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Ricky Galvez defendant ordered back to juvenile hall

Abel Diaz, who pleaded guilty for his role in the murder of Downey police officer Ricky Galvez, was remanded to juvenile detention, where he will serve a maximum 5 years.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - A Los Angeles Superior Court judge closed the book on the fate of one of the Ricky Galvez murder defendants on Friday, electing to have him held in juvenile detention.

Defendant Abel Diaz entered a plea deal with prosecutors in December of last year, admitting to his role in a botched robbery attempt that resulted in the fatal shooting of Downey Police Officer Ricardo "Ricky" Galvez on Nov. 18, 2015.

In exchange for his confession, prosecutors agreed to not pursue the matter in criminal court, instead resolving it in the juvenile justice system.

The Los Angeles County Probation Department appealed to the court, asking LA Superior Court Judge Fumiko Hachiya Wasserman to allow Diaz to be transferred to county jail.

Wasserman denied the appeal, however, opting to let Diaz be held in juvenile hall and ultimately transferred to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Due to laws which prohibit a person to be kept within the juvenile justice system past the age of 25, Diaz, 20, will see no more

than five years for his crimes.

This comes as a blow to the Galvez family and the Downey Police Department.

According to Chief of Police Dean Milligan, who was present at the time of the ruling, he was "not surprised" by the judge's decision and felt that Wasserman had "her mind made up already as to what she was going to do."

"As the attorney said in court - and more-so afterwards - we all had the opinion that this had been decided before we actually got in there. We don't think that we were given a fair chance," said Milligan. "It's just sad; it's very sad that it's come down to this."

On top of Wasserman's decision, Milligan also has reason to believe that a prior decision had been discussed higher up the probation ladder as well.

"In the courtroom, I overheard one of the defense attorneys comment that they had already been in contact with higher ups within the probation department, and that this had already been decided that he wouldn't be transferred," said Milligan. "There's obviously some contacts going up and above the officer who was in there requesting the transfer to take place."

Visibly frustrated inside the court room and as he left, Milligan said that he and the officers of DPD believe Diaz to be "complicit in Ricky's murder."

"We feel that he should - in being found guilty of that, in admitting to his role in it - that he should have the same period of incarceration than anyone else



COURTESY PHOTO

A flower arrangement at the funeral of Ricky Galvez, a Downey police officer, in 2015.

who would be tried for murder because of the circumstances," said Milligan. "Unfortunately, the juvenile court system did not think that was going to be the case."

"We don't feel that justice was done to the fullest extent in this case, but at this point there's nothing we can do with regards to this case."

With Diaz's case now concluded, the two remaining men associated with the murder, reputed gang members Steven Knott and his half-brother Jeremy Anthony Alvarez, will have their turn to stand trial.

Despite his disappointment in Friday's outcome, Milligan said he remains hopeful to see a quick and decisive trial in the case of Knott

and Alvarez.

"We're hopeful that in the next case, the circumstances will be brought forth in court, the evidence will be presented and that they'll all be found guilty of their roles in Ricky's murder, and held accountable accordingly."

"I feel as the District Attorney's office does; we feel that we have a strong case with the information that we have, but it's up to the courts, it's up to the jury," said Milligan.

Milligan said that the two remaining defendants have been scheduled a court date for early March.

Vacant lot eyed for temporary fire station

A temporary fire house is needed while Downey's four stations are renovated.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - With major upgrades looming, City Council voted to solicit bids for construction of a temporary fire station located on a parcel of land near the Downey Promenade.

As part of the Measure S tax increase, all four of Downey's fire stations will be undergoing significant upgrades to the tune of around \$16 million.

In the meantime, Downey Fire Department will transfer

nearly all its operations to the temporary station for six months at a time for around 18 months.

The temporary station will cost around \$375,000.

There were several concerns from council members - most notably Alex Saab - on how the location of the temporary fire station will affect the fire department's ability to operate and respond to emergency.

However, staff are confident that the temporary shift will not detrimentally affect service by an unacceptable margin.

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Council considers resolution against SB 1437

City officials blame legislation for light sentence afforded Ricky Galvez defendant.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - After a disappointing outcome in the trial of one of the defendants in the Officer Ricky Galvez murder trial, the City Council is strongly considering taking a strong stance against Senate Bill 1437.

A somber Mayor Rick Rodriguez opened up his public comments at Tuesday's meeting by reading a letter that was recently sent to State Representatives by Pedro

Galvez, the brother of the Downey officer who was slain back in November of 2015.

The letter read in part:

"On Nov. 18, 2015 my brother Ricardo "Ricky" Galvez was murdered in the line of duty. Ricky was a dedicated Downey Police Officer, and also a United States Marine veteran who served two separate tours of duty while serving our country. He believed in our judicial system and risked his life daily to protect the innocent and defenseless.

"Senate Bill 1437 now presents an opportunity for those charged

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Chamber unveils new logo, redesigned newsletter

Chamber officials hope the new branding appeals to a broader audience.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - The Downey Chamber of Commerce has introduced a new logo and redesigned newsletter for 2019.

The new logo features different variations of blue and green. The blue is meant to convey "trustworthiness, stability, wisdom, confidence and endless possibilities," while the green represents "growth and renewal," chamber officials said.

"Overall, the more modern colors, the roundness of the logo, and clean font express a more friendly and inviting brand that appeals to a younger audience, while still celebrating the strength of the city's history," said Sheila Tetangco-Bartolone, senior marketing director at Financial Partners Credit Union

and a Downey Chamber board member.

The logo was commissioned by visual artist Ronald Katagiri.

"With the explosive commercial growth in Downey in the past decade, the Chamber has had to adapt and progress along with it," the Chamber board said in a statement. "This not only meant a more diverse Board of Directors, but also... an openness to listen to new ideas about the way the Chamber works in partnership with the city."

"For these reasons, we as the Board of Directors felt that it was time to fine-tune our brand to match with our new environment."

The Chamber also announced a new mission statement, which reads:

"We are committed to promoting and meeting the needs of our members to create the best community in which to live, work, and do business, while providing

leadership for the advancement of economic vitality by building relationships with city representatives to benefit all businesses within Downey."

The Chamber began publication of a monthly newsletter, Downey Business, in the early 1980s, said Michael Calvert, executive director of the Chamber. Production of the newsletter was outsourced to The Downey Patriot in 2014, which also handles its ad sales.

"The partnership with the Patriot allows the paper to move from a hand-out type of publication to now being read by over 25,000 households in

Downey," said Calvert. "I also want to thank the Patriot staff for all of the professional advice that went into the making of our new and improved publication."



Downey restaurant grades

The Marketplace Grill Cafe
7877 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 1/8/19
Grade: **A**

Downey Super Market
13240 Woodruff Ave.
Date Inspected: 1/8/19
Grade: **A**

Maria's Grill
13232 1/2 Woodruff Ave.
Date Inspected: 1/8/19
Grade: **A**

Parillas Cholito
12121 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/8/19
Grade: **A**

Mart One
9913 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/8/19
Grade: **A**

Boba Indeed
12246 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/8/19
Grade: **A**

Hometown Buffet
8432 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/8/19
Grade: **A**

Vallarta Super Markets (Restaurant)
7900 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/3/19
Grade: **A**

Vallarta Super Markets (Market)
7900 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/3/19
Grade: **A**

Alberchachos
7347 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/3/19
Grade: **A**

Luis Butcher Shop
9071 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/3/19
Grade: **A**

Luis Butcher Shop Deli
9071 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/3/19
Grade: **A**

Tropicana Bakery & Cafe
10218 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/2/19
Grade: **A**

El Charro Taco Shop
8504 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/2/19
Grade: **A**

Walmart Main Market
12270 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/2/19
Grade: **A**

McDonalds
12256 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/2/19
Grade: **A**

Waba Grill
8258 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/2/19
Grade: **A**

Walmart Bakery
12270 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/27/18
Grade: **A**

Walmart Deli
12270 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 12/27/18
Grade: **A**

Fatima Grill
7840 Firestone Blvd. Ste A101
Date Inspected: 12/27/18
Grade: **A**

Gaucha Grill
8830 Apollo Way Bld1 100
Date Inspected: 12/27/18
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 66° ☁

Saturday 63° ☁

Sunday 65° ☁

THINGS TO DO



Mobile Museum Fair

Saturday - LA Central Library, 1-5 pm
Libraries on wheels, portable exhibits, and mobile museums from the greater L.A. area.



Anything for Salinas

Saturday - The Wiltern, 7 pm
A salute to the legendary latin musicians Selena and Maná. Tribute performances by Anything for Salinas and Corazón De Maná. \$20



Chingonas Rise!

Saturday - Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach, 11 am to 4 pm
Speakers, poetry, music, art making, and vendors, culminating in an educational panel "Chingonas: The Rise of a Chicana Pop Aesthetic."



East L.A. Art Walk

Sunday - 1st and Indiana Streets in East L.A., 12-6 pm
Child-friendly event featuring DJs, live music, vegan treats, silk screening workshop, food and clothing vendors, and more.



Whiskey Wonderland

Sunday - Roxanne's in Long Beach, 12-6 pm
Snow play area, indoor/outdoor bars, food, games and plenty of whiskey tastings. \$25 (\$10 non-drinker)



Hula Dance Workshop

Saturday - Polynesian Paradise Dancers Studio in Santa Fe Springs, 2 pm
A hula dancing workshop for students of all abilities. Free but donations accepted. Must RSVP at InfiniteFlowDance@gmail.com

CRIME REPORT

FRIDAY, DEC. 21

Between 8 pm and 2:30 am, officers conducted a DUI checkpoint on Imperial at Rives Ave. The following is a summary of the checkpoint: 1,366 vehicles stopped, 2 DUI arrests, 9 field sobriety tests administered, 40 traffic citations for unlicensed driver, 13 traffic citations for driving with a suspended license, 18 vehicles impounded.

At 8:50 pm, officers responded to a single vehicular traffic collision at Woodruff and Florence. The vehicle had crashed and knocked down the Edison power pole causing power outages in the area. No alcohol was involved and driver was issued a citation. Edison responded to restore power.

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

Between 10 pm and 3 am, officers worked the Downtown area. During that time, officers issued two (2) municipal code citations, two (2) traffic citations, and one (1) citation for possession of alcohol by a minor.

SUNDAY, DEC. 23

At 6 am, a Downey Officer observed a motorcyclist commit a stop sign violation at La Reina and 3rd St. The officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop and the motorcycle fled. The pursuit was terminated after a very short distance. Detectives are investigating.

At 5:40 pm, officers were dispatched to 12145 Woodruff in regards to a theft report. Upon arrival, officers learned that unknown suspect(s) entered the property and removed four (4) catalytic converters off of four (4) passenger buses. The suspects fled the location with the loss. Detectives are investigating. Forensics will also be reviewing potential video evidence of the crime.

FRIDAY, DEC. 28

At 5:15 pm, officers located a vehicle used in a robbery in South Gate the previous week. Downey officers stopped the vehicle and detained the female occupant. South Gate responded to conduct their follow-up investigation.

From 10:30 pm until 2:30 am, officers worked a foot beat in the downtown area. They issued 10 citations for drinking in public, 2 for public urination and 1 parking citation. They also made one arrest for DUI.

SATURDAY, DEC. 29

From 10:30 pm until 2:30 am, officers worked a foot beat in the downtown area. They issued 6 municipal code citations, 1 traffic citation and arrested one person for a narcotics violation.

SUNDAY, DEC. 30

At 5:45 loss prevention personnel at the Neighborhood Walmart at 12270 Paramount Blvd attempted to stop and detain a male and female suspected of shoplifting. A struggle ensued and the male suspect tased the loss prevention employee. The suspects fled in a vehicle. Detectives are investigating.

At 6:30 pm, a male entered Baby Bros. Pizza at 9641 Lakewood and demanded money from the cash register. The suspect fled the location and was not immediately located. At 7:06 pm, a male entered the Arco Gas Station at 10330 Lakewood and demanded money from the cash register. Officers located the man in the area and after a brief foot chase, the suspect was detained. The 32-year-old Los Angeles man was identified as the suspect in both crimes.

Legislation would enhance oversight of children detention centers

California must intervene on behalf of children's rights, says Assemblymember.

DOWNEY - Legislation that would require additional oversight and mandates of children's immigration detention facilities located in California was introduced Monday by Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Downey).

At least three facilities exist in California. Nationally, 4,000 children have been taken from their families and the federal government has lost track of an additional 6,000 or more children.

AB 163 is a reintroduction of language amended into AB 1663 (Garcia) in 2018.

"We are only given one childhood," said Garcia. "California must demand standards of decency for children and families where the Trump Administration has beyond failed. None of us want to fathom the emotional, life-long trauma we know this practice has caused.

California must intervene on behalf of children's rights."

Recent immigration enforcement policies have highlighted the need for adequate resources in detention facilities for undocumented minors who have been separated from their families, as well as those undocumented minors that arrive in the United States unaccompanied, Garcia said.

In light of the incidents where children have died or been abused while under the care of ICE or U.S. Customs and Border Protection, "it's apparent our current systems are not designed to safely detain children," Garcia added.

However, because they are minors, California has a unique avenue to ensure these kids get the resources they need through its facility licensing oversight. Current law already provides for the licensure and regulation of the facilities housing undocumented minors, through the California Community Care Facilities Act.

The bill would leverage existing state licensing authority

Assembly member Cristina Garcia, second from right, toured migrant shelters on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border.



and encourage other states to join California's efforts to create similar immigration detention facility standards for children.

Data collection standards will be set, mental health counseling will be required and quarterly facility inspections would be scheduled. California would further work to reunite children with their families and identify legal services to assist families with the immigration process.

The legislation would apply to both children who have already

been or will be separated and unaccompanied minors.

"All of these children endure multiple traumatic experiences over the course of their journey," said Garcia. "They are vulnerable, they need to be protected and their legal rights, ensured.

The three known facilities licensed in California include Casa San Diego, Casa Lemon Grove and Casa El Cajon operated by Southwest Key Enterprises.

City Council will vote on SB 1437 resolution Jan. 22

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with Ricky's murder to receive no punishment for the intentional murder they were all involved in on Nov. 18...

Senate Bill 1437 excuses murder liability for those individuals who participate in felony criminal acts whereby murder occurs, if the participants did not personally commit the murder, act with premeditated intention to aid and abet said crime, and for those who are not considered a primary or major participant in the criminal act(s).

Senate Bill 1437 changes what is currently defined as felony murder and can be retroactively applied to convictions gained through plea bargains (in lieu of trial), or jury and bench trials.

This bill offers zero liability to individuals who have served as accomplice to the crime of murder, as it allows murderers, dangerous criminals, who have already demonstrated a complete disregard for human life, to petition to have their convictions dismissed, absent of a proper court hearing in which adequate evidentiary support (full court records, exhibits) are thoroughly

reviewed and considered. The lack of such critical exchange of information allows all individuals convicted of murder to apply for resentencing hearings. Thereby placing communities and their residents, at risk of serious harm and danger.

Senate Bill 1437 offers no consequences to those individuals who have mercilessly and senselessly ended an innocent life."

At the conclusion of Galvez's letter, Rodriguez turned to councilman Alex Saab seeking his legal expertise.

"I think we can put something on the agenda next time," said Saab. "I think we as a city, as

a council have a responsibility - particularly with this matter because of Ricky Galvez - to take a position, to let our legislatures know that it's unacceptable."

"We can do nothing and nothing is going to be changed and another city, family, brother, another son is going to suffer what we suffered as a community and as the Galvez family suffered, or we could do our part and have a discussion, take the lead and maybe bring it to light. Nothing may result out of it, but at least we owe it to the family to our police department to try and do what we can."

The mayor concluded his comments by asking staff to agendize the item.

Temporary fire facility to be built at Promenade

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"One of the things that we did was look at various sites throughout the city to make sure that there weren't other sites that would be more viable," said City Manager Gilbert Livas. "Certainly one of the times we looked at was response times..."

"We have been in the works with the fire chief and his staff...", added Assistant City Manager John Oskoui.

Fire Chief Mark Gillaspie was also confident.

"We obviously have

established automatic aid agreements with our adjacent fire departments to support us and vice versa on a day to day basis, so that will continue to take place," said Gillaspie.

"In terms of the location, we tried to find somewhere centrally located that's available in the city to accommodate, and we came up with that as the best location to meet our objectives."

"We believe and I am confident that we will still be able to provide an excellent service to all four [fire] districts."

FASHION FORWARD

JANUARY 2019

Downey's Alejandra Villa named water polo MVP

Now a freshman at Long Beach City College, Villa helped lead LBCC to its fourth consecutive South Coast Conference championship.

By Mark Fetter
Sports Reporter

DOWNEY – Former Downey High School standout water polo player Alejandra Villa was selected as the South Coast Conference M.V.P. for the 2018 season.

The 2018 D.H.S. graduate and Long Beach City College freshman center is being recognized “for her ability to perform on both offense and defense.

Villa totaled 70 goals throughout the season and ranked fourth overall in conference goals. Villa also had a total of 24 steals.”

Long Beach City College has won the South Coast Conference championship four years in a row. Head coach Chris Oeding has been selected as the SCC Coach of the Year three times in a row and eight times overall.

Teammates Sydney Brightenburg (attacker), Cam

Rosas (goalkeeper), Samantha Martinez (driver) and Madison Hinojosa (attacker) were all selected to the first team. Harlie Wheelan (attacker) and Karissa Qualley (driver) were selected to the second team.

WARREN BOYS

BASKETBALL: The Warren High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 11-5 and are 1-1 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Bears recently competed in the Torrey Pines Holiday Classic Tournament over Christmas Break where they finished with a record of 2-2.

The Bears were defeated by Sonora 52-42 in their first game on December 26th, defeated Gig Harbor of Washington 52-47 in their second game on December 27th, defeated Crean Lutheran 65-53 in their third game on December 28th and were defeated by Gahr 61-51 in their fourth and final tournament game on December 29th.

Warren defeated Lynwood at Lynwood last Friday night 72-65 and were narrowly defeated by Paramount at Paramount

50-49 on Monday night. The Bears hosted Gahr at Warren on Wednesday night (score unavailable at press time) and will travel to cross-town rival Downey later today for the first of their two anticipated league games.

Warren will host Dominguez at Warren next Wednesday night to complete the first round of league play. Coach Leflore, his staff and players are all looking forward to competing for a S.G.V.L. title and qualifying for postseason play.

WARREN GIRLS SOCCER:

The Warren High School girls' soccer team currently has an overall record of 10-5-3 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 2-0. The Lady Bears recently competed in the North Orange County Tournament over the Christmas Break and finished with a record of 3-1.

Warren defeated La Serna 1-0 in their first game, defeated Valencia 4-1 in their second game, were defeated by Upland 6-0 in their third game and defeated cross-town rival Downey 2-1 in their fourth and final game.

The Lady Bears defeated

Lynwood at Warren 2-1 on January 2nd and defeated Paramount at Warren 7-0 on January 4th. Warren traveled to Gahr on Tuesday night and defeated the Lady Gladiators 2-1 and also hosted cross-town rival Downey at Warren last night (score unavailable at press time). The Lady Bears will travel to Dominguez to play the Lady Dons next Tuesday to complete their first round of league play.

Coach Lily Dussan, her staff and players are all looking forward to league play and competing for another league title. The Lady Bears are also looking forward to qualifying for postseason play and making a deeper run in the C.I.F. Division 2 playoffs.

DOWNEY BOYS

BASKETBALL: The Downey High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 14-5 and are 1-1 in San Gabriel Valley League play. The Vikings competed in the Rancho Mirage Holiday Classic over the Christmas Break and finished the tournament with a record of 2-2.

The Vikings were defeated by Thousand Oaks 55-52 on

December 26th in their first game, defeated Whitney of Rocklin 66-58 on December 27th in their second game, defeated Del Sol of Las Vegas 51-49 on December 28th in their third game and were defeated by Dana Hills 37-36 on December 29th in their fourth and final game.

Downey was defeated by Paramount at Paramount 59-57 on January 4th and defeated Dominguez at Downey on Monday night. The Vikings traveled to Lynwood on Wednesday night to face the Knights (score unavailable at press time) and will host cross-town rival Warren tonight at Downey in the first of two highly anticipated league games.

Coach Shelton, his staff and players are all looking forward to league play and competing for a league title and a line on a C.I.F. postseason bracket.

DOWNEY BOYS WRESTLING:

The Downey High School wrestling team defeated cross-town rival Warren at Downey on Tuesday night 33-33, via criteria decision.

It appeared as though Warren had won the match 34-33, however, a team point was deducted from the Bears due to a sportsmanship issue.

The first criteria to settle a tie in C.I.F. competition is sportsmanship. As a result, Downey won via a criteria decision based on sportsmanship. The full results of the match were not available at press time but will be available next week.

DOWNEY GIRLS

WRESTLING: The Downey High School girls' wrestling team defeated cross-town rival Warren at Downey on Tuesday night 41-33. Match results were not available at press time but will be available next week.

Coach Rios and his staff are very pleased with the effort of his team. The Lady Vikings hosted Gahr at Downey on Thursday night (score unavailable at press time).

Downey sisters write book for father

Laura and Rhea MacCallum penned “Dad, I Love You Because...”

This was Laura's, age 50, first time as an author, although Rhea, age 46, has been published previously.

This was also the first time the sisters have worked on a project together “like this.”

The catalyst for the pair to work together came out of a desire to do something special for their father, who turned 80 last year. As he reached this important milestone, both Laura and Rhea wanted to present their patriarch with a unique token of appreciation.

“He is one of those people who are notoriously difficult to shop for,” said Rhea. “We kind of grew up doing crafted gifts... we were like ‘have him have a big birthday, we want to do something special.’”

Laura added that they had been “kicking around an idea for a collaborative effort for a while for him.”

“The genesis of this idea for the book was a couple of years

prior,” said Laura. “As it kept getting closer to his 80th, we were like, ‘you know that’s a really cool time; a milestone. We want to do something really big.’ A grand gesture, if you will.”

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DOWNEY – A father is responsible for so many things in a child's life, and Laura and Rhea MacCallum wanted to sum it up in an exciting and special way to give to their own father.

They ended up writing a book.

The book, called “Dad I Love You Because,” centers around a panda and a rabbit, who represent Laura and Rhea respectively, who list off the multitudes of reasons why they love their father (represented as a bear).

Laura and Rhea MacCallum with their book, “Dad, I Love You Because...”



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2019 VW Atlas

Danny grew up in Whittier and La Mirada and his wife Jeri grew up in Norwalk and Downey. They lived in the area in the 50's and 60's; it's ironic that 15 years later they would manage their automotive business just a few miles from where they rode their bikes to school.

While Danny, Jeri and their bulldog Hazel work at the Volkswagen, BMW, Porsche and Audi stores, they have grown the business to 9 dealerships in Southern

California adding Subaru, Mini and Volvo. Their son Hutton (the third generation) is now working at McKenna Porsche.

Danny and his family have developed close personal relationships with their customers and like to be on a first name basis. He gives out his cell phone number so he can resolve issues or answer questions as quickly as possible. Please stop in, meet the entire McKenna family, and experience the "neighborly" customer service they've become famous for.

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Can the President alone build a border wall?

By Judge Andrew Napolitano

When Donald Trump was looking for a catchy phrase during his 2016 presidential campaign to address the issue of immigrants entering the United States unlawfully — a line that would resonate with his supporters — he came up with the phrase “build the wall.” The reference, of course, is to what Trump advertised would be a 30-foot-tall, thousand-mile-long Mexico-financed physical wall along our border with Mexico.

At first, most folks seemed to dismiss this a pie in the sky. Why would the government of a foreign country pay for a wall in the United States built so as to keep its own citizens and residents from entering the United States? The answer: It wouldn't.

So President Trump changed his argument that Mexico would pay directly for his wall by arguing instead that the \$5.7 billion down payment he wants — on a \$25 billion to \$30 billion project — would indirectly pay for itself in reduced government welfare and law enforcement expenses. The idea of the wall never took hold during the first two years of his presidency, when the Republicans controlled both houses of Congress.

Even Republicans were leery of the cost and the imagery. The federal government is running about \$1 trillion a year in the red, and Republicans are looking to offer comfort in their party to Hispanics. Adding to that debt to build a wall that would affront other Hispanics did not rest well with them. Until now.

Now that the Democrats control the House of Representatives, where the idea of a wall is dead on arrival, it is easier for House Republicans to argue in favor of it. Because the Democrats numerically outnumber them, the House Republicans won't be forced to vote on it. The president is probably kicking himself for not calling in a few favors and addressing the wall before the Democrats took control of the House.

So, faced with intractable opposition in the House and only lukewarm, mainly symbolic support in the Senate, Trump has threatened to bypass Congress, declare a national state of emergency and build the wall on his own. Can he legally do this? In a word: No.

Here is the back story.

The Constitution is the supreme law of the land. Everyone who works in government takes a public oath of fidelity to the Constitution; that means to its very words and to the values that those words represent. All federal powers come from the Constitution — and from no other source. The states formed the federal government and limited its powers when they ratified the

Constitution. These are all basic truisms of American government, yet we have veered so far from them that they bear repeating.

Now, back to the president's wall. President Trump has no power to build a wall or a fence or a doghouse on private property without an express or implied congressional authorization to do so. The vast majority of the property in Texas on which he wants to build is private, according to Rep. Will Hurd, R-Texas, whose district contains a longer stretch of the border than anyone else's.

Thus, the federal government must use eminent domain, which gives each landowner the right to a trial to challenge the government as to the worth of the property the government wants. Rep. Hurd, a former CIA agent and conservative Republican who opposes the wall, has articulated the views of most of his 800,000 constituents: Not in my backyard.

We know from the plain wording of the Constitution and from history that all expenditures of money from the federal treasury and all federal use of private property must first be approved by Congress. In 1952, the Supreme Court ruled on this when President Harry Truman seized American steel mills during a labor strike and directed the secretary of commerce to hire folks to operate the mills, pursuant to his own emergency declaration that steel was vital to the war effort in Korea. The court held that only Congress could authorize the seizure or adverse government occupancy of private property and the expenditure of money needed to operate the mills.

Then, in 1976, Congress provided a definition — which, shortly thereafter, the courts refined — of a national emergency: the existence of events truly beyond the ordinary, wherein there is a palpable and immediate threat to lives, safety or property that cannot be addressed by the employment of ordinary government assets or the exercise of ordinary governmental powers. That is hardly the case today with the former Central American caravan in Mexico now settled in and housed by the Mexican government away from the border.

Nevertheless, the 1976 law requires that all ordinary assets — our president prefers the military — be determined useless before a lawful emergency can come into effect. The military useless in an



emergency? And if this is such an emergency, why did the president wait until it abated before addressing it?

Perhaps the answer is that his frustration with the Democratic House has reached a boiling point, but that boiling point cannot be a basis for a declaration of a national emergency. A valid emergency declaration streamlines the government to address the emergency, but it cannot authorize anything that the Constitution prohibits, nor can it authorize the president to avoid anything that the Constitution requires.

The president has sworn not only fidelity to the Constitution but also to take care that federal laws be enforced. If he could disregard that oath, if he could ignore those laws, if he could spend money not authorized by Congress, if he could occupy private property not subject to eminent domain against the will of the owners — in short, if he could make the laws, as well as enforce them, then he would not be a president. He'd be a monarch.

Judge Andrew Napolitano is a conservative judicial analyst for Fox News.

Mitt Romney fails again

By Dennis Prager

The first public thing Mitt Romney did in the year 2019 — on Jan. 1 — was publish an attack on President Trump in the Washington Post, which, as we know, has not lacked for attacks on Trump.

He did not even wait until being sworn in, two days later.

I campaigned for Sen. Mitt Romney when he ran for president, including a closed-door meeting with him to raise funds among wealthy Los Angeles Republicans. As it turns out, I worked to elect a somewhat foolish man with few identifiable convictions. (For the record, I would do so again, since just about any Republican president will do less damage to the country than any leftist — and Democratic politicians are now all leftists.) Life is filled with disappointments, and I will survive this one. But I should explain why this Romney column is so disappointing.

First the foolish part. What did Romney seek to achieve by publishing an attack on his own party's president? Did he think he would persuade one supporter of the president to stop supporting him? If he did, he failed, not because none of us can be persuaded to change our minds but because the piece was so intellectually and morally shallow.

So, why did he write it? And why did he publish it in the Washington Post, a Trump-hating newspaper? Does he share the Washington Post's political, social and moral values? Did he think he would enlighten Washington Post readers, the vast majority of whom already loathe the president, the Republican Party and the half of the country that voted for Donald Trump?

Of course not.

Does he believe attacking Trump is more important than addressing whether the United States has borders secure enough to prevent millions of people from coming into America illegally?

Does he believe attacking Trump is more important than the left's suppression of free speech at virtually every American university and the left's suppression of free speech on the internet?

Does he believe attacking Trump is more important than the left's ongoing attempt to abolish male and female identities among children?

Does he believe attacking Trump is more important than attacking the left's goal of weakening the American military?

Does he believe attacking Trump is more important than attacking the gargantuan size of the federal government, which undermines the unique American ideal of limited government?

Does he believe attacking Trump is more important than attacking the left for essentially destroying the Boy Scouts, from

which his own LDS church has now withdrawn support?

Does he believe attacking Trump is more important than the dramatic decline of religion in American life? He is, after all, a religious man.

Does he believe attacking Trump is more important than preventing the left from dominating the country's federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court?

If he does, he may be more than a fool. And that something more may involve character defects. I try to avoid directing comments at the character of those I differ with, but since Mitt Romney deems it of national significance to publicly attack the character of the president of the United States, and given that he considers character more important than policies that affect the nation and the world, he has invited consideration of his character.

Given his attack on the president, rather than on the nation- and civilization-destroying policies of the left and the Democratic Party, character issues may explain his Washington Post column. While we have every reason to assume Mitt Romney is personally honest and faithful in marriage, a public figure's character is far more than his or her personal honesty and marital fidelity. Plenty of honest men and women and plenty of faithful husbands and wives have helped ruin societies. And in those more important areas of character, Mitt Romney is apparently quite lacking.

One character issue is lack of courage. In today's environment, it takes no courage to attack Donald Trump, especially in the Washington Post. Sen. Romney is now the darling of the elites of this country. He will be showered with praise by the elite newspapers and all the news networks (except Fox). He will be invited to give talks at universities throughout the country. He will be feted in Europe. And no one will scream obscenities at him when he dines in Washington, D.C., restaurants.

Another character issue is pettiness. It now seems very hard to deny that Romney resents Trump for doing what he failed to do: win the presidency.

A third character problem is a lack of conviction. Does anyone reading this column know what Mitt Romney stands for aside from winning elections? Can one reader name one strong conviction Mitt Romney holds? I can't. He appears to be essentially conviction- and ideology-free. The New Republic wrote in 2012, the year Romney ran for president, “In his various incarnations as a candidate, he

has campaigned as a progressive, a conservative, a technocrat, and a populist, suggesting his deepest attachment is to winning.”

When Donald Trump sought the Republican presidential nomination, I was convinced he had no ideology. And I could not identify any convictions. I therefore opposed his nomination. But I vigorously supported his campaign for president and hoped my original assessment was wrong. Lo and behold, Trump turns out to have the most solid conservative convictions of almost any Republican politician since Ronald Reagan — and an almost preternatural amount of courage to put them into practice.

In 2012, the Wall Street Journal wrote of Romney's campaign director, Matt Rhoades, “People who know him say he isn't inspired by ideology ...” And Fox News host Chris Wallace described Romney's chief campaign strategist, Stuart Stevens, as “not big on ideology.”

Just like their boss.

Dennis Prager is a nationally syndicated radio talk-show host and columnist.

Lakewood Boulevard

Dear Editor:

Just wanted to thank the people responsible for all the nice work that was completed on Lakewood Boulevard from Gallatin to Telegraph.

I noticed that the light under the freeway bridge is a bit dim, not sure if lights were replaced but maybe they can be replaced to be a little brighter.

I also have another issue: the lane that is a non-passing lane going towards Telegraph causes lots of grief during traffic time. Maybe if CalTrans or the traffic department can put soft pylons on there so traffic will not pass through there. This causes road rage, and even sometimes more people disobeying the traffic laws.

Otherwise the work was done very nicely and quickly. Thanks again.

M. Contreras Downey

Moon landing

Dear Editor:

In response to Mike Sandoval's recent letter (“Moon Landing Denier,” 12/26/18) and his yearly July letter denying the moon landing, there is plenty of evidence that proves that it really did happen.

There are two main concrete pieces of evidence: pictures of the moon landing sites and the moon rocks brought back.

To begin with, the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter that launched in 2009 has taken pictures of the Apollo landing sites and other countries' space agencies (China, India, Japan) have spotted that same sites with their own satellites.

The second solid evidence comes from the 382 kilograms of moon rocks and that was brought back from the Apollo 11 mission and given to 135 other countries. Multiple tests were performed that confirmed they were of lunar origin.

This was later confirmed in the 1970's when the Soviet Union's Luna unmanned spacecraft brought back a third of one kilogram of rocks back to Earth and shared samples with international scientists that confirmed the same characteristics of the moon rocks brought back by Apollo 11.

There is other evidence of the Apollo 11 mission: such as explaining the more common topics of the pictures, such as why the US flag appears to be waving, why no stars appear in the background and the shadows, but I figured the best evidence to prove the Apollo 11 moon landing was through the concrete evidence I explained: the pictures of the landing sites from other independent space agencies and the moon rocks.

All the facts are there, but I am interested to hear Mr. Sandoval's theories regarding the independent space agencies' pictures and the moon rocks.

Guillermo Vazquez Downey

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Alzheimer's legislation

Dear Editor:

I am thrilled that the President recently signed the Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act into law, which will create a nationwide Alzheimer's public health infrastructure to implement effective Alzheimer's interventions.

I am greatly pleased that Senators Feinstein and Harris and Congresswoman Roybal-Allard have proven records as supporting issues related to the Alzheimer's crisis and each supported BOLD.

The BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act will create the change necessary for those living with the disease and their caregivers to live a higher quality of life while reducing the costs associated with Alzheimer's. BOLD would enable us to increase early detection and diagnosis, reduce risk, prevent avoidable hospitalizations, reduce health disparities, support the needs of caregivers and support care planning for those living with this disease.

This legislation is particularly important to our Downey community: in California, Alzheimer's is the third leading cause of death-- as opposed to the rest of the country in which Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death. Our city is home to a beautifully diverse population, and we need to ensure data is collected so we can create programs to serve everyone.

Latinos/Hispanics are 1.5 times more likely to be diagnosed with Alzheimer's and African Americans are twice as likely. Women are two-thirds of those diagnosed— and women are two-thirds of all caregivers as well. No one is immune to Alzheimer's, a disease which cannot be prevented or cured.

Last week our leaders in Washington, D.C., took on one of this nation's greatest health challenges, Alzheimer's disease, and passed legislation into law that will greatly affect those facing this devastating disease. Thank you.

Bruce McDaniel Downey

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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Greg Welch 323-816-4532.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcuede@gmail.com.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6438.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
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 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

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

FRIDAYS

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

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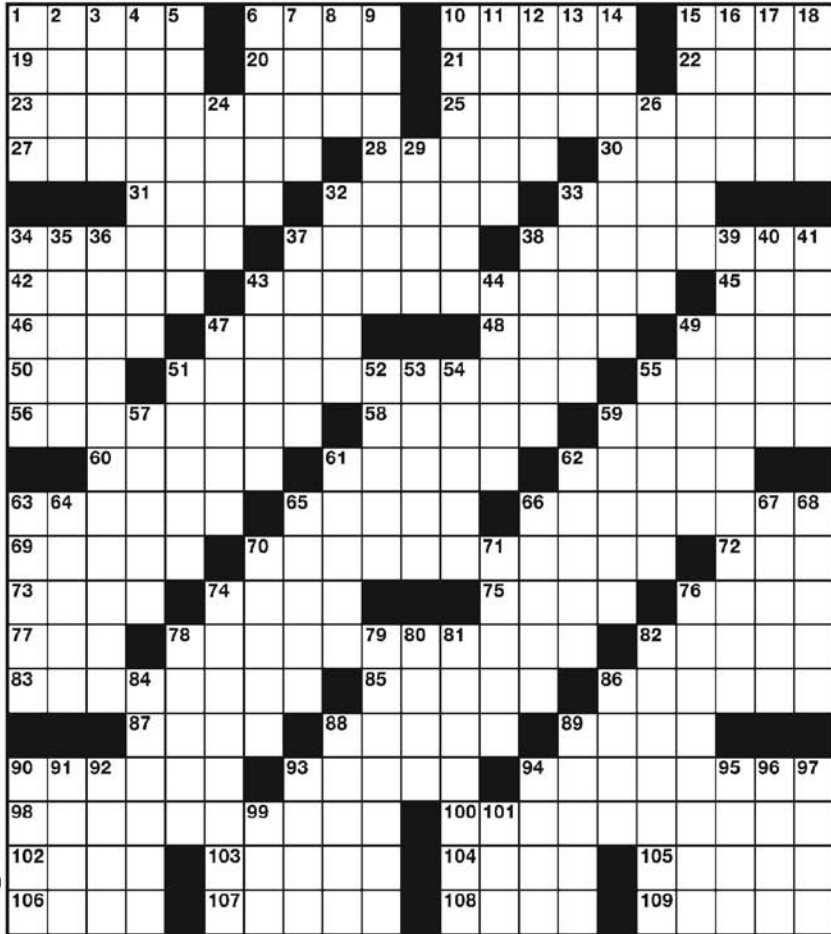
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

"Doctor, I feel tired all of the time." I can't tell you how frequently I hear those words. This complaint raises so many possible underlying issues, including lack of sleep, poor diet, sedentary habits, poor lifestyle choices, stress, and quite a few medical conditions.



What are the consequences? About 100,000 car accidents, 44,000 injuries, and 6,000 fatal crashes each year are likely attributable to fatigued drivers. Other consequences include obesity, hypertension, depression, heart disease, stroke, and poor performance at work and in school.

What are some key causes of fatigue? The first and most obvious is a lack of quality **sleep**. Which of these recommendations might make a difference for you? Maintain a consistent sleep routine. Get up if you lay awake for more than 10 minutes. Keep your bedroom dark, quiet, and at a comfortable temperature. Limit caffeinated drinks, and avoid tobacco, alcohol, and bright computer screens before bed. Note that sleeping during the day (whether for work or by choice) can disrupt circadian rhythms and lead to fatigue.

Eating a balanced and healthful **diet** can have an enormous impact on reducing fatigue. Try these strategies: Consume a planned number of calories, and make half of them fruits and vegetables. Add beans and nuts to the diet. Limit sugar and other processed carbohydrates. Eat at least three meals a day, and consume a variety of foods.

And yes, breakfast is indeed the most important meal of the day. The body has gone many hours without any food to sustain it. Coffee and a donut are (sorry!) a terrible choice; sugar and salty snacks are usually empty calories with a high glycemic index. Simple

carbohydrates lead to a rapid rise in the blood sugar, which is followed by a sugar crash.

Have you considered food sensitivities as a possible cause of fatigue? If you suspect that certain foods may be making you tired, such as gluten, dairy, eggs, soy, nuts, or corn, consider working with an allergist or dietician.

Dehydration can be directly linked to fatigue. Dehydration occurs when we don't drink enough liquid to replace what is lost in urine, stool, sweat, breath and the body's many biochemical reactions. Even a small fluid loss can reduce blood volume and cause our heart to pump blood less efficiently, which restricts the circulation of oxygen and nutrients to our muscles and vital organs.

Exercise lessens fatigue. While resting may seem like an appropriate response to fatigue, getting up and moving is actually far more effective. Lack of exercise over time will turn muscle into fat, and promote more fatigue.

Excessive **anxiety/stress** can be physically and emotionally exhausting. Our lives are filled with sources of stress, including work, finances, relationships, moving, and loss. Some stress can be motivating and healthy, making us more alert and better able to perform tasks. However, this is not true for excessive or prolonged stress. Your body may signal that you are experiencing excessive stress with tense shoulders, headaches, poor sleep, or fatigue.

Identify and try to eliminate the source of stress. Learn to say no to new commitments. Avoid those who cause your stress. Learn to express your feelings rather than bottling them up, and learn to forgive. Remember that physical activity is not only good for your health, but a great stress reducer.

Depression is a frequent cause of debilitating fatigue, and may well require therapy and medication.

Consider your personal **environment**. Living in clutter, either at home or at work can be mentally exhausting. The mere sight of disorder can be stressful. Give some consideration as to how you might keep your world better organized on a regular basis.

Many of my patients consume **alcohol** before bed, thinking that it will help them sleep. Note that while a drink may help to unwind, and even put you to sleep, it interferes with REM sleep, and results in a more wakeful night.

Most of us have become addicted to our **electronic devices**. Unfortunately, the act of checking our emails, text messages, or social media accounts just before bed can be stressful and stimulating, making it more difficult to relax and fall asleep. In addition, the bright computer screen can fool our brain into thinking that it is daytime, and not time for sleep. Let's try to keep our electronic devices out of our bedrooms.

A number of **medical conditions** can cause fatigue. Many of these problems may be treatable, including anemia, thyroid conditions, infections, heart disease, diabetes, uncontrolled hypertension, vitamin and mineral deficiencies, anxiety and depression. One disease that currently has no effective treatment is Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

There are more than 30 million diagnosed **diabetics** and many more prediabetics in the United States. Fatigue results from poor regulation of blood sugar levels; high levels make the blood "sludgy," and affect circulation, which leads to a lack of oxygen and nutrients in the cells.

Those suffering from **sleep apnea** feel tired no matter how many hours of sleep they get. The condition causes the upper airway to collapse or close, which in turn alerts the brain to wake up and begin breathing again. People with sleep apnea may never enter into deep, restful, healing REM sleep.

There are so many possible causes for feeling tired. Treatment of fatigue requires that we focus on both medical and lifestyle issues. Let's work on diet, exercise, sleep routines, and other life choices so that we can improve our energy levels and our overall quality of life.

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.

Homeless at the Post Office: Part III

Lorine Parks attempts to follow up with Julie, a recognizable figure outside Downey's main post office.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

The Downey Patriot's stories about a homeless Julie brought an outpouring of bittersweet remarks on Facebook from people who felt they knew her already: "So saddy;" "I bought her a slice of pie;" "a bottle of water;" "I gave her some sunscreen because she had a severe sunburn," "Some change," "a few dollars," "all the money I had."

People offered prayers and

sympathy and some gave practical advice: "Go to the Barbara Riley Senior Center. Lunch is served Monday through Friday, no one is turned away because they cannot pay." But the comments all went onto Facebook, not to Julie.

On the likely chance that no one nor any agency had yet come forward to help her in a more permanent way, I wanted to give Julie something to keep up her spirits during the holidays. So I cut and pasted those Facebook squibs and stapled together a little booklet with about 40 cheery names and faces.

Although she can't see to read because of macular degeneration, her sometimes landlady could read them to her. I was told there is a friendly Huntington Park motel where she goes by bus, when she

has gotten the money.

But when I got to the post office, her place by the gray cinder brick wall was taken. Julie had been displaced by a man from the Salvation Army in a red vest who was ringing a bell and standing by a big black donation kettle.

Ironically, the Salvation Army, a faith-based organization, has a shelter right up the riverbed from Downey. Their Bell, Calif., shelter is the largest homeless shelter west of the Mississippi and offers transitional care for up to 350 homeless men and women.

But the program, like everything worthwhile, has a long waiting list. The Salvation Army does a remarkable job in offering shelter for three months up to a year, and training to get the

homeless back into the job force. The program tries to make people independent and self-sufficient again.

But currently the facility in Bell operates as a rehab center for substance abusers, for abused women and for homeless vets. Julie does not qualify.

I went to the other places where Julie has been sighted, in front of Marie Callender's, and at Stater Brothers, Dollar Tree and CVS Pharmacy. Safe places, family-frequented. But no Julie today.

I had hoped to hear from Julie that something good had come from the exposure in the Patriot, to stop this downward spiral. And during the intense rain we just had, I kept imagining how that

Julie is a familiar face at the post office, where she routinely panhandles.



PHOTO BY LORINE PARKS

must have made it impossible for her to stand outdoors and wait for charity and the kindness of strangers.

As one of her Facebook well-wishers said, "We all have a story, even the rude selfish people who

find Julie annoying and of poor taste. The heart is deeper than we know, the fight is longer than we know, the ignorance is bigger than we know. We only know that we know better than to judge."

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An interview with Downey composer Lars Clutterham

The talented composer from Downey will premiere new music Jan. 19 at the Downey Theatre.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

How does one imagine one's own life before birth? "The first melodic instruments to appear in *The Arc of My Life*," says Lars Clutterham, "are two flutes, since I am a twin."

"They are playing very high in their range," Lars says. "They slowly descend, as I imagine them floating down towards birth, and are replaced by two oboes just before the strings enter, with a dissonant rhythmic pulse, representing labor and childbirth."

"That builds to the whole orchestra, and after a quiet peaceful harmony from woodwinds, representing that beautiful moment after birth where the now peaceful mother holds her children, the twins, this section concludes with a very brief oboe duet."

Concert-goers will be able to hear this transformation when the Downey Symphony performs the premiere of Lars's piece, on Saturday, Jan. 19, at 8 pm at the Downey Theatre.

"Downey, you are blessed to have him." Attendees at the December Cathedral Production of "Christmas in Downey" will remember Lars's imaginative arrangement of Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" for a basso opera singer-narrator. Director Chad Berlingheiri praised Lars from the stage, "What a treasure!"

As for his first memory of himself as a musician, Lars shows that with a song-like melody, "Actually the

first melody I remember writing down, as a junior in high school," he says. That melody, aside from a couple of brief interruptions, defines the rest of the piece. "The timing elements from that point on are really dictated by the musical phrases of the song form, rather than by any specific biographical details."

"The 'jazz' interlude," says Lars, "is actually a brief nod to a period in my life when I first became interested in jazz. In a similar way, I was also involved in a very abstruse style of music called 'dodecaponic' or 'twelve-tone,' which is also briefly presented. In my score, I call the jazz interlude 'Recreation,' and the word I used for twelve-tone is 'Dissonance.'"

For Lars, "Music is my life." A professional musician, it means a lot to him to hear his work performed by the Downey Symphony Orchestra. "First," he says, "no matter how well one 'reads' music, there's a tangible perception of the real sounds when hearing it live. And second, that produces a genuine emotive impact, as one hears other musicians adding emotional content through how they perform the music."

"And third," says Lars, "there's simply the pride that, for whatever reason, a full orchestra of musicians is realizing one's own creative ideas."

Lars has always promoted physical fitness, and for years rode his bicycle on weekends to the studio in Santa Monica where he worked. How does that show up in the music?

"These days I'm not riding," Lars said, "nor currently involved in environmental advocacy, as much as I used to be. I do yearn to get a regular ride on my

schedule down the Rio Hondo-L.A. Riverbed from northwest Downey to the Long Beach Lighthouse. In this piece, both strings and woodwinds have some fast ascending passages that are designed to show energy and vitality."

Lars is bringing some young people to the concert. "Through the Downey Federation for Educational Opportunities, now in its third year, I am conducting and writing for a new string ensemble, whose two dozen members are mostly elementary school kids taking after-school violin classes through the DFEO program."

"Our long-term goal," said Lars, "is a youth orchestra in Downey, and meanwhile they are showing great enthusiasm for orchestral music, so a group of parents, students, and teaching faculty from that ensemble are planning to attend the concert."

Since piano was his first instrument, what other instruments does Lars bring in to show "experience?" "Actually," said Lars, "piano never comes into play. I promised Sharon Lavery, the Downey Symphonic Society's Music Director, I would orchestrate using the only instrumentation of the Prokofief Peter and the Wolf, and Mozart's Great Symphony in G Minor, the other pieces in the program. So my musical choices," Lars said, "were designed mostly to build momentum before the peaceful ending."

Since Lars is by no means at the end of his own Arc, how does he end the piece? "Great question," Lars says. "Since that first song melody has by now become the primary theme of the piece, the rest of the composition simply expands on the main theme, using the broad terms



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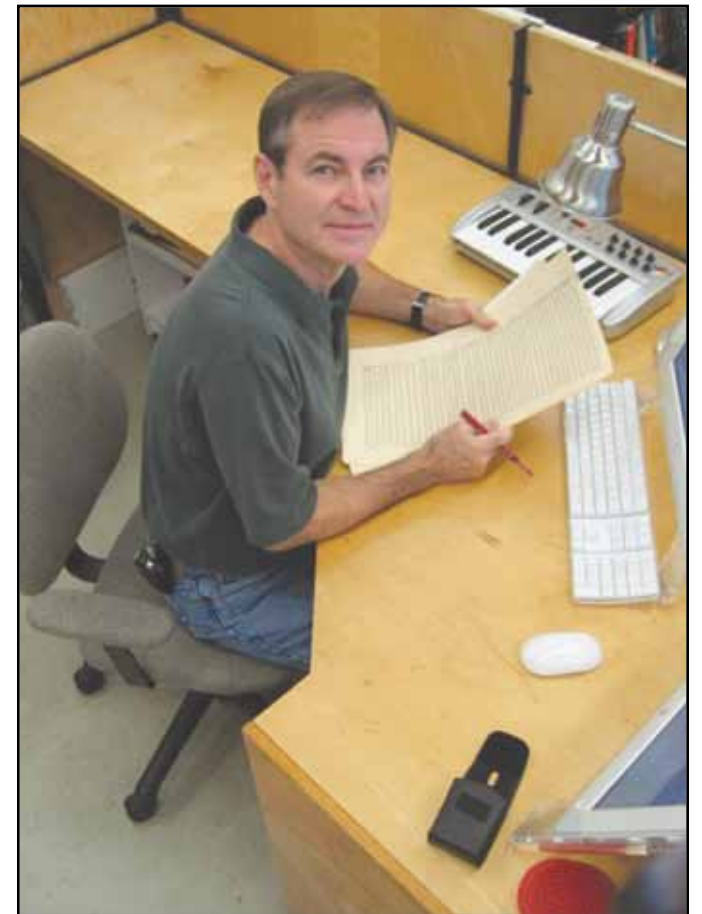
Lars Clutterham, center, flanked by Councilmember Alex Saab and Downey Symphony music director Sharon Lavery.

'Felicity,' 'Exuberance,' and finally coming to a quiet ending: 'Peace' and 'Rest.'"

"The only thing I would like to say," said Lars, "is that it's been a great honor that Sharon Lavery, the Downey Symphony's conductor, has invited me to write a new piece for the DSO for three consecutive years."

In twenty more years, Lars will have that many years of accomplishments to add, and more themes may emerge, to the peace and balance he has now achieved. Perhaps before then a new piece, without the constraint of this commission, will let the piano emerge in concert with the full orchestra. Not only for the piano's brilliance and its range but because it can express modulation. In a way the other instruments can't.

Tickets to the concert are still available at the Box Office, or go to downeysymphony.com. Parking at the Downey Theatre is abundant and free.



Lars Clutterham at his desk at JoAnn Kane Music Service.
















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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

Human Trafficking Awareness Forum, 10 am. Hear from a panel of speakers about modern day human trafficking. Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave.

Vendorama, 11 am to 4 pm. A monthly marketplace featuring local small business vendors. St. Mark's Church, 10354 Downey Ave.

Pet Care Fair, 11 am to 2 pm. Pet adoptions, low-cost vaccinations, animal licensing, and more. Leashed pets welcome. Stonewood Center (Sears parking lot), 500 Stonewood St.

Nutrition Seminar, 1:30 pm. Following a plant-based diet: the what, why and how. Seventh-day Adventist Church, 9820 Lakewood Blvd.

SUNDAY, JAN. 13

Excursion to Skyspace Los Angeles, 10 am. See L.A. from a birds-eye view at the tallest observation deck in L.A. Call (562) 904-7223 for details.

Mercado Downey, 12-5 pm. A monthly Latinx pop-up event featuring vendors, artisan crafts, and food booths. Los Amigos Country Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

Quilt Presentation, 10 am. Pat Knoechel, a noted quilter and author, will present a trunk show entitled, "40 Fabulous Years with Eleanor." Eleanor is Eleanor Burns of "Quilt in a Day" fame, and she is celebrating her 40th quilting anniversary. Woman's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd.

Ribbon Cutting, 4:30 pm. Ribbon cutting ceremony for new chamber member Urrutia & Co. Tax Services. 10751 Lakewood Blvd., Suite G.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

Downey Symphony, 8 pm. Performances of Mozart, "Peter and the Wolf," and a world premiere by Lars Clutterham. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

Black Sabbath Tribute, 8 pm.

Live performances by Mistress of Reality, an all-female Black Sabbath tribute band, and also The Burning Doors. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

Landlord Workshop, 3 pm. Learn how to seek prospective tenants, the rental process, credit checks, and your rights and responsibilities. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

No Excuses Show, 9 pm. Artists are invited to go on stage and showcase their talents, "no excuses." Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

Hotel California - A Salute to the Eagles, 8 pm. A dynamic show saluting the work of The Eagles. Featuring mega hits such as "Take It Easy" and "Hotel California." Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

Mid-Life Crisis on Stage, 8 pm. Los Angeles band Mid-Life Crisis is joined by Erratik Behavior for live classic and hard rock from the '70s, '80s, and '90s. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

90's Alternative Night, 8 pm. Musical tributes to Nirvana, Jane's Addiction and Smashing Pumpkins. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

Lunch & Learn, 11:30 am. Learn to become a mortgage loan originator in less than 30 days. Hosted by Affinity Real Estate. Downey Association of Realtors, 12073 Paramount Blvd.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

Downey Cheer & Dance Showcase, 10 am. Watch and support Downey High's award-winning cheerleaders as they

prepare for Nationals. Plus vendors and food. Downey High gymnasium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Astronaut Commemoration, 10 am. Remembering the astronauts of the Challenger, Columbia, and Apollo I, all of whom we lost on our trek to the stars. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

You Are a Masterpiece, 10 am. An identity initiative workshop featuring paint and praise. For girls ages 9-12. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

Villalobos Brothers, 8 pm. The popular Mexican trio perform their brand of jazz, rock and classical music. They'll be joined by Flor de Toleache. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, FEB. 3

Super Bowl Breakfast, 8-11 am. Enjoy a hearty breakfast for \$8, with proceeds benefiting Downey DeMolay. Plus a boutique for shopping. Masonic Lodge, 8244 3rd St.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

Walk for Water, 9 am. The KIWIN's of Diamond Division raise awareness of the global water crisis. Downey High School football stadium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Excursion to Palm Springs, 9 am. Enjoy a scenic ride on the Palm Springs tram, and enjoy downtown Palm Springs before heading home. Call (562) 904-7223 for details.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

Healthy Downey 5K, 8 am. A 5K walk/run to raise money for the TLC Family Resource Center. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

NWDL Opening Day, 10 am. Opening Day of Northwest Downey Little League. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

Angels & Agony, 9:30 pm. Angels & Agony, a synth-pop band from Holland, performs live in a rare U.S. show. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

Excursion to San Diego, 8 am. Visit downtown San Diego and the Veterans Museum at Balboa Park. Call (562) 904-7223 for details.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Family Night at the Space Center, 6:30 pm. The space center's normal exhibits will be open, plus telescopes for stargazing, and family games. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

The Great Deceivers, 8 pm. Alt band the Great Deceivers reunites for a charity event to fight anxiety, depression and suicide. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Disaster Conference, 8 am. The inaugural West Coast UAS DRONES Disaster Conference, featuring two days of educational workshops, live flight demonstrations, and networking opportunities. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

GOOD Luncheon, 11:30 am. Annual fundraiser benefiting Gangs Out of Downey. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Blue Oyster Cult, 8 pm. The heavy metal band from Long Island, New York performs their canon of hits. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Amistad Gala, 5:30 pm. Annual gala fundraiser benefiting Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Westin Long Beach, 333 Ocean Blvd.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Quartermania, 5 pm. BDinner, butique shopping, quarter auctions, drawings, and more. Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd.

'American Pickers' looking for local antiques

LOS ANGELES – The popular History Channel show "American Pickers" is coming to Southern California this March to film new episodes.

"American Pickers" is a documentary series that explores the world of antique "picking." The show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques.

They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, contact producers at (855) OLD-RUST or email americanpickers@cinetflix.com.

Mexican music virtuosos to perform in Downey

DOWNEY – This is a rare opportunity for So Cal residents to experience top of the line Contemporary Mexican music when two culturally important groups perform at the Downey Theater on Sat., Feb. 2, at 8 p.m.

The Villalobos Brothers combine jazz/rock/classical and Mexican folk into a unique sound that redefines contemporary Mexican music. Their message is one of brotherly love and social justice.

Another cutting edge group, all female Mariachi "Flor de Toloache", bring an edgy, versatile and fresh take on traditional Mexican mariachi due, in part, to the multi-cultural band members who hail from a diverse, rotating cast of members, with roots in regions including Mexico, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Australia, Columbia, Germany, Italy and the United States.

The Downey Theatre has a half-price ticket offer for all Downey residents through January 31. Use code GIFT4DOWNEY when purchasing ticket. Patrons must have a valid Downey zip code.

Purchase tickets through the Box Office, or by phone at (562) 861-8211. Tickets can also be purchased online at DowneyTheatre.com.

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Rudy Aversa, Entertainment Editor, News Tribune, Feb. 1990

Compiled by Joyce Sherwin

New teams are now forming for CABA Basketball League's winter season that plays weekly on Thursday nights here in Downey.

The regular season begins Jan. 17.

CABA is an adult basketball league for ages 21 and older. For more details, find them on Facebook or email cababasketball@gmail.com.

Pictured is David Gonzalez with 2018 Defensive Player of the Year Aramdo Carlos.



POETRY MATTERS

To the New Year

With what stillness at last you appear in the valley your first sunlight reaching down to touch the tips of a few high leaves that do not stir as though they had not noticed and did not know you at all then the voice of a dove calls from far away in itself to the hush of the morning

so this is the sound of you here and now whether or not anyone hears it this is where we have come with our age our knowledge such as it is and our hopes such as they are invisible before us untouched and still possible

W. S. Merwin, Copper Canyon Press, 2005

To some, the idea of a new year leads to inner turmoil: was enough accomplished in the old year? will anything of value be accomplished in the new year? To Merwin the New Year comes quietly, modestly, with the sunshine and bird song. The construct is your own, he says. At age 91 the poet lives on a restored pineapple plantation in Maui. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Arc Walk for Independence, 9 am. A 1- or 3-mile walk to celebrate people with developmental disabilities. Stonewood Center, 251 Stonewood St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Downey Symphony, 8 pm. An all-Gershwin concert, featuring a guest solo by pianist Bernadene Blaha. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Billy Ocean, 7 pm. With more than 30 million records sold, Billy Ocean is a pop legend with no signs of slowing down. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Havana Cuba All Stars, 8 pm. Some of Cuba's greatest musicians and dancers perform everything from the cha cha to rumba. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Coffee with the Superintendent, 9 am. Chat with Downey Unified superintendent Dr. John Garcia over a cup of coffee. Lewis Elementary cafeteria, 13220 Bellflower Blvd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Brunch with the Bunny, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Carnival games, arts and crafts, prize walk, and optional pancake breakfast with the Easter bunny. Golden Park, 8840 Golden Ave.

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Downey Adult School Golf Tournament, 12 pm. Downey Adult School's annual golf tournament raising money for student scholarships. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Kids & Cops Day, 11 am. Police officers and local kids come together for a day of games and activities. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

We've Only Just Begun, 7 pm. A 50th anniversary concert celebration of The Carpenters' first album with A&M Records. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Downey High Prom, 8 pm. Grove of Anaheim, 2200 Katella Ave.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Los Chicos del 512, 7 pm. Called "the best Selena tribute band out there," Los Chicos del 512 performs across the country, taking audiences back to 1995. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Columbus High Graduation, time TBA. Columbus High's class of 2018 graduates. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Warren High Graduation, 6 pm. Warren High's class of 2018 graduates. Long Beach City College, 5000 E. Lew Davis St.

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Downey High Graduation, 6 pm. Downey High's class of 2018 graduates. Long Beach City College, 5000 E. Lew Davis St.

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Demystifying Mozart

On Jan. 20, the Downey Symphony will perform one of Mozart's most celebrated works.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

Mozart lovers get two winter treats. One of Mozart's late great symphonies, the Great G Minor #40, is being offered by the Downey Symphony Orchestra at the Downey Theatre on January 20.

First, however, comes the whispered pianissimo notes, very fast and agitated, of Mozart's Overture to the Marriage of Figaro. "Fun, exciting, the perfect way to shoot out of the gate to start a concert" Maestro Sharon Lavery says.

The presto tempo adds to the feeling of intrigue and secrecy anticipated in the comic opera to come. Effervescent melodies bubble up throughout the piece, creating a feeling of wit, anticipation, and buoyant good humor.

Fans will listen for the long, extended, controlled crescendo which ends the piece. This is the famous "Mannheim crescendo," a sudden dynamic process where the whole orchestra transitions from pianissimo to fortissimo within an incredibly short time.

For his Great Symphony #40 in G Minor, Mozart wrote not one but two versions, and the second one differs because in it he added - and no one knows why - a part for the newest member of the woodwind family, the clarinet. This made for a bigger woodwind section, and a bigger orchestra.

The clarinet had begun life as a shepherd's pipe or chalmeau, but recently a new register key had been added, which increased its range by over two octaves, and Mozart wanted to include it. If purists want to hear the first version that came into Mozart's fertile mind, today's Symphony

Orchestras can perform either, with or without the clarinets.

We asked Musical Director Lavery which version we would be hearing, and how she made her choice. "I'd never be able to look our principal clarinetist in the eye," she answered, "if I didn't chose the version with the clarinets."

"But seriously," the conductor went on, "the wind section, to my ear, sounds much more complete with the clarinets. So I guess the short answer is, yes, the fact that I am a clarinet did influence my decision."

In the "Great" G Minor Symphony, the listener can make the connection as Mozart uses the Mannheim School of Special Effects again, to give a strong emotional quality as a sense of tragedy and grief climaxes the Fourth Movement. Although the Symphony is not scored for timpani, or the kettle drums, yet to our surprise, thunder crashes around us and waterfalls roar. It is the Mannheim Rocket effect, achieved with a passage that rises swiftly through several octaves in a series of rising notes, an arpeggio, and that dynamite crescendo.

Music of the Sturm und Dram (Storm and Stress) period often uses a minor key, to suggest passion and indecision. This is one of only 2 minor key symphonies Mozart wrote, that sunny man from Salzburg. Calling it "Great" distinguishes it from the "Little" #25, also in G minor, but written in Mozart's early years.

"Personally," Lavery said, "I love this symphony because of all of the harmonic twists and turns that Mozart takes us through. When you think he's going one way with the harmonic progression, he leads us into a completely different key."

"This type of genius composing keeps things dramatic and curious at all

times," said Lavery. "Just when you think a typical cadence will end with a soft dynamic of piano, you get a loud forte ending that brings us into a new key. What should be a calming slow movement is agitating."

"The traditional sunny minuet is again in a G minor," said Downey's conductor, "and heavily chromatic. It's sort of like ending a typical sentence of a story in a certain way, but then somehow the story shifts in an instant with a shocking new twist."

"When we perform it," Lavery said, "I will ask the orchestra to bring out these twists and turns. I will ask them to emphasize these harmonic turns by perhaps accenting the first notes of these surprising new keys or surprising new chords. I might ask them to emphasize these dramatic harmonic surprises with the overall dynamics."

"This whole symphony is filled with drama and agitation," said Lavery. "It is an absolute gem that takes you on a very satisfying musical journey." Written during the Viennese years, this Great G Minor Symphony is recognized as one of the gateway pieces to the Romantic era.

Lavery as Music Director chose to continue the evening's concert with Sergei Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, a playful story with a narration that provides an interactive component for the audience.

The dark "Into the Woods" theme is introduced when, as in all good fairy tales, the hero gets in trouble when he enters forbidden territory. For a little boy, that means going beyond the farm fence into the meadow that leads to the forest. Even though it is broad daylight, it is off limits. But surprise, Peter's breaking boundaries pays off and music lovers from 9 to 90 plus love to hear Peter as represented by a cheerful string quartet when he skips into the meadow.

Prokofiev's piece has introduced generations to the instruments of the Orchestra, from the Cat, as played by the clarinet "in the lower register," (the chalmeau again, now an alto clarinet), to Grandfather's grumbling bassoon. The oboe is the Duck, quacking. Flute followers listen just to hear the Bird trilling, cajoling, fluttering and fretting, and finally saying 'I told you so.' Audiences cheer (spoiler alert) when the boisterous kettle drums blaze on the scene as the Hunters rescue Peter from the snarling French horns of the villainous Wolf.

For Prokofiev writing in 1937, Peter represented the valor of the younger generation of Bolshevik youths, and Grandfather the overly conservative and stubborn older generation. No matter what your politics, everyone is happy when the wolf is captured and a Mozart-like balance is achieved again.

Peter and the Wolf showcased some of the great voices and orchestras of the 20th century. In the days before television, families would sit and listen to records together, and a 1939 recording

such as RCA Victor made with Serge Koussevitzky and the Boston Symphony was a family treasure. In 1946 Disney featured included Peter as an animated short in Make Mine Music, and Deems Taylor did an unforgettable voice-over commentary.

Celebrity narrators have included Eleanor Roosevelt, Sean Connery and Ronald Reagan, Sophia Loren and Sting. Downey audiences will be treated to Antony Moreno who charmed us in the Love Letters portion of the Red Violin program several winters ago.

True to Downey Symphonic Society tradition, there will be a world premiere on the program, local composer Lars Clutterhams' short Instrumental Suite for Orchestra, The Arc of My Life.

"I asked Lars to use the same instrumentation as Prokofiev did in Peter," said Sharon. "Lars's music, while brand new and unfamiliar to the audience, will make that important connection to our listeners."

"The piano was my first instrument," said Lars, "so



PHOTO BY JOAN ANDERSON
Downey Symphony music director Sharon Lavery

that's how 'The Arc of My Life' begins, with a note struck on the piano. And out of that fragment, my life develops." A later interview with Lars will show how he composed his "Arc of My Life."

The Downey Theatre is an acoustical gem no matter where you sit, and ample free parking surrounds the Theatre. Tickets for the January 19th concert are available now at the Box Office or go to Downeysymphony.org.

'Dad, I Love You Because...' can be purchased on Amazon

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The book was illustrated by Fabrice Florens.

The scenes depicted in "Dad I Love You Because" are drawn from both of the sisters' memories of growing up. Several Downey landmarks are easily recognizable in some of the illustrations.

"I came up with this huge list of ideas of what we could say, and Laura had a few ideas," said Rhea. "On something like this, you could have an idea and think 'oh that's

really great,' but how do you illustrate it? There were a number of ideas that kind of got tossed... one was that he moved across country to pursue his dream in aerospace. It kind of became 'you taught us to dream big.'"

"There are a couple pictures in there that pick up on Downey area things like...the front of the First Presbyterian Church."

Now having presented the book to their father, the Laura and Rhea hope others may be able to use the book to express their fatherly appreciation.

"We found over the years that you can find a lot of great gifts for mom and Mother's Day, but shopping for dad's and Father's Day has always been a challenge," said Laura.

"We were thinking in terms of this would make a good Father's Day gift, or stocking stuffer for the dad that's really hard to shop for, and can be presented to fathers of all ages from kids of all ages," added Rhea.

"Dad, I Love You Because" can be found on Amazon.

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SANCHEZ, 8807 MENLO AV, LOS ANGELES CA 90044
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 10/2018
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/HERMILA SANCHEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 19, 2018

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The Downey Patriot
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018320219
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TACOS BOMBA, 3535 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD, LYNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MIGUEL MORAN, 3535 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD, LYNWOOD CA 90262
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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S/MIGUEL MORAN, OWNER, MIGUEL MORAN
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018313110
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SOUTH BAY PETRO, 8111 ATLANTIC AVE, CUDAHY CA 90201, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SOUTH CITY GAS, INC., 10602 IMPERIAL HWY, NORWALK CA 90650
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2018
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/SOUTH CITY GAS, INC., PRESIDENT, HUMBERTO FLORES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 17, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018313041
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AV COMFORTS, 2533 E 129TH ST, COMPTON CA 90222, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AMPARO VALADEZ, 2533 E 129TH ST, COMPTON CA 90222
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/AMPARO VALADEZ, OWNER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018313498
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CORA'S EXPRESS, 9363 HASTING BLVD, JURUPA VALLEY CA 92509, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LOURDES G. GARCIA RAMOS, 9363 HASTING BLVD, JURUPA VALLEY CA 92509
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL.

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The Downey Patriot
1/2/20/18, 1/2/27/18, 1/3/19, 1/10/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018313475
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MBS BUDDY, 1124 W JUANITA AVE, SAN DIMAS CA 91773, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARISELA BAHENA TREVINO SALDANA, 1124 W JUANITA AVE, SAN DIMAS CA 91773
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/MARISELA BAHENA TREVINO SALDANA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 18, 2018

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2018310167

FILE NO: 2017042885 DATE FILED: FEBRUARY 21, 2017
NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): CARSON FAMILY DENTAL OFFICE
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 144 WEST CARSON ST., CARSON, CA, 90745-4004
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BAJO DMD & LIWANAG DMD, INC., 144 WEST CARSON ST., CARSON CA 90745-4004
If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: CA
Business was conducted by: A CORPORATION
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/BAJO DMD & LIWANAG DMD, INC, VICE PRESIDENT, ELENITA LIWANAG
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on DECEMBER 13, 2018

The Downey Patriot
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AMPARO VALADEZ, 2533 E 129TH ST, COMPTON CA 90222
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/AMPARO VALADEZ, OWNER
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2018322221

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE KUSTOM KLOSET (2) BIPOLAR DISTRACTIONS MUSIC GROUP (3) BIPOLAR DISTRACTIONS FILM GROUP (4) BIPOLAR DISTRACTIONS STUDIOS, 300 W. OCEAN BLVD 6806, LONG BEACH CA 90802, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELLIOTT LEE HART, 300 W. OCEAN BLVD 6806, LONG BEACH CA 90802 (2) MICHELLE RENEE HART, 300 W. OCEAN BLVD 6806, LONG BEACH CA 90802
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A MARRIED COUPLE
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2018
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ELLIOTT LEE HART, HUSBAND
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 28, 2018

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 201829247

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FRANKISCO (2) AZZUL, 7729 ARNETT ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FRANCISCO HURTADO, 7729 ARNETT ST, DOWNEY CA 90241
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL.

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2018
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S/FRANCISCO HURTADO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 21, 2018

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The Downey Patriot
1/2/20/18, 1/2/27/18, 1/3/19, 1/10/19

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that LYNNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LUSD) Purchasing Department offers an **Invitation to make an OFFER to Purchase;**

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Mandatory Site Visit: January 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: LUSD CENTRAL WAREHOUSE, 11300 Wright Rd Lynwood, CA 90262

NOTE: Only those who attend the Mandatory Site Visit will be able to submit an OFFER to Purchase. The total number of pallets to be determined at time of Mandatory Site Visit.

Written Offer to Purchase Due: January 24, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: LUSD PURCHASING DEPT., Room 213
11321 Bullis Road, Lynwood, CA 90262

Information and questions regarding this Public Notice must be sent by email to: rljohnston@mylused.org and cc: smclucas@mylused.org

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The Downey Patriot
1/10/19, 1/17/19

NOTICE INVITING BIDS
LYNNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lynnwood Unified School District, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as "District", will receive prior to **10:00 a.m. on the 1st day of February, 2019** sealed bids for the award of a Contract for the following:

BID NO. CM-045619: REPLACEMENT OF GYM BLEACHERS FOR LYNNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PACKET 3

Scope of Work Overview

The Scope of Work shall include labor, materials and equipment, to modify the north and south walls of the existing gymnasium to receive new HSS beams between pilasters at eight locations for anchorage of new bleachers (by others). Remove partial section of plaster finish over section of walls. Unbolt and remove existing pedestal braces and wood ledgers for previous bleachers and discard. Brace and remove section of metal studs. Furnish and install a total of eight (8) HSS beams between existing pilasters. Sister new metal studs to existing studs and add Type X gyp board in thickness required to lay flush with adjacent plaster surface. Finish gyp. Board surface and paint to conceal joints. The Contract Time is **72** consecutive calendar days.

All bids shall be made and presented only on the forms presented by the District. Bids shall be received in written form at the Purchasing Dept. on the second floor of the District Office, 11321 Bullis Road, Lynwood, CA 90262 and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above stated time and place. Any bids received after the time specified above or after any extensions due to material changes shall be returned unopened.

This Project is being let in accordance with the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act ("UPCCAA") (specifically, the formal bidding procedures in Section 22032(c)).

Prequalification of Bidders

As a condition of bidding for this Project, and in accordance with California Public Contract Code section 20111.5, prospective bidders are required to submit to the District a completed set of prequalification documents on forms provided by the District. These documents will be the basis for determining which bidders are qualified to bid on this Project.

Bids will not be accepted if a Contractor has not been prequalified. Prequalification documents are available from Del Terra Construction Group, 13181 Crossroads Pkwy. N., Suite 540, City of Industry, CA 91746, upon request. Prequalification documents must be submitted by January 28, 2019 at noon [not less than five days prior to bid opening date]. Contractors will be notified by telephone, fax or by mail of their prequalification rating within a reasonable period of time after submission of their prequalification documents, but not less than one day prior to the bid opening date.

There will be a **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Job Walk on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.** in front of the Lynnwood High School main entrance located at 4050 E Imperial Hwy, Lynwood, CA 90262. Any Contractor bidding on the Project who fails to attend the entire mandatory job walk and conference will be deemed a non-responsive bidder and will have its bid returned unopened.

A link to download bid documents will be emailed at the end of the mandatory bid walk by Del Terra.

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code, and be licensed to perform the work called for in the Contract Documents. The successful bidder must possess a valid and active Class "B" Contractor's License at the time of bid and throughout the duration of this Contract. The Contractor's California State License

number shall be clearly stated on the bidder's proposal.

Subcontractors shall be licensed pursuant to California law for the trades necessary to perform the Work called for in the Contract Documents.

In accordance with California Public Contract Code section 22300, the District will permit the substitution of securities for any moneys withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract.

Each bidder's bid must be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: (1) cash; (2) a cashier's check made payable to the District; (3) a certified check made payable to the District; or (4) a bidder's bond executed by a California admitted surety as defined in Code of Civil Procedure section 995.120, made payable to the District in the form set forth in the Contract Documents. Such bidder's security must be in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of bid as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the proposed Contract, if the same is awarded to such bidder, and will provide the required Performance and Payment Bonds, insurance certificates and any other required documents. In the event of failure to enter into said Contract or provide the necessary documents, said security will be forfeited.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with the requirements set forth in Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 of the Labor Code which are available from the Director of the State of CA Department of Industrial Relations.

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in the Labor Code, unless publicly registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall furnish certified payroll records as required pursuant Labor Code section 1776. Monitoring and enforcement of the prevailing wage laws and related requirements will be performed by the Labor Commissioner/ Department of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE).

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

Separate payment and performance bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the total Contract amount, are required, and shall be provided to the District prior to execution of the Contract and shall be in the form set forth in the Contract Documents.

All bonds (Bid, Performance, and Payment) must be issued by a California admitted surety as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure section 995.120.

Where applicable, bidders must meet the requirements set forth in Public Contract Code section 10115 et seq., Military and Veterans Code section 999 et seq. and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 1896.60 et seq. regarding Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise ("DVBE") Programs.

Any request for substitutions pursuant to Public Contract Code section 3400 must be made at the time of Bid on the Substitution Request Form set forth in the Contract Documents and included with the bid.

Inquiries shall be sent in writing to: Manuel Jaramillo, Program Manager, Del Terra Group, 13181 Crossroads Parkway North, Suite 540, City of Industry, CA 91746 Fax: 626-839-9307 or Email: mjaramillo@delterra.com.

No telephone or facsimile machine will be available to bidders on the District premises at any time.

It is each bidder's sole responsibility to ensure its bid is timely delivered and received at the location designated as specified above. Any bid received at the designated location after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

LYNNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CITY OF DOWNEY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:
On or about Monday, January 28, 2019 the City of Downey will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal Community Development Block Grant funds, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383); and the HOME Investment Partnership Program funds, under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (P.L. 101-625) to undertake the following projects:

Project Title: Residential Rehabilitation
Location: Available Citywide
Estimated Cost: \$1,227,000 (\$817,000 HOME funds and \$410,000 CDBG funds)
Nature of Project: Property improvement grant program for repairs, general improvement and rehabilitation of eligible owner-occupied properties.

Project Title: General Program Administration
Location: Available Citywide
Estimated Cost: \$260,303 (\$46,220 HOME funds and \$214,083 CDBG funds)
Nature of Project: General program administration.

Project Title: Economic Development - Job Creation
Location: Available Citywide
Estimated Cost: \$166,667 (CDBG funds)
Nature of Project: Economic development activities that create full-time equivalent jobs.

Project Title: Rental Assistance Program
Location: Available Citywide
Estimated Cost: \$25,000 (HOME funds)
Nature of Project: Assist families and individuals who are homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless.

Project Title: Property Preservation
Location: Available CDBG Areas
Estimated Cost: \$120,000 (CDBG funds)
Nature of Project: Neighborhood preservation through the code enforcement program.

Project Title: Public Services
Location: Available Citywide
Estimated Cost: \$155,104 (CDBG funds)
Nature of Project: Supportive services that fill the needs assessed in the community through the Public Services Program.

Project Title: HUD Section 108 Loan Repayments
Location: Available citywide
Estimated Cost: \$338,156 (CDBG funds)
Nature of Project: The repayment of

three (3) current Section 108 loans.

The activities proposed are categorized excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects is on file at the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA and may be examined or copied weekdays between 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Downey Housing Division, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, to the attention of Jose Vazquez. All comments received by January 28, 2019 will be considered by the City of Downey prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS
The City of Downey certifies to HUD that Gilbert A. Livas, in his capacity as City Manager, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorizes, and allows the City of Downey to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Downey's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Downey; (b) the City of Downey has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD at: Community Planning & Development, 300 N. Los Angeles Street, Suite 405A, Los Angeles, CA 90012 or via phone at (213) 894-8000. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

January 10, 2019
Gilbert A. Livas
City Manager
City of Downey

The Downey Patriot
1/10/19

NOTICE INVITING BIDS
LYNNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lynnwood Unified School District, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as "District", will receive prior to **11:**

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CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00013
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner NAHAL NICHOLE HYDARYACIL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) NAHAL NICHOLE HYDARYACIL to Proposed name (1) NICHOLE NAHAL HYDARY DIETTE
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 6, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT** DECEMBER 18, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
NAHAL NICHOLE HYDARYACIL
4413 SHADEWAY RD
LAKEWOOD, CA 90713
714-721-7110
OBEY714@YAHOO.COM

without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: JANUARY 30, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** DECEMBER 21, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
MELISSA MARIE SITO
15328 BECHARD AVE.
NORWALK, CA 90650
562-972-8158
SITOMELISSA@YAHOO.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00067
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LEOPOLDO CESAR RODARTE IV filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) LEOPOLDO CESAR RODARTE IV to Proposed name (1) LEOPOLDO CESAR RODARTE BILLON
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 6, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** DECEMBER 12, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
LEOPOLDO CESAR RODARTE IV
7345 RIO FLORA PL
DOWNEY, CA 90241
562-746-5291
LRBILLON@GMAIL.COM

10340 LAREINA AVE. DOWNEY, CA 90241 562.302.3018

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 17-20447-SP-CA Title No. 170446620-CA-VOI A.P.N. 6258-006-020 ATTENTION REORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/02/1999. 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(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on 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; 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 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Luis E. Sarria and Aurora Sarria, husband and wife Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 02/12/1999 as Instrument No. 99 0237175 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 01/18/2019 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$337,681.79 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 8339 Albia Street, Downey, CA 90241 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of 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. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2)923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. 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 714-730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 17-20447-SP-CA. 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. Date: 12/19/2018 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1230 Columbia Street, Suite 680 San Diego, CA 92101 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative A-4679470 12/27/2018, 01/03/2019, 01/10/2019

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T.S. No. 17-0244-11 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 요약서가 있습니다. NOTA: SE ADJUNTA UN RESUMEN DE LA INFORMACION DE ESTE DOCUMENTO TALA: MAYROONG BUOD NG IMPORMASYON SA DOKUMENTONG ITONA NAKALAKIP LIU Y. KEM THEO DAY LA BIN TRINH BAY TOM LUIC VO THONG TIN TRONG TAI LIU MAY 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 8/29/2005. 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 the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: J. JESUS ORTIZ AND SONIA ORTIZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: The Wolf Firm, A Law Corporation Recorded 9/6/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2139101 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9527 GUATEMALA AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90240 A.P.N.: 6359-003-021 Date of Sale: 2/14/2019 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza, 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$608,678.71, estimated The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. 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

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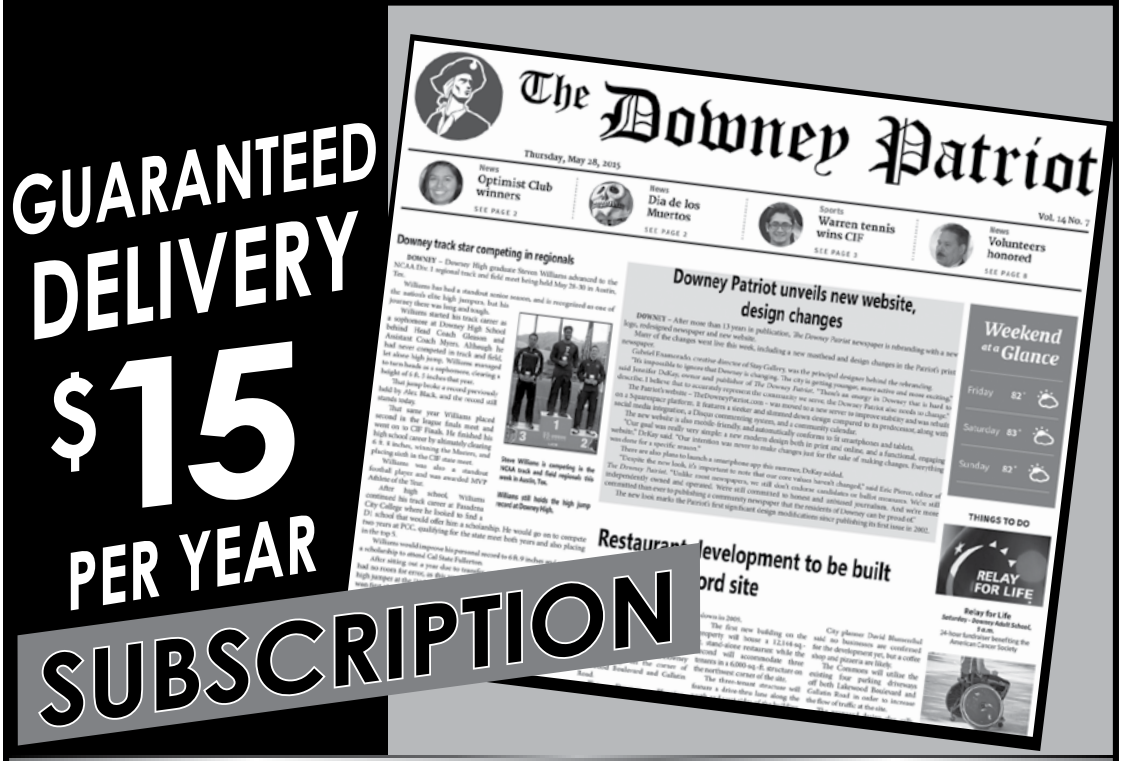
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00068
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MATTHEW STEVE PEREZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MATTHEW STEVE PEREZ to Proposed name (1) MATTHEW STEVE CONSTANT
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 13, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** DECEMBER 14, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
MATTHEW STEVE PEREZ
11619 DOWNEY AVENUE, APT 204 DOWNEY, CA 90241
(562) 644-6364
KRD127@GMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00016
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner STEPHANIE E. CONTRERAS ON BEHALF OF DANIELLA D. CHAVEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) DANIELLA DAISY CHAVEZ to Proposed name (1) XENA DAISY CONTRERAS
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: JANUARY 16, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** DECEMBER 7, 2018
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
STEPHANIE ELISE CONTRERAS ON BEHALF OF DANIELLA D. CHAVEZ

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 18NWCP00078
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MELISSA MARIE SITO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JULIAN MATHIAS CARRALLO to Proposed name (1) JULIAN MATHIAS SITO
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: FEBRUARY 13, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
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Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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On the Street Where I Lived

Short Story

By Sharon Benson Smith
Contributor

It was nearly seventy years ago, but my mind's eye can still recall the horrific scene that the neighborhood witnessed that fateful day.

It was the first house on the block where Maruka and her family lived. The neighborhood kids were playing in the middle of the street when we saw a crowd

gathering outside Maruka's garage.

When we heard tires squealing and sirens blaring from a police car, fire engine and ambulance, we ran over to see what the commotion was all about.

By then the crowd had ballooned to the point that we had to stand on tip toes and bounce up and down behind adults to see what was going on.

The horrific scene we kids saw that day was a man hanging out on the sidewalk in front of his house; his wheelchair was beside him; he was holding onto the

a relative of Maruka's. As young and as inquisitive as we were, we intuitively knew to give Maruka some needed space and did not try to see her for awhile.

A short walk down the street, only three houses away, would take us to the home of the Carlone family. They were the new neighbors on the block.

We kids found Mr. Carlone to be fascinating. In the jargon of today he "Blew our minds." When we walked to school each morning, Mr. Carlone was already out on the sidewalk in front of his house; his wheelchair was beside him; he was holding onto the

chain link fence and exercising his legs in a marching motion. In addition to his obvious physical problem, he was also blind.

When we returned from school, there was Mr. Carlone with hands on the fence, wheelchair at his side, exercising his legs in that marching motion and bidding us a good afternoon.

His handicaps, over time, did not keep him from discerning which of us happened to be passing by. He would call out our names and wish us good morning; all the while he never skipped a beat holding onto the chain link fence and keeping his marching exercise going.

But we were just kids; we were fascinated and being ornery and testing him I guess, and we

tried our best to get him to get our names wrong by walking differently, talking differently, and coming up with different voices and moves just to make him slip up.

But, that wasn't to be...God blessed him with that sense that escaped us kids; Mr. Carlone seldom, if ever, got it wrong!

In Memory of Lucille Henry

March 16, 1935 - June 16, 2018



Lucille Henry passed away on June 16, 2018. She was 82 years old. She was a homemaker and a foster mother to many. For the last 3 years she resided at Downey Retirement Center, prior to that; she was a long time resident of Los Angeles, Ca. She is survived by 6 children, and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In Memory of

Robert Christopher Glover II

March 23, 1963 - December 29, 2018

Robert Christopher Glover II (born March 25, 1963) passed away suddenly on December 29, 2018. He leaves to cherish his precious memory, father Robert C. Glover, mother Jacqueline Glover, sister Lisa Glover-Gardin, brother-in-law Barry N. Gardin, niece Karra Gardin, nephew Christopher Gardin, and many extended family members, and friends too numerous to list.

In Memory of

Milton Hammond, Jr.

March 27, 1929 - December 12, 2018



Milton Benjamin Hammond, Jr., died peacefully on December 12, 2018, at his home in Downey, California following a long illness. He was 89 years old. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Ann and his daughter, Dianne. He is survived by his children Joanne, David, Mark and Paul, and two grandchildren.

"Milt," as he was fondly known to all of his friends and associates, was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and moved to the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania metropolitan area in his early teens. Milt met his wife, Betty, while in the Pittsburgh area, and they were married in 1951, following his graduation from Case Western Reserve University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

The couple moved to Seattle, Washington, where they started a family and where Milt's career involved working for the Boeing Company on the design of the B-52 bomber. Upon completion of his Master of Science degree from the University of Washington, the Hammonds relocated to Southern California, where Milt continued his aerospace career at North American Aviation, subsequently Rockwell International, for 15 years.

At Rockwell, he worked on various missile programs while attending graduate school at the University of Southern California where he earned his PhD in Mechanical Engineering. Subsequently, Milt worked on the U.S. Space Program, with the Apollo Program Saturn V rocket that put men on the moon. He also worked on preliminary rocket designs for the Space Shuttle Program.

In the mid-1970s, Milt left the aerospace industry and started his second career as a management consultant which he continued well into his 80s. He specialized in company team-building, leadership, and talent selection through techniques pioneered by the Success Motivation Institute.

In his boyhood years in Pennsylvania, Milt began a lifelong association with the Boy Scouts of America and attained the rank of Eagle Scout. As an adult, he volunteered for 35 years with Cub Pack 805C and Troop 441 in Downey. He also led a backpacking Explorer Post on monthly hikes. He was Committee Chairman for the cub pack for about 10 years, and also served as president of the Old River Men's Club, the sponsoring institution for the cub pack and the troop. In 1981, he was honored with a Silver Beaver award by the Boy Scouts for meritorious volunteer service.

He was an active associate and Bible teacher with The Word of Truth Ministry in Los Angeles for over 50 years. As a "senior scholar," he recorded numerous Sunday morning Bible study lessons and authored More Seed & Bread Bible study leaflets.

Milt told lots of silly jokes and stories to anyone who was willing to listen. A gentleman and all-around "nice guy" to those who knew him, Milt will be missed by many.

Memorial services are planned for January 26, 2019 at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, California. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be directed to the Boy Scouts of America at www.olddriveryouthfoundation.com or The Word of Truth Ministry at www.seedandbread.org/donations-to-the-ministry/.

The Boy Red

Short Story

By Kathy (Kacie) Cooper
Contributor

A long, long, time ago there lived a young boy who never seemed to have many friends. Other children thought him weird. His shoes and his clothes were always too big for him and he was often mocked when teachers weren't around.

Yet it didn't seem to affect him like it might affect others. You could say he had a very grown up attitude.

His world was wrapped up in his mum and dad; they meant the world to him. They were always attentive to him, playing games with him and reading books. The three were never without smiles. They did everything together and though they had very little in the way of material things they were immensely happy.

Perhaps the only uncommon thing about the family was their love for the color red. Their home was a garnet-colored cottage, surrounded with the most beautiful ruby red roses and carnations. Whenever the boy, the mum or the father would pass by the multitude of flowers, they would take time to smell the roses and also the carnations.

A threadbare, scarlet-colored carpet lay on the entire floor of the home, a tattered, burgundy couch was there for sitting and talking. A cherry-red comforter warmed the boy at night.

One day, out of nowhere, the family fell on hard times; the mum was laid off from her job and the father came down with a series of illnesses. The boy sensed the added pressure that the parents would go through raising him and clothing him.

With a smile he assured the mum there would be no need to buy him new boots to wear in the heavy snow; he would wear his father's boots. He also loved

wearing his father's huge red rain coat. "Mum, do you remember how much we laughed till we almost cried when I was a toddler and walked around the house stumbling and wobbling in Papa's big boots?" They all laughed again just hearing about it.

That night the boy sat on his scarlet-colored bedroom floor, wearing his father's shiny-red raincoat, polishing his father's black, oversized boots. He would wear them to school, in the snow, the next morning. It was every night after that the mum would kindly tell the lad, "Oh little Nicky, you're such a saint."

After many days Nicky's father told the son, "Oh Nicky, we must find some way to buy you some new shoes that will fit you."

"Oh no, please Papa. I love your black boots. And guess what? I think the kids at school are having as much fun as we did when I was only two years old wobbling in them. They laugh as hard as we did."

Then the father compassionately looked at his son and told him with a twinkle in his eye, as he usually did, "Oh Nicky, you're such a saint."

Slowly Nicky turned to his father and finally asked, "Father, what is a saint?"

"Well, it's a particularly good person, one who is patient in dealing with difficult situations; an exceptionally kind person."

The next time the children laughed at Nicky's oversized boots, they asked him why he wore such humongous clodhoppers. He happily responded, "My father is a man of all men. I wish to be exactly like him. It will take me years to

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Garcia praises relationship with teachers

DOWNEY - With Los Angeles Unified School District teachers poised to strike as early as Monday, Downey Unified superintendent Dr. John Garcia sent a message to parents Sunday, assuring them that the Downey school district's relationship with teachers remains "wonderful."

More than 30,000 LAUSD teachers may form picket lines Monday after two years of failed negotiations on a new contract.

"As we are not part of Los Angeles Unified, I'm reaching out tonight to let you know that we in Downey Unified are fortunate to have a wonderful relationship with our teachers' union and all of our DUSD staff will be welcoming your students everyday regardless of what happens with our neighbors next door," Garcia wrote.

Downey public schools reopened Monday after a two-week winter break.

The United Teachers Los Angeles union announced Wednesday that the start date for a potential teachers strike has been postponed to Jan. 14.

The initial date for the possible strike was supposed to be Thursday, Jan. 10. UTLA said the reason for pushing the date to next Monday is to provide "clarity and to allow members, parents and our communities to plan."

There are also some legal issues to be resolved, as the district has gone to court to claim the union did not provide enough advance notice for them to go on strike now. The union says it gave adequate notice on Dec. 19.

The two sides were in court - and at the bargaining table - on Wednesday, but the legal issue and the overall contract talks remain unresolved.

Frometa appoints Uva to committee

DOWNEY - Newly-elected councilmember Claudia Frometa has tapped her election opponent, Carrie Uva, to serve on the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee for district 4.

The committee ensures that Measure S tax proceeds are properly spent.

Frometa defeated Uva to win a seat on the Downey City Council last November, replacing term-out council member Fernando Vasquez.

Uva will replace Jeannette Baumann on the committee. Baumann had been appointed by Vasquez.

Meanwhile, Frometa selected Dimitrios Spathopoulos to serve on the Planning Commission, replacing Matias Flores.

The appointments were approved by the City Council on Tuesday.

Unpaid federal workers owe \$438M in mortgage and rent payments this month

The government shutdown is also causing delays in loan endorsements as the FHA operates with limited staff.

The effects of the federal government shutdown on the housing market are wide-ranging and personal -- unpaid workers still have to pay their mortgage or rent, while aspiring homeowners might see their loans in limbo.

About 800,000 workers aren't being paid (about 380,000 are furloughed and another 420,000 are working without pay), and still must find ways to pay for their housing as the shutdown heads into its third week.

Zillow estimates that federal employees who are not being paid during the shutdown and own their homes pay about \$249

million in monthly mortgage payments.

A recent HotPads analysis found that renters within that group pay about \$189 million for housing each month.

Also, the Federal Housing Administration is operating with limited staff and warns that endorsement of loans may be delayed. That could mean some loans don't close, as that decision depends on the flexibility of individual lenders, leaving buyers unable to complete their purchase.

Many lower-income and/or first-time buyers opt for the FHA-insured loans because they often allow for smaller down payments and offer more forgiving credit-score requirements than conventional loans.

A Zillow analysis estimates

that about 3,900 mortgage originations are processed each business day for loans backed directly by federal government agencies such as the FHA and the Rural Housing Service.

It isn't clear what portion of those are delayed - or for how long - because of the limited staff during the shutdown, but as many as 39,000 mortgages could have been affected by today. When those loans are delayed, it most affects those facing the greatest hurdles to become homeowners. FHA also won't insure reverse mortgages or home-improvement loans during the shutdown.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development says it does not expect a significant impact as long as the shutdown is brief.

But "with each day the

shutdown continues, we can expect an increase in the impacts on potential homeowners, home sellers and the entire housing market," the agency says.

In addition, the shutdown could lead to administrative delays associated with loans backed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, two independent agencies that insure the vast majority of mortgages.

Those include lenders unable to get verification of employment for borrowers who are federal employees, and potential IRS delays verifying borrower incomes, which could lead to loans being denied.

"Like Americans in the private sector, many federal employees rely on each and every paycheck to cover critical expenses, including housing. In many parts of the country, housing affordability

is already stretched and a single missed payment can begin the long process toward foreclosure or eviction - which has long term impacts on an individual's finances and long-term economic prospects," said Zillow senior economist Aaron Terrazas.

"It also could have a significant impact on the overall housing market if it continues to drag on and furloughed workers who also are would-be buyers get cold feet in the absence of paychecks. Buying a home is a huge leap of faith for many, as they bet on continued job security and steady income to finance their home, and consumer confidence is paramount."

Rising interest rates take bite out of buyers' budgets

Higher interest rates result in declined spending power, hurting homebuyers.

Home-value growth is slowing, price cuts are more common and for-sale inventory is up. Sounds like relief is imminent for home buyers, right?

Not so fast.

Mortgage rates have been steadily climbing for the past two years and could approach 6 percent by the end of 2019, dulling those factors.

Rising interest rates bite into buyers' budgets more than they might think.

For example, a buyer making the current U.S. median household income could have bought a \$393,700 home in January 2018, spending 30 percent of that salary each month on a mortgage payment. That's when rates were at 4.15 percent.

Now, with rates at 4.63 percent, that same buyer can only afford a \$372,000 home to keep the monthly payment the same.

If the mortgage rate hits 6 percent, that buyer will be shopping for a \$319,200 home

in order to maintain the budget, according to a Zillow analysis.

Home values have risen steadily this year, and continued appreciation - albeit more slowly - is expected at least through next year.

The result is that many home buyers in 2019 will need to reset their price points, with some making concessions about where they're willing to live or how much space they want.

Buyers being pushed toward less-expensive segments of the market where inventory is also the tightest could, in turn, push prices more quickly upward, making those homes less affordable.

Right now, home shoppers wanting to spend no more than 30 percent of their median U.S. income can afford 56.5 percent of available homes. With rates at 6 percent, they would be looking among 48 percent of available homes - a loss of 49,660 potential homes.

The rise is felt more sharply in some metro areas than others. In San Jose, the nation's most expensive metro, a 6 percent mortgage rate would have buyers making the \$118,400 median

household income looking at homes \$102,100 less expensive than those they might be considering now.

In Washington, D.C., they'd be looking at homes \$87,200 less

expensive. In each of the 35 largest metro areas in the U.S., the drop in buying power is at least \$46,500.

Already, rising mortgage payments eclipse home-value gains, a phenomenon that can

both encourage homeowners to stay put to hold onto low mortgage rates and discourage would-be first-time home buyers.

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