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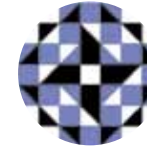
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## Man who killed Warren High VP dies on death row

**DOWNEY** – Gilbert Rubio, the man sentenced to death for murdering a Warren High School vice principal in 1998, died Thursday in his cell at San Quentin State Prison.

Rubio, 55, was unresponsive during a security check just after 6 a.m. Paramedics pronounced him dead at 6:34 a.m.

His cause of death will be determined by the Marin County Coroner.

Rubio was sentenced to death on Sept. 20, 2000 by a Los Angeles County jury for the 1998 murder and robbery of George Blackwell at his Long Beach home.

Blackwell, 46, was a popular vice principal at Warren High.

Here is how the L.A. Times reported the shooting at the time:

“On the evening of Jan. 12, 1998, he was sitting in his newly purchased house near the Long Beach waterfront when the high school’s night custodian, Monica Chavez, came to the door with two men, including her boyfriend Rubio. Blackwell knew Chavez and Rubio; he had given them work at his house.

“What he did not know was that Rubio was a parolee with a long history of violence. The vice principal was robbed, forced to write a \$2,000 check, and bound with duct tape and a dog chain. After Chavez and the other man, Alex Vega, left to cash the check, Rubio shot and killed Blackwell, according to court testimony.”

Chavez, 59, was convicted and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. She lost an appeal and is incarcerated at Central California Women’s Facility.

Vega, 61, was convicted of first-degree murder and also sentenced to life without parole. He is incarcerated at the California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison in Corcoran.

## Downey swelters as power goes out during heat wave

**DOWNEY** – An estimated 16,000 Downey homes and businesses lost power Monday when temperatures here soared to 106 degrees.

Reports of blackouts and power surges began shortly before noon when an electrical fire was reported near Firestone Boulevard and the 605 Freeway.

Power outages disabled intersections and forced several businesses to close early, including the new Walmart.

Power was mostly restored by 9 p.m., although some residents were without electricity until 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The city opened two cooling centers for residents: the Barbara J. Riley Center and the Downey City Library.

## City Council critic caught with blade

**DOWNEY** – A local gadfly who is a familiar presence at Downey City Council meetings, where he is known for hostile outbursts and incoherent rants, was caught with a blade at a Los Angeles City Council meeting Tuesday.

Police say Armando Herman was carrying the 2-inch retractable blade at a meeting of the L.A. Public Safety Committee.

Herman also had with him a stuffed teddy bear dressed in a swastika-decorated hood.

Herman reportedly told officers he didn’t realize he was carrying the blade and apologized. He was not arrested.

## Downey’s historic Parley Johnson estate opening for rare tours Saturday



**By Christian Brown  
Staff Writer**

As part of Downey’s 60th Anniversary History Speaker Series, the Casa de Parley Johnson will be open for tours this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Below is a story about the home originally published in 2010.

Saturday’s event presents a great opportunity for a guided tour of Casa de Parley Johnson, one of Downey’s most unique and historic homes. The event includes a tour by the knowledgeable members of the Downey Assistance League and the screening of two short films.

Casa de Parley Johnson is located at 7749 Florence Ave., at Rives. Parking is available in front of the home and also at Christ Lutheran Church, west of the estate.

The Casa de Parley Johnson event is the second in a speaker series being coordinated by the City of Downey to honor its 60 years of incorporation and better connect residents to the dynamic history around them. The first, held in April, focused on Downey’s aerospace legacy. Two more events are planned this year: An event on Sept. 1, and taking place in the Libaray, will explore the history of the actual incorporation of the city; and an event on Oct. 31 will walk through the history of Rancho Los Amigos.

**DOWNEY** – It was the summer of 1955 and Don Frieze, fresh out of Downey Union High School, was looking for a summer job when he received an offer to work for Geline Gates Johnson.

“I was hired by Mrs. Johnson for one month during that summer,” said Frieze. “I took the place of her gardener, chauffeur and handy man while he went back to Mexico to visit his family.”

After interviewing Frieze for the position, Johnson showed Frieze her property at the intersection of Florence and Rives avenues.

“She also took the time to give me a lengthy and personal tour of her home and also of her yard that I would be taking care of,” Frieze said. “It was very impressive, part of that being because I could tell she was very proud of it all.”

Today, the Johnson home is still a source of pride as the 6,000-square-foot residence, originally built for Mr. Parley Johnson and his wife, Geline, continues to serve as both a testament to incipient Southern Californian architecture and as a city landmark, documenting Downey’s rural beginnings.

Casa de Parley Johnson, as it was originally named, was built in the late 1920s for prominent citrus rancher Parley Johnson, born in Riverside,

Calif. in 1890, who became interested in ranching after World War I. Parley’s interest in orange groves was understandable. The Johnson family had extensive citrus holdings during the early 1900s and concentrated on the development of the Valencia strain of oranges.

After attending college in Los Angeles, Parley Johnson was very influential in the community and later became one of the founders of the Automobile Club of Southern California in 1900. In 1925, Parley married Geline Gates Richardson (her friends called her Gypsy) and shortly thereafter hired well-known architect Roland Coate, who is recognized today as a major proponent of Southern California’s Monterey style homes, to design a Downey residence for the couple.

Originally centered in 50 acres of orange groves, the Parley Johnson home sported formal gardens in its front yard that were designed by landscape architects Florence Yoch and Lucille Council who designed gardens for classic Hollywood movies, such as the 1939 blockbuster “Gone With the Wind.” Today, the front gardens remain intact with many of the same rose bushes and orange trees that were planted more than 80 years ago. Similarly, the inside of the house has not changed much either.

After walking through the front door, the main floor features a tiled, two-story entrance hall that bears an L-shaped stairway with a wrought iron banister. On the floor, hand-made red tiles imported from Mexico line the ground with different patterns in each room.

Walking down a side hallway leads to the 24 by 36 foot living room, which features a ceiling made of hand-hewn wooden beams. In addition to the large fireplace in the room, each window is draped with Fortuny cotton, which was woven especially for the house.

Another hallway reveals a door that leads to the large basement underneath the house where the original machinery from Parley Johnson’s orange orchards still resides. Also in the basement is the innovative furnace system used by Johnson in the 1920s to heat any room of his choosing at the click of a button upstairs.

On the second floor there are three bedrooms, one master bedroom with his and hers bathrooms for Parley and his wife, and two smaller guest bedrooms, also with their own bathrooms. Each bathroom is covered with tile, which was a great luxury in the 1920s.

Both sides of the second floor have access to wooden balconies that line both the back and front of the house. In Mrs. Johnson’s den, all of the original furniture is still in place as she left it, including her French daybed which dates back to the 1700s and dozens of books from the 1800s.

A second staircase leads to the laundry room and kitchen on the first floor where irons and ironing boards are built into the walls for easy accessibility.

Parley Johnson died in the late 1940s, and Gypsy lived in the house until her death in 1986. At that time it was bequeathed to the Assistance League, a national, non-profit, community service organization that came to Downey in 1976. Gypsy had many friends who belonged to the all-female organization at the time of her death.

The Assistance League of Downey raises money year-round for its community philanthropic projects including Operation School Bell, which provides clothing for needy students and H.O.M.E. (Housing of Medical Emergencies), which is a facility that houses the families of patients being treated at Rancho Los Amigos.

Moreover, the Johnson home is a rare medium of exquisite architecture and subtle elegance that represents an erstwhile era where the wealthy and prominent people in society were the local businessmen and women.

Despite Downey’s parochial beginnings in the mid 1800s, by the early 1900s, the small community was home to very influential people who helped cultivate its potential as a city of innovation.

*This story was originally published Feb. 12, 2010.*

## Financial Partners’ Laurie Tyler installed as president of Downey Chamber of Commerce



Laurie Tyler was installed as president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday. She is pictured with Mayor Alex Saab.

**By Alex Dominguez  
Contributor**

**DOWNEY** – Downey Chamber of Commerce members gathered together at Los Amigos Golf Course Wednesday afternoon for their 113th annual Installation of Officers and Directors Lunch.

The event was sponsored by Rose Hills and Miller Mies Downey Mortuary. The luncheon served as a time to recognize and honor those who dedicated their time and energy to the Chamber’s events in the past year. Outgoing officers and directors, as well as individuals returning in officer and director rolls were all recognized and honored.

The chamber also introduced two new directors in Maria Fernandez of Sunrise Realty and Michael Chirco of Chirco Heating and Air.

Two particular spotlights were put on outgoing President Cindy Kovach of US Bank, and the incoming Laurie Tyler of Financial Partners Credit Union.

Mayor Alex Saab and Mayor Pro Tem Fernando Vasquez were both present to recognize both women.

“On behalf of the City of Downey, we’d like to thank you for an incredible year of service,” said Saab, addressing Kovach. “It’s extra special, you being a lifelong resident of Downey, and you working here and contributing in so many ways. As a former board member, I know how much work it takes and as president you really stepped up and took that role in an incredible way. The citizens of Downey and the businesses are that much better because of all your actions...”

Saab was also responsible for the swearing in of the Directors and Officers for the upcoming term at the event, as well as the new president. Shortly after being sworn in, now

new Chamber President Tyler gave a few remarks.

“It is an honor to represent the Downey Chamber of Commerce as president this year, and to work with an amazing staff, the Board of Directors, the ambassadors, city officials and city staff as we unite together to support the businesses in Downey,” said Tyler. “...to the board, the ambassadors, and the volunteers and staff, we have another busy year ahead of us. We have been entrusted with great responsibility.

“As we look forward I want to challenge the board to continue to build on the momentum of the past to become an even better advocate for businesses in Downey, to be good stewards of our resources, to provide a bridge between the city and the businesses through educational opportunities, to provide exciting events that promote and support our businesses.”

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday 83° ☀️  
Saturday 86° ☀️  
Sunday 86° ☀️

### THINGS TO DO

#### Open House

Saturday - Casa de Parley Johnson, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
The historic home located at Florence and Rives avenues opens for public tours.

#### OC Pride Festival

Saturday - Downtown Santa Ana, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Live bands, parade, line dancing, indoor and outdoor stages, vendors, and more. \$10

#### Star Wars

Saturday - Huntington State Beach, 5 p.m.  
Watch “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” right on the sand. \$15

#### Harry Potter Night

Saturday - The Last Bookstore (downtown L.A.), 7:30 p.m.  
Costume contests, live performances, butterbeer, giveaways, and drinks (21-plus).

#### Photography in the Park

Sunday - Griffith Park Merry Go Round, 12 p.m.  
Photographers (amateur and pro), character actors and makeup artists invited to a free, giant photo shoot.

### TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@Joshplus3: This is the hottest and most bizarre first day of summer in Downey... Ever. #poweroutage  
@Fdzbry: When the temp hits 90 degrees and the whole city in shambles.  
@latimes: L.A. County parks need funding. But so does the fight to end homelessness  
Follow us! @DowneyPatriot

# FEATURE: Nick Medrano's life of baseball

By Ed Ahrens  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** - Nick Medrano has been a resident of Downey for 38 years and has been involved in professional baseball as a player, soft- and fast-pitch competitor, women's slow pitch coach, and currently as an umpire.

"I grew up in various cities such as Los Angeles, Huntington Park, Maywood and Bell, and began playing baseball at the advanced age of 13," he said. "Like a lot of boys, I wanted to become a major league player, especially for the Los Angeles Dodgers."

Medrano played both varsity football and baseball at Bell High School in the late 1960's.

"I was the only player in 1968 to be All Eastern League at Bell in both sports, but at 5 ft. 7 inches tall, 130 pounds, I was just too small to continue in football," Medrano explained.

He played centerfield at East Los Angeles College starting in 1969 and had two good seasons for the Huskies, setting a school record for stolen bases with 24 in 1970.

Medrano next played for the Pasadena Yankees, an elite semi-pro team in 1970-71.

"The summer league was primarily for college players and the winter league was for returning professionals after their leagues finished in September," Medrano remembers. "I played with major leagues Darrell Evans and Gary Jones, and against major leaguers Jeff Burroughs, Ed Crosby and Tony Muser."

Medrano had a productive season, hitting over .330. He did well enough that Medrano was confident he could make the jump to the major leagues.

Unfortunately, Medrano contracted hepatitis in early 1971 and was out of action for most of

that year. He enrolled at Cal State Dominguez Hills in late 1971 to continue his baseball career.

"I had two outstanding seasons at Dominguez Hills in 1972 and 1973," he says. "In 1972, I was third in the nation in stolen bases with 33 and hit .296."

Gary Adama, who was UC Irvine coach at the time (he later coached at UCLA), said that Medrano was the best college player he had seen all year.

Medrano set school records in 1973 in triples, hits, runs scored and stolen bases (48). He was drafted in June of 1973 in the 23rd round by the Chicago White Sox and the 155-lb. switch hitter reported to Appleton, Wis., in the Midwest League.

Medrano's average in 1973 was .293 with 17 stolen bases and in 1974 he hit .280 with 29 stolen bases.

Former triple A pitcher John McAllen of the San Diego Padres organization had this to say about

Medrano: "If I didn't strike him out and he got on base, I knew he would probably steal second and third as he was just that fast."

Medrano played with future major leaguers Pete Vuckovich, Mike Squires, Jeff Holly, Nyls Nyman and Rich "Goose" Gossage among others at Appleton in 1973-74.

"I reported to Sarasota, Fla., for spring training in 1975 and played with the triple A and double A teams," said Medrano. "I did well in the spring games but near the end of spring training, I was given my release from the White Sox organization. I probably had a chance to hook on with another organization but I decided to retire."

Medrano returned to the Los Angeles area, later moving to Downey in 1978. He began playing slow pitch softball, fast pitch softball and 16-inch Chicago-style softball.

"I really enjoyed softball, especially fast pitch because it was closer to playing regular baseball," Medrano said. "I played approximately 10 years with the San Bernardino Stars and one year for the famed Lakewood Jets fast pitch team."

Medrano began coaching women's softball in 1979 and served one year as an assistant at Mayfair High School for the girls team. Medrano retired as a women's coach in 2010 after 31 years of coaching but has continued as a USSSA softball umpire which began in 1979.

"I umpire men's and women's games in cities such as Las Vegas, San Diego, Perris, Palm Springs and Sacramento," he said. "In fact, I once umpired a co-ed game featuring former big leaguer Jose Canseco."

Medrano has four children and has found time to work for Federal Express in Fullerton for the past 26 years.

"I had a great deal of fun in softball and baseball as a player, coach and umpire. Looking back on my career, it appears that I was actually involved with sports sometimes seven days a week," he laughed.

# Boeing chooses PIH, MemorialCare for employee health plan

**DOWNEY** - The Boeing Company selected MemorialCare Health System for a first-of-its-kind customized health plan option in California for almost all of Boeing's employees and their dependents in the Long Beach, South Bay and Orange County communities.

Boeing has about 15,000 employees and 22,000 dependents in California, most of those in the Southern California region.

The Preferred Partnership is designed to improve health, enhance the patient experience and make health care more affordable for Boeing and those employees who choose it, officials announced.

This arrangement will add the health system's MemorialCare Health Alliance ACO (Accountable Care Organization) health plan option to Boeing's open enrollment this fall, with services beginning Jan. 1, 2017.

In addition to MemorialCare Health System, PIH Health, PIH Health Hospitals in Downey and Whittier and PIH Physicians medical group are part of the partnership. Other partners include UC Irvine Health and Torrance Memorial Health System for a total of 9 hospitals and thousands of physicians, outpatient and community health care offerings.

Boeing employees choosing MemorialCare Health Alliance will be offered enhanced health benefits and incentives at lower costs. These include decreased paycheck deductions for health care coverage, no office-visit copayments for network primary care physician visits, 100 percent coverage for generic-drug prescriptions (for high-deductible plans, benefits apply when the deductible is met)

and freedom to choose specialists within the network without a primary care physician referral.

Other features are increased company contributions to a health savings account for eligible participants, quicker access to network primary care providers and specialists, additional after-hours care, more personalized and coordinated care, greater use of electronic messaging with providers and access to medical records.

Emergency care will be covered at in-network levels, even if received outside the MemorialCare network.

Officials with Boeing said they selected MemorialCare as its exclusive Preferred Partnership provider in the Southern California region after a "rigorous competitive process."

The selection was based in part on MemorialCare's reputation for their high quality of care, broad geographic reach and the depth of their extensive physician, hospital and community outpatient center network, officials said.

"MemorialCare and its partners have a long track record of health care leadership and innovation in Southern California, as well as a strong market presence," said Jeff White, Boeing's Director of Health Care Strategy.

"MemorialCare Health Alliance is another great opportunity for PIH Health to expand its reach of services to those in the community," said PIH Health President and CEO James R. West. "This partnership will introduce many new Boeing employees, and their families to the high quality care and Patients First vision that PIH Health offers." PIH Health is recognized as one of the nation's top hospital systems for best practices and cutting-edge advancements in both quality and health care technology.

"Because the majority of Boeing employees live throughout the greater Long Beach, South Bay and Orange County communities well served by MemorialCare and its partners, many are accustomed to and comfortable with the network's primary care and specialty physicians, hospitals, outpatient and community outreach programs," added Boeing's Jeff White.

# OPEN HOUSE

## Casa De Parley Johnson



June 25

10 am - 2 pm

7749 Florence Avenue, Downey, CA 90240

FEATURING

**Downey Mayor Alex Saab**

**Author Nicolas Curry "Mr. Parley Johnson"**

**Author Larry Latimer' short film**

**"Gypsy Her Life in Photos"**

**Greg Waskul's short film "Gypsy Johnson"**

SPECIAL GUESTS SPEAK AT NOON

This will be a great opportunity to tour Casa De Parley Johnson, one of Downey's most unique and historic homes. Designed in 1927 by renowned architect Roland Coate for Parley and Gypsy Johnson. Parking is available off Florence & Rives Ave and at Christ Lutheran Church.



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**5:30P STADIUM DOORS OPEN**  
Festival seating will be available if stadium reaches capacity. Please bring your own folding chair for festival seating.

**5-8:30P FREE OPEN SWIM**  
Pool has limited capacity. Admission will be on a first come, first serve basis.

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# A message from Gangs Out of Downey

Dear Downey Residents:

Gangs Out of Downey (GOOD) has a lot of exciting events scheduled for this year. As many of you know, GOOD is a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers throughout Downey who are committed to making a difference in our community.

Our organization meets monthly to share information and discuss strategies for outreach opportunities in the community. Our mission as an organization is to keep gangs out of Downey. We will accomplish this mission by education, prevention, intervention, and collaboration.

It's critical we go out to the community and educate our youth on the dangers of joining a gang. It's equally important to show our youth we care for them and that there's a better path forward. If we can make a difference in one person's life and dissuade them from joining a gang, we can have a generational impact on that individual as well as their family.

The following is a partial list of what GOOD has planned and will continue to support for the upcoming year:

- "Officer Ricardo "Ricky" Galvez Memorial Golf Tournament" powered by GOOD – October 7th, 2016, at Rio Hondo Golf Club in Downey. Proceeds from the golf tournament to fund college scholarships for graduating high school seniors in Officer Galvez's memory.

- Community BBQ at Golden Park – August 20th, 2016. GOOD will provide children with free backpacks and school supplies (while supplies last). This event will be in collaboration with the City of Downey who is planning a movie night at the park.

- Continue to provide financial support for the Downey Police School Resource Officer Program at Downey, Warren, and Columbus High Schools.

- Provide Thanksgiving meals for at-risk youth and their families.

- Host a "Town Hall" meeting to discuss and educate the community on gang issues, graffiti, and AB109 and Prop 47 laws.

- Continue supporting the Brookshire Park program.

Gangs Out of Downey is the gold standard of community partnership, and we're excited to get to work. As the newly-elected President of GOOD, I am deeply honored to work alongside so many dedicated volunteers who care tremendously about this community and want to make a difference in people's lives.

Sincerely,  
**Mark McDaniel**  
 GOOD President



The Downey AYSO BU16 Travel Team played in the annual Cypress Soccer Tournament over Memorial Day weekend.

The team contemplated not participating in the tournament after losing teammate Jesus David Santos to cancer the previous week. However, the team decided to play in honor of their friend.

The first game was scheduled at the same time as David's funeral, so the team forfeited that game in order to attend the services at St. Pius Church in Santa Fe Springs. They then drove to Rose Hills for the burial.

The team played the remainder of the tournament and won four games in a row to reach the championship game. The Downey team came up short in the championship game but their effort was inspiring. David's family was in attendance for the championship game.

Top row, from left: Fernando, Alan, Coach Chris, Josh, Zack, Austin, Mark Lujan, Mark Galvan, Alex, Coach Jorge and Danny Ramirez.

Bottom row: Daniel Appel, Sergio, Raul, Dil, Cesar, Jaime, Juan and Andres.

Missing but not forgotten: Jesus David Santos.

# Cerritos votes to allow synthetic grass on residential front lawns

**CERRITOS** – In response to a new State of California law, the Cerritos City Council recently amended an ordinance to allow for the use and installation of synthetic grass and artificial turf material in residential front-yard landscaping. The change took effect May 14, 2016.

Landscaping includes organic plant material, non-organic plant materials and ornamental horticultural features. Design accessories such as decorative bark, volcanic rock and pea gravel may be used to accentuate the organic plant materials, but not as dominant landscape features. Silk plants and plastic trees and shrubs are prohibited.

Residents must obtain approval from the Community Development Department before installing synthetic turf. A manual outlining the guidelines and restrictions for synthetic turf installation is available at the Community Development desk in City Hall.

- The Cerritos City Council has approved improvements for 41 bus stops throughout the City.

ND Construction Company, Inc. of Anaheim was awarded \$454,046 for the project, which includes the installation of new transit shelters, trash receptacles, bus benches and concrete pads at various Cerritos on Wheels bus stops.

Shelters with solar-powered lighting will be erected at three existing bus stops along 183rd Street between the Los Cerritos Center and Plaza 183.

Funding for the bus stop improvements will come from a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority grant, restricted Air Quality Management District (AQMD) funds and

Proposition A and C monies. The work is expected to be completed by the end of June.

- The Cerritos City Council recently approved a proposal by Browning Investments to remodel the Cerritos Acura dealership.

The proposal calls for a major interior and exterior overhaul, including expansion of the existing showroom and service canopy area. Changes in the parking area, which will meet Americans With Disabilities Act requirements, include a new accessible path of travel from Studebaker Road to the main dealership building. Landscaping will be upgraded throughout, with palm trees, shrubs and ground cover being added.

The remodel will adopt a more contemporary architectural design, featuring stucco and metal panels in a "Champagne Metallic" shade. The showroom will feature storefront glass and "Titanium"-colored metal panels.

Construction is slated to begin in October and to be completed in summer 2017. The Acura dealership is located at 18827 Studebaker Road.

- The second annual Cerritos Community Bike Event is scheduled for Saturday, October 1 at the Cerritos Sports Complex.

Cyclists of all ability levels are welcome to join the bike event, which consists of various course distances.

Registration is underway and will continue through Saturday, October 1.

From now until Thursday, September 1, the registration fee is \$5 for the family ride; \$15 for the 15-mile ride; \$35 for the 30-mile ride; and \$55 for the 50-mile ride.

For registrations made between Friday, September 2 and Thursday, September 29, the fee is \$10 for the family ride; \$25 for the 15-mile ride; \$45 for the 30-mile ride; and \$65 for the 50-mile ride.

For registrations made on Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1, the fee is \$15 for the family ride; \$35 for the 15-mile ride; \$55 for the 30-mile ride; and \$75 for the 50-mile ride. Only walk-in registrations will be accepted on Friday, September 30 and on the day of the event.

Start time for the 50-mile ride is 7 a.m. The 30-mile ride begins at 8 a.m., and the 15-mile ride commences at 9:30 a.m. The family ride kicks off at 11 a.m.

For more information, contact the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

- The Cerritos City Council awarded WCCR Construction of Ontario \$170,800 to perform improvements at Jacob Park.

Community Development Block Grant funds helped pay for the project, which consists of surfacing the playgrounds on the east and west sides of Jacob Park. The upgrades comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act requirements.

The work is expected to be completed by the end of June.

- The City of Cerritos was recently honored with the 2015 Congressional Award of Excellence for making city parks more accessible to people with disabilities.

With the use of Community Development Block Grant funds, the City removed physical barriers (such as sand or wood chip materials) and replaced them with rubberized surface materials at playgrounds

throughout Cerritos to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

- Bookworms can use the free OverDrive e-book service to borrow from the Cerritos Library's digital collection – anytime, anywhere. All that's needed is a Cerritos Library card, Internet service and e-reader.

Browse the Cerritos Library's digital collection at [cerritoslibrary.overdrive.com](http://cerritoslibrary.overdrive.com). Users will be prompted to sign up for the OverDrive option when checking out library materials.

- Cerritos' City Wide Pride program (CWP), which has recognized home owners since 1990 for maintaining visually appealing properties, has been updated.

Under the new guidelines, the nomination process will be open to the public and ongoing year-round. Judging areas have been eliminated. Recognition is limited to once a calendar year for each residence.

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**City of Downey**

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For more detailed information about recycling, call the California Recycling Hotline at 1-800-RECYCLE (800-732-9253).

**CELEBRATING 60 YEARS** City of Downey's 60th Anniversary Celebration

**Saturday, August 13, 2016**

**Open House – Free to the public**

**5:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

- Self-guided tours of the newly renovated lobby
- No-host bar • Light hors d'oeuvres • Live Music
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*In Memory of*  
**Michael David Marine**



Michael David Marine, 66 years old and resident of Downey, CA for 63 years, passed away on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Michael was raised in Downey, CA and attended North Jr. High (now, Griffiths Middle School) and Earl Warren Sr. High Schools, graduating with the class of 1968. Mike or "Iron Mike" as he was known in High School, made the Baseball Team's, All CIF Roster. In 1969, he was drafted as a pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates, Triple A team. Mike returned to Downey, CA after suffering an injury to his pitching arm.

Mike was an outgoing person and loved to be around friends and family; he was active with the Church of Christ, in Downey, CA. He shared his love of baseball with his daughter, Melinda who played softball at Downey High School. He also volunteered as a pitching coach for his son Derek, helping his team to win the Northwest Downey Little League and District 29 Championship(s) in 1993. Mike was known for his sense of humor and he enjoyed telling stories about his life and making people laugh; he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Mike was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Marine (Woodland, CA), sister Lorraine Marine (Oakland, CA), mother Alfey Harriet (Rasmussen) of Downey, CA. Mike leaves behind, two children, Melinda Marine and Derek Marine, daughter-in-law, Shannon (Tanaka) Marine and five grandchildren, Alexis, Kyle, Trevor, and Nicholas Marine and Kaylee Flores.

A viewing will be held on Friday, June 24, 2016, at the Miller Mies Mortuary, 10229 Paramount Blvd, Downey, CA, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Services will be held at the Miller Mies Mortuary Chapel on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 12:00 p.m., with graveside services at Rose Hills at 2:30 p.m. All who knew Mike, are welcome to attend.

*In Memory of*  
**Helen C. Ziler**

**May 14, 1919 - June 11, 2016**

Helen C. Ziler, 97 passed away in Downey on June 11, 2016. She was born in Baltimore, MD, on May 14, 1919, to Norwegian immigrants Axel H. and Leonora C. Hansen. Helen grew up in Brooklyn, NY, and was graduated from Brooklyn College in 1940.

In 1941, she received a Certificate in Physical Therapy from Walter Reed General Hospital, the Army medical center in Washington, D.C. It was there that she met the love of her life, John C. (Carl) Ziler.

They were married in 1942 and moved to California in 1945. Helen was active in many Downey community organizations, holding board positions in, among others, the League of Women Voters, American Field Service, and Advocates of Multi-Cultural Harmony. She was also a docent at the L.A. County of Natural History for 18 years.

In 1969, Helen returned to the field of physical therapy, earning a master's degree at USC and remaining there to teach in the PT department until 1978.

Following retirement, Helen and Carl traveled extensively and pursued their love of sailing in their small boat, the North Star. They had 57 wonderful years together, until Carl's death in 1999.

Helen is survived by her children Lorna J. Polley, John S. Ziler (Laurie) and Frederick W. Ziler (Vibeke); her sister June Ghaffari; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Christian club meeting July 13**

DOWNEY - "Pride of Freedom" will be the theme of the Downey Christian Women's Club's next meeting, July 13, at 11:30 a.m. at Los Amigos Country Club.

Gerda Kuykendall will be the guest speaker.

Admission is \$15 and includes a buffet lunch. Men are also invited.

Reservations are requested by calling Helen at (562) 864-7319.

**Dia de los Muertos festival expanding art showcase this year**

DOWNEY - The fourth annual Downey Dia de Los Muertos Art Festival is expanding their "Urban Art Alley" to include new works by Southern California artist Martin Sanchez, well known for his oversized, whimsical sculptures made of found, used and repurposed materials, and an exhibit of five *catrinas*, the familiar icons of the Mexican Dia de Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead skeletons—usually women—dressed in finery, and always wearing a fancy hat.

The Festival is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 30, in and around the Downey Theatre.

Designed by Ricardo Soltero, the five larger than life sized *catrinas* are brightly colored, with whimsical patterns and outlandish facial expressions.

Soltero, a native of Nayarit, Mexico, began his artistic life at 5 years old, helping his grandmother make paper flower wreaths to sell and decorate for their local Day of the Dead celebration.

While still in his teens, Soltero's family relocated to Baja Mexico where Ricardo enrolled at the Casa de la Cultura, broadening his studies to include, dance, singing, painting, and theater, where he acted, and created sets and scenery.

Using paper mache, recyclable material, wood and styrofoam, Soltero's works have been displayed at Hollywood Forever Day of the Dead, the Autry Museum, Denver Botanical Gardens and more. His work has also been shown in New York, Chicago and Mexico City.

Also new this year will be two new works by Martin Sanchez, who has exhibited at the festival for the past two years; his whimsical 22' tall sculptures have been event highlights. On display this year will be "Wings," one of Sanchez's most sophisticated works, which has been exhibited at the Riverside Art Museum and the Pomona Art Museum, and a new work he's crafting just for the Downey event.

Originally from Michoacán, Mexico, Sanchez has been a professional artist for 20 years, creating art out of the castaways of urban life.

"Urban Art Alley" includes an exhibit of 8-10 "trunk altars," which are traditional altars displayed in the trunk of a car.

Other festival attractions include continuous performances in the 738 seat theatre: six of the region's top ballet folklorico troupes, two films, a traditional art exhibit of paintings and collage in the balcony level gallery, and traditional altar displays in the main lobby.

Outside, the zocalo offers live romantica and bolero music, and in the courtyard, hands on arts and crafts with master artisan demonstrations and guidance.

The Theatre Civic Center area offers food trucks with a variety of cuisines and up to 50 vendors sell quality Day of the Dead-related art and merchandise.

The expansion of the "Urban Art Alley" is a continuation of the City of Downey and the Downey Theatre's commitment to local art that is relevant to Day of the Dead traditions, and that also reflects the Southland's Mexican/Latin roots and its global environment.

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Patrick Gurrola and Mannheim UK would like to remind all British expatriates to vote in support of Britain to remain within the European Union. We would also like to express our most sincere sympathies to the family, friends, and colleagues for their tragic loss of British lawmaker, Jo Cox.



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# The Administration's refusal to confront radical Islamic terrorism has made America less safe

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) last week delivered a speech on the Senate floor, emphasizing the need to address the growing threat of radical Islamic terrorism in the wake of the horrific act of terror in Orlando.

Cruz specifically called on Congress to take up and pass his Expatriate Terrorist Act (ETA) and Terrorist Refugee Infiltration Prevention Act (TRIPA) in order to better secure our country.

Below is a transcript of Cruz's speech:

"Madam President, our nation is at war. Five days ago, we saw a horrific terror attack in Orlando, Florida. From 9/11 to the Boston Marathon, from Fort Hood to Chattanooga, from San Bernardino to this attack in Orlando, radical Islamic terrorism has declared jihad on America. As the facts have unfolded, it now indicates that the Orlando terrorist has pledged his allegiance to ISIS in the process of murdering 49 and wounding more than 50 at a nightclub.

"All of us, our hearts go out to those who were murdered, to the families of those who were victims and who are grieving. We stand in solidarity. We lift them up in prayer at this horrific act of terrorism.

"But it is also a time for action. We need a Commander-in-Chief who will speak the truth, who will address the enemy we face, who will unleash the full force and fury of the American military on defeating ISIS and defeating radical Islamic terrorists.

"In the wake of the attack, many of us predicted what would unfold, and it was sadly the same political tale we have seen over and over again. Many of us predicted that Democrats would, as a matter of rigid partisan ideology, refuse even to say the words 'radical Islamist terrorism,' that they would suggest this attack was yet another isolated incident, one lone criminal not connected to any global ideology, not connected to any global jihad, and that even worse they would try to use it as an excuse to go after the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens.

"Madam President, I wish when we predicted that that we had been proven incorrect, but this week played out all too predictably. Yesterday, we saw a political show on the Senate floor. Democrat after Democrat standing for hours incensed, not at ISIS, incensed, not at radical Islamic terrorism, incensed that Americans have a right to keep and bear arms. This is political distraction. This is political gamesmanship. And I think the American people find it ridiculous that in response to an ISIS terror attack, the Democrats go on high dudgeon that we've got to restrict the second amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. This is not a gun control issue. This is a terrorism issue. And it is nothing less than political gamesmanship for them to try to shift for their favorite hobby horse of taking away the Bill of Rights from law-abiding citizens.

"I have spent years defending the Second Amendment, the right to keep and bear arms, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and I along with you, Madam President, along with a great many members of this chamber, are committed to defending the constitutional rights of every American. You don't defeat terrorism by taking away our guns. You defeat terrorism by using our guns. And this body should not be engaged in a political circus trying to restrict the Second Amendment. Instead, we should be focusing on the problem at hand. Why did we see yesterday's series of speeches? Because Senate Democrats have an election coming up in November. And they don't want to talk about the real issue. Let's talk about ISIS. Let's talk about radical Islamic terrorism. Let's talk about the failures of the last seven years of this Administration to keep this country safe.

"Now, in response to my criticism and that of many others, President Obama gave a press conference where he said, echoing the words of Hillary Clinton, 'what difference does it make if we call it radical Islamic terrorism?' Well, Mr. President, it makes a world of difference because the failure to address the enemy impacts every action taken to fight that enemy, and I want to talk in particular about three areas where this Administration and the Senate Democrats' refusal to confront radical Islamic terrorism has made America less safe and what we need to do about it.

"Let's start with prevention. Over and over again, we have seen the Obama administration having ample information to stop a terrorist attack, and yet because of the political correctness, because of the ideology of this administration that won't even say the word 'jihad,' won't even say the words 'radical Islamic terrorism,' they look the other way and the attacks go forward.

"In my home state of Texas, Fort Hood, Nidal Hasan, the Obama administration knew that Nidal Hasan had been in communication with a radical Islamic cleric, Anwar al-Awlaki. The Obama administration knew that Nidal Hasan had asked al-Awlaki about the permissibility of waging jihad against his fellow soldiers. All of that was known beforehand, and yet they did nothing. They did nothing, and on that fateful day, Nidal Hasan murdered 14 innocent souls, yelling 'Allahu Akbar' as he pulled the trigger. And yet, just to underscore the blindness of this administration, even after the terror attack, the administration insisted on characterizing that terror attack as 'workplace violence.' That is nothing short of delusion, and it's a delusion that cost 14 lives. If we know of a U.S. service member who is communicating with a radical Islamic cleric and asking about waging jihad against his fellow soldiers, MPs should show up at that individual's door within minutes. And if we didn't have an administration that plunged its head in the sand like an ostrich and refused to acknowledge radical Islamic terrorism, Nidal Hasan would have been stopped before he carried out that horrific act of terrorism.

"Likewise, the Boston bombing: the Tsarnaev brothers. Russia had informed the Obama administration they were connected with radical Islamic terrorism. We knew that. The FBI had gone and interviewed them. And yet once again, they dropped the ball. They stopped monitoring them, so they didn't even note when the elder Tsarnaev brother posted on YouTube a public call to jihad. Now, mind you, this was not requiring complicated surveillance. This was YouTube. Anyone with a computer who could type in Google could see this. And yet, because the administration will not acknowledge that we're fighting radical Islamic terrorism, they were not watching and monitoring the

Tsarnaev brothers; so when they called for public jihad, they then carried out that public jihad with pressure cookers at the Boston marathon. Yet another example where we knew about the individual beforehand, and if we had focused prevention on the problem, we could have stopped it.

"A third example was San Bernardino. San Bernardino, that horrific terror attack. Once again, we had ample information about the individuals in question. The female terrorist who came to San Bernardino had given the administration a fake address in Pakistan, and yet the so-called vetting that this administration tells us they do had failed to discover that it was a fake address. She had made calls for jihad, and yet the administration failed to discover that. In San Bernardino, we saw yet another horrific terror attack.

"And how about Orlando? Let's talk about what the facts are in Orlando. Now, we're only five days in. The facts will develop further as they're more fully developed, but here is what's been publicly reported. What's been publicly reported is that Omar Mateen was interviewed not once, not twice but three times by the FBI in 2013 and 2014; that one of the reasons why he was interviewed by the FBI was because he was talking in his place of employment, which ironically, which shockingly enough, was a contractor to the Department of Homeland Security, and he was talking about being connected to terrorist organizations including the Boston bombers.

"Now, to any rational person, that is a big red flag. And yet it's also been reported that his coworkers were afraid to say anything because they didn't want to be labeled as somehow anti-Muslim by speaking out about someone claiming to be connected to radical Islamic terrorists. We also know that when he was questioned by the FBI in 2014, according to public reports, it was because he was believed to have been connected to Moner Mohammad Abusalha, who traveled to Syria to join the terrorist organization Al-Nusra Front, and who became the first known American suicide bomber in the Syrian conflict.

"Now that, Madam President, is yet another big red flag. If you're palling around with Al-Nusra suicide bombers, that ought to be a real flag. If the administration is focused on radical Islamic terrorism, this is an individual we ought to be watching. We know that Mateen, as it's been reported, traveled to Mecca in Saudi Arabia for ten days in March, 2011, and for eight days in March, 2012. And we also have indications that the FBI may have been aware that he was a follower of the Islamist educational web site run by a radical imam. And not only that, that his father had posted videos online expressing not only sympathy, but arguably support for the Taliban. All of that is what the Obama administration knew.

"And yet, by Sunday morning, they were no longer watching Omar Mateen. They were no longer watching Omar Mateen. They were not monitoring him, and he was able to go in and commit a horrific act of murder. The question that every member of this body should be asking is why is the ball being dropped over and over and over again? It's not once, it's not twice, it is a pattern. It is a pattern of failing to connect the dots, and I would suggest, Madam President, it is directly connected to President Obama and this administration's refusal to acknowledge what it is we're fighting. If you direct the prevention efforts to stopping radical Islamic terrorism, you know what? We had all the information we need on Mateen to keep a very close eye on him. And yet if that's not what you're fighting, then you close the investigation and yet another attack goes forward.

"I would suggest that this willful blindness is one of the reasons why we saw the circus yesterday on the Senate floor. Senate Democrats should be asking these questions, and yet we don't hear them asking those questions. Instead, they want to shift this to gun control. They want to shift this to putting the federal government in charge of approving every firearms transaction between law-abiding citizens in America. Mind you, that would not have prevented this attack. Mind you, it was not directed at the evil of this attack. Mind you, it ignores the global jihad we're facing, but it is a convenient political dodge. We need serious leadership focused on keeping this country safe.

"A second component of keeping this country safe that identifying the enemy would produce is defeating ISIS -- utterly and completely defeating ISIS. In yesterday's circus when calling for taking away your and my constitutional rights, how often did Senate Democrats say 'let's utterly destroy ISIS?' Not with the pinprick attacks we're seeing, not with a photo op foreign policy of this administration, a failed effort that leaves the terrorists laughing at us, but instead using overwhelming air power, instead using the concerted power of the United States military with rules of engagement that allow us to fight and win.

"Madam President, right now we're sending our service men and women into combat with rules of engagement tying their hands behind their backs, it is wrong, it is immoral and it's not accomplishing the task. You want a response to the Orlando attack? President Obama and Vice President Biden will no doubt give a self-righteous speech about gun control trying to strip away the rights of law-abiding Americans. How about them standing up and having the President pledge that ISIS will be driven from the face of the Earth? You want to see a response to murdering innocent Americans? If you declare war on America, you're signing your death warrant. That is the response of a Commander-in-Chief. That's the seriousness we need.

"And a third component of focusing on the enemy is that we should focus on keeping us safe, and in particular, passing two pieces of legislation, both of which I've introduced -- the first of which is the Expatriate Terrorist Act. This is legislation that provides that if any American citizen goes and takes up arms and joins ISIS, joins a radical Islamic terrorist group, that he or she forfeits their U.S. citizenship. So you do not have American citizens coming back to America with U.S. Passports to wage jihad on America.

"We've seen Americans like Jose Padilla, Anwar al-Awlaki, like Faisal Shazad, who have abandoned their country and gone and joined up with the terrorists in waging war against us. And just this week the CIA Director testified to the Senate that more are coming, that ISIS intends to send individuals back here to wage jihad.

"Rather than engaging in political showmanship, trying to gain partisan advantage in the November election, how about we come together and say if you join ISIS, you're not using a U.S. Passport to come back here and murder American citizens. That ought to be a unanimous agreement if we were focused on keeping this country safe.

"And likewise, let's talk about the problem of refugees. What are the consequences of the willful blindness of this administration? That President Obama, in the face of this terror attack, says that he will admit some 10,000 Syrian Muslim refugees, despite the fact that the FBI Director has told Congress he cannot possibly vet them to determine if they're terrorists. Indeed here's what FBI Director Comey said: 'we can only query against that which we have collected. If someone has never made a ripple in the pond in Syria in a way we could get their identity or their interests reflected in our database, we can query our database until the cows come home, but there will be nothing to show up because we have no record of them.' This is an FBI Director appointed by President Obama who is telling the administration they cannot vet these refugees, yet what does the administration say? What does Hillary Clinton say? Who do the Senate Democrats say? Let the refugees in even though ISIS is telling us they're going to use those refugees to send terrorists here to come and murder us.

"This transcends mere partisan disagreement. This is lunacy. We know the Paris attack was carried out in part by people who came in using the refugee program, taking advantage of the refugee program. Indeed earlier this year, January 6, 2016, Omar Faraj Saeed Al Hardan, a Palestinian born in Iraq who entered the United States as a refugee in 2009, was charged with attempting to provide support to ISIS, and he wanted to set off bombs using cell phone detonators at two malls at my hometown of Houston, Texas. This is a refugee who came from Iraq, and yet do you hear the administration saying 'this is a dangerous world. Jihadists are attempting to kill us. We have to keep us safe.'

They don't say that.

"The legislation I've introduced which I would urge this body to take up would impose a three-year moratorium on refugees coming from any nation where ISIS or Al Qaeda or radical Islamic terrorists control a substantial portion of the territory. We can help with humanitarian efforts. We can help resettling refugees in the majority Muslim countries in the Middle East. America is a compassionate country that has given more than ten times as much money as any country on Earth to caring for refugees. But being compassionate doesn't mean we're suicidal. It doesn't mean we invite to America, we invite to our homes, people who the FBI cannot tell us if they are terrorists or not.

"What should this Senate be doing? We shouldn't be engaging in a sideshow of gun control. By the way, I will say on behalf of a lot of American citizens in the wake of this terror attack, it is offensive. I sat in that chair and presided yesterday over some of the show. It was offensive to see Democrat after Democrat prattling on about the NRA. It wasn't the NRA who murdered 49 people in Orlando. It wasn't the NRA who set up pressure cookers in the Boston bombing. It wasn't the NRA who murdered 14 innocent souls at Fort Hood. And it is offensive to play political games with the constitutional rights of American citizens instead of getting serious about keeping this country safe.

"I would urge this body to take up both pieces of legislation, the Expatriate Terrorist Act, to prevent terrorists from using U.S. Passports to come back to America, and TRIPA, to prevent refugees from countries with majority control, major control from ISIS or Al Qaeda from coming in as ISIS terrorists as refugees. Those would be commonsense steps the overwhelming majority of Americans would agree with. And yet in this politicized environment, that is not what our friends on the other side of the aisle want to talk about. Until we get serious about defeating radical Islamic terrorism, we will continue to lose innocence.

"I would note one aspect of the attack on Sunday morning widely reported was that it was at a gay bar. And there are great many Democrats who are fond of calling themselves champions of the LGBT community. I would suggest there is no more important issue to champion in that regard than protecting Americans from murder by a vicious ideology that systematically murders homosexuals, that throws them off buildings, that buries them under rocks. The regime in Iran now supported by billions of dollars of American taxpayer dollars at the behest of President Obama murders homosexuals regularly.

"And I will confess some in the press pool were a little bit puzzled. Well, how could a Republican be speaking out against this? Let me be very clear, Madam President. I am against murder. I am against murder of any American, and nobody has a right to murder anybody because they differ in faith, because they differ in sexual orientation, because they differ in any respect. We're a nation founded on protecting the rights of everyone to live according to their conscience, according to their faith, and this murder in Orlando was not random. It was part of a global jihad, an ideology, an Islamist ideology, that commands its adherence to murder or forcibly convert the infidels, by whom they mean every one of us.

"This body should not be engaged in political games. We should be focused on the threat and keeping America safe and defeating radical Islamic terrorism. And as we remember the victims of this latest terror attack, the greatest memorial we can give to them is to redouble ourselves to a seriousness of purpose to prevent the next terror attack from taking innocent American lives. I hope that's what this body does. I hope we do so in a bipartisan manner. I yield the floor."

## Republican demons

Dear Editor:

After reading three op-eds in the Opinion section of the Downey Patriot dated June 9, 2016, watching the news, and viewing protests against Republicans, I am now convinced that us Republicans are nothing but racists and demons and should not be allowed freedom of speech or be allowed to accept donations to run campaigns supporting the candidates of our choice.

Only the righteous opposition with totally clean plates and honest intentions should be allowed freedom of speech and be able to accept donations.

Our country should allow whomever -- poor children from Central America, undocumented immigrants, refugees whether or not they have been vetted -- to freely enter our country. With 49 percent not paying taxes, why not increase the number to 60-70 percent, after all, we who pay taxes to support the benefits they receive love giving away our hard-earned income.

Marijuana should be legalized so we can have large numbers of lethargic, zombie-like, unproductive individuals populating our nation. Why not? If it feels good, do it!

Yep, I've gotten it all wrong.

**Martha Morrissy-Call Downey**

## Clinton beats Sanders

Dear Editor:

The Margaret Hittinger letter of June 16 appeared less than a paragon of accuracy ("The Fix is In," Letters to the Editor).

Most extrapolations post election had Hillary Clinton winning handily. A respected poll done for the USC Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, and the Los Angeles Times on June 10, had Hillary Clinton winning by over 12 percentage points. No polls had the election as "too close to call."

As for the Bernie Sanders followers who referred to the election as "rigged" because of the preponderance of superdelegates who chose Clinton over Sanders, it is basically a moot point. How so? Nationwide, Clinton garnered more than 3 million more popular votes than Sanders did.

That basically clinches it for Clinton, unless we take the extraordinary tact of ignoring the popular vote.

**Jack Russell Downey**

## Not surprised by police support for tax increase

Dear Editor:

Why am I not surprised?

Every last one of our "civil servants", from the merest janitor to the City Manager, will proclaim the vital importance of this measure.

What they will gloss over is that it is needed because of the fiscal mismanagement by the "suits" at City Hall (and elsewhere) in granting pay and benefit scales out of all proportion to what the community can afford.

Now that their "rice bowls" are getting a bit thin, they demand that taxpayers pony up more rice to keep them full.

Well, as the tuna ad says: Sorry, Charley! It ain't gonna happen. You have to learn to live within our means.

Vote no - now, tomorrow, forever - until they "get their minds right."

**Drew Kelley Downey**

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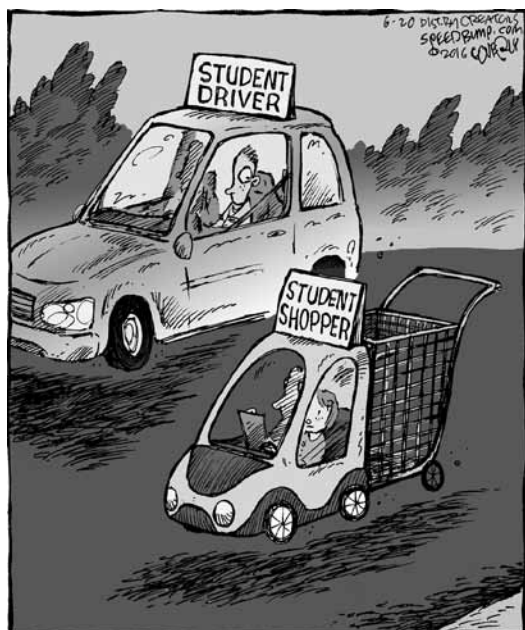
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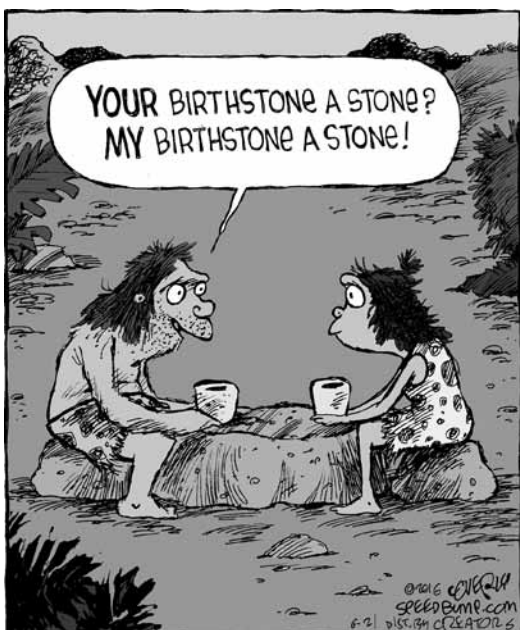
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Monday, June 27: Author Victor Villasenor, Downey Civic Theatre, 6:30 p.m.

### 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.
- 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Nancy 806-1782.
- 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 Russell Skersick 929-3710.
- 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 Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6438.
- 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

- 7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
- 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
- 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
- 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
- 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call 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.
- 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.

## On This Day...

**June 23, 1868:** Christopher Latham Sholes received a patent for an invention he called the "Type-Writer."  
**1947:** The Senate joined the House in overriding President Harry S. Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley Act, which allows the president to intervene in labor disputes.  
**1993:** Lorena Bobbitt sexually mutilated her husband, John, after he allegedly raped her.  
**BIRTHDAYS:** record producer Randy Jackson (60), soccer player Zinedine Zidane (44), actress Selma Blair (44), pop singer Jason Mraz (39) and football player LaDainian Tomlinson (37).

## THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

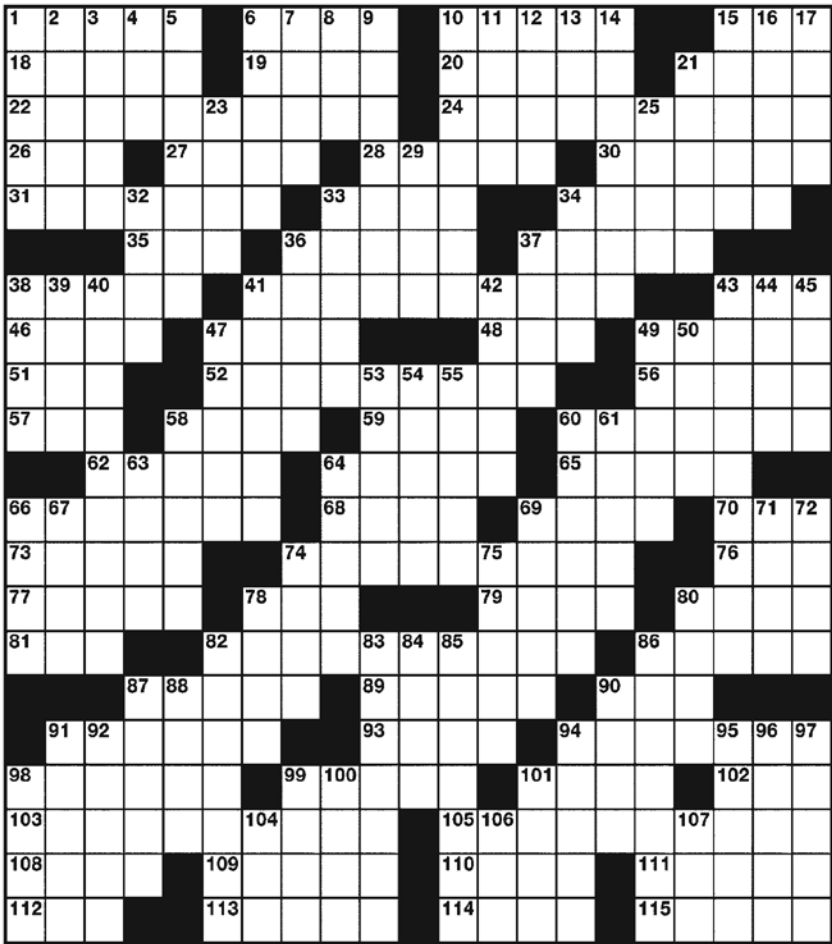
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  - 10 County lockups
  - 15 Feline foot
  - 18 Zagreb native
  - 19 Pig's proverbial place
  - 20 Loosen, in a way
  - 21 Fast-food beverage
  - 22 "Hit the Road Jack" singer
  - 24 First *Tonight Show* host
  - 26 Basic cable channel
  - 27 Mideast airline
  - 28 Hawaiian souvenir
  - 30 Coffee paper-cup surrounder
  - 31 Capital of Northern Ireland
  - 33 *La Bohème* heroine
  - 34 Hair slickener
  - 35 Conquistador's quest
  - 36 Donut-shaped
  - 37 Goethe's soul-seller
  - 38 In-group jargon
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  - 47 "By all means!"
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  - 59 Abbr. after a list
  - 60 Fore-and-aft sail
  - 62 Jane Fonda's first Oscar film
  - 64 Dundee residents
  - 65 Bow ties or elbows
  - 66 Commander-in-chief, so to speak
  - 68 Superfood salad ingredient
  - 69 Skirt opening
  - 70 Bat wood
  - 73 Andrew Wyeth subject
  - 74 "Piano Man" singer
  - 76 Brazilian hot spot
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  - 93 Dallas hoopsters, for short
  - 94 Tout at a track
  - 98 Dan Quayle successor
  - 99 Hurricane of 2011
  - 101 River of Florence
  - 102 Boxing legend
  - 103 Bernie Sanders portrayer on *SNL*
  - 105 Jamie Lee's dad
  - 108 Lender's claim
  - 109 Rolex rival
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  - 2 Rub clean
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  - 4 Brit's rainwear
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  - 6 Diner of rhyme
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  - 9 Rouses to action
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  - 37 The young Bambi
  - 38 2012 Affleck thriller
  - 39 Actress Tara
  - 40 *Singin' in the Rain* star
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  - 50 Office expense
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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

When should a woman begin to use mammograms for breast cancer screening, and with what frequency? Over these past few years, the answers have been confusing - to physicians as well as to the general public. Let's decipher the current recommendations.

In October of 2015, the highly respected American Cancer Society released new breast cancer screening guidelines. They cited new research, which shed more light on the benefits and drawbacks of mammography. Their recommendations for women at average risk for breast cancer are:

- Yearly mammograms should begin at age 45.
- Women may begin screening as early as age 40, if they choose.
- At age 55, women should reduce the frequency of mammograms to every other year, although women who want to continue with yearly mammograms should be able to do so.
- Regular mammograms should continue for as long as a woman is in good health.
- Breast exams, either from a medical provider or self-exams, are no longer recommended.

Women at higher risk because of family history of breast cancer, positive genetic tests for BRCA, or those with palpable masses in their breast, should begin screening earlier and/or more often.

To complicate matters, a government agency, the U.S. Preventative Service Task Force, has put together its own set of recommendations, which (naturally) differ from those of the American Cancer Society. They are:

- Women between the ages of 50 to 74 should have mammograms every other year.
- The decision to start regular, every-other-year mammograms before 50 should be up to the individual.
- For those over 75, the current evidence is insufficient to decide whether the advantages outweigh the possible disadvantages.
- There is no added benefit to teaching breast self-examination (BSE).
- Women who have dense breasts may need additional screening. This could apply to as many as half of all women.

Yet another respected opinion, the doctors at the Mayo Clinic, offer mammograms to women beginning at age 40, and continue annually. They recommend that women discuss the benefits and risks with their own doctor, and then make a plan.

Similarly, the American College of Gynecology (ACOG) (the licensing body for gynecologists in the United States) continues to recommend annual mammograms starting at age 40. The ACOG strongly supports shared decision-making between doctor and patient, and recommends the continued use of the clinical breast exam.

Why are these changes being made, and why do the different organizations disagree? Mammograms do indeed detect breast cancer earlier than clinical exams and BSE. At early

stages, cancer treatment is more effective, has much better survival rates, and is far less invasive. However, the more mammograms a woman has, the more likely she will have a false positive result. A false positive result is when something looks suspicious, but turns out to be harmless. It is more likely among younger women, and among women with dense breasts. The chance of having a false positive result after ten yearly mammograms is a whopping 50% - 60%. A false positive result requires follow-up tests, typically composed of more x-rays and a possible biopsy. These can lead to anxiety, bleeding, infection, and higher costs.

Many of my older patients ask if they still need mammograms. Nearly all experts agree that annual screenings do not make sense for an older woman who would not want to undergo cancer treatment. However, data suggests that only five years of life expectancy is needed to make mammogram screening worthwhile. Consider that today a 75 year-old woman has, on average, a 13-year life expectancy. I make the decision simple for my patients. I ask: "If we were to find a cancer, would you do something about it?" If the answer is yes, then having a mammogram is clearly a good idea.

What about the controversy regarding breast exams, both self-exams (BSE) and breast exams in your doctor's office? Were you surprised that both the American Cancer Society and the U.S. Preventative Service Task Force recommend that women and health professionals no longer take the time to perform them? Data shows that at least 20% of all breast cancers are found by physical exams. In my opinion, the cost (in time) to perform these exams and to teach BSE is minimal. For now, I will continue to perform them in my office, and to recommend that my patients conduct BSE at home as well.

I urge you to discuss your own family history of cancer and risk factors with your own medical provider. Together, you can make a plan for when and how frequently you should have mammograms for breast cancer screening.

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.

## Cigarette smoking among high school students at all-time low, but vaping on the rise

Cigarette smoking among high school students dropped to the lowest levels since the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) began in 1991, but the use of electronic vapor products, including e-cigarettes, among students poses new challenges according to the 2015 survey results released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Although current cigarette use decreased significantly from 28 percent in 1991 to 11 percent in 2015, new data from the 2015 survey found that 24 percent of high school students reported using e-cigarettes during the past 30 days.

"Current cigarette smoking is at an all-time low, which is great news. However, it's troubling to see that students are engaging in new risk behaviors, such as using e-cigarettes," said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. "We must continue to invest in programs that help reduce all forms of tobacco use, including e-cigarettes, among youth."

In May 2016, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration finalized an important rule extending its authority to all tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. The rule includes, for the first time, a restriction on the sale of these products to minors nationwide.

The YRBS provides important data related to student behaviors, such as behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence.

The 2015 survey findings indicated that youth continue to be at risk by using wireless devices while driving:

Among high school students who had driven a car or other vehicle during the past 30 days, the percentage of high school students who texted or e-mailed while driving ranged from 26 percent to 63 percent across 35 states and from 14 percent to 39 percent across 18 large urban school districts.

Nationwide, 42 percent of students who had driven a car or other vehicle during the past 30 days reported texting or e-mailing while driving. This percentage did not change from 2013.

The 2015 survey findings showed encouraging reductions in physical fighting among adolescents.

The percentage of high school students nationwide who had been

in a physical fight at least once during the past 12 months decreased from 42 percent in 1991 to 23 percent in 2015.

However, nationwide, the percentage of students who had not gone to school because of safety concerns is still high.

Six percent of students missed at least 1 day of school during the past 30 days because they felt they would be unsafe at school or on their way to or from school. The percentage of students not going to school because of safety concerns decreased from 2013 (7 percent) to 2015 (6 percent).

The survey also included questions on prescription drug use.

Prescription drug use among youth decreased from 20 percent in 2009 to 17 percent in 2015. Nationwide, 17 percent of students had taken prescription drugs (e.g., Oxycontin, Percocet, Vicodin, codeine, Adderall, Ritalin, or Xanax) without a doctor's prescription one or more times during their life.

The 2015 YRBS report also included data on youth sexual risk behaviors.

The percentage of high school students who are currently sexually active (had sexual intercourse during the past three months) has been decreasing since 1991, dropping from 38 percent in 1991 to 30 percent in 2015. Current sexual activity also decreased from 34 percent in 2013 to 30 percent in 2015.

Among high school students who are currently sexually active, condom use decreased from 63 percent in 2003 to 57 percent in 2015, following more than a decade of increases that peaked in the early 2000s. Condom use did not change from 2013 (59 percent) to 2015 (57 percent).

The proportion of currently sexually active students who had drunk alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse decreased from 25 percent in 1999 to 21 percent in 2015, but did not change from 2013 (22 percent) to 2015 (21 percent).

### WHAT IS VAPING?

E-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes, but most have a battery, a heating element, and a place to hold a liquid. The liquid typically contains nicotine—which is the addictive drug in regular cigarettes—as well as chemicals like propylene glycol or glycerin and flavorings such as fruit and chocolate. E-cigarettes are a type of electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS). Other ENDS products include e-hookahs, e-cigs, e-pipes, vape pens, and many more.

These devices warm the liquid and produce an aerosol that commonly contains a variety of chemicals. Users breathe this chemical solution directly from the mouthpiece. Puffing on an e-cigarette is sometimes called "vaping." Bystanders can breathe in this aerosol, too, which is exhaled into the air.

### Information from CDC

Nationwide, 10 percent of all students had ever been tested for HIV. This is a decrease from 13 percent in 2011 and 2013.

Trends in dietary and sedentary-related behaviors, such as drinking sugar-sweetened beverages and screen time, have varied in recent years:

There was a significant decrease in drinking soda one or more times a day from 27 percent in 2013 to 20 percent in 2015.

From 2003-2015, the percentage of high school students playing video or computer games or using a computer three or more hours per day (for non-school related work) nearly doubled from 22 percent to 42 percent.

"Health risk behaviors among youth vary over time and across the nation, making the YRBS an important tool to better understand youth. The YRBS helps us identify newly emerging behaviors and monitor long-standing youth risk behaviors over time," said Laura Kann, Ph.D., chief of CDC's School-Based Surveillance Branch. "While overall trends for the 2015 report are positive, the results highlight the continued need for improvements in reducing risks among teens."

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# SHARED STORIES: Gypsies stole my heart

In this humorous coming-of-age story, Yolanda Adele captures the swirling range of emotions so many young girls feel as they enter adolescence. A visit by her loving grandmother is the pivot point of a memorable night of comedy and teenage dreams. *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 Yolanda Adele

When I was nearly 13 years old, a girl named Roma moved into the modest two-story house next door along with her brother, Regino, their mother, father, three aunts, four uncles, several cousins of various ages, and their grandparents.

Roma was petite with dark skin, hazel eyes and long, lustrous black hair. Regino was 17 and muscular. He carried himself in such a regal fashion that he appeared to be taller than 5 ft 7 in.

His thick, dark hair was like the color of the ocean at midnight as were his eyes and lashes. His bronze skin accentuated his high cheekbones and strong jaw line. His lips looked soft. I had never seen a more exotic male except in my Nana's picture of Rudolpho Valentino as he appeared in the 1926 movie, Son of the Sheik.

Mother said that Roma and her family were Gypsies and she warned me that they had a reputation for stealing children. That news made my adrenaline rocket like the time I rode the front roller coaster car at the end of the pier at Pacific Ocean Park.

She could not have known that what she told me sounded like an answer to my prayers. My mind was immediately filled with a kaleidoscope of mystical possibilities. The Gypsies could teach me to cast spells, concoct potions, and read the future.

I ached with longing to escape my stress-filled life that centered on my mother's relationship with my sometimes present, skirt-chasing father. Heck! If the Gypsies wanted to steal me, they only had to hold a gunnysack open; I was ready to jump in.

One rainy Sunday morning I saw Roma setting buckets out on the

driveway. Curiosity compelled me to go outside.

"Hi, my name is Soledad. What's your name?" I asked.

"Roma," she said without a trace of an accent.

"I haven't heard that name before," I told her.

"It means 'Gypsy' in our language," she replied. "Does Soledad mean something in your language?"

"Actually it does. In Spanish it means 'solitude.' Hey, why are you putting these buckets out in the rain?"

"To collect the rainwater," Roma explained. "We use it to rinse our hair after we wash it with stale beer."

"You wash your hair in beer?" I was astonished.

"Oh yes. It makes our hair silky."

"And why do you rinse your hair with rainwater?"

"You sure ask a lot of questions."

"Oh, do you mind very much?"

"No, not really. Anyway, my grandmother says that there is a natural chemical in rainwater that makes it good for hair."

"That's weird."

"Well, have you ever tried it?"

"No."

"Then how can you say it's weird? Besides it would probably help that coarse mop of hair you have!" She turned around and started walking toward her house.

"Wait!" I pleaded. She stopped, and turned to look at me.

"I want to be your friend," I continued. She smiled, nodded her head and went inside her house.

The rain tasted sweet on my tongue. I felt the web of depression that had entangled me for longer than I could remember washing away. I wondered if Roma might have sensed the sadness I carried and was freeing me from it with her Gypsy powers when she smiled at me and became my friend.

Through observing Roma and her family, I began to take many vicarious adventures, especially at night when I would lie on my bed which was up against the wall under my screen-less open window.

I'd listen to the soft soothing strums of a guitar wafting into my room from Roma's front porch. There Regino and his uncles crooned into the wee morning hours, accompanying themselves with guitars and occasionally a violin or two. They sang songs in a language I did not understand with my head, but my heart knew it was about love.

I would close my eyes and see Regino, Roma, and me sitting on a red velvet flying carpet wearing moon-glasses and occasionally a violin or two. They sang songs in a language I did not understand with my head, but my heart knew it was about love.

It seemed that nothing could ever bother me again, not even my dueling parents. I now had a magical bedroom window, a safe place for my mind to travel through.

Regino smiled at me whenever he caught me staring at him from my bedroom window, which was right next to his driveway, facing across his front yard. I was not a beauty. It didn't help that my hair was uncontrollably frizzy. I often wished for rain to rinse it with.

I was developing into my womanhood. I felt awkward in my changing body. I wondered if Regino thought I was pretty. I didn't think he would smile at me if he didn't think that I was at least a little attractive, but then I didn't know much about boys.

Many of our neighbors seemed to enjoy gossiping about the Gypsies who all lived together and dressed in colorful clothes. I over-heard some neighbors telling of events after a marriage ceremony the Gypsies' house.

Wedding guests waited for the groom to open the door of the upstairs bedroom and come out onto the little balcony to hold up and display the blood-spotted bed linen that confirmed his bride had been a virgin. They cheered and celebrated rowdily all night. After that the neighbors circulated a petition to get the landlord to evict the Gypsies.

My mother had taken a job working a graveyard shift, and one morning she announced a surprise when she came home.

"Soledad, your Nana will be coming from Texas to stay with us for a few days. She will keep you company while I work. It will be good for you to spend some

time together."

"Oh, that's wonderful news Mama. When?"

"Whenever, Nana gets here! I want you to be sure to clean the house before you go to school and again when you get home. Now get your chores done and be quiet about it. It's been a long hard night at the factory. I'm exhausted."

"Do you want me to bring you some breakfast Mama?"

"No. I'm going straight to bed. Just get yourself something to eat before you leave for school."

After I drank two cups of black coffee, I quietly closed and locked the front door. Roma was already waiting for me at the bottom of the concrete steps.

"Hi," I said softly.

"Hi, why the sad face?"

"My Mom got home from work, started barking orders at me, and never wished me a happy birthday."

"Then I get to be the first person to wish you a happy birthday. I wish I had a present for you."

That made me smile as we started walking to school.

"Soledad, if you could have anything at all what would you want for a present?"

"If I told you, you would make fun of my silly wish."

"I would not. Besides I can guess what it is."

"Go ahead try," I said mockingly.

"Okay." How about a serenade from a certain tall, dark, and handsome BROTHER OF MINE!" she shouted.

I felt my face become flushed. How could she have known? That's exactly what I had been daydreaming about! That's not fair, I thought. She does possess mind-reading powers!

"I see how you look at him when you think he is not looking at you."

"You don't know what you are talking about, Roma."

"Don't worry I won't tell him. Okay, forget it Soledad. Why are you getting so mad?"

We walked the rest of the way in silence. I did not see her after school, and I missed walking home with her. I was embarrassed that she had guessed my wish. I didn't mean to hurt her feelings. At my front door I was greeted by my Nana's effervescent little giggle.

"Nana!" I rushed into her outstretched arms.

"Hija, let me take a good look at you." She spun me around. "Where is the little girl I visited last summer? You are a young woman already. Did you forget your promise to me?"

"Oh, no Nana; I promised that I would always be your little girl. And I'm... just a little taller, that's all." Slowly a smile appeared on Nana's face again.

"I'm making for you a birthday cake. Do you still like cake?"

"Yes, I do, Nana." I hugged her and inhaled the delicious aroma of vanilla from her apron. Just then Mama walked into the kitchen.

"Ok. Ok, enough you two. Soledad, go fix your bed for Nana and make a bed for yourself on the floor. I have to go to work now, no matter whose birthday it is. I will see you both in the morning; I'm working a double shift."

"Have a good night, Daughter," my grandmother wished her.

"Yes, have a good night, Mama." As soon as I was sure that my mother was gone, I asked Nana if Roma could come

in to have birthday cake with us.

"Si. That will make it more of a party," she said.

I stuck my head out of my bedroom window and yelled for Roma. She ran out of her house and stood in front of my window. I was happy to see her.

"I just want to ask you over to meet my Nana and have birthday cake with us after dinner, about 6:00 if you want to."

"Sure, I do. I guess you're not mad at me anymore, huh?"

"I wasn't really mad at you Roma."

"Then, okay! I will be at your birthday party."

Whenever my mother and I were home at dinnertime, she ate in front of the T.V set in the living room, and I'd eat in my room. We didn't care for each other's company, I guess. But Nana and I sat at the kitchen table together for dinner. Nana sweetly refused to let me help with the dishes, so I just sat at there and cleaned the table over and over again. When Nana finished the dishes, she poured us each a cup of coffee and sat down.

I watched curiously as she removed a safety-pin from the underside of her apron that had thirteen dollars pinned to it. She gave it to me and wished me a happy birthday.

"Oh Nana, thank you, but it's really too much! How about I just take five dollars, Ok?"

"No! A dollar for each year you are old is not too much. A million dollars for each year you are old is not too much, if I had it." Her effervescent giggle sealed the deal. I leaned over to give her a tight hug.

I told her that Mama would be upset if she knew that Roma came to visit because she was a Gypsy. "Then we should not upset your Mama huh?" she answered with a wink. At that moment I loved her more than I knew was possible.

When Roma came over, she and Nana took to each other just like I knew they would. The three of us laughed until our sides ached when we tried to cut what Nana called "The Leaning Tower of Pisa" birthday cake because it came out of the oven crooked. Nana tried to glue it straight with gooey icing. That only made it heavier, causing the cake to lean even more.

Roma, Nana, and I played many card games, Crazy Eights, and Old Maid before Roma showed us her tarot picture cards and read our future from them.

She told Nana that a tall, dark man was going to come into her life. Nana said, "Good, I hope that it is a T.V repairman. My television has been broken for months. That's the only use I have for a man at my age." We all shrieked with laughter.

Roma's cards predicted that I would be granted a wish for my birthday. It was the best birthday party I ever had. As I walked Roma to the door, she whispered that her birthday gift to me would be a little late. I told her that she had already given me more than she realized. I hugged her good night.

I dressed for bed and put blankets down on the floor where I would sleep. I lay there watching Nana as she undid her hair that was pinned up in a bun. She brushed her long coarse hair. I told her about washing her hair in beer to make it more manageable. To my surprise, she said she used to do that many moons ago. I guess it really wasn't that weird after all. Nana took her teeth out and put them in a glass of water on the windowsill.

"Are you sure that you locked the doors, Soledad?" I nodded yes. "Aren't you afraid to be home alone at night while your mother is working the night shift?" She didn't give me a chance to answer.

"Soledad, you have to be more careful now that you are becoming a young lady - and Gypsy men living right next door. I know that Roma is a lovely, sweet girl, but I don't know about her family, about those men sitting outside. And why doesn't your mother get this window screened and fixed so it will close?"

"Well I'm not afraid of the Gypsies. I'm afraid when you start to sound like Mama."

"Soledad, there things in life that can ruin a young woman, that you don't understand yet. But I'm tired and don't want to talk about such things right now." She turned off all but one small light, leaned down to kiss me, saying "Goodnight, birthday lady." Then she got into bed.

"Good night, Nana." And it was a good night, until about midnight.

I thought I was getting really good about dreaming of Regino because I could hear him singing my name so softly, and romantically; even after I opened my eyes, I could hear my Nana snoring too.

Quickly I realized that Regino was singing "Happy Birthday" just outside my window. At the same time my Nana bolted up in bed. I could see her reach for her glass of water containing her teeth. Before I could shout "No. No Nana!" She had tossed the glass, teeth and all out of the window. The music stopped!

"What is it child?" She demanded to know.

"It's Regino." I said sobbing.

"Who is Regino?"

"Only the boy who stepped out of my dream to serenade me just to be hit with a glass of water and your teeth! He will probably hate me now and forever!" I was weeping uncontrollably.

"Stop that crying, niña. Take the flashlight and go outside and find my teeth before your mother gets home, or she will give you something to really cry about and send me packing." I started to protest to no avail.

I grabbed my robe but couldn't find my slippers. I prayed that Regino wouldn't be out there, and when I peeked around the corner, I didn't see him. I turned on the flashlight and looked around for Nana's teeth. The cold grass made my bare feet feel numb. As I walked pass the driveway, Regino stepped out of the shadows into the moonlight. He was holding Nana's teeth in one hand. He held his index finger to his mouth signaling me to be quiet. Now I felt numb all over my body.

He stepped in close when he handed me Nana's teeth. He wiped my tears with this thumb; he then glided his hand round my waist pressing my body to his. As my numbness melted away, he tenderly kissed my throat before covering my mouth with his. His breath near my ear caused a shiver as he whispered in broken English, "Happy Birthday, Beautiful Lady."

At that moment I realized what Roma had given me, a one-of-a-kind gift. He took the back of my hand and brought it up to his soft lips, then disappeared into the dark, almost mystically. I stood there weak and unsteady wondering if it had really happened. Or was I imagining my encounter with Regino, as I had countless times before. My question was answered when I realized that I was holding Nana's teeth.

It wasn't too long after that night that Roma, her family, and the man of my dreams moved away from our neighborhood.

In a way my mother was right. The Gypsies did steal something... my heart, and in return they gave me a sense of fun, adventure, and awakened a sense of passion in me.

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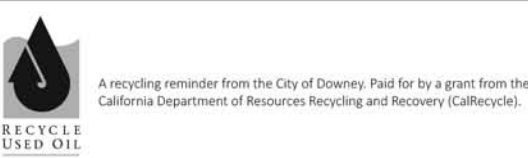
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**CERRITOS** – The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) kicks off the 2016-17 Season with entertainment icon Sophia Loren.

In "An Evening With Sophia Loren," the timeless Oscar winner discusses her prolific career and answers questions from the audience. The show takes place at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16.

The 2016-17 Season lineup boasts many more world-class performers, including pop queen Roberta Flack, Grammy winners Clint Black and Olivia Newton-John, celebrated saxophonist Dave Koz, Grammy-Oscar-Emmy-Tony nominee Vanessa Williams, Broadway stars Bernadette Peters and Kristin Chenoweth, and many more.

This season brings three series – Broadway, Memory Lane, and Rob Kapilow's What Makes It Great? – with discounts offered to series subscribers.

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(Eine Kleine Nachtmusik)" with Hao Zhou and Lucy Wang, violin, Johanna Nowik, viola, and Tate Zawadiuk, cello; and "It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing: The Music of Duke Ellington With CSUN Jazz A Band" directed by Matt Harris.

Place ticket orders by mail, at [cerritoscenter.com](http://cerritoscenter.com), or by calling (562) 467-8818. Web sales begin Friday, July 15. Phone and live in-person sales start Saturday, July 16. Starting July 18, the CCPA Ticket Office will be closed on Mondays.

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**Paul Anka**  
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SAT, OCT 29, 2016, 8:00 PM

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SUN, OCT 30, 2016, 7:00 PM

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SAT, NOV 12, 2016, 8:00 PM

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**Olivia Newton-John**  
SAT, NOV 19, 2016, 8:00 PM

**Jake Shimabukuro**  
FRI, DEC 2, 2016, 8:00 PM

**Merry-Achi Christmas Sol de México de José Hernández, Mariachi Reyna de Los Angeles, and Dancers**  
SAT, DEC 3, 2016, 7:00 PM

**The Irish Tenors Holiday Show With Orchestra**  
SUN, DEC 4, 2016, 7:00 PM

**Wynonna & the Big Noise**  
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# SPORTS BRIEFS: Summer training begins as Warren gears up for fall sports

By Mark Fetter  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** –The Warren High School campus is busy this summer with several sports camps and programs taking place both on and off campus. Justice Stadium has boys' soccer coach Miguel Pena and his team practicing in the mornings and football coach Raul Lara and his staff practicing in the afternoons.

The wrestling room upstairs is being used by wrestling coach Tim Brogden and his staff in the mornings and the gymnasium is busy with girls' basketball coach Rachel Palmer running practice at the same time with fans by the doors blowing air inside.

Warren boys' tennis coach Scot Homer is on the tennis courts to get his workout in with a cart full of tennis balls. As one coach ends a practice another coach is starting their practice. Several sports teams are conducting practices throughout the day.

Summer school classes have finished their second week and the west parking lot is being worked on. The boys' and girls' locker rooms are under construction and a brand new pool is being built right in the middle of the campus.

Warren cross country runners are getting their road work done on the streets around the city before it gets too hot. Mandated C.I.F. "dead periods" are being observed and other sports teams are getting ready to start their "dead periods."

D.U.S.D. fall classes start on Wednesday, Aug. 17, and there is so much to do.

The fall sports teams will start their respective seasons in late August and another year will begin at Warren High School. Boys' and girls' cross country, football, girls' tennis, girls' volleyball and boys'

water polo will all be here before you know it competing for S.G.V.L. championships.

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Attention runners, jumpers and throwers soon to be attending Downey High School. Summer is the perfect time to start getting in shape for cross country and next year's track season.

If you will be coming to Downey High School next year, be sure to sign up with one of the cross country coaches. You will be contacted in early June to see if you would like to attend some of the training sessions which will start on Monday, June 27.

Athletes will be running distance and throwers, jumpers and sprinters can spend some time getting stronger in the Downey High School weight room. Downey athletes are looking forward to seeing you over the summer.

The boys' cross country and track and field coach is Robert Gleason. Coach Gleason can be contacted at rgleason@dusd.net for further questions.

The girls' track and field coach is Amy Overgaauw. Coach Overgaauw can be contacted at aovergaauw@dusd.net for further questions. The girls' distance coach is Valarie Tucker. Coach Tucker can be contacted at vtucker@dusd.net for further questions.

The cross county and track and field coaches invite you to join their team(s) and hope to see you at the Downey High School track to start working out on June 27.

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The Downey High School football team finished last season with an overall record of 7-5 and were 4-1 in S.G.V.L. play. The Vikings were tri-champions with Dominguez and cross-town rival Warren, respectively. Downey lost to Cathedral 22-20 in the second round

of the C.I.F. Southeast Division playoffs.

Downey will kick off their 2016 football season on Aug. 26 when they travel to San Pedro. San Pedro was 7-5 overall and 3-2 in Marine League play last season.

The Vikings will then host Hart on Sept. 2. Hart was 7-4 overall and 3-2 in Foothill League play last season. Downey will then host Burbank on Sept. 9. Burbank was 6-5 overall and 5-2 in Pacific League play last season.

The Vikings will travel to Millikan on Sept. 16. Millikan was 3-7 overall and 1-5 in Moore League play last season. Downey will then travel to Chino Hills on Sept. 23. Chino Hills was 10-3 overall and 5-0 in Baseline League play last season. The Vikings will conclude their preseason schedule after the Chino Hills game. Downey will have their bye week in week six as they rest, get players healthy and prepare for San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Vikings will begin S.G.V.L. play when they host Dominguez on Oct. 7. Dominguez was 8-4 overall and 4-1 in S.G.V.L. play last season. Downey will then travel to Lynwood on Oct. 14. Lynwood was 4-6 overall and 0-5 in S.G.V.L. play last season. The Vikings will then host cross-town rival Warren on Oct. 21. Warren was 8-3 overall and 4-1 in S.G.V.L. play last season.

Downey will then host Gahr on Oct. 28. Gahr was 3-7 overall and 1-4 in S.G.V.L. play last season. The Vikings will conclude their regular season when they travel to Paramount on Nov. 4.

Paramount was 5-6 overall and 2-3 in S.G.V.L. play last season.

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The city of Downey is conducting a GET FIT youth fitness camp for girls at Apollo Park this summer. The camp started on Monday and

will conclude next Friday, July 1. The camp is Monday-Friday for two weeks in duration and will last from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. For those interested in joining camp for the second week the cost is \$85.

The goal of the summer running camp is to build awareness and offer instruction in the areas of aerobic and strength conditioning, mobility, nutrition and goal setting.

The camp provides a foundation for any sport but is putting an emphasis on cross country and track and field.

Many girls joined the fitness camp having little experience and will become amazing athletes in no time at all. If you want to get into shape, be challenged, and set new goals for the summer, then the GET FIT Summer Fitness Camp is a wise choice.

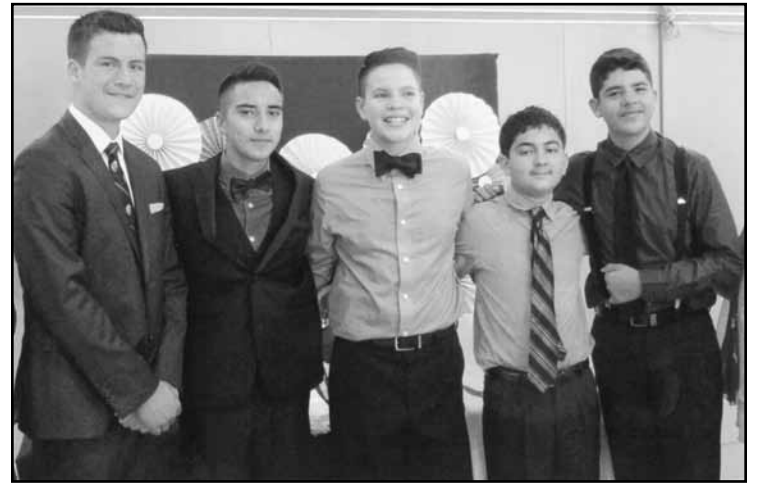
GET FIT Camp offers endurance, speed, agility, flexibility, conditioning, aqua and strength training, team bonding, Olympic Guest Speakers, running, jumping, throwing, mobility, having fun, goal setting, camaraderie, life skills, and diet and nutrition tips.

Food and refreshments are being provided daily.

Guest speakers include Robyn Guggiana, Dani Moreno, Jon Rankin, Angel Perkins and Jared Ware. The camp director is Jay Waldron. Questions can be directed to Kevin Ellis of the city of Downey Parks and Recreation Department by telephone at (562) 904-7128 or my e-mail at kellis@downeyca.org.

Additional questions can also be sent via e-mail to getfityouthfitness@gmail.com.

Kevin Ellis and the city of Downey are pleased to offer such a program and hope to see you at the GET FIT Camp for the second week of fun on Monday.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Women's Guild awarded \$500 scholarships to five graduating eighth grade students at OLPH on June 2.

Recipients scored the highest on the qualifying test they took in May. These scholarships will be applied to the students' tuition and/or books as they continue their education at a Catholic high school in September.

Pictured, from left: Samuel Dominguez (Loyola High), Emilio Ceja (St. John Bosco), Edward Moisa (St. John Bosco), Massimo Perotti (Loyola) and Alexis Mendoza (Don Bosco).



Eighth grade students from St. Raymond School received scholarships from Italian Catholic Federation Br. 362.

Pictured are ICF President Perry Shurko, Pastor Fr. John Higgins and Principal Marc Nuno with recipients Jeremy Bohol, Christian Bode, Angelica Valenzuela and Jacqueline Bates-Castanon. Not pictured is recipient Gabriella Schilling. Julia Baldoni received the High School Scholarship.



On June 1, the Italian Catholic Federation presented checks totaling \$11,325 to various ministries at St. Raymond Church, St. Raymond School, Downey HELPS, Foley House and The Whole Child.

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Gang member pleads not guilty to murdering woman, dumping body in Whittier

WHITTIER – A documented gang member pleaded not guilty last week to fatally shooting a woman in Artesia and leaving her body in Whittier, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On April 25, Anthony Robert Moreno, 38, of Hacienda Heights was charged with one count each of murder and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Deputy District Attorney Islam Ramadan of the Hardcore Gang Division, who is assigned to the case, said on Nov. 24, 2015, Moreno allegedly armed himself with a rifle and fatally shot victim Dawn McEveety, 20, at an Artesia home.

Following the shooting, Moreno reportedly put the victim's body in a cooler, the prosecutor said. The cooler was then transported to Whittier and left inside a stolen vehicle, according to the prosecutor.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the killing was committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, and in association with a criminal street gang with the specific intent to promote, further and assist in criminal conduct by gang members.

Additionally, the charging document alleges that Moreno personally and intentionally discharged a firearm, a rifle, which caused great bodily injury and death on the victim.

The felony complaint also alleges that Moreno was previously convicted of unlawful driving or taking of a vehicle in 1999, as well as possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammunition and convicted person having a concealed firearm on person in 2015.

Moreno is scheduled to return to court on July 13 for a preliminary hearing. If convicted as charged, Moreno faces a maximum possible sentence of life in state prison.

Norwalk-La Mirada schools bring home pentathlon medals

NORWALK – More than 200 Norwalk-La Mirada middle school students won team and individual medals in the 2016 Orange County Academic Pentathlon for demonstrating their superior knowledge of the culture and history of India, the complexities of ecology and the writings of Rudyard Kipling.

Benton, Corvallis, Hutchinson, Los Alisos, Los Coyotes and Waite middle schools sent teams of sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders to the pentathlon, which mirrors the rigors of the Academic Decathlon for high school students. The pentathlon is hosted by the Orange County Department of Education and held in March, April and May, depending to grade level.

"Our students are learning valuable leadership, collaboration and creativity skills by participating in the Pentathlon, which will prepare them for success in college and career," NLMUSD Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. "I look forward to more of our students' accomplishments in the years to come."

The pentathlon – a one-day, five-event competition – fields nine-member teams from each grade level into three categories: three A students (Honor), three B students (Scholastic) and three C or below students (Varsity). Students complete 30-minute exams in five subject areas: literature, fine arts (art and music), mathematics, science and social science. Students also write an essay and participate as a team in the Super Quiz.

Pentathlon competitors study the subject matter for several weeks with their coaches before the contest. This year, students delved into the art, history and literary culture of India and read Kipling's "The Jungle Book." Ecology, algebra and statistics were the primary subjects for the math and science contests.

"The pentathlon is a competition, and we want to win as many medals as we can, but the overall focus is on establishing successful study habits and utilizing teamwork," Hutchinson Middle School academic pentathlon coach Sally Hong said. "All students who compete are winners, because they have put in the extra effort to pursue subject matter they are unfamiliar with, and become proficient in those areas."

All six NLMUSD middle schools won at least one medal, with Hutchinson earning the most individual and team medals across all grade levels. Hutchinson sixth-grader Hannah Ma received a first-place overall medal for the Honors division and Hutchinson eighth-grader Jeremy Duval received a first-place overall medal for the Varsity Division. The Hutchinson Hawks sixth-grade team won first place in Super Quiz.

"Congratulations to all of our participating students and their coaches, who found time in their busy schedules to prepare their students for the competition," NLMUSD Board President Karen Morrison said.

The medal count for NLMUSD middle schools:

- Hutchinson: 12 Individual, 9 Team
- Waite: 3 Individual, 4 Team
- Los Alisos: 1 Individual, 4 Team
- Los Coyotes: 1 Individual, 4 Team
- Corvallis: 1 individual, 4 Team
- Benton: 4 Team

Downey Golf Club to host junior golf championships

DOWNEY – Downey's Rio Hondo Golf Club will host the 2016 U.S. Kids State Open Junior Golf Championship next week, June 27-28.

The California State Open will consist of 210 of the best junior players in the Western United States, as well as some top international players.

Golfers will range from ages 5-14. Rio Hondo Golf Club was chosen to host the tournament "due [to] its excellent course condition and its continued support of junior golf," officials said.

Spectators are welcomed at the event. For tournament times and more information, call the golf course at (562) 927-2329.

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 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/ MARIBEL M RUGGIERO, OWNER**  
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**S/ GRAPHIC DESIGN SERVICES, INC., PRESIDENT, JAN D. NOLLER**  
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**S/ ART FETISH LLC, MANAGING MEMBER, AUSTIN RANDOLPH**  
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 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **DAIOHS U.S.A., INC., 13030 ALONDRA BLVD SUITE 202, CERRITOS CA 90703**  
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 THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SNOW WHITE ALTERATIONS & CLEANERS, 19028 NORWALK BLVD, SUITE C, ARTESIA CA 90701 LA COUNTY, 2515 CARNEGIE LANE SUITE A, REDONDO BEACH CA 90278**  
 Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 3908535  
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **SNOW WHITE OWNER, INC., 2515 CARNEGIE LANE SUITE A, REDONDO BEACH CA**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **ALPHA RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY USA, 8526 LYNDORA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) **MARIO LUIS ORETGA SR, 8526 LYNDORA STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242**  
 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 06/2016  
 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/ MARIO LUIS ORETGA SR, OWNER**  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 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).

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**File Number 2016154179**  
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# Legal Notices

Thursday, June 23, 2016

Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241, no later than 5:30 p.m. on July 26, 2016.

In compliance with the American Disability Act, if you need special accommodations, please contact the Housing Division at (562) 904-7161 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

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## NOTICES

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS028961**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Olga Samira Medina filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Olga Samira Medina to Proposed name (1) Samira Annaliese Medina  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
**Date: August 17, 2016, Time: 1:30 pm, Department C, Room 312**  
**The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650-3188**  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** June 21, 2016  
Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Olga Samira Medina**  
**11217 Anabel Avenue**  
**Whittier, CA 90604**  
**(714) 686-9128**  
**OlgaSamira@gmail.com**

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**SUMMONS (Family Law) NOTICE TO RESPONDENT(Name) AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Israel Jimenez-Alvarado**  
Petitioner's name is (Nombre del demandante): Emma Teresa Jimenez  
**CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DE CASO): VD087923**

You have **30 calendar days** after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp)), at the California Legal Services website ([www.lawhelpca.org](http://www.lawhelpca.org)), or by contacting your local county bar association. Tiene **30 días de calendario** después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo.

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**AVISO – LAS ORDENES DE RESTRICCIÓN SE ENCUENTRAN EN LA PAGINA 2:** Las órdenes de restricción están en vigencia en cuanto a ambos cónyuges o miembros de la pareja de hecho hasta que se despidan de la petición, se emita un fallo o la corte dé otras órdenes. Cualquiera agencia del orden público que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas ordenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California.  
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2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre y dirección de la corte del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): EMMA TERESA JIMENEZ (PRO PER) 9061 DALBERG STREET, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706 (562) 321-4889  
Date (Fecha): NOV 12, 2015 SHERRI R. CARTER Clerk, by (Secretario, por) A. SILVA, Deputy (Asistente)

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: VS028872**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Rosalina Maravilla filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
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A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT**

June 03, 2016  
Lori Ann Fournier

Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Rosalinda Maravilla**  
**10730 Madge Ave**  
**South Gate CA 90280**  
**(323) 331-5924**

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**SUMMONS (Family Law) NOTICE TO RESPONDENT(Name) AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): ARISTARCO PEREA**  
**Petitioner's name is (Nombre del demandante): ANA MARIA GODINEZ**  
**CASE NUMBER (NUMERO DE CASO): BD636738**

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Date (Fecha): FEB 23, 2016 SHERRI R. CARTER Clerk, by (Secretario, por) Deputy (Asistente)

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T. S. No.: 8547978 CA Unit Code: B Loan No.: 1000002578/CRUZ AP #1: 8056-008-013 12218-12222 SPROUL STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650-4341  
**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, UNDER TRUST DEED OF TRUST, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH** (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property having been recorded. Trustee: VICTOR A. GRUZZ Recorder: FEB 27, 2005 as Instr. No. 05 2590274 In Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded March 15, 2016 as Instr. No. 2016-0277663 In Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 18, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 12218-12222 SPROUL STREET, NORWALK, CA 90650-4341 (If a street address or common designation of property is shown above, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness.) The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (888) 988-6736 or visit this Internet Web site: [salesrank.tdsf.com](http://salesrank.tdsf.com), using the file number assigned to this case B547978 B. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's Attorney. Date: 6/2/2016 SUMMIT MANAGEMENT COMPANY, LLC 16745 W. Bernardo Dr., Ste. 100, San Diego, CA 92127 (866) 248-2679 (For NON SALE information only) Sale Line: 714-730-2727 or Login to: [www.servicelinkassp.com](http://www.servicelinkassp.com) Reinstatement Line: (800) 911-6587 Cecilia Stewart, Trustee Sale Officer If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. A-4578290 06/16/2016, 06/23/2016, 06/30/2016

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UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal savings and check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on JULY 3, 2016, at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA POMONA, CA 91766 At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$74,633.25. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (888) 988-6736 or visit this Internet Web site: [salesrank.tdsf.com](http://salesrank.tdsf.com), using the file number assigned to this case B547978 B. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: June 10, 2016 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, UNDER TRUST DEED OF TRUST, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924h (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property having been recorded. Trustee: VICTOR A. GRUZZ Recorder: FEB 27, 2005 as Instr. No. 05 2590274 In Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded March 15, 2016 as Instr. 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**The Downey Patriot 6/16/16, 6/23/16, 6/30/16**

T.S. No.: 9948-0823 TSG Order No.: 730-1602281-70 A.P.N.: 8078-030-004 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 05/14/2003. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NBS Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust recorded 05/27/2003 as Document No.: 03-1489877, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: CATHERINE A. CROSBIE, A SINGLE WOMAN, as Trustor, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. Sale Date & Time: 07/14/2016 at 10:00 AM Sale Location: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 15502 DALWOOD AVENUE, NORWALK, CA 90650 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$159,302.77 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the

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T.S. No. 15-0550-11 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. 注: 本文件包含一个信息摘要 참고사항: 본 첨부 문서에 정보 요약이 있습니다. NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION DEL DOCUMENTO TALA: MAYROONG BIUD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITO NA NAKALAKIP LUU Y: KEM THEO ĐÂY LÀ BẢN TRÌNH BÀY TÓM LƯỢC VỀ THÔNG TIN TRONG TÀI LIỆU NÀY PLEASE NOTE THAT PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(d)(1) THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON THIS DOCUMENT BUT PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE § 2923.3(a) THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE RECORDED OR PUBLISHED AND THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION NEED ONLY BE MAILED TO THE MORTGAGOR OR TRUSTOR YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 7/13/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in

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# Homebuyer education: The first steps to buying a home

By Nathaniel Sillin

How well do you really understand the homebuying process? Taking a qualified homebuying class will do more than teach you how to get a mortgage or pull together a down payment. It will help you determine the amount of home you can afford without endangering other lifetime financial goals.

If you think this training is just for first-timers, think again. Real estate markets change, and so do homebuying environments. It is worth considering taking a class each time you're making a home purchase, especially if it has been a significant number of years between purchases. The homebuying class can keep you up to date on what you'll need to know this time around.

Where can you find these courses? Many private lenders offer their own training, but governments – local, state and federal – are the main source for instructional classes for homebuyers. In fact, on both the public and private side, these classes are often tied to special loans or funding assistance for the qualified.

Most homebuyer trainings are free – if you're asked to pay, get an explanation for what those costs cover.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides a list of approved state and local agencies that offer a range of homebuyer education options – some even help first-time buyers obtain grants and other financial assistance with their down payments. HUD has backed up this effort with additional funding this year.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and Department of Agriculture (USDA) also offer assistance and educational programs for qualified buyers. Meanwhile, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the two government-sponsored agencies that keep mortgage funding flowing through our lending system, also support their own homebuyer education options. In fact, a 2013 Freddie Mac study indicated that

pre-purchased financial counseling may cut the likelihood of a first-time homebuyer becoming seriously delinquent by nearly 30 percent.

Here are some of the major topics a thorough homebuying class should cover:

1. Homebuying readiness. Explore the general questions around a homebuying decision, such as why you want to settle in a particular area, how long you plan to stay, what kind of property you're considering and where you are in your career and lifestyle. You may also be asked to answer specific financial questions to support your thinking, which should not be shared with others. The best courses will help you determine answers to the big questions, such as whether you should buy a home or stick with renting.

2. Budgeting and credit. These courses will help you evaluate how you handle money. Do you have a budget? If not, do you know how to create one? Do you understand your credit rating and what goes into determining your score? If you have debt, how are your efforts going to pay it off? Essentially, what you don't know about spending and borrowing can limit your ability to buy a home.

3. Preapproval for mortgage financing. Navigate the nitty-gritty of the loan process – what a mortgage is, the various types of mortgages, how they work and what it takes to be preapproved for a mortgage. Pre-approval involves filling out a full mortgage application, typically with a fee to cover an extensive credit check as if you were actually buying a home. Pre-approval, unlike prequalification, allows a potential borrower to receive a loan commitment for a specific amount, which can grease the wheels in a potential purchase.

4. Knowing what you can afford. Analyze the above and consider the reality of what kind of property you can really afford to buy. Look at price limits and locations and ways to get more for your money, including specific local, state and federal borrowing programs ([http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/buying\\_a\\_home](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/buying_a_home)) you may qualify for. Buying your dream home can seem nice, but it can turn into a nightmare if you can't afford the home while living within your means.

5. Your home search. Determine how, when and where to shop for specific properties within the neighborhoods you are interested in and how to get the best overall deal for what you're buying.

6. What you'll need to close a home sale in your chosen community. Buying a home can also include an introduction to the specific regulatory and cost environment where you're planning to live. For example, your course should take you through such things as community-specific housing laws and zoning restrictions that could affect what you'll be investing in the property, property tax issues (particularly if an assessment is pending), your home titling (<http://www.bankrate.com/finance/mortgages/understanding-the-closing-process-1.aspx>) process, inspection requirements and the other costs linked to legal processes and paperwork.

7. The aftermath. A solid homebuying class should give you a wide picture of the costs you'll face after the sale and how to manage them so you don't put the rest of your finances in jeopardy. Being too "house poor" not only puts you at a risk of losing the property, it can threaten other important financial goals.

If you have your eye on particular lenders in your community, call them to see whether homebuying education can be a helpful factor in getting approved for a loan. Ask them to explain how they evaluate such training and what courses they recommend. Always ask whether any homebuyer class has a fee and why. Also, get a second opinion – if you work with a qualified financial professional, ask what he or she thinks about the course and its benefits.

As you consider such a course, don't think narrowly about what you can get out of it. It's not just about getting the mortgage. It's a chance to ask about how a home purchase may affect other aspects of your financial life – all personal finance goals should be considered equally.

Bottom line: Since the mortgage industry collapse in 2008, it's been a new day in residential homebuying. Whether you're buying your first home or beyond, taking a homebuyer education class can help you understand the mortgage process, improve your credit and shop smarter for a home you can actually afford.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney](http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney).



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