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## CRIME REPORT

### THURSDAY, APRIL 21

At 11:30 a.m., an explosion occurred inside the laundry mat located at 10303 1/2 Lakewood. Downey Police and Downey Fire responded and nearby businesses were temporarily evacuated as a precaution. DFD extinguished a small fire. A couple patrons received minor injuries, but nobody was seriously injured. Foul play is not suspected, but the incident is still under investigation by Downey Fire.

At 4:30 p.m., a male and female broke into a parked car at the Stonewood Shopping Center. When the owner interrupted the burglary, the suspects fled into the nearby neighborhood, both were eventually caught by police. Both suspects were arrested for vehicle burglary.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 22

At 10:00 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 8600 block of Springer, but an alert neighbor obtained a license plate of the suspects' car before they left the scene. A couple hours later, detectives located the car in the area of Florence & Eastern and stopped it. Evidence tying the occupants to the earlier burglary was discovered in the car. Ultimately, two adults and one juvenile were arrested for the burglary. The juvenile was also wanted in the City of Bell for robbery.

At 7:30 p.m., a man entered Daniel's Jewelers inside Stonewood Shopping Center and asked to see a ring and necklace. When the clerk removed the items from the display case, the suspect grabbed them from the clerk and ran out of the store. The suspect was last seen running through the parking lot but eluded capture. Detectives are investigating.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 23

At 12:30 a.m., an officer patrolling Rio San Gabriel Park found three subjects in the park. All three were cited for being in the park after hours.

At 9:00 a.m., a license plate reader alerted officers of a stolen car in the downtown area. Officers stopped the car at Firestone & Pangborn and arrested the driver. The car had been stolen from the City of Industry.

At 7:00 p.m., a man stole alcohol from Aloha Liquor on Lakewood and began walking in and out of traffic on Lakewood at Stewart & Gray. Officers were able to subdue the man and arrest him for the theft. The man was also under the influence of drugs.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 24

At 12:30 a.m., a man crashed his vehicle into a parked car in the 7100 block of Adwen. Officers determined the man was under the influence of alcohol and arrested him for DUI.

At 1:00 a.m., a robbery occurred at Community Liquor (9040 Imperial). Officers tracked the suspects to a trailer park in the area where they located and arrested the suspects. Two men were arrested for robbery and one man was arrested for disorderly conduct.

At 9:00 a.m., officers patrolling the Rio San Gabriel River Channel at Firestone cited four subjects for trespassing. Another person fled from officers and ran onto the 605 freeway. Officers captured the suspect and arrested him for a "no bail" warrant.

At 10:00 a.m., a license plate reader alerted officers of a stolen car in the vicinity. Officers located the vehicle in the Embassy Suites parking lot and arrested the driver, a 46-year-old man. The car had been stolen from the City of Oceanside.

## Thieves break into Warren High, steal band instruments

By Alex Dominguez  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The students and staff of the Warren High School Band program were shocked to find their music room broken into and several instruments stolen earlier this week.

The break-in occurred sometime between Monday evening and the early morning hours on Tuesday. The instruments stolen varied from District owned, Booster purchased, and personally owned.

Downey Unified School District declined to release too much specific information in order to preserve the integrity of the ongoing investigation, and in an effort to not further disrupt the individuals involved, has also opted not to host on-site interviews of students or staff for media.

Instead, DUSD released an official statement, saying:

"First, we want to thank the community and the media for the outpouring of support...We are working collaboratively with police to apprehend the individual or individuals that perpetrated this awful crime...We are confident that

our outstanding police department will soon apprehend these criminals and, as a district, we will support prosecuting them to the full extent of the law. In the meantime, Downey Unified is committed to replacing the items stolen and/or damaged. In light of these recent events, the District is taking multiple preventative steps districtwide to curtail any future incidents."

Downey Police also declined to release any information.

A GoFundMe page was set up in response to the thefts by one of the music program's senior students. The page has already begun circulating social media thanks to several community members, many of which are Warren alumni who were band and color guard members.

According to the senior's GoFundMe campaign, several school laptops were stolen in addition to the instruments, however this has not been officially confirmed.

The post also noted that eggs had been cracked/thrown at several instruments including a piano and a bass. This was verified by DUSD, however the instruments suffered no serious damage and were wiped

clean and are fully functional.

Band Director Dave Niemeyer also released a statement, saying:

"...Downey and DUSD is an amazing community. It is unfortunate that people make ill choices. Everyone is fine, we are still rehearsing and moving forward head strong. Please spread positive words, because Warren High School is a terrific school filled with terrific teachers, administrators and students. Let's not make this a negative. Please know that everything that can possibly be done is being done and everyone from the very top of the district on down is involved with making things come out right."

The Warren Band is continually active throughout the year in both fundraising and performances, and are scheduled to perform multiple times within the coming weeks, including at their annual spring concert. It is unknown how drastically the recent events will affect those appearances, if at all.

## Blanca Pacheco announces run for City Council



Photo by John Zander

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – Local attorney Blanca Pacheco has announced her candidacy for City Council.

Pacheco is seeking to replace Luis Marquez, who will be termed out of office this November after eight years of representing District 1 (south Downey).

Her goal as a council member, she said, would be to make sure south Downey isn't overlooked when it comes to public safety, economic

development and street repairs.

"I didn't notice the neglect in south Downey until I moved into the district 11 years ago," she said. "We're not south Downey – we're Downey."

Pacheco, 42, graduated from Downey High and earned an AA degree from Cerritos College and a BA in Political Science from UCLA. She earned a law degree from Loyola Law School.

Her law office is located on 3rd Street in Downtown Downey, where her field of practice includes living trusts, probate, DUI defense and eviction cases. She is also a part-time instructor for Downey Adult School's paralegal program.

She is an active volunteer, having served as president of the Downey Kiwanis Club in 2015. She is a commissioner on Downey's Public Works Committee, and also volunteers her time with the Mexican American Bar Association, Southeast District Bar Association, and California Council for Adult Education.

She also assists with Teen Court, a juvenile justice program recently launched in Downey. Assemblymember Cristina Garcia named Pacheco her "Woman of the Year" for 2016.

Pacheco credits her community service with spurring the idea of

running for City Council.

"As I became more involved, I saw how I could make a difference in the community," she said.

Where does she stand on the issues? In regards to increasing the local sales tax, Pacheco is opposed to the idea.

"Right now I don't believe it's necessary," she said. "It would hurt too many Downey businesses."

She is adamant about keeping Downey's police and fire departments under local control: "Having our own police and fire departments, and our own school district, is what makes Downey unique."

Pacheco praised redevelopment efforts downtown, and said she is happy to see more restaurants opening in Downey.

Crime continues to be a concern, particularly in south Downey, Pacheco said.

"I've been talking to my neighbors and almost everyone has been burglarized or had their car broken into," she said.

Candidates for City Council can officially submit nomination forms in July. The election is Nov. 8.



Downey Nissan broke ground on their new 46,000 sq. ft. dealership site on April 13. The new location sits on 6 1/2 acres on Firestone Boulevard and Old River School Road. Construction is anticipated to be completed by Dec. 31, officials said.

## Elderly resident killed in hit-and-run

**DOWNEY** – A 74-year-old Downey resident was killed Wednesday night in a hit-and-run crash near Brookshire Avenue and Gallatin Road.

NBC-4 reports that the victim was not in a crosswalk when the collision occurred at about 8:11 p.m.

The resident was reportedly struck by a white Honda driven by 64-year-old Qudus Kahn. Police say Kahn fled the scene but returned an hour later.

Kahn was arrested and charged with felony hit-and-run.

The identity of the victim has not been publicly released.

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 67°

Saturday 67°

Sunday 67°

## THINGS TO DO



### 94.7 The Wave

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### Comedy Night

**Sunday - Ice House, 8 p.m.**

Ten up and coming comedians take the stage on Mothers Day. \$20

## FROM OUR FACEBOOK

### Downey Ride & Stride

**Tina Hernandez:** My family and I enjoyed Downey's Ride and Stride. It was a wonderful opportunity for Downey families to get out as a community and enjoy great music, food and informative booths. I hope to see it become an annual event.

**Sarah Swisher:** I completely support community events that promote fun, healthy activity, but I did not appreciate that this forced traffic down small residential streets.

**Jan Scott:** Downey put on a fabulous family event.

**Liz Zamorano:** My family had a wonderful time at the event. I hope this happens more than once a year. I have lived in Downey for over 3 years and had never been to the museum!

**Andrew Picazo:** My family and I had lots of fun! I'd like to make one suggestion. Bike tools or volunteers with bike repair experience at info booths.

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## TWEET OF THE WEEK

@davalos\_ileana: The Downey Ride and Stride was great. Proud of Downey for first attempt to bring a great sense of community.

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# Shared Stories: A Turning Point

*Mina Anne Chudilowsky shares fond memories of her family's move to semi-rural Bellflower in the 1950's, when Rosecrans ended at the Rio San Gabriel River. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns*

By Mina Anne Chudilowsky

A turning point in my life was when we moved from Los Angeles to Bellflower when I was 7 years old.

In Los Angeles we walked a couple of blocks to Exposition Park and the Coliseum, the museums, the rose gardens, picnic areas, and play areas. We spent a lot of time in the park, especially in the museums and the kiddies' pool.

We lived in the bottom half of a large house which was on Figueroa Street which was very busy. We kids would cross the street and walk a block or so to the local movie theater where we would spend the greater part of Saturday afternoons.

We walked three or four blocks to the Catholic school and church. We took a bus or trolley to go on further excursions with our mother. She was a reader, and we became readers by frequent visits to the Los Angeles main library.

Our backyard was adjacent to the parking lot of the medical building next door. We had abundant room to bike, skate, play ball, etc., after business hours and on weekends. We were allowed to ride our bikes around the block, but no further. Nicky climbed the giant avocado tree and made a

tree house up there. When I tried to climb the tree, I got scared and stuck, and our father had to come rescue me.

We rode in the car to Griffith Park on many weekends for picnics with friends and on our own. We kids were given free reign and explored the hills and the zoo on our own.

When we moved to Bellflower, we moved from an urban to a rural area. We were far from most things, although we had dairy farms, a pig farm, a horse in a field, a frog pond, a dry river bed with lizards, and horned toads living there.

We didn't know too many neighbors in L.A. – mostly just the people above us, as we were in a business area. In Bellflower, we got to know most of the people around us as everyone was new to this new tract of homes, which was located in an agricultural area. We even knew the names of our neighbor's pets.

We rode a school bus to the public school, and later, when we were older, and wanted to, we'd ride our bikes to school. Because they were purchasing a new home, my parents could not afford to send us to a parochial school.

When our mother took us to get registered, the school wanted to promote us all one grade ahead because of our parochial education. Fortunately, our mother wanted us to stay with our own age group.

On my first day of public school in the third grade, the teacher wanted to make me feel welcome, so she asked me to name the vowels. I had no idea what a vowel was. So much for parochial education, and thank goodness that our mother kept us in our age group.

In L.A., we played mostly in our backyard and the adjoining parking lot. In Bellflower, we had the full reign of the tract of homes, and we rode all of the streets. Most of the families had but one car and it was used to take the fathers to work. The cars were parked in garages, so the streets were open and empty and there was not much traffic, so we could play ball there.

We rode our bikes beyond the boundary of the homes and explored the orange groves, the dairies, the frog pond, the river, and the pig farm. We visited the horse in the field and the little café on the corner of Woodruff and Rosecrans. We played baseball and kickball in the side street, and it seemed like most the kids flew kites on the front street.

We'd play hide-and-go-seek. It was easy to hide as there were no street lights at that time, and you could just lie down on a lawn and never be discovered. We had some major dirt clod fights along the perimeter of the orange groves, and the riverbed, which was not yet cemented and was dirt, became a good place to play.

The closest store was across the river. Rosecrans ended in a dirt road by the pig farm, and there was no bridge over the river. Helms Bakery trucks, the Good Humor man, the milkman, and a store bus would bring us treats and needed staples.

The Fuller Brush came by frequently and we were visited by encyclopedia salesmen, aluminum siding salespeople, accordion sales people, and various other people trying to sell these new homeowners something to improve their homes or lives.

We kids had much more freedom in Bellflower than we did in L.A. Unfortunately, most of our friends lived closer to the city center, and we couldn't bike to their houses for a year or two.

Nicky and Barbara joined the Scouts, and I, along with friends my age, created a bike club and enjoyed our outings without any adult supervision, dues, uniforms or rules. We were driven into Bellflower to see a movie, and picked up afterwards.

Because everyone knew most of the immediate neighbors, the children were watched over and guarded by the community and were kept safe.

We kids gained independence by this turning point in our lives.



The Southeast District Bar Association (SEDBA) celebrated Law Day at Downey Superior Court on April 28 with 47 students from Downey and Warren high schools.

Counselor Cindy Adame brought students from Warren High and counselors Pam Morse and Nicole Sanders brought students from Downey High. The students were treated to a jail visit thanks to Sgt. Michael Ortiz and Sgt. Green and a court tour of the jury room, the clerk's office, and the courtrooms. They were able to visit the chambers of Judge Gregorio Roman and ask questions of court personnel inside the courtroom of Judge Christopher Frisco. Presiding Judge Debra A. Cole also introduced additional judges and commissioners of the courthouse.

Students heard from the deputy in charge of the public defender's office, Christopher Capestro, the deputy in charge of the district attorney's office Mario Cota-Lopez, City of Downey city prosecutor Jim Eckert, State Bar of California representative Esther Lee, Downey Mayor Alex Saab, Assemblymember Cristina Garcia's representative Edgar Estrada, local attorneys Blanca Pacheco, Gavriel Gabriel, and Dennis Saab, Court Manager Cynthia Lathon-Jackson, and Court Services Assistant III Shawyn Haynes.

SEDBA is the local bar association in the southeast area of Los Angeles serving the professional needs of attorneys in the area, advancing the administration of justice, and serving the public regarding access to justice.



Downey Mayor Alex Saab will be at Tropicana Bakery this Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. to discuss local issues with residents.

Over a friendly cup of coffee, residents can ask questions, discuss their concerns, or simply chat with the mayor about issues facing Downey.

## POETRY MATTERS

### Song for the Deer and Myself to Return On

This morning when I looked out the roof window before dawn and a few stars were still caught in the fragile weft of ebony night I was overwhelmed. I sang the song Louis taught me: a song to call the deer in Creek, when hunting, and I am certainly hunting something as magic as deer in this city far from the hammock of my mother's belly. It works, of course, and deer came into this room and wondered at finding themselves in a house near downtown Denver. Now the deer and I are trying to figure out a song to get them back, to get all of us back, because if it works I'm going with them. And it's too early to call Louis and nearly too late to go home.

--Joy Harjo (for Louis Oliver)

Harjo, born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is a Mvskoke poet and musician. The early nineteenth century Romantic impulse to get back to Nature as the nurturing and healing source, features strongly in the Native American Renaissance of the late 20th century. Harjo is rooted simultaneously in the natural world, in earth, and in the spirit world, as was Samuel Taylor Coleridge, who chose to make the exotic believable, in everyday language. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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# Rancho hospital celebrates as final beam put into place

By Alex Dominguez Contributor

**DOWNEY** – Several Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center Administration and staff gathered along with Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe on Friday to commemorate the “topping out” of the future Outpatient Building.

During Friday’s small ceremony, multiple Rancho Los Amigos leaders were invited to sign the final steel beam of the developing structure.

Supervisor Knabe also signed the beam before it was raised and set into place.

The new Outpatient Building is a part of the five year, two phase, \$418 million Rancho Rising 2020 campus renovation and beautification project, which is currently on schedule and expected to conclude in the year 2020.

Rancho COO Benjamin Ovando described Friday as a “big milestone” in the process of the campus’s construction.

“In this building we’ll actually be able to provide outpatient services to

all of our patients in one building, whereas right now we’re kinda spread out among five buildings that were built anywhere from the early 1900’s to about the 1960’s,” said Ovando. “So it’s going to be a lot easier for our patients because they won’t have to go from building to building for their appointments. Now they’ll be able to go to just one building and get all of their outpatient services.”

Along with the added convenience of the single outpatient building, Ovando also cited getting into seismic compliance as one of the major parameters in going forward

with the construction.

Supervisor Knabe, who has been one of the driving forces and biggest supporters of the Rancho Rising project, described Friday as a “great day for Rancho.”

“I think the importance of Rancho is not only locally and to the county and to the region, but to our state and our nation. It’s one of the top rehab hospitals in America, and the only public facility that always makes that ranking,” said Knabe. “What we do here is extremely important...it’s just a great day.”



The Assistance League of Downey celebrated their senior Assisteens at the 62nd annual Iridescent Ball held March 19 at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

From left: Madison Cottrell, Toni Gonzales, Sabrina Canales, Emily Magarino, Cristina Estrada, Miranda White, McKenzie Mora, Jessalyn Escalante, Denise Gallegos, Christina Gabriel, Emily Torres, Nicolette Aguilar and Carolina Perez.

# L.A. County Superior Court judge candidate Efrain Aceves makes campaign stop in Downey

**DOWNEY** – Deputy district attorney and L.A. Superior Court Judge candidate Efrain Aceves held an event in Downey on Thursday to meet with local residents, community leaders, and supporters from the legal field.

The campaign event was held in the private home of Mario Trujillo, a fellow L.A. deputy district attorney. Both Aceves and Trujillo serve out of the Norwalk Courthouse.

Among the event co-hosts were Downey Mayor Alex Saab, Mayor Pro Tem Fernando Vasquez, and Downey attorneys Ricardo Perez and Eber Bayona.

“Efrain Aceves is revered by

prosecutors and defense attorneys alike and he is esteemed by bench officers, as we can see by the judges and commissioners in attendance this evening,” said Perez, who provided the welcoming remarks.

“The Los Angeles County Bar Association evaluated Efrain to be ‘Well Qualified’ to serve as judge. That is no surprise. Efrain places justice before ideology, fairness ahead of personal opinions, and integrity over ambition. Those are precisely the qualities that we seek from our bench officers.

“Efrain, we know you will be a great judge!”

Born in Mexico, Aceves

graduated from UCLA and UCLA School of Law before being elected president of the Mexican American Bar Association (one of the largest Latino Bar Associations in the country), where he started sister bar associations in various Mexican states.

Aceves was elected and currently serves as president of the Whittier City School District. Additionally, he serves on the PIH Health System Board of Directors, a regional health organization in Los Angeles County that serves Whittier, Downey, and other southeast cities.

Aceves has served in the Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office

for the last 17 years and currently prosecutes child molestation cases. Among his many endorsements are those of the Jackie Lacey, who is the current Los Angeles District Attorney, and Steve Cooley, who is the former Los Angeles County District Attorney.

The election for LA Superior Court Judge Office Number 42 will be held on June 7. For questions or to learn more about the campaign, contact Campaign Headquarters at (562) 270-5923 or visit the campaign website at [acevesforjudge.com](http://acevesforjudge.com).



The City of Downey will say goodbye to L.A. County Supervisor Don Knabe this Tuesday at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Knabe will be termed out of office this November.

Representatives from local service clubs are invited to make presentations to Knabe. The ceremony is open to the public.

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# Warren High's Bernard Carrillo wins Optimist Club's essay contest



Back row (from left): Felipe Dorado, Bernard Carrillo (first place), Cristian Pardo (third place) and Diego Ramirez (honorable mention). Front row (from left): Brittney Lizarraga (honorable mention), Alexis Cabada (honorable mention), Sarah Aguilar (fourth place), Ashley Torres (second place), Daniel Pardo (fifth place) and Jackie Pardo (advisor).

By Greg Waskul  
Contributor

DOWNEY – Warren High School Senior Bernard Carrillo has won first place and a \$1,000 award in the Optimist Club of Downey's 2016 Essay Contest for members of the Warren Humanitarian Society.

- Other winners included:
- Second Place and a \$500 Award: Ashley Torres
  - Third Place and a \$400 Award: Cristian Pardo
  - Fourth Place and a \$300 Award: Sarah Aguilar
  - Fifth Place and a \$200 Award: Daniel Pardo
  - Honorable Mention and a \$100 Award: Brittney Lizarraga
  - Honorable Mention and a \$100 Award: Alexis Cabada
  - Honorable Mention and a \$100 Award: Diego Ramirez

The students each wrote a 700-to-800 word essay on "Leading By Example: Reality or Fiction", this year's topic for Optimist Club Essay contests for high school students

individual and group strengths, allowing team members to accept responsibility for failures as well as successes in order to achieve optimal success. Although in some situations a leader may not be appointed or immediately emerge from within a group, its members will notice actions which provide leadership to others, and will naturally begin to follow that person's leadership examples. This is one way of leading by example. It is my intent to illustrate different forms of leading by example in order to substantiate its use as a valid form of leadership.

I strongly believe that leaders are not simply those who command others to perform different actions. A leader is someone who will perform an action and lead others to get things done, by doing them together. A leader does not label himself as a captain, boss, or leader. A leader is humble and inspires others to achieve success through his or her actions. The followers of such a leader-like individual realize the powerful influence of a positive attitude and willingness to work with others to achieve goals, which is the foundation of the work ethic they seek to maintain in their life.

Encountering situations where there is a group which needs to accomplish something, in the absence of a designated person to lead the group, can be very difficult. The want for an individual to lead the group can be daunting, but someone must step up to the plate and lead. A few years ago, I competed in a 5K obstacle mud run race called "Run for your Lives," where participants had to get through the entire course without having their three flags removed by role-playing "zombies."

During that race, a group of thirty people including myself approached a long, narrow straightaway filled with zombies attempting to remove our flags from us. We all knew that we needed to strategize before attempting this obstacle

or else it was guaranteed that individually, each of us would be vulnerable to losing at least one flag. Although our entire group was comprised of strangers, one man spoke up and called out to us, "We need to all go at once. If we go one at a time, it's pretty much guaranteed they're going to get our flags. If we all go at once, there is a higher percentage that most of us will make it out with our flags not taken! Let's go guys, we can do this!"

Our group of thirty people listened to this stranger, a man none of us knew, and we agreed to follow his advice because it made good sense. As we arrived at the end of the straightaway, I noticed that many people, including myself, still had the same amount of flags they originally had before this obstacle: our de facto leader's advice had proven wise: by following his example, we achieved success.

The man whose advice we followed, who emerged from the group and decided to lead us, became our leader through his advice and example, not by virtue of his having been given the title of "leader." He didn't know a single person in our group of thirty people, yet he still wanted to help all of us succeed. His help was unconditional, as I saw him a few other times throughout the course giving advice to other groups also filled with strangers.

This man demonstrated courageous attempts to help everyone achieve a common goal. He took calculated risks that demonstrated his personal commitment to a larger purpose. This man created solutions. He didn't dwell on problems; rather, he was the first to offer a solution and then ask his team (us) to work together for the benefit and good of all.

When I saw this man later throughout the course, he persisted in helping others who were

struggling through the various course obstacles. There is a saying that a leader should "make it hard to spot the General by working like a soldier" -- became very clear seeing this man lead, by example, in action.

Leading by example is a definite reality. People lead by example because they want others to succeed. To do this, leaders must show them the way by first doing themselves what they ask of others: this is leading by example, and it is a powerful means to achieve success."

The winning students will

receive their awards at the Optimist Club's annual Scholarship and Awards Luncheon on Thursday, May 19 at the Rio Hondo Event Center, where the club's annual scholarship awardees and Oratorical Contest winners will also be honored.

"The Warren Humanitarian Society students never cease to amaze us with the thoughtfulness, creativity and quality of their work," said Optimist Scholarship Chair Beverly Mathis. "It will be a pleasure to honor these outstanding young people."



For the third consecutive year, Old River Elementary won the Carnival of Champions, an annual competition in which approximately 500 fourth and fifth graders compete in track and field events.

Old River racked up 222 points at Saturday's competition, which was held at Warren High School. They were followed by Rio San Gabriel and Price.

Multiple records were broken at this year's competition. In the 50-meter dash, Aniyah Johnson of Carpenter Elementary finished with a time 7.44 seconds, beating the previous record that was set in 2009 by a Rio San Gabriel student.

Myah Alvarado of Old River ran the 100-meter dash in 13.59 seconds, which broke the previous record set in 2007 by a Carpenter student.

The mixed-coed relay team from Old River finished the 400-meter race in 59.37 seconds, setting a new record.

Carnival of Champions is now in its 52nd year. The competition was resurrected in 2013 after a three-year hiatus.

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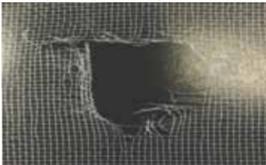
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## More pot will mean more use among youth

By Maurina Cintron

Probably one of the hottest topics around dinner tables and in workplaces as we approach election season in California is the legalization of marijuana -- will California follow Colorado and Washington's lead and legalize it for recreational use? Wherever you fall on this issue personally, one fact remains that cannot be ignored: legalization would most likely increase youth use of the drug.

Research has demonstrated time and again that the more accessible a substance is, the more youth use it. According to a nationwide survey of young adults ages 18 to 25, children of parents who smoke marijuana are more than three times more likely to use it themselves. Among those whose parents had used marijuana, 72% had used it also. Conversely, only 20% of those whose parents had never used marijuana reported having used marijuana themselves.

Alcohol and tobacco provide the best case studies, of course. Decades of research on these two legal substances shows that youth usage rates are considerably higher in places where there is easier access for adults (in the form of more stores selling the products, for example), despite the age restrictions that are supposedly in place.

Most people say 'yes' to legalization without thinking about the consequences of a powerful and financially-motivated marijuana industry.

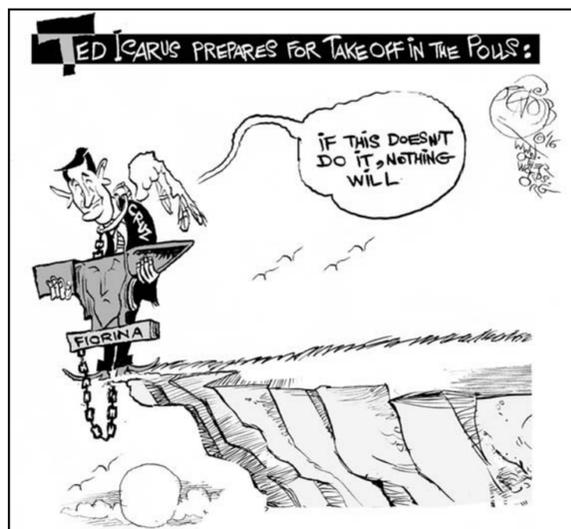
What about the inevitable proliferation of marijuana dispensaries throughout our communities? What about the potential of marijuana advertising in print, on billboards, and online? What about public use? Of course, there will be efforts to regulate all of it, but there is no denying that once the vast mechanism of a 'Big Marijuana' industry is in place, our communities will be much more saturated.

We cannot underestimate the impact this will have on the teens and youth around us. What is viewed as 'socially normative' deeply influences young people. If teens are inundated with marijuana messages and imagery, or if they're regularly seeing the adults in their lives smoking pot, they're more likely to do the same -- three times more likely, according to the research.

All of this matters, of course, because marijuana use hurts youth -- more so than it does adults. Research shows that marijuana has significant detrimental cognitive effects on the developing brain. Youth can't regularly use marijuana without long-term consequences.

For these reasons, I am very concerned about the impact legalization of marijuana would have on (community's) youth. I believe strongly that it is our duty as adults to protect our kids from harm. I hope you feel the same.

If we don't protect our children, who will?



## Congresswoman seeks answers from mobile app

Representative Linda Sánchez (CA-38), chairwoman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and a member of the Congressional Anti-Bullying Caucus, sent a letter to Nuistars Inc., the developer of Ogle, a social media app which allows high school students to post photos, videos and text anonymously on campus specific forums.

Ogle has been used to post threats to schools across the country, including a recent threat to Cerritos High School which turned out to be a hoax.

In the letter to Nuistars, Sánchez raised concerns about the lack of accountability for those posting inappropriate or offensive comments, pictures and videos to Ogle. The letter also asked Nuistars to address three specific questions on Ogle's operations regarding threats and bullying:

What mechanisms is Ogle using to report and review inappropriate content?

How does Ogle cooperate with law enforcement?

What recourse do individuals, many of whom are minors, have when lewd photos of them are posted without their consent?

Below is the full text of the letter

Dear Mr. Jiang,

Recently, a student anonymously posted a serious threat on the page of a high school in my district on Ogle. Since then, students, teachers and parents have raised alarm that Ogle users have also been posting inappropriate images, and pejorative comments about other students. While I understand the intent of this app is to "connect to your campus in a fun, creative way," I, like many in my community, have concerns about the way this app is being used.

Ogle allows students, many of whom are minors, to operate behind a wall of anonymity. As such, I am increasingly concerned by the amount of bullying and harassment on the app, and the lack of accountability for those posting. While school teachers and administrators have the ability and flexibility to address this kind of conduct on school grounds, they are not able to intervene in comments transmitted over the internet (cyberbullying). The anonymous posting of these comments makes it impossible to hold individuals accountable for derogatory, inappropriate and mean-spirited remarks that have major implications for the children they are targeting.

More than one in four children in America will be bullied either at school or online. Bullying has serious consequences for youth. It contributes to high dropout rates, increased absenteeism, and significant underachievement, can lead to physical and psychological issues and in some tragic cases, suicide.

Given the recent events in my district, I would appreciate a response to the questions below about Ogle's policies and welcome any additional information about what Ogle is doing to combat cyber bullying.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Lakewood/Apollo intersection

Dear Editor:

Had an interesting and thoroughly unproductive conversation today with a "traffic engineer" at the City Hall Public Works desk.

Went in to note what I had just encountered at the intersection of Lakewood and Apollo (entrance to The Promenade), where the southbound traffic on Lakewood was held by a red, while the northbound traffic had a green for what seemed like a full minute, and then the light sequenced to allow Apollo traffic to enter Lakewood.

I thought that there should be an adjustment to the sequencing as there is no sound reason why both sides of Lakewood shouldn't have simultaneous "greens" for through traffic. His response was that they "were aware of the problem and they and their consultant were studying it."

It seems to me that that is bureaucratize for "nothing will be done until Armageddon occurs, or the guy in charge retires." Noted that I had been through that intersection before during the afternoon "rush" and had found southbound traffic backed up to north of Alameda getting close to the signal controlled entrance to the Landing, and that Downey was on the verge of succumbing to the same problem that is found on major east-west corridors in Norwalk: Too many traffic signals stacked too closely together causing major gridlock.

Lakewood used to be such a nice flowing corridor. It seems to me that all it takes is minor reprogramming so that whenever northbound traffic has a "green", the same color signal is displayed for southbound through-traffic.

Perhaps the City Manager needs to be asked about this, and when he thinks it will be resolved.

On another subject: I noticed the new "branding" at the intersection of Downey and Firestone, and more touches at City Hall.

Perhaps if Downey was spending less money on "branding" they might not need that sales tax increase that they're pushing?

Oh, who am I kidding, they've boxed themselves over the years into the same severe financial corner that Vallejo, Stockton, and San Bernardino found themselves in: Too much reliance on the magic numbers provided by CalPERS and the desire to buy some ephemeral "labor peace" with the "found wealth" that CalPERS was selling, but now the chickens are looking for that roost, and it is as it always is, the wallet of the taxpayer that will be clutched.

If they don't wish to be in bankruptcy court, they need to start taking (not looking at, but taking) some meaningful reductions in overhead starting with the City Manager's compensation package, and all of the department heads, then working down.

And, what are they going to do about the crime-center that Rio San Gabriel Park has become?

Drew Kelley  
Downey

## Cultural divide in farming communities squelches conversation about hot-button issues like pesticides

By Jill Richardson

A friend of mine is a farmer out in Montana. She's also eight months pregnant with her first child.

Recently she looked out her window and saw a worker spraying pesticides on her neighbor's farm. Concerned for the health of her baby, she called the neighbor about the spraying. "Oh," the neighbor asked, "do you want him to spray your land too?"

She remained polite on the phone but was internally panicked. What had he sprayed, and how would it affect her child?

In the day that followed, she faced dilemmas like whether to take the dog in the car and walk him somewhere else, or even not to walk him at all.

Was the land around her poisoned? Could she walk anywhere without endangering her child? She became a virtual prisoner in her home.

She's not the only one I know who lives in the country and faces issues like this.

Another friend deals with her neighbor's cow manure, which runs off into her stream. The neighbor in this case is a nice guy, she says, but there's a cultural divide between her and the farmers who surround her. She doesn't see a way to approach them about issues like these to achieve any kind of good results.

Thanks to this divide, what could be a matter of common courtesy -- neighbors having a reasonable conversation to keep from imposing on one another -- feels impossible.

The question of "organic vs. pesticides" or "local food vs. industrial food" (or however else you want to frame it) hasn't been a rational debate for a long time. It's ideological. To the farmers in the two anecdotes above, it's likely an identity issue.

That is, in farming communities, one's stance on pesticides or so-called factory farms becomes a part of one's identity. Anyone who disagrees with you isn't just engaging in a reasonable disagreement -- they're attacking your very identity.

How do we shift the discourse? How can neighbors learn to have reasonable -- and honest -- discussions about hot-button food issues?

It can be done. I've done it.

I've also not done it.

That is, with some people, I've been able to have a frank conversation in which each of us is honest. We spoke as human beings, despite some fundamental disagreements.

But in other cases, we couldn't get past talking points and slogans. Some people, for example, claimed that anyone who takes issue with pesticides or any other agricultural practice is "anti-farmer." When that's the case, talking to one another is a pure waste of time.

Right now, we stand at a point in history when most Americans are separated from the production of their food, but also when more and more of us are concerned about where it comes from.

Sometimes that enthusiasm gets ahead of our knowledge of farming, but that's not a reason to dismiss anyone. It's a reason for dialogue. Each side has something to learn and something to contribute.

We can go in two directions. Either each side can become more polarized and more entrenched in their positions, or each side can open up to discussion. Let's take the high road.

Jill Richardson is the author of *Recipe for America: Why Our Food System Is Broken and What We Can Do to Fix It*.

## American elites don't have to go offshore to hide their money

By Josh Hoxie

The first thing you notice on the cab ride from the airport to downtown Panama City is the skyscrapers. They're architecturally beautiful, but jumbled together as if there was no plan or consideration for how they might look next to one another.

What you might not notice is that they're nearly all empty.

Panama, a small Central American country with just 4 million people, has dominated the news in recent weeks.

For that you can thank the Panama Papers -- a massive leak of private documents from the Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca, which serves well-heeled companies and individuals all over the world. The leaks exposed a vast global system of shady offshore tax shelters and the global elites that benefit from them.

A few months before Panama landed on the front pages of nearly every newspaper in the world, I visited the country and got a look at those empty buildings firsthand.

Unlike many travelers, I wasn't in Panama City to launder my ill-gotten cash or to hide my profits from meddling tax collectors (not least because I have neither). I was in search of beautiful beaches and perfect waves, both of which the country is well known for.

It was striking, however, that the most attractive resource the country advertises to the global elite is a hands-off business and tax climate seemingly designed for exploitation.

According to my cab driver (and Reuters), drug cartels are responsible for much of the building boom in Panama City.

For cash-laden criminals unable to drop their funds in a checking account, investing in a Panamanian commercial building makes a lot of sense. They carry excess cash into the country by hand and convert it into an appreciating asset that can remain empty for years. Never mind that many Panamanians live in rickety shacks and dire poverty.

Many who take advantage of Panama's lax business climate never have to step foot in the country. Named in the Panama Papers were 12 current or former world leaders, 128 other public officials and politicians, and hundreds of other elites -- from well known celebrities to enigmatic businessmen -- from over 200 countries.

They each in some way used Mossack Fonseca to create hard-to-trace shell companies to hide their assets. Those companies helped their owners evade taxes, public scrutiny, legal action, or all three.

Iceland's prime minister, Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson, was forced to step down in the face of massive public protests after he was named in the leak. British Prime Minister David Cameron, Russian leader Vladimir Putin, and famous soccer player Lionel Messi have faced significant public scrutiny as well.

Notably, few American names have been listed to date. That could change in revelations to come, but it also might not. States like Delaware offer very similar hands-off approaches to regulation that individuals and companies can exploit to hide their business dealings without going overseas.

One single address in Wilmington, for example -- 1209 North Orange Street -- is listed as the headquarters for 285,000 separate businesses exploiting Delaware's lax laws. Indeed, both Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have firms registered in that two-story office building.

In fact, the Tax Justice Network ranks the United States third in the world for financial secrecy, behind only Switzerland and Hong Kong. Panama is No.13.

As the saying goes, behind every great fortune is a great crime. And the Panama Papers provide the tools to begin prosecuting some of the more egregious crimes of tax evasion and corporate irresponsibility. Many countries have already begun to take action on this front, the United States included.

Perhaps more importantly, the leak provides an impetus for much-needed public pressure to fix our rules so they work for everyone -- not just the tax-dodging elites and their shady shell corporations.

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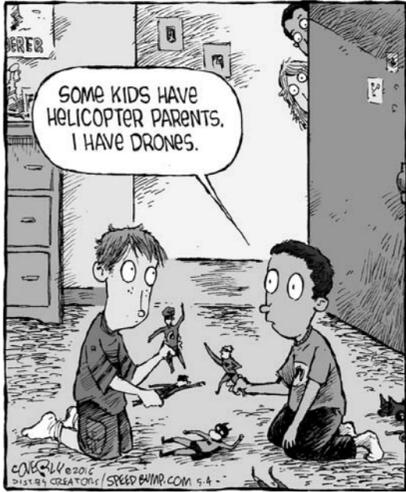
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# Downey Community Calendar

### EVENTS FOR MAY

Friday, May 6: *Pizza box exhibit*, Stay Gallery, 5 p.m.  
 Tuesday, May 10: *Farewell to Don Knabe*, City Hall, 5 p.m.

### CITY MEETINGS

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.  
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439  
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### TUESDAYS

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 William Medina 413-3477.  
 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.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd Tues., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 905-7103.  
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Cafe 'N Stuff, call 927-6438.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Cindy 803-4048.  
 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, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Helen 864-7319.  
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.  
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Armida Lugo, (562) 715-6142.  
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.  
 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.  
 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.  
 9:30 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.  
 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 pm: Lions Club, at Coco'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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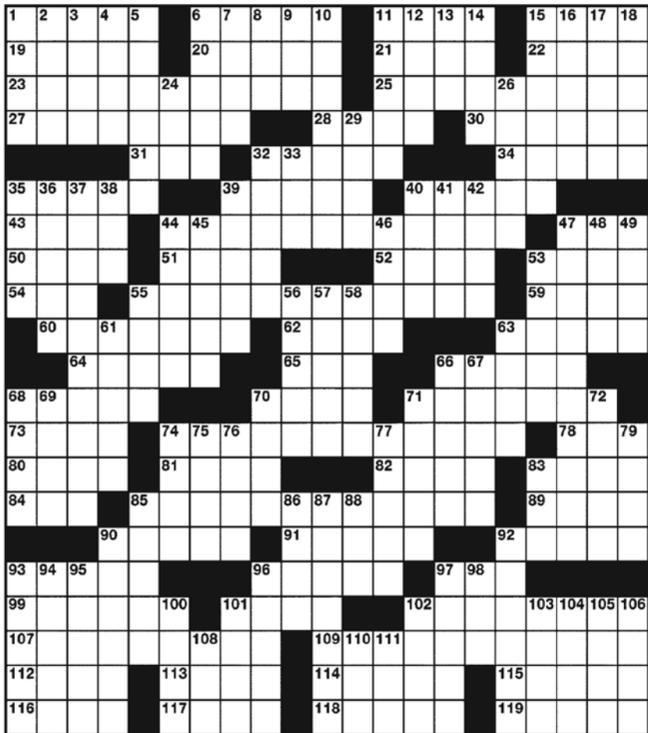
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# SPORTS BRIEFS: Baseball's regular season coming to an end

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** - The Downey High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 12-13 and are 6-1 in S.G.V.L. play. The Vikings won both games against cross-town rival Warren last week 8-6 at Warren on 4/26 and 2-0 at Downey on 4/29.

Downey was defeated by Gahr (20-5, 7-0) at Gahr 6-1 on Tuesday and will host the Gladiators later today in their much anticipated rematch. The Vikings will close out their regular season league schedule when they host Paramount (16-11, 4-3) on 5/10 and when they travel to Paramount on 5/12.

Gahr is currently in first place with a league record of 7-0. Downey is currently in second place with a record of 6-1. Paramount is currently in third place with a record of 4-3. Lynwood is currently tied for fourth place with Warren at 2-5 and Dominguez is currently in sixth place with a record of 0-7.

If Downey can defeat Gahr later today and sweep Paramount next week the Vikings will earn the top S.G.V.L. seed for the C.I.F. Division 1 playoffs.

The Downey High School softball team currently has an overall record of 14-13 and are 5-3 in S.G.V.L. play.

The Lady Vikings defeated Dominguez at Dominguez 14-0 on 4/26, defeated Lynwood at Lynwood

20-0 on 4/28 and were defeated by cross-town rival Warren at Downey 6-0 on Tuesday. Downey will close out their regular season league schedule when they host Gahr on 5/5 and when they travel to Paramount on 5/10.

Gahr is currently in first place with a league record of 8-0. Warren is currently in second place with a record of 6-2. Downey is currently in third place with a record of 5-3. Paramount is currently in fourth place, Lynwood is currently in fifth place and Dominguez is currently in sixth place.

As it stands now, Downey will be the number three entry from the San Gabriel Valley League in the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs behind Gahr and Warren, respectively.

The Warren High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 11-13 and are 2-5 in S.G.V.L. play.

Warren was defeated by cross-town rival Downey last week 8-6 at Warren on 4/26 and 2-0 at Downey on 4/29. The Bears defeated Dominguez on Tuesday 10-3 at Dominguez and will host the Dons later today.

Warren will conclude their regular season when they host Lynwood next Tuesday and when they travel to Lynwood on Thursday. Coach Pearson, his staff and players are looking forward to finishing their regular season on a win streak and qualify for postseason play. As it

stands now, Warren is tied for fourth place with Lynwood and are on the outside looking in. Only the top three league teams earn a line in the C.I.F. Division 1 playoff bracket.

The Warren High School softball team currently has an overall record of 17-7 and are 6-2 in S.G.V.L. play. Warren defeated cross-town rival Downey 6-0 on Tuesday and will conclude their regular season league schedule with a game against Dominguez at Warren Thursday (score unavailable at press time) and when they travel to Lynwood next Tuesday.

As it stands now, Warren will be the number two entry from the San Gabriel Valley League with Gahr (20-5-2, 8-0) earning the number one entry and Downey (14-13, 5-3) earning the number three entry, respectively.

Warren High School alumni Danielle Rodriguez was recently selected to represent team USA basketball in a nine-game, 14-day tournament in China.

According to Rodriguez's agent, "there will be a ton of WNBA and international scouts in attendance." Coach Palmer is extremely proud of Danielle's great news and outstanding accomplishment.

The Downey High School boys'

swim team is seeking their fifth straight S.G.V.L. title as all league teams competed against each other yesterday (results unavailable at press time).

Downey swim is undefeated in dual meet competition. Downey defeated Gahr 101-41, defeated cross-town rival Warren 112-58 and defeated Paramount 139-40. San Gabriel Valley League preliminaries started Tuesday and Finals were held yesterday.

Outstanding swims against Warren were turned in by Tim Nilan who swam a 22.67 in the 50 yard freestyle and 49.67 in the 100 yard freestyle. Freshman Nathan Lopez swam a 1:06 in the 100 breaststroke and sophomore Angel Lira swam a 5:11 in the 500 freestyle.

Junior Marcus Powell swam a 2:08 in the 200 yard Individual Medley and the 400 yard freestyle relay team of Tim Nilan, Marcus Powell, Angel Lira and Thomas Erling finished in a time of 3:29.

Coach Delhousay and his staff are extremely proud of how well his swimmers have swam thus far. The results at yesterday's league finals will determine who competes in what events in postseason competition. The Downey swimmers are looking forward to the start of postseason swim.

The fifth and final sport season for middle school sports will start next Thursday when Doty, Griffiths,

Stauffer and Sussman will begin their much anticipated track and field competitions.

Doty will compete against Stauffer at Downey next Thursday and Griffiths will compete against Sussman at Warren.

Stauffer will compete against Sussman at Downey on 5/19 and Doty will compete against Griffiths at Warren.

Griffiths will compete against Stauffer on 5/26 at Warren and Doty will compete against Sussman at Downey.

The All-City track and field championships will be held on Friday, June 3, at Downey High School. All schools will be competing against each other.

The champions trophy for most city championships currently belongs to Doty. The Knights claimed 19 city championships last year and currently lead this year's competitions with 10. Four of five sports rotations have been completed thus far with track and field season beginning next week.

Stauffer is currently second with seven city championships, Griffiths is currently third with five city championships and Sussman is currently fourth with three city championships. Track offers six city championships for boys' and girls' teams in each grade level.

# Downey Master Chorale announces selections for spring concert

**DOWNEY** - For their spring concert May 22, Downey Master Chorale will present the youthful, brilliant, often deeply spiritual GLORIA by Antonia Vivaldi.

Featured in this concert will be the Da Capo Players from Costa Mesa, adding orchestral instruments to the tapestry of voices. Rounding out the program will be masterpieces by G. F. Handel, Gabriel Fauré, Randall Thompson, John Rutter and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

A dessert reception will follow the concert. The Downey Master Chorale encourages the whole family to come.

"This is an ideal opportunity to introduce your children to classical music," adds music director Margaret Zeleny.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. at Cornerstone Christian Worship Center. The church has graciously provided a venue for the Chorale's concerts and rehearsals. Support also comes from the Downey Arts Coalition, who encourages other sponsors and patrons to support our community chorus through donations or program ads.

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### Elizabeth Dreher passes away

DOWNEY – Elizabeth Dreher, age 93, died April 23 in Orange. She was laid to rest April 29 at Rose Hills in a private family graveside service. Beth Dreher was born Sept. 4, 1922 to Harold and Dorothy Rolfe in Philadelphia, PA. She grew up and was educated in Media, PA. She served as an Army Nurse in the Philippines and Japan at the end of WWII. Beth married Ervin Dreher MD on May 15, 1948. They moved to Southern California. After Ervin returned from Korea they settled in Downey in 1957. In Downey she raised their 5 children and lived there for 56 years. Beth was active member of Christ Lutheran Church, Widow and Widowers Club and TOPS. She also delivered meals for Meals on Wheels. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ervin Dreher and is survived by her five children and nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

## Students showcase their talents at Santa Fe High's art and fashion show

SANTA FE SPRINGS – Hundreds of Santa Fe High School students on April 21 showcased artistic creations, drawings and sculptures, modeled fashionable works of art on a lit runway and put their individualism on display during the Visual and Performing Arts Department's 13th annual Art and Fashion Show.

The Santa Fe High gym teemed with artistic displays encompassing the event's theme, "American Volcano," which celebrated diversity and cultural pluralism of the arts, ethnicity, gender, politics and contemporary society.

The event inspired students' imaginations to erupt in a creative flow of paintings, dress designs, dance performances and much more during the day's three shows, including an evening extravaganza open to the community.

"I feel like this gives students the freedom of expression that they can't get out of other subjects," said senior Alyssa Hernandez, who has participated in the event all four years. "I love it so much and I love coming to class."

The event featured works of art from students in Santa Fe's 15

art classes who have worked since the beginning of the school year to prepare for the end-of-year project. All school students were invited to participate in the event, which was held in the gymnasium.

"I'm so proud of all of the students who participated and allowed themselves to be vulnerable while exploring their individualism," said Jessica Guiragossian, VAPA department leader. "It's really magical. This is their time to shine and be themselves and they've worked incredibly hard to make this show happen."

The event also featured projects funded through a Santa Fe Springs Heritage Arts Education grant, which is awarded to schools to continue student learning through the arts. Proceeds from the event's ticket sales will go to the school art club and art students.

"The Art and Fashion Show has grown to be a unifying school community event that allows our students to explore their feelings and come out of their shells in a way they never have before," Santa Fe High School Principal Kevin Jameró said. "It's a great creative outlet and



Santa Fe High School senior art student Alyssa Hernandez displays her sculpture called "Restraint" at the school's 13th annual Art and Fashion Show on April 21. Hernandez was one of hundreds of students who showcased their artistic creations at the annual event.

it's inspiring to see their projects develop over the year and see the final product."

Hernandez, who helped set up props on stage, created a sculpture made of clear packing tape called "Restraint," symbolizing feelings of anxiety among students.

"Art has been an outlet for my creativity and is a safe haven for me," said Hernandez, who plans to attend Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles. "My project this year brought me out of my comfort zone, but it has really helped me overcome a lot."

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## Lynwood students win logo design competition

LYNWOOD – Lynwood High School seniors Irving Arias and Jose R. Lozano impressed judges so much with their artwork that both were named winners of the inaugural Long Beach Region California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) College Prep Summer Camp logo design contest.

As a result, this year's official summer camp T-shirts will boast two logos – Lozano's circular seal with a blazing sun, rays and graduation mortar board on the front pocket, and Arias' drawing of the state boundaries with the words Cal across the top and SOAP vertically in front of sun rays on the back.

The logos will appear on all summer camp program documents and fliers.

"I would like to congratulate Irving Arias and Jose Lozano for this great recognition of their talent,"

Lynwood Unified Superintendent Paul Gothold said. "This contest provided a great forum for them to express their artistic skill."

Cal-SOAP is a state program established in 1978 that helps students improve their academic performance and prepare for higher education. Arias and Lozano were each presented with a \$150 VISA gift card by program officials.

Arias plans to attend either UC Irvine or Cal Tech next fall to major in mechanical engineering. Lozano intends on studying electrical and mechanical engineering at either Cal Poly Pomona or Cal State L.A.

Both Lozano and Arias were surprised and excited to win and said they plan to put the prize money

toward their future ventures.

"I'm very grateful to receive the prize," said Lozano, who draws logos for the MESA and engineering clubs at Lynwood. "It'll help with my college costs."

The competition was open to students from across the Cal-SOAP Region, a four-district area that includes Compton Unified, Long Beach Unified and Whittier Union High School District.

"The talent and creativity of our students is truly amazing," Lynwood Unified Board of Education President Alma-Delia Renteria said. "We are very proud of Irving and Jose for their outstanding representation of our District at the Cal-SOAP contest."



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# Norwalk High students win Gates Millennium Scholarships

**NORWALK**— Best friends since their freshman year at Norwalk High School, seniors Celeste Larios and Kethzia Higuera will be two of only 1,000 high school students across the nation who will have the entire cost of their undergraduate studies covered through the coveted Gates Millennium Scholarship.

Larios and Higuera have pushed each other academically, earning a 4.99 and 4.6 grade point average respectively. Larios will attend Stanford to study environmental engineering and Higuera, co-valedictorian for Norwalk's Class of '16, will attend UC Irvine and study nursing. The pair can also request funding as Gates Millennium Scholars if they continue to a graduate degree program.

"We push each other. When one of us is struggling, the other will be there to offer words of encouragement," said Larios, who admitted that when they are together, it can be a bit awkward for others. "We do finish each other's sentences. Also, we tend to say the same things at the same time."

Larios and Higuera first met the summer before freshman year at tennis camp. When they arrived at Norwalk High for their first day of school, they were seated next to each other in the same first period class and formed a fast friendship. They quickly became best friends, bonded by their desire for a safer environment and their dedication to academic excellence.

The two became heavily involved with Norwalk High's Millennium Club, which focuses on promoting eco-friendliness. Though the Millennium Club is not affiliated with the Gates Millennium Scholarship, it acted as a springboard for their ambitions in higher education.

In addition to a full schedule of Advanced Placement classes, the pair assisted with the Norwalk High Friday recycling program, participated in beach clean-up days, supported the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life with their Key Club peers, baked treats for the Ronald McDonald House and volunteered in the Compton Initiative, a non-profit committed to beautifying and restoring Compton.

"This is a wonderful story of two determined students who share a love for humanity," Norwalk La-Mirada Unified Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. "They have touched the hearts of teachers and fellow

## In Memory of Donald Russell

May 14, 1919 - April 12, 2016



Downey resident for 95 years, one more from the Greatest Generation, Don Russell, passed just one month shy of turning 97 on April 12 at his home in Downey within 4 weeks of a diagnosis of bone cancer.

Born on May 14, 1919 on Coeur d'Alene Lake in St. Mary's, Idaho near where his mother's family worked the sawmills in Harrison since 1891 having left Missouri via train and covered wagon. Many of the family relocated to Long Beach, California in the late 1910's where Uncle Henry Scheuer was subdividing downtown Long Beach with friends, the Bixby's. In 1921 at the age of 2 in his father's Maxwell, Don with his sister Katherine (Kitty), half-brother and -sister Robert and Jeanette Briggs, and parents, Allison and Pearle (Diehl) Russell moved to Downey to begin a chicken ranch with their roadside stand that was maintained by his mother during the Great Depression after the loss of his father when Don was 8 years old who is buried in the Downey cemetery. Don attended Downey Elementary school, and was the first class to attend the new junior high school on the Downey High School campus (the buildings remain on Brookshire Avenue). Don graduated from Downey High in 1938. Don's memories of the 20's are of vaudeville shows before the featured silent movie, all for a dime, at the Meralta and Avenue Theaters. Don would reminisce about the days driving through the orange groves with his brother and their friends, the Tweedy's, without getting caught.

During WWII, Don was stationed at Fort McArthur where he drove a Willy up and down the west coast as part of the communication motor pool; then, was shipped overseas to support the Battle of the Bulge. It was during his 5 year tour of duty that he would daily swing through Downey to get his personal car to drive to the South Gate roller

skating rink where he was tripped up "unintentionally" by the young girl, Janice Lucken, that would soon become his wife of 69 years before her passing four years ago. After their marriage January 1943, she moved to and worked on the base with Don until he was shipped overseas. After the War, he designed and built their home in Downey where they raised their five children. They were partners in business throughout their married life, she attending to the bookkeeping of his milkman, Helms bread-man, street sweeping, and broom winding businesses, and he continued to run their apartment business until his passing.

For over 30 years Don and Jan worked tirelessly searching through microfiche to research their family genealogy and discovered Don's ancestry traced back to the American Revolution, were the first white settlers of Ohio and Michigan where Johnny Appleseed was a regular visitor, were family friends of George and Martha Washington, and that Don is related to Princess Diana/Prince William by their grandfather, the Third Earl of Sunderland.

In the 1950's, Don and Jan enjoyed taking their family on vacations in their travel trailer to all parts of the western United States and beyond. The two of them began traveling the world extensively in 1966 reaching all continents and hundreds of countries, some multiple times including 6 trips to China and to Alaska, and have traveled several times across the continental United States by various means, including in their motor home reaching every state including Alaska, and had been on 54 cruises together. All of these trips were joined with the couple's dozens of friends. Don continued to travel after Jan's passing including taking his children, great and grandchildren on 12 more cruises.

Don is survived by his children, Gayla Rudolph-Emerson, Patty Russell-Rohrer and Kevin Russell, and 7 grandchildren: April Wolf, wife of Brian Wolf; Amy Wolf; Markie Rudolph; Rebecca Marrs-ElGharib and husband Bas ElGharib; Matthew Marrs and wife Rachel; Kimberly Fleck; Kelly Russell; Allison Rohrer; and 2 great grandchildren: McKenzie Wolf and Logan Wolf. Don was predeceased by his wife Jan, their daughters Cheryl Marrs and Debbie Russell, and grandson Downey Fire Department Battalion Chief Brian Russell Wolf.

A memorial service celebrating his life will be held at St. Mark's Church in Downey on Saturday, May 7th at 10:30 a.m.

students alike. Congratulations to Celeste and Kethzia for being Millennium scholars."

Inspiration to apply for the scholarship came from different sources. For Larios, her mother urged her to consider it after seeing her PSAT scores. For Higuera, it was Norwalk High counselor Vanessa Iaquina.

"Ms. Iaquina called me during summer break, urging me to apply," Higuera said. "I thought, well, there's no harm in trying. I am so thankful for her support."

Higuera received her Gates acceptance letter before Larios, creating a bit of anxiety for Larios, who was certain her ambitions had been dashed. Ever the best friend, Higuera advised Larios to be patient and think positively. Two days later, Larios received her acceptance letter.

"I was more excited than Celeste was!" Higuera said. "It is great to share the experience with someone else. It would be overwhelming to do it alone."

While Higuera will commute from Norwalk to attend UC Irvine, Larios will be miles away at Stanford. However, they plan to reunite during the 2016 Gates Millennium Leadership Development retreat in Santa Clara in November.

"Celeste and Kethzia epitomize the values and forward critical thinking we seek to instill every day at Norwalk-La Mirada," NLMUSD Board President Karen Morrison said. "They are such a joy. Commendations to Principal Smith and his outstanding faculty and staff for encouraging their academic growth."

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# Striking Vikings return from championships in St. Louis



**DOWNEY** – The “Striking Vikings” robotics team from Downey High School culminated their rookie season last week as they competed in the FIRST World Championship in St. Louis.

The 4-day, invitation-only tournament had the team from Downey competing with teams from

39 countries that had also qualified to attend by having outstanding performances at regional events from around the globe throughout the season.

The team began its season in September and set its main goal as participating in the FIRST World Championships.

DHS Senior Jessica Ortiz said “it was an amazing experience to make it to the Championship as a rookie team, it was such a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet other kids from around the world and talk about robotics.”

The team advisor, Glenn Yamasaki, said that he was extremely proud of the work and accomplishments that were made by this young team and that he could not have hoped for a better rookie season.

“These kids made a commitment in the fall to make it to the Championships and it was great to see that the fruits of their labor really paid off. They worked extremely hard all year to make this a reality.”

The Striking Vikings were made up this year of 32 boys and girls from grades 9 through 12 and competed in the Los Angeles Regional, Las Vegas Regional, and the Championships. While competing this season, the team won the only judged awards a

rookie team can win: Rookie All-Star Award (Los Angeles) and the Rookie Inspiration Award (Las Vegas).

“This competition was just like my football experience. You have to work really hard as a team and when it all comes together, the pride you feel is extraordinary. It was the hardest fun I’ve ever had” said senior Luis Garcia.

The FIRST Robotics Competition for grades 9-12 is an annual competition that helps young people discover the rewards and excitement of education and careers in science, engineering, and technology.

The program challenges high-school-aged students – working with professional mentors – to design and build a robot, and compete in high-intensity events that reward the effectiveness of each robot, the power of team strategy and collaboration, and the determination of students.

# Southeast Academy cadets celebrate commission to West Point, \$180,000 scholarship



**NORWALK** – Southeast Academy in Norwalk is celebrating two of its highest-achieving cadets, as they head to prestigious national universities, taking their first steps toward careers as officers in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Marissa Gutierrez has been accepted into the U.S. Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, while Jose Barajas received a \$180,000 Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) scholarship to attend Oregon State University.

“The whole experience is surreal,” said Gutierrez, who plans to major in psychology. “When I first came to Southeast I was very shy. Through the tremendous guidance of my instructors and the observation of the Academy’s leadership traits and principles, I am prepared to take the next step in the service of our country.”

Gutierrez was inspired to attend West Point as a junior when she heard Southeast alumnus Casey Batley describe his experiences at

the USMA at Southwest’s Academy Day. Determined to earn her place at USMA, she rose in rank at Southeast from squad leader to battalion commander and obtained a Congressional nomination from U.S. Rep. Linda Sanchez, who interviewed Gutierrez last November.

Upon graduation of West Point, Gutierrez will be commissioned to the United States Army as a second

lieutenant.

“Congratulations to Marissa and Jose, who made the commitment to their education and country, and are on their way to being the leaders of tomorrow,” NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. “With Southeast Academy’s culture and high accountability standards, students graduate college- and career-ready, inspired to give back to their communities.”

Barajas set a goal to become an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps when he spoke with a selection officer during a visit to a Naval Reserve recruitment center. He began a two-tiered application process, applying separately for the NROTC scholarship and admission to Oregon State.

When Barajas graduates from OSU, he will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

“At Southeast Academy, you have Marines teaching you, and they take great pride in wearing the uniform. They are our role models,

they are there to help us succeed,” said Barajas, who plans to study kinesiology at OSU. “I will be best served in the Marine Corps, leading Marines.”

Southeast Academy prepares students – designated as cadets – for careers in the military and law enforcement. Cadets learn how to become effective leaders through the Academy’s 14 Leadership Traits: bearing, courage, decisiveness, dependability, endurance, enthusiasm, initiative, integrity, judgement, justice, knowledge, loyalty, tact and unselfishness.

“I am proud that our students will be contributing to the best and brightest minds in the United States, and will become greater leaders in the future,” NLMUSD Board President Karen Morrison said. “Through the leadership of its director, Master Sgt. Marty Schafer, Southeast Academy is doing its part to ensure that America will remain strong and vigilant.”

## Roy Anthony Shabla exhibit in Norwalk

**DOWNEY**– The Mary Paxon Art Gallery in Norwalk will feature “Water Music/Fire Dance,” an exhibition of abstract paintings and sculptures from Downey artist Roy Anthony Shabla.

The exhibit, which runs May 10 to 28, will debut nearly a dozen new works and the second public showing of Water Music: Blue and Gray 2015.

Shabla’s reception will feature live music, art giveaways, Dave the Cowboy homebrew beers, and light refreshments. The reception will take place on Friday, May 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. and is open to the public.

“Water Music/Fire Dance” is available to view Tuesday-Friday, 3-7 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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File Number 2016102951

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FREE AUTO BODY, 17448 CLARK AVE, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TIMOTHY LEE, 19215 ALMADIN AVE, CERRITOS, CA 90703 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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/ TIMOTHY LEE, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 26, 2016 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 Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
4/28/16, 5/5/16, 5/12/16, 5/19/16

**STATEMENT OF WITHDRAWAL FROM OPERATING UNDER FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**  
2016080521  
Current File No. 2014319145

The following person(s) has/have withdrawn as a general partner(s) from the partnership operating under the fictitious business name of (1) RAD APPAREL located at 12819 WOODRUFF AVE DOWNEY CA, 90242 The fictitious business name statement for this partnership was filed on FEBRUER 7, 2014 in the County of LOS ANGELES The full name and residence of the person(s) withdrawing as a partner(s): CARLOS D. HIDALGO, 12819 WOODRUFF AVE DOWNEY, CA 90242 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/ CARLOS D. HIDALGO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on APRIL 1, 2016.

**The Downey Patriot**  
4/21/16, 4/28/16, 5/5/16, 5/12/16

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2016084343

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CAFE N STUFF INC, 9306 E FIRESTON BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 2961598 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CAFE N STUFF INC, 9306 FIRESTON BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2009

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/ CAFE N STUFF, INC, PRESIDENT, EBRAHIM GHANEIAN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 6, 2016 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 Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2016090882

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TIME IS EVERYTHING, 229 BARBOUR ST, PLAYA DEL REY CA 90293, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANDRA J PIERCE, 229 BARBOUR ST, PLAYA DEL REY CA 90293 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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/ SANDRA J PIERCE, 229 BARBOUR ST, PLAYA DEL REY CA 90293 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ SANDRA J PIERCE, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 14, 2016 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 Professions Code).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2016096398

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE ASSEMBLERS, 8538 SERAPIS AVENUE, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EVAN ANTONIO UCHIHAMA-VEIGA, 8538 SERAPIS AVENUE, PICO RIVERA, CA 90660 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/29/2016

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/ EVAN ANTONIO UCHIHAMA-VEIGA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 20, 2016 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 Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
4/28/16, 5/5/16, 5/12/16, 5/19/16

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2016092218

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BRENTWOOD APARTMENTS, 10429 LA REINA AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY, PO BOX 2061, GARDENA 90247  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PARKWAY VENTURES, LTD, 1875 W. REDONDO BEACH BLVD SUITE 303, GARDENA CA 90247 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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/ PARKWAY VENTURES, LTD, GENERAL PARTNER OF RUSS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT INC, 1875 W. REDONDO BEACH BLVD SUITE 303, GARDENA CA 90247 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

**The Downey Patriot**  
4/21/16, 4/28/16, 5/5/16, 5/12/16

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2016061428

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ANDY'S KEYSHOP, 7627 WILCOX AVE, CUDAHY CA 90201, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANDY JOHAN VILLANUEVA, 7627 WILCOX AVE, CUDAHY CA 90201 State of Incorporation: N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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/ ANDY JOHAN VILLANUEVA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 14, 2016 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 Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
4/14/16, 4/21/16, 4/28/16, 5/5/16

**GOVERNMENT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**  
PLN-16-00081

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 18th day of May, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

**PLN-16-00081 (Conditional Use Permit):** – A request to allow an existing 1,300 sq. ft. restaurant (Uncle John BBO Grill & Poke Sush), to operate with a State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Type 41 (On-Sale, Beer & Wine – Public Eating Place) license, on property located at 9952 Lakewood Blvd., and zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website ([http://www.downeyca.org/govcd/planning/planning\\_commission.asp](http://www.downeyca.org/govcd/planning/planning_commission.asp)) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For more information contact Assistant Planner Kevin Nguyen at 562-904-7154.

**The Downey Patriot**  
5/16/16

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSING REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE REBATE AND GRANT PROGRAM**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Downey City Council, on May 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to approving an amendment to the existing Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Rebate and Grant Program ("Program").

All persons interested may be present to give testimony on the proposed amendment to the Program. Persons interested in obtaining further information may contact Jessica J. Flores, Housing Manager, at (562) 904-7152. Written comments intended for the Downey City Council should be sent to the Downey City Clerk at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241, no later than 5:30 p.m. on April 25, 2016.

In compliance with the American Disability Act, if you need special accommodations, please contact the Housing Division at (562) 904-7151 or the California Relay service. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to arrange reasonable accessibility accommodations.

Adria M. Jimenez, CMC  
Downey City Clerk

**The Downey Patriot**  
5/5/16

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**  
PLN-16-00084

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 18th day of May, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

**PLN-16-00084 (Conditional Use Permit):** – A request to allow the operation of a new foot massage establishment (LA Sunshine Foot Spa) on property located at 9063 Imperial Highway, zoned P-6 (Parking Buffer) and C-2 (General Commercial).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website ([http://www.downeyca.org/govcd/planning/planning\\_commission.asp](http://www.downeyca.org/govcd/planning/planning_commission.asp)) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For more information contact Associate Planner Monica Esparza at 562-904-7154.

**The Downey Patriot**  
5/5/16

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**  
PLN-16-00104

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 18th day of May, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

**PLN-16-00104 (Special Event Permit):** – A request by Stay Gallery to conduct a one-day outdoor event (STEAM Festival 2) on Saturday, June 4, 2016, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The festivities will include the following: registration booths, family games, kids' science and technology experiments, and live entertainment, within the parking lot of Downey Schools Federal Credit Union located at 8237 Third Street and zoned D2SP (Downtown Downey Specific Plan). Also, the event includes closing a section of New Street, between Third Street and Fourth Street and closing a section of Third Street, between New Street and Downey Avenue.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website ([http://www.downeyca.org/govcd/planning/planning\\_commission.asp](http://www.downeyca.org/govcd/planning/planning_commission.asp)) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land).

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For more information contact Assistant Planner Kevin Nguyen at 562-904-7154.

**The Downey Patriot**  
5/16/16

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Downey Unified School District ("District") of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board ("Board"), will receive up to, but not later than, 1:30 p.m. on **Thursday, May 26, 2016**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

**Bid #15/16-28**  
**FIELD LIGHTING AT WARREN HIGH SCHOOL**

All bids shall be made and presented on a form furnished by the District. Bids shall be received in the office of the Director, Purchasing and Warehouse School District Los Angeles, County, State of California, at the time and place stated above.

Each bid must conform with and be responsive to the contract documents, copies of which are on file and may be obtained electronically on or after **April 25, 2016** - Contact Edwun Munguia at [emunguia@rachlinpartners.com](mailto:emunguia@rachlinpartners.com)

**A mandatory bidder's conference and job-walk will be conducted at Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St, Downey,**

CA 90241 on **May 10, 2016 at 7:00 a.m.**: No bid shall be accepted from any bidder failing to comply with attending the mandatory bidder's conference.

The District has obtained from the Department of Industrial Relations the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work for the Los Angeles County area for each trade, craft, classification, or type of work needed to execute the contract. Holiday rates shall be paid as specified in the collective bargaining agreement applicable to each particular trade, craft, classification, or type of work employed on the project.

Copies of schedules of rates so determined are available on the Internet at ([http://www.dir.ca.gov/DIR/S&R/statistics\\_research.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/DIR/S&R/statistics_research.html)) and are on file and available at the District Office address noted above. In accordance with Section 1773.2 of the California Labor Code, the Contractor shall post a copy of the determination of prevailing rate of wages at each jobsite. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight (8) hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at time plus one-half. The Contractor and any subcontractor(s) shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. In accordance with provisions of the Public Contract Code Section 22300, substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld to ensure performance under this contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor.

No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date for the opening of bids.

All bidders and their subcontractors **MUST** be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and possess a current and valid DIR registration number at the time of bid submission.

**The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive irregularities in any bid.**

The Downey Unified School District is an "Equal Opportunity" employer. Qualified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) are encouraged to participate in this project.

**Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.**  
Director, Purchasing and Warehouse  
Downey Unified School District  
Los Angeles, County, State of California

**The Downey Patriot**  
4/28/16, 5/5/16

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Downey Unified School District ("District") of Los Angeles County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board ("Board"), will receive up to, but not later than, **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1**





Green Task Force chairman Ricardo Perez with participants at the Downey Public Library arts and crafts event.

### Downey hosts weekend of activities to mark Earth Day

**DOWNEY** – The City of Downey's Green Task Force successfully launched the first annual Earth Day Events Series last week.

Participants included children, high school students, and adults in a series of events that took place over the course of the Earth Day weekend. The kick-off event was held on Friday, April 22, at the Downey Public Library, where participants were treated to lessons on plants using actual dirt, plants, and soil.

The event was funded in part by Solar City, a solar energy provider, which donated materials for use in the arts and crafts activity. The dozens of children who participated were gifted the plants at the conclusion of the event.

Stay Gallery collaborated with the Green Task Force in the second event, which promoted the preservation of the environment through a painting activity. Participants included over 20 parents and children who were provided painting materials and a canvas and guided as they painted a Galapagos Island Tortoise.

Saturday was a clean-up day activity and was organized in conjunction with Keep Downey Beautiful.

Finally, the Earth Day Events Series concluded on Sunday, April 24, with a gardening lesson at the St. Pius X/St. Matthias Community Garden.

The Green Task Force is an official committee of the City of Downey and is tasked with the promotion of sustainability and preservation of the environment. To learn more about the Green Task Force, contact Juddy Montenegro of the City Manager's Office at (562) 904-7284.

Each year, Earth Day—April 22—marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970.

The idea for a national day to focus on the environment came to Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, after witnessing the ravages of the 1969 massive oil spill in Santa Barbara, California. Inspired by the student anti-war movement, he realized that if he could infuse that energy with an emerging public consciousness about air and water pollution, it would force environmental protection onto the national political agenda.

## Bellflower High School praised for emphasizing civics lessons

**BELLFLOWER** – Bellflower Middle/High School has earned recognition as a California Democracy School from the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) for creating and institutionalizing a highly effective civic-learning program.

Bellflower Middle/High's program teaches students to frame an inquiry into a public problem or issue, research the issue, engage in dialogue about perspectives on the issue, communicate their conclusions and take direct civic action on those findings.

As part of their studies, students have provided homeless residents with toiletry care bags, urged Bellflower to install better lighting on crosswalks to shield pedestrians at night, studied efforts to adopt a district-based voting system and cleaned up a community park.

Bellflower Unified created the program as part of the three-year California Democracy School Civic Learning Initiative led by LACOE and funded by a grant from the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation. Eleven other high schools in Los Angeles and Orange counties also were selected for the program.

"Bellflower has accomplished something rarely seen in American schools," said Initiative Director Michelle M. Herczog, Ed.D. "They have fully integrated civic learning across every grade level in all social science classrooms. By doing so, civic learning is not seen as an 'add-on' or burden on the curriculum but a way to enhance the teaching of social science to be rigorous, relevant and engaging for students."

The Initiative sought not only to seed civic-learning programs at each

school, but also to create models for other schools to replicate.

Bellflower High's program was recognized earlier this spring by California's Civic Learning Award program, an effort led by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson and state Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye. Bellflower won one of just three Awards of Excellence, recognizing it as a state leader in civic education.

"We are exceedingly proud of our team of educators at Bellflower Middle and High School for going far beyond expectations to craft a truly inspiring experience for all of our students," Bellflower Unified Superintendent Dr. Brian Jacobs said. "Our civic-learning program

has become one of the highlights of our academic program."

Bellflower High received its California Democracy Award on April 30 at the conclusion of a daylong showcase of civic-learning programs by the 12 partner schools at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley.

Bellflower students staffed three of the showcase's 15 sessions.

First, students led a panel discussion on epidemic diseases, immigration, genocide and civil rights. Next, Bellflower seniors Stephanie Yanez and Natalie Soto presented a documentary on their local city's redistricting efforts and voter turnout. Finally, Bellflower sophomores gave a series of soapbox speeches that included commentary on voting and local politics.

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**Excellent Downey Home!**  
 Beautiful home and move in ready. Nice family room with cozy fireplace, three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and inside laundry area. House has beautiful hardwood floors throughout the home and fresh paint in and out. The backyard has a large covered patio and is perfect to entertain. **Call Today!!!**

**Prime Downey Location!**  
 Great opportunity to purchase a 3 bed 2 bath home in Downey. This corner lot property is located near the orange estates neighborhood. The cozy home is a combination of updated amenities while keeping its Ranch style charm. **Call Today!!!**

**Terrific Downey Home!!!**  
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**North East Downey!**  
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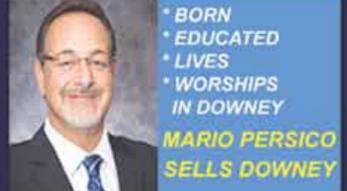
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