowship. It's family, too.



Barbara Lamberth, left, and Amelia Sanchez. (PHOTO BY LORINE PARKS)

POET'S CORNER

Beach Glass

The ocean, cumbered by no business more urgent than keeping open old accounts that never balanced, goes on shuffling its millenniums of quartz, granite, and basalt.

It behaves toward the permutations of novelty-- driftwood and shipwreck, last night's beer cans, spilt oil, the coughed-up residue of plastic--with random impartiality, playing catch or tag or touch--last like a terrier, turning the same thing over and over, over and over. For the ocean, nothing is beneath consideration...

I keep a lookout for beach glass-- amber of Budweiser, chrysoprase of Almadén and Gallo, lapis by way of (no getting around it, I'm afraid) Phillips' Milk of Magnesia, with now and then a rare translucent turquoise or blurred amethyst of no known origin.

The process goes on forever: they came from sand, they go back to gravel, along with treasuries of Murano, the buttressed astonishments of Chartres...

Amy Clampitt, The Collected Poems of Amy Clampitt, 1997

Clampitt sees beach glass, as evidence of gradual dissolution of everything, The ocean will treat it and the celebrated stained glass windows of Chartres cathedral with random impartiality. It's all trash to Time. Born in landlocked Iowa, her poems took on a Keatsian lushness when she moved to New York. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

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 <p>MARIO PERSICO REALTOR® 562-533-7433 MARIO@MARIOPERSICO.COM DRE #01341121</p>	<div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>JUST LISTED</p>  <p>MOVE RIGHT IN!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 beds 4 baths 2 story 2,762 sq. ft. 6,536 sq. ft. lot <p>LIST PRICE: \$799,900</p> </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <p>JUST SOLD</p>  <p>JUST SOLD \$200,000 OVER LIST PRICE!</p> <p>French Manor Home in Orange Estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 beds, 3 baths & den Billiard room & Pool/Spa 3,600+ Sq ft living space Approx 13,000 sq. ft. lot Too many amenities to list! <p>LIST PRICE: \$1,499,999</p> </div> </div>		
<p>JUST LISTED</p>  <p>MULTIPLE OFFERS!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 beds 2 baths Den (4th bedroom) Living room 1,638 sq. ft. 8,481 sq. ft. lot <p>LIST PRICE: \$699,900</p>	<p>JUST LISTED</p>  <p>EAST LA DUPLEX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 beds 1 bath each 1,536 sq ft total living space Updated floors & counter tops <p>LIST PRICE: \$699,999</p>	<p>SOLD</p>  <p>7846 8TH ST., DOWNEY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First time on the market 3 bedrooms 1 3/4 baths Formal dining room Family room <p>SOLD FOR: \$875,000</p>	<p>JUST LISTED</p>  <p>DOWNEY CONDO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 bedroom 1 bathroom Living room w/ fireplace Central A/C Huge private loft Association pool/spa 955 sq. ft. <p>CALL FOR PRICE!</p>
<p>JUST SOLD</p>  <p>12745 GLYNN, DOWNEY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 beds 2 baths Living room w/ fireplace Bonus room <p>LISTED FOR: \$764,900 SOLD FOR: \$785,000</p>	<p>JUST SOLD</p>  <p>SOLD OVER LIST PRICE!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move to Long Beach! Spanish style 2 bedroom 1 bath! Walk to the Canals! <p>LIST PRICE: \$1,200,000</p>	<p>SOLD</p>  <p>SOLD FOR \$30,000 ABOVE ASKING PRICE!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 beds 3 baths Bonus room 2,734 sq. ft. living space 11,058 sq. ft. lot New pool/spa <p>SOLD FOR: \$1,729,000</p>	
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