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Football coach shares stories of triumph, tragedy in new book

Downey resident Ken LaVigne has been a teacher in Whittier for more than 30 years. He writes about his experiences in the book, "Coach the Soul."

La Serna High School teacher and football coach Ken LaVigne has spent more than 30 years mentoring students, inspiring his peers and touching the hearts of hundreds of educators across the Whittier Union High School District with his continual compassion, integrity and patience.

LaVigne – who in 2012 was named a California State Teacher of the Year – has documented his experiences in "Coach the Soul," an inspirational book that profiles heartbreaking stories of struggle and triumph of the students in the school's award-winning intervention program he created, Organized Academic Support in School (OASIS).

LaVigne, a Downey resident, celebrated the release of "Coach the Soul" with family, friends and associates in January at the Doubletree by Hilton, which was decorated with football programs, pictures, yearbooks and news clippings from LaVigne's career as a teacher, coach and football player.

"Working with at-risk students reminds me of my own youth and the times that I came so close to going down the wrong path," LaVigne said. "What saved me were the teachers and coaches who gave me an identity and a reason to try. I am who I am today because of them, my colleagues and my family."

Launched in 2007, OASIS pairs sophomores and juniors who are in danger of dropping out of high school with high-achieving peer mentors, who provide daily motivation and emotional and academic support, helping them regain their joy of learning and setting them on a path to graduation.

The majority of stories in "Coach the Soul" are dedicated to OASIS students and their mentors, with chapter titles reflecting core values LaVigne teaches in class such as resilience, courage, transformation and accountability, which provide students the foundation for progress and continued success.

"When I started in the OASIS program, I had a 1.3 GPA and I really didn't understand why I came to school, so I didn't try," senior Justin Cheadle said. "Mr. LaVigne explained why school is so important and showed us that if you want all these things in life you need to work for it. He's like my academic grandpa. He's awesome."

Cheadle now has a 3.5 GPA and is an OASIS mentor. He plans to attend Cal State Fullerton and study marketing or business.

"When students come into the program, they're not in a good place," said junior Jocelyn Jasso, who joined OASIS with a 1.55 GPA last year and had no plans to go to college. "Five to six months later, they're doing so much better because of Mr. LaVigne and our mentors, who always push us to do better and support us with everything."

Jasso has a 2.83 GPA and plans to attend Cal State Fullerton and pursue a career in the medical field.

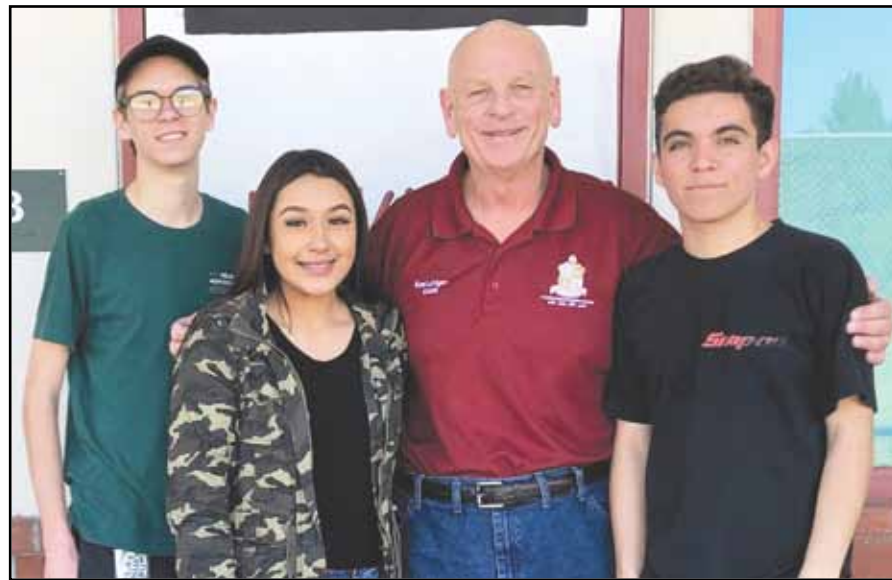


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Ken LaVigne recently released his book, "Coach the Soul," which chronicles heartbreaking stories from his 30-plus years as a teacher and coach. He is pictured with students Justin Cheadle, left, Jocelyn Jasso and Sky Maestro.

For junior Sky Maestro, problems at home led to self-doubt, bad grades and a 1.5 GPA. He was placed in OASIS, where he has been given organizational tools, has a peer academic mentor and receives constant support and encouragement from LaVigne.

"I was always doubtful that I could achieve anything," Maestro said. "But this program made a huge difference in my life. Mr. LaVigne is such an amazing man and OASIS is a really great help for so many who need it and don't have easy opportunities to succeed in school."

For OASIS mentor Jason Moreno, watching the students persevere is its own reward.

"Their eyes light up and they realize that they can succeed if they put in enough effort," Moreno said. "The lessons they learn in OASIS are carried over to their schoolwork. This is the biggest reward for me."

LaVigne is able to connect with these students because he admittedly was also not the most motivated student in school himself.

But his life turned around due to his teachers and coaches at Santa Fe, where he played three years of varsity football and graduated in 1972. The sport gave LaVigne purpose and discipline, provided by his coaches and role models – Clint South, Jack Mahlstedt and Dick Torres.

"They literally saved my life and made it richer by coaching my soul and making the life I enjoy possible," LaVigne said.

In 2016, LaVigne led the expansion of OASIS with a new program called HAVEN, which emphasizes senior project planning and post-high school academic and career goal setting with support from adult mentors from the Friends of La Serna, Whittier Host Lions Club and Soroptimist International of Whittier.

"Ken LaVigne's passion and commitment to students who have given up on themselves is a testament to the power of unconditional love," Superintendent Martin Plourde said. "As much as Ken has changed the lives of these students, his soul has been indelibly inked by their kindness and gratitude. On behalf of the District, we are all grateful for his selflessness and passion for helping our students believe in themselves and achieving their fullest potential."

Coach the Soul, released through Robert D. Reed Publishers, is available at www.coachthesoul.net.

Roybal-Allard takes DACA student to State of the Union

The Downey congresswoman announced she will re-introduce the Dream Act 'soon.'

DOWNEY – Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard invited a 30-year-old DACA recipient and aspiring registered nurse to Tuesday's State of the Union address.

Kenia Yaritza Arredondo Ramos attends Los Angeles Trade-Technical College and lives in the congresswoman's 40th congressional district.

"I am so glad to be joined at this year's State of the Union by Kenia Arredondo, one of the hundreds of thousands of hardworking and patriotic Americans who are part of the DACA program," said Roybal-Allard. "Like generations of immigrants before her, she is drawing on her talent and determination to build a career for herself and a life for her family. She is a sterling example of how DACA recipients strengthen our institutions, enrich our communities, and preserve our nation's promise."

"I look forward to reintroducing the Dream Act soon so that we can provide a pathway to citizenship for people like Kenia, and grant



Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, left, and Kenia Arredondo Ramos.

them permanence and stability as they continue to contribute to our community. I'm honored to represent Kenia in Congress and to escort her into the United States Capitol."

Ramos was born in Guerrero, Mexico, and raised in the United States. She called the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. and attend the State of the Union address "a once in a lifetime opportunity to advocate for myself and for my children."

"I am one of many living in

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Rancho opens new \$109M outpatient building

The facility, which opened last month, is part of Rancho's \$418 million renovation.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center officially opened its new \$109 million Outpatient Building last month, giving caretakers and patients expanded opportunities to provide and receive increased rehabilitative care.

The facility is the latest addition to the multi-year, \$418 million renovation and beautification project spearheaded by former LA Supervisor Don Knabe and dubbed Rancho Rising 2020. The project broke ground in August of 2015, and as the project's name suggests, is anticipated to be completed in 2020.

According to Associate Hospital Administrator Shawn Phipps, the new building is another reflection of the standard of care Rancho has built a reputation for.

"We're so excited that this new outpatient facility truly



PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ

A patient goes through physical therapy at Rancho's new outpatient building.

provides our patients with a 'one stop shop' where they can get all of their therapy, medical, [and] nursing needs all in one place," said Phipps.

"We're actually right next door to the [Don Knabe] Wellness Center, where they can get care throughout the duration of their

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Downey restaurant grades

McDonalds
8855 Rosecrans Ave
Date Inspected: 1/30/19
Grade: **A**

IHOP
11414 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/30/19
Grade: **A**

Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers
9265 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/30/19
Grade: **A**

BJ's Restaurant
121 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 1/30/19
Grade: **A**

Javier Taco Mexico
251 Stonewood St. ste. FC09
Date Inspected: 1/30/19
Grade: **A**

Jack in the Box
9501 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/30/19
Grade: **A**

Sansei Japan
125 Stonewood St. FC 07
Date Inspected: 1/30/19
Grade: **A**

Buffalo Wild Wings
193 Stonewood St. #A39
Date Inspected: 1/29/19
Grade: **A**

El Sushi Loco Express
102 Stonewood St. Spc. 15
Date Inspected: 1/29/19
Grade: **B**

Little Caesars
12555 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/29/19
Grade: **A**

Mediterranean Delight
127 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 1/29/19
Grade: **A**

Chinese Gourmet Express
104 Stonewood St. FC17
Date Inspected: 1/29/19
Grade: **A**

Berto's Mexican Restaurant
11949 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/29/19
Grade: **A**

Yogurtland
8250 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/24/19
Grade: **A**

Porto's Bakery
8233 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/24/19
Grade: **A**

Norm's
7955 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/24/19
Grade: **A**

Cafe N Stuff
9306 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/24/19
Grade: **A**

Pina's Pizzeria
11102 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/24/19
Grade: **A**

Porto's Cafe
8233 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/24/19
Grade: **A**

Del Taco
8028 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 1/24/19
Grade: **A**

My Home Chinese Restaurant
8716 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 1/23/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 62°

Saturday 60°

Sunday 58°

THINGS TO DO



Frida - Stroke of Passion

Saturday - Casa 0101 Theatre, 8 pm

A revealing look into the last week of Frida Kahlo's life and the mysterious cover-up of who or what killed her.



Chinese New Year Festival

Saturday - Chinatown Central Plaza, 12 pm

Chinatown's biggest party of the year with marching bands, floats, food, cultural performances, and more.



Charles Phoenix: Addicted to Americana

Saturday - Ruth Shannon Center for the Performing Arts, 7:30 pm

Showman, tour guide and author Charles Phoenix brings his live show to Whittier, a celebration of classic and kitschy American life and style.



An Evening with Henry Winkler

Saturday - Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation, 8 pm

TV legend Henry Winkler chronicles his 40 years in show business in this fun and in-depth conversation.



Moana Sing-Along

Sunday - La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts, 2 pm

A special sing-along version of 'The Princess Bride,' with lyrics displayed on the screen. Costumes encouraged.



L.A. Galaxy

Saturday - Dignity Health Sports Park, 7 pm

Zlatan Ibrahimović and the LA Galaxy face Toronto FC in a pre-season match.

DACA student no longer fearful

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fear of deportation and family separation," she said. "I am a mother, a daughter, and a student and currently attending L.A. Trade Tech College to finally accomplish my dream of becoming a registered nurse... I want to see my children grow up and even most importantly, I want them to know their mom did everything she could to fight for her rights. My undocumented story is for my children to carry with them.

"Being born in Mexico and raised in the U.S. automatically labels me, amongst other names, as an immigrant, alien, wetback, and beaner. As I was growing up, I was often faced with situations in which my legal status prevented me from participating in activities with my peers. The question, 'Do you have an identification card?' elicited feelings of sadness, fear and nervousness that lead me to making excuses in order to

continue hiding my legal status.

"Currently my status as a DACA student and after many years of not being able to travel, I now have the opportunity to travel. I've gone from hiding my status to developing an inner confidence that fuels my personal desire of achieving anything that I set my

mind to. I am undocumented, I am a dreamer, I am a DACA student, I am not afraid and I am not sorry.

"Being an undocumented student has been a great gift, I'm truly blessed even though I have to work harder than other students. I can do it, I will do it."

Chamber taking nominations for Businesses of the Year

DOWNEY - The Downey Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for its 2019 Businesses of the Year awards.

To be eligible, the business must operate in Downey or have a branch here; be a member of the chamber; have demonstrated continual contributions to the community; and show leadership and provide input on civic issues.

Awards will be issued to a Small Business of the Year (10 or fewer employees) and Large Business of the Year (11 or more employees).

Nomination deadline is 5 p.m. on Feb. 13. To nominate a business, email michael@downeychamber.com.

Rancho outpatient building expects 71,000 patients this year

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life with a disability. We also have our patient rehabilitation center right next door as well.

"You see the full continuum: inpatient rehabilitation, outpatient rehabilitation, and then wellness throughout their life. It truly reflects the excellent care that Rancho has always been known for."

In addition to providing state-of-the-art rehabilitation programs, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy and art programs, Phipps added that patients will be able to meet with their designated physician.

One of the highlights of the building is the new rehab therapy facility, which Physical Therapy Department Chief Lilli Thompson said was "custom designed to meet the needs of staff and patients as they are going through rehabilitation.

"Rehabilitation is a process that starts from the time of injury... once they're medically stable they transfer into the rehab setting and that's really where the work of recovery begins," said Thompson.

"In order for people to get back to activities that are really meaningful for them, we have to start with some foundational



PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ

things...that is what the rehab process is about. In order to make that happen there are a lot of skills, expertise, tools that we need to help keep the patient safe challenge them at their maximum capacity so that we can push for neuro recovery and functional recovery, but also keep the staff safe."

According to Thompson, some of the new equipment has the potential to not only increase quality of care, but quantity as well.

"The technologies are evolving continuously. We have robotic devices that are exoskeletons that fit over a person's limbs and help them to walk essentially without

much effort.

"As far as capacity goes, we can expand our capacity to treat patients into a larger volume [and] broader scope because we've got the environment to support that. Where it might take three therapists just to help one person walk, now with the technology available one therapist can help that patient accomplish those same goals; that frees up two more clinicians to treat other patients. That's where the technology gives us the bang for its buck."

The Outpatient Building is expected to serve 71,000 patients in 2019, according to hospital officials.

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After 36 years, Desert Reign pastor says his goodbye

Pastor Don Metcalf and his wife, Deborah, have no plans to retire but are moving on from the Downey church they helped open in 1983.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Originally moving to Southern California from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Pastor Don Metcalf and his wife Deborah started the Desert Reign church from their then home in Bellflower. However, they recently made the decision to move on.

“We started Feb. 3, 1983,” said Don. “We started the church from scratch...it’s been a great journey. Whatever you build, it’s for the lord. It doesn’t belong to us, and we’re passing it on to really good staff here, and they’re going to do a really good job of probably building it even bigger than we did, and doing more for the community than we’ve been able to do so far.”

The Metcalf’s final day at Desert Reign was Sunday, Feb 3; exactly 36 years to the day from their start.

Upon first starting the church, Don says that the big challenge was finding “where to assemble.”

“We’ve met in almost every kind of venue you can imagine... there were times where we didn’t have anywhere to meet,” said Don.

The Desert Reign campus as it is known today was completed in August of 2009 and has continued to grow.

“The way we look at it is we’re not really building buildings, we’re building lives,” said Don.

Deborah added that starting the church represented a significant milestone for her husband.



PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ

Don and Deborah Metcalf inside Desert Reign Church. Their last day at the church was Sunday.

“It was a dream, a desire that he’s always had since he was like 18 years old,” said Deborah. “His dream has been to start a church from scratch, stay there for a lifetime, and in his old age be able to help other pastors in other churches with what he’s known and learned during his journey. So that’s the final stage of the dream that we’re hoping unfolds for us.”

Don says that he and his wife “are not retiring, we’re shifting gears.”

“We have no plans to retire,” said Don. “I’ll be connected here, but I’ll be a minister at large; I’ll be a consultant...We’re going to be going really all over the country [to] mostly small churches just to help the pastor rest, get council, or help him get unstuck when his church is not growing or sliding backwards. We really do just want to help pastors and encourage them, and that’s what we’re planning on doing.”

The Metcalf’s say that stepping away now is for the “church’s benefit.”

“There’s the church’s side of ‘why now,’ and then there’s our side of ‘why now,’” said Don. “The church’s side is every leader has their gifts. I feel that God used us and our gifts to get it to where it’s at...I think it’s time for somebody with fresher vision and more vitality, younger, more energy...I feel like we owe it to the church to move over and let somebody take the reigns and run full boar like I used to.”

Deborah added that she felt that a younger pastor could connect more to the younger generation as well.

Don added that there is also an “emotional price tag.”

“This church has got 4-500 people that we feel like they’re our family,” said Don. “You gotta get out of the way and let the next guy have his freedom, yet you’re leaving your friends,

you’re leaving your family.

“I didn’t want to do that at 75 years old. I wanted to leave when it’s early enough for us to do other things...when I’m 75 I’ll be spending all my time going to doctor’s appointments.

“We wanted to quit early enough to be able to have options because we know there’s going to be an emotional toll to no longer being the center of things. In a way it’s going to be like going from 100 miles per hour to a dead stop in one week, and so you have to get yourself geared up emotionally for that.”

Don – who has served as Lead Pastor at the congregation – will now pass on his role to Pastor Dan Dutch who has been with Desert Reign for 25 years.

“Everybody knows him, everybody is very happy with how we are transitioning,” said Don.

Downey PD adds mental health officers to patrol

DOWNEY – The Downey Police Department now has two full-time mental health officers on staff to help people experiencing mental health issues, thanks to a new partnership between Downey and L.A. County.

Two designated patrol officers will be teamed up with two mental health clinicians from the L.A. County Department of Mental Health. These officers have received specialized training in mental health and will be responsible in handling any mental health-related calls for service.

The two teams will also be proactive in engaging the homeless population and working closely with the various outreach organizations in Downey and Los Angeles County.

“The implementation of this new program allows our Downey police officers to better assist some of our most vulnerable community members, including our homeless population,” said Mayor Rick Rodriguez.

Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco called the program “a great collaborative effort between our own Downey Police Department and the county, which not only trains officers to safely and effectively respond to people with mental illness, but also helps build a positive rapport among these individuals.”

Thrift store plans book giveaway

DOWNEY – The Second Tyme Around Thrift Shoppe in downtown Downey will be giving away children’s books as part of the Assistance League’s national focus on student literacy.

“We’ve all heard the commercial with the words, ‘Read, Talk, Sing,’ and we are hoping to provide any child that comes to the shop a book of their choice so they can read at home,” the thrift shop said in a press release.

The giveaway will take place Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The store is located at 11026 Downey Ave.



A dead body, possibly that of a homeless man, was discovered Tuesday morning at Brookshire Park. His identity had not been publicly released as of Thursday morning.

Photo by Blake Boyington, Crime Blog of Downey



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.

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Football players announce college choices



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Four Warren High football players signed letters of intent Wednesday.

By Mark Fetter
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Warren High School held a signing day for four football players on Wednesday.

Bear standouts Robbie Colenzo (WR/Utah), Damarryea Armstrong (DB/University of Nevada-Reno), Arvionte Sheffield (RB/DB Southwest Minnesota) and Jabari Hughes Jr. (WR/DB Southwest Minnesota) all signed their respective letters of intent.

The administration, faculty and staff are all extremely proud of these student-athletes and wish them the best of luck as they compete at the next level.

DOWNEY GIRLS BASKETBALL: The Downey High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 22-6 and were the 2019 San Gabriel Valley League co-champions with Lynwood at 9-1.

The Lady Vikings hosted

Ventura (16-11, 6-4) last night in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 1 playoffs (score unavailable at press time). Ventura is the number 3 entry from the Pacific View League. Downey will play the winner of the Brea Olinda/Valley View game on Saturday if they won their first-round game against Ventura.

DOWNEY GIRLS WATER POLO: The Downey High School girls' water polo team currently has an overall record of 20-6 and were 6-0 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Lady Vikings are the 2019 S.G.V.L. champions. Downey defeated Millikan at Downey 8-6 on Tuesday in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 4 playoffs. Downey played El Segundo at Downey yesterday in the second round and will play the winner of the Oxnard/Sunny Hills game Saturday if they defeated El Segundo on Thursday.

DOWNEY GIRLS SOCCER: The Downey High School girls' soccer team currently has an overall record of 15-5-5 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 8-1-1.

The Lady Vikings defeated West Ranch at Downey 2-1 on Tuesday night in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs. Downey played Bishop Montgomery of Torrance on Thursday night in the second round (score unavailable at press time). An opponent has yet to be determined if Downey won their second round game.

DOWNEY BOYS WRESTLING: The Downey High School boys' wrestling team was eliminated in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 2 Dual Meet Team Championships on January 26th at Canyon Springs High School.

The Vikings were defeated by Walnut of the Hacienda League 39-27. Victor Valley was crowned the champion after they defeated Citrus Hill 49-24 in the championship final.

League champions from the Desert Empire, Desert Sky, Hacienda, Ivy, Mountain Pass, Orange Coast, Palomares, San Gabriel Valley and South Coast Leagues all competed. The Vikings will now turn their attention to C.I.F. Individual and Master's Meet competition.



PHOTO BY DAVID CASILLAS

Downey's Alondra Villa defends against a Millikan attacker. Downey girls water polo beat Millikan, 8-6, on Tuesday in the first round of CIF playoffs.

DOWNEY BOYS SOCCER: The Downey High School boys' soccer team finished their regular season schedule with an overall record of 18-4-4 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 8-0-2.

The Vikings are the 2019 S.G.V.L. champions. Downey hosted JSerra Catholic yesterday in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 1 playoffs (score unavailable at press time). Downey will play the winner of the Aliso Niguel/Mission Viejo game should they win.

DOWNEY BOYS BASKETBALL: The Downey High School boys' basketball team did not qualify for postseason play.

The Vikings finished their season with an overall record of 19-9 and were 5-5 in San Gabriel Valley League play. A season ending loss to Gahr at Gahr on January 31st dropped Downey to 5-5 in league play and a three-way tie for second. As league tiebreaker criteria goes, the Vikings were left out. The Vikings started their season with 12 straight wins.

WARREN GIRLS SOCCER: The Warren High School girls' soccer team finished their regular season schedule with an overall record of 18-5-4 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 9-0-1.

The Lady Bears are the 2019 S.G.V.L. champions.

Cross-town rival Downey finished in second place with a league record of 8-1-1, Lynwood finished in third place with a league record of 5-5, Gahr finished in fourth place with a league record of 4-6, Paramount finished in fifth place with a league record of 3-7 and Dominguez finished in sixth place with a league record of 0-10.

The Lady Bears defeated Lakewood (16-11-1, 12-5-1) at Warren 4-0 on Wednesday in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 2 playoffs and will now play the winner of the Vista Murrieta/Norco game in the second round later today.

WARREN GIRLS BASKETBALL: The Warren High School girls' basketball team finished their regular season schedule with an overall record of 10-14 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 5-5.

The Lady Bears traveled to St. Paul's yesterday (score unavailable at press time) for their first-round game in the C.I.F. Division 2AA playoffs. The winner of the Warren/St. Paul game will play the winner of the Los Altos/Upland game in the second round later today.

WARREN GIRLS WATER POLO: The Warren High School girls' water polo team has seen their season come to an end.

The Lady Bears were defeated by Dana Hills 18-4 on Tuesday in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 4 playoffs. Warren finished their season with an overall record of 9-19 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 5-1.

WARREN BOYS BASKETBALL: The Warren High School boys' basketball team is the 2019 San Gabriel Valley League champion. The Bears finished their regular season schedule with an overall record of 18-6 and a S.G.V.L. record of 8-2.

As Warren finished in first place, Downey, Gahr and Lynwood finished in a three-way tie for second place with matching records of 5-5, Dominguez finished in fifth place with a record of 4-6 and Paramount finished in sixth place with a record of 3-7.

Warren will host Valley Christian (16-12, 4-5) at Warren in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 3AA playoffs later today. The winner of this game will face the winner of the La Habra/Torrance game next Tuesday.

WARREN BOYS WRESTLING: The Warren High School boys' wrestling team did not qualify for the C.I.F. Division 2 Dual Meet Team Championships on January 26th at Canyon Springs High School.

Paramount and Downey represented the San Gabriel Valley League as the number one and two entries, respectively.

WARREN BOYS SOCCER: The Warren High School boys' soccer team did not qualify for the C.I.F. Division 1 playoffs. Cross-town rival Downey and Paramount are the number one and two entries from the San Gabriel Valley League, respectively.

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In the same show, Flor de Toloache, mariachis with moxie.

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Do we really need so many foreign tech workers?

By Froma Harrop

Americans don't usually think of technical professionals as "guest workers," yet at any one time, there are more than a half-million foreigners holding tech jobs in the U.S. They are here thanks to the H-1B visa program. H-1B, so the official spiel goes, addresses an alleged shortage of "highly skilled" Americans to fill jobs "requiring specialized knowledge."

Growing evidence, however, points to companies' using the program to replace perfectly qualified American workers with cheaper ones from elsewhere. A new report published by the Atlantic Council documents the abuses. The authors are Ron Hira, a political scientist at Howard University, and Bharath Gopalaswamy, director of the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center.

Among their criticisms:

—Virtually any white-collar job can be taken by an H-1B visa holder. About 70 percent of them are held not by what we consider tech workers but by teachers, accountants and salespeople, among others.

(Denver Public Schools employs teachers on H-1B visas. During a strike, the district actually threatened to report participating foreigners to immigration authorities. It later apologized.)

"By every objective measure," Hira and Gopalaswamy write, "most H-1B workers have no more than ordinary skills, skills that are abundantly available in the U.S. labor market."

U.S. colleges graduate 50 percent more students in engineering and in computer and information science than are hired in those fields every year, according to a study by the Economic Policy Institute.

—Employers don't have to show they have a labor shortage to apply. They don't even have to try recruiting an American to fill the job.

Cutting labor costs is clearly the paramount "need." In Silicon Valley, computer systems analysts make on average just over \$116,000 a year. But companies can hire H-1B workers at a lower skill level, paying them only about \$77,000 a year to do the same work, the report says.

And it's not unheard-of for companies to ask American workers to train the H-1B workers taking their jobs. "60 Minutes" featured Robert Harrison, a senior telecom engineer at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center. Asked whether training his replacement felt like digging his own grave, Harrison responded:

"It feels worse than that. It feels like not only am I digging the grave but I'm getting ready to stab myself in the gut and fall into the grave."

Why does this program continue without serious reform? Mainly because its big boosters include such marquee tech names as Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Michael Bloomberg and Eric Schmidt. Big Tech has showered think tanks with funding to brainwash Americans into believing that their country is starving for tech expertise.

Are there rare tech skills that justify companies' looking abroad? There are, but that's the purpose of the O-1 visa. About 10,000 are granted each year to individuals with "extraordinary ability or achievement."

I asked Hira whether we need H-1B at all.

"I think there's a place for the H-1B program," he responded. "The O-1 is a cumbersome process that requires a lot of paperwork, both in preparation and review. But we need to raise the standards of the H-1B program so that the quality and skills of the workers are much higher."

Also, we should substantially raise the wages paid to H-1B workers and make employers show that they tried to recruit Americans and offered them positions. Other guest-worker and green-card programs have that requirement.

Finally, put in force an effective means of enforcement. Right now, compliance is driven by whistleblowing. A random auditing system would far more efficiently find abuses.

Apparently, the argument that "tech jobs need filling" has, in many cases, oozed to "we want cheaper foreigners." The H-1B program demands a major overhaul.

Follow Froma Harrop on Twitter @FromaHarrop. She can be reached at fharrop@gmail.com.

Support for Cristina Garcia

Dear Editor:

If Saturday's high attendance at Assemblymember Cristina Garcia's inauguration is any indication of how well respected and admired she is, we can expect more responsive and courageous leadership from her for the 58th assembly district.

Heavy rainfall (a symbol of good luck according to Asian cultures) on her inauguration day could not dampen the enthusiasm of her constituents as they cheered her on for her bold activism. Hence, it was befitting that long-time union activist Dolores Huerta did the honor of swearing in Cristina alongside notable, long-time union activist Maria Elena Durazo, now a current California State Senator.

The display of enthusiasm among diverse constituents from across the 58th assembly district was evident as they showed up in full force to support her. And I'm certain she felt their overwhelming support behind her. The impact she has had on the 58th assembly district is why voters overwhelmingly voted her in for a consecutive term.

To our state Assembly member I say, "Cristina, you have had our back, and your constituents have yours, too. Continue to lead with confidence as many of us welcome your bold, tenacious leadership."

Sandra Nevarez
Downey

Don't dump your animals

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in great hope that it will shift the consciousness of anyone that is considering dumping their pet at an animal shelter that euthanizes animals.

I know that you are probably thinking that someone will adopt your pet, or that some fantastic rescue group will step in and save your dog just in the nick of time. How I wish it were true that every single animal that sits in a kill shelter would be saved from taking their final breath waiting for a forever home that never materialized.

If you truly love your animal and can't keep them for whatever reason, I ask that you do everything in your power to find them a loving forever home. As a volunteer at an animal shelter, I can tell you that the most beautiful, loving, trustworthy, friendly animals in our communities are losing their lives there; don't fool yourself into believing that they only euthanize feeble old animals. Everyone is fair game, and everyone needs to be moved along to make room for the new batch of animals that are constantly coming through the shelter doors.

The shelters will tell you what can we do? We have no choice but to euthanize, this is a problem created by society, we're cleaning up their mess by destroying these animals. Shelters will continue doing business this way. It's up to us as citizens to step up to the plate and take care of our animals until they are old. There isn't a day that goes by that they don't give us every ounce of love that is inside of them -- they run to the door to happily greet us when we get home from work, they cheer us up on our saddest days, and they are happy to share every minute of their lives with us.

Don't turn your back on your animal and betray them by dumping them at a shelter that kills animals.

Patty Jackson
Downey

Paramedic tragedy

Dear Editor:

She was known as the "Lady with a Smile." People loved her because she could make them smile and laugh, even strangers she would meet the first time.

She was blessed with making people feel good. Wherever she went, people remembered her fondly, often telling her how much they have missed her. She had a delightful sense of humor, and her vivacious personality belied her age -- she was in her seventies. She loved to live, and was grateful and happy for every day of life.

Then it happened.

One evening, a little over a month ago, she said she was not feeling well. The paramedics came and took her to the PIH Hospital. It was five minutes from her home. There, she went into a coma, because her brain had been deprived of oxygen for too long. She died a week later. How could that happen?

The first thing a person having a heart attack should be given is oxygen. The question arises: how competent were the paramedics? How safe are the people of Downey when their lives depend on how the paramedics treat them en route to the hospital? Who checks their competence? Has it ever been checked?

It is evident that the ER of PIH did not know what to do either, because it added five more minutes of lack of oxygen to the brain -- a brain deprived of oxygen for 10 minutes is fatally injured. While the Downey PIH claims that it is "nationally recognized," its ER is certainly far from "outstanding" and, at least that night, was incompetent. Is the competence of the people working in the ER checked, at least periodically?

We live in an age when people as a rule don't take responsibility for their actions. When a human life is at stake, this kind of attitude is unforgivable. That's why "The Lady with a Smile" will never smile again.

B.B. Saman
Downey

California liberals

Dear Editor:

Regarding the anonymous letter to the editor, "Liberal California" (The Downey Patriot, 1/31/19), I couldn't agree more!

I was a little surprised that the letter was published anonymously, but I am grateful that it was.

Please use my name. As a "woman of a certain age," I've reached the point in life where I don't give a hoot about being popular.

Judy Wyhowanec
Downey

Infanticide

Dear Editor:

It should be very clear by now how dark and far our country has allowed itself to fall by worshipping at the altar of infanticide. The blood lust is sickening.

This on so many levels grieves me. When, where and how our heavenly father chooses to deal with this abomination, we better not get in his way, including myself. These are defenseless human babies, not farm animals. Not only is this vile and insane, but barbaric.

I believe when God's righteous wrath is unleashed, not even prayer is going to make a difference. This is a warning -- turn back from these evil decisions before it's too late.

Angel Cortes
Downey

The dangerous allure of 'Medicare for all'

By Steve Chapman

Like an oasis shimmering before parched travelers in a sunbaked desert, "Medicare for all" holds a powerful allure for Democrats. It's a clear concept based on a beloved program, offering to achieve the long-standing goal of universal health insurance. It will be hard for any Democrat running for president to reject the idea.

Sen. Kamala Harris made that clear when she not only endorsed the idea but also called for abolishing private insurance entirely. "Let's eliminate all of that," she said. By staking out a bold position so early in the campaign, she put pressure on other candidates to meet or raise her on the issue of single-payer, government-provided coverage.

The idea was already approaching party orthodoxy. Sen. Bernie Sanders ran for president on it in 2016 and may again in 2020. He would have company. Sens. Elizabeth Warren, Cory Booker and Kirsten Gillibrand are co-sponsors, along with Harris, of Sanders' legislation. Former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro is on board. A House version won the sponsorship of most Democrats, including presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard.

All that happened before the rise of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, another supporter. Dylan Matthews wrote in Vox, "Soon no Democratic leader will be able to oppose single-payer." That was in September 2017, and "soon" may already be "now."

But like many an oasis, this one is a mirage. The broad conversion of Democrats to the single-payer model stems from their bitter experience with the Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare. It was a market-oriented approach that retained a primary role for private insurance, strongly resembling a Massachusetts program enacted under a GOP governor named Mitt Romney. Yet Republicans in Congress universally demonized it as a radical socialist scheme.

The conclusion most Democrats reached is that moderation in pursuit of universal coverage is a vice. If you're going to be portrayed as engineering a complete government takeover of health insurance regardless, they decided, you might as well go all the way.

That's the wrong lesson. The ACA was an incremental, cautious program to provide insurance to more people, falling short of universal coverage. Yet the prospect of significant change was enough to make voters susceptible to shameless fearmongering. Over the seven years after it became law in 2010, according to Kaiser Family Foundation surveys, a plurality of Americans consistently took an unfavorable view of the program.

But when Donald Trump became president and Republicans gained control of Congress, they set about keeping their promise to repeal Obamacare. At that point, sentiment abruptly shifted. In February 2017, Kaiser found, 48 percent of Americans had a positive opinion of the ACA, and only 42 percent disliked it -- and it has retained its popularity ever since.

The lesson is that when it comes to health care, Americans harbor a deep suspicion of any major change. They distrusted the ACA from the start because they feared it would cost them more, reduce the quality of care or deprive them of their existing policies.

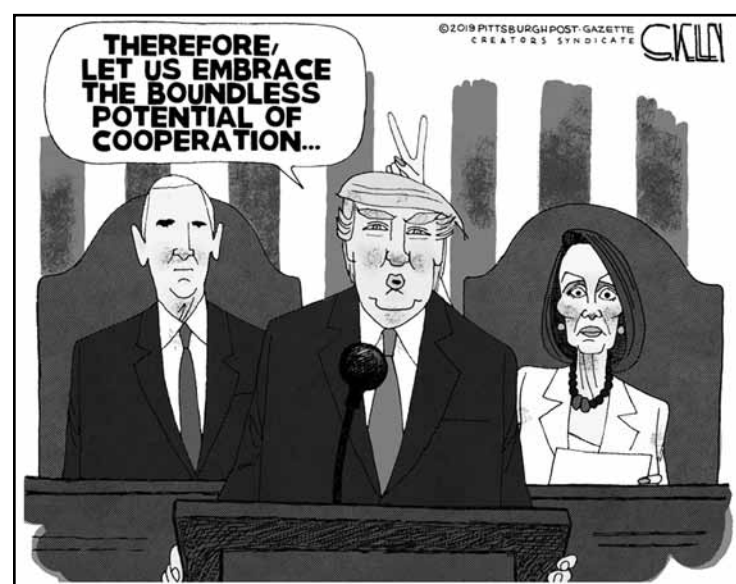
But when Republicans tried to repeal the law, that aversion to change suddenly became the ally of Obamacare. However imperfect what they had was, voters worried that a replacement would be even worse.

Harris' intention to get rid of private insurance will feed this fear. Americans rightly didn't believe Barack Obama when he said, "If you like your health care plan, you can keep it." When Harris says that people who like their health care plans will not be able to keep them, voters will believe her, to her detriment. Democrats can promise that "Medicare for all," however it is defined, would be an improvement over the status quo, but millions of people with private coverage will figure they are about to get the shaft.

Single-payer coverage could generate even broader opposition than the ACA did, argues Lanhee Chen, a research fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution. When 30-year-olds hear the term "Medicare for all," they may hope they'd get something better than what they have. But 70-year-olds will assume they'd get something worse. "It's certainly possible that seniors will view 'Medicare for all' as cutting into the benefits they receive," he told me.

At the moment, by preserving Obamacare, Democrats have aligned themselves with public sentiment. If they insist on promising "Medicare for all," they will find themselves up against the perennial attitude of Americans about their health insurance and health care system: It's lousy, and don't you dare change it.

Steve Chapman is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune.



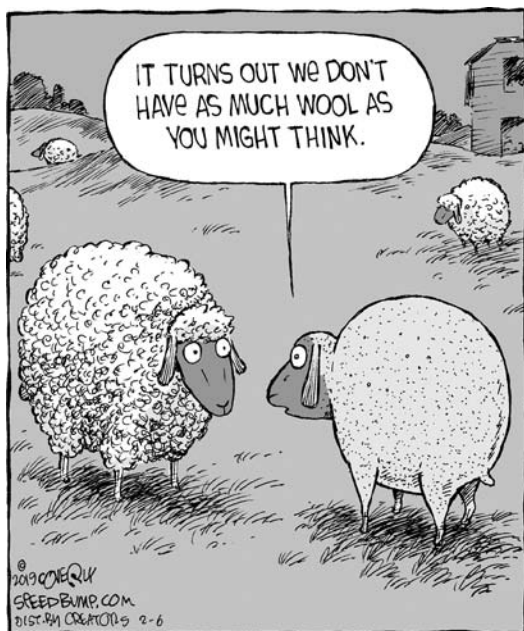
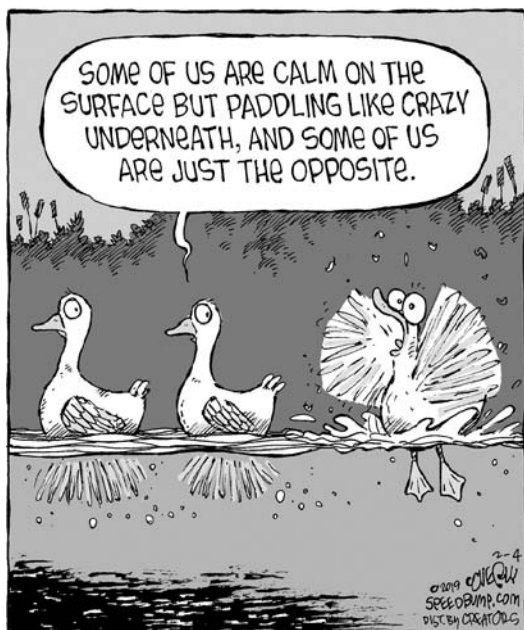
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Downey Community Calendar

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.
 10 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 9:30 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: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd 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.
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 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.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806 3102.
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Downey City Library, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

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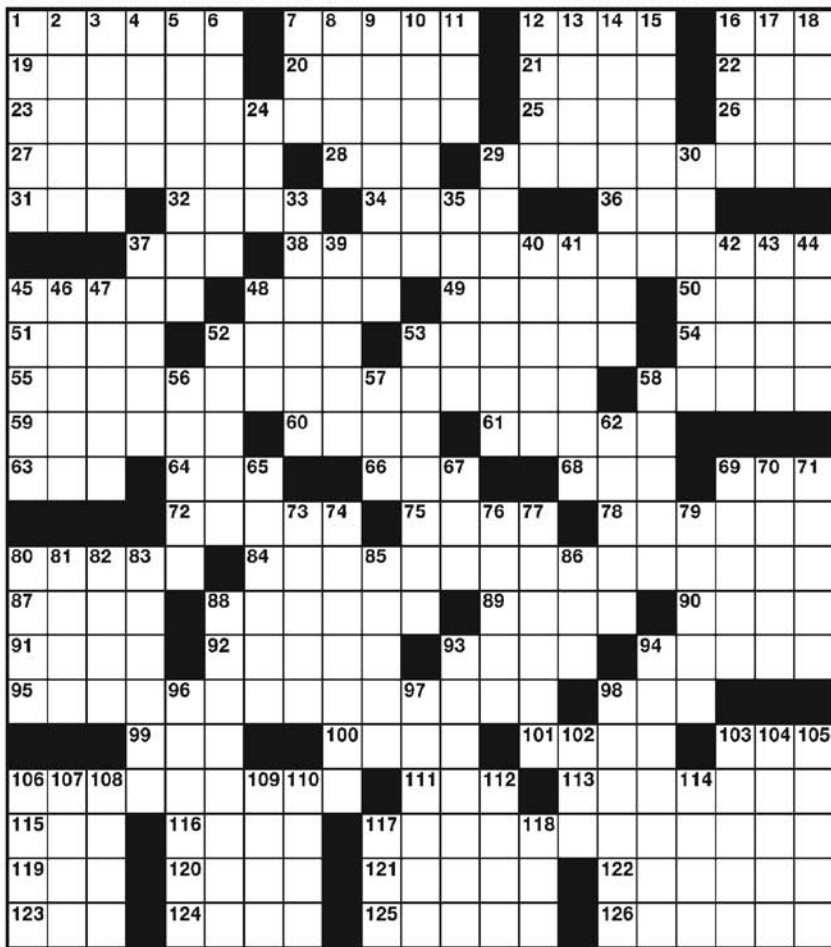
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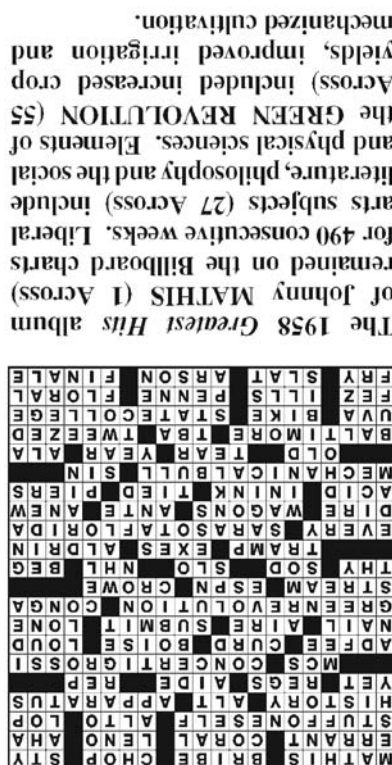


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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

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.

Library Renovation Meeting, 10 am. Learn more about the planned 15-month closure of the Downey library, which starts in March. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Have a Heart Adoption Event, 10 am. Only \$14 to adopt a dog or cat. SEACA, 9777 Seaca St.

Vendorama, 11 am to 4 pm. A monthly pop-up shop featuring local small business vendors, food, raffles and more. St. Mark's Church, 10354 Downey Ave.

Summer Job Fair, 12 pm. Learn about summer jobs with the city of Downey, including as lifeguards, swim instructors, recreation leaders, parks worker, and more. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Drive.

Los Angeles Gothic Fest, 9 pm. Live death metal bands, DJs, runway fashion show, and promotional giveaways. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13

Ribbon Cutting, 4:30 pm. Ribbon cutting ceremony for a new Downey business. The Play Date, 8335 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Spend one hour cleaning up litter in the community. Park & Ride parking lot, Lakewood Boulevard and Vista Del Rosa

Diabetes Workshop, 10 am. Learn to take charge of your diabetes or pre-diabetes. First of a six-class series, registration required via city of Downey Parks & Recreation. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

Shelby Jacobs, 1 pm. Shelby Jacobs, project manager of the Apollo-Soyuz orbiter, will be joined by other guests in a panel discussion. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

Quilters Meeting, 10 am. Lenie Bosman presents a trunk show titled "My Quilting Journey/Rescue Quilts." Downey Women's Club, 9813 Paramount Blvd.

Tenants Rights Workshop, 3 pm. Learn about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant. Topics include fair housing laws, repairs, security deposits, and the eviction process. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

Ribbon Cutting, 4 pm. Ribbon cutting ceremony for Downey's newest restaurant. L.A. Taco Sol Luna, 7665 Firestone Blvd.

Benefit Dance Concert, 7 pm. Downey High School's dance team performs its fourth annual benefit concert with proceeds benefiting the TLC Family Resource Center. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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.

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

Meet author Patty Rodriguez, 1:30 pm. Meet Patty Rodriguez, radio personality and author of the "Lil Libros" childrens books. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Bass Concert, 9 pm. Hear from some of the best in SoCal underground bass music. Plus live art, vendors, and vegan food. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Totally 80s Murder Mystery, 6 pm. Jean jackets and spandex leggings, big hair, bangles, leg warmers, and ripped jeans will be all the rage at this rocking night of mystery. Downey Elks Lodge, 11233 Woodruff Ave.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Brain Injury Survivor Field Day, 10 am. Games, activities, vendors, food and more on the grounds of the renovated Rancho campus. Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, 7601 Imperial Hwy.

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. Plus Depeche Mode and Smashing Pumpkins tribute bands. 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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Opening Day, 10 am. Opening Day ceremonies for West Downey Little League. Sussman Middle School, 12500 Birchdale Ave.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Back to Football Night, 7 pm. The first day of registration for the 2019 Razorbacks youth football season. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Spend one hour cleaning up litter in the community. Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Mariachi Concert Fundraiser, 5 pm. Live music by Mariachi Los Reyes, Mariachi Los Servidores, and Chris Reza, with proceeds to benefit the El Sereno Middle School music department. 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. Dinner, boutique shopping, quarter auctions, drawings, and more. Temple Ner Tamid of Downey, 10629 Lakewood Blvd.

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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

State of the City, 12 pm. Mayor Rick Rodriguez delivers Downey's annual State of the City address. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Food Packing, 5 pm. Join Downey Federal Credit Union as they pack 60,000 meals for those in need. Warren High School gym, 8141 De Palma St.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

City of STEM Festival, 10 am. The largest science festival in Greater Los Angeles. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Business Watch Meeting, 9 am. Topic is "Personal Safety, Building Security." City Council chambers, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

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.

Firestone Blvd.

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.

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

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

Mulch Giveaway & Paper Shredding, 8 am to 12 pm. Bring your own 32-gallon containers to receive free mulch. (No bags, no truck beds.) Bring your personal documents for free on-site shredding. City Hall west parking lot, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Spend one hour cleaning up litter in the community. Del Taco, 8028 Firestone Blvd.

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

Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up, 9 am. Spend one hour cleaning up litter in the community. Denny's, 8350

DINING OUT

What does Julie do when it rains?

Columnist Lorine Parks visits with Julie, a familiar face in the Downey community who relies on the kindness of strangers to stay warm and dry.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

A lady brought me a hot cocoa when it was raining," said Julie. "I asked her if she had a plastic bag I could put over me, and she brought me one from her car. So then I could stand in the rain with a garbage bag over my shoulders to protect me. People have been good to me."

"And when I was standing at Marie Calendar's," Julie said, "a lady who runs the bar across the

street saw me. She came over and said, 'I don't want to see you standing in the rain.' And she gave me enough money to rest that night in a motel."

A "rest" is what Julie calls her motel stays, and they can be from one to three nights, depending if she can get a local charity to match what she has collected. "I had four good rests over the holidays," she said.

"There's a man here at the Post Office who's being mean to me," Julie said. "Actually, it's a woman dressed like a man. She wants to stand here and told me to go. I can't come till three in the afternoon."

"Ask that person, do they own the Post Office?" I said. "You have a right to be here too." "What's

the worst they can do to you, do you think they would hit you?" "No," said Julie, "I don't think they would do that." "Stand up for yourself," I said, and Julie straightened her shoulders and stood taller. Easy for me to say.

Julie was standing by the cinder brick wall in front of the Downey Post Office. It was a cool sunny January day and she had on a purple plaid flannel shirt and purple pants, and sturdy black shoes. "A lady bought me this outfit," Julie said, her eyes bright. "And a nice gentleman bought me a sandwich."

"Another gentleman came up and asked if he could bless me," Julie said. "When I said yes, he put a large bill in my hand."

Julie is grateful for small things

like a sandwich and a garbage bag, items we use or discard every day and give no thought to at all. "People are good," she said, with no trace of sarcasm or bitterness. "I've been so blessed."

But Julie's macular degeneration is progressive. And more winter weather is on the way.

The annual count of the homeless just took place in Downey, conducted by Lisa Barnett, with the City of Downey. Volunteer Andrew Wahlquist started from the First Baptist Church; and Mario Guerra, who is growing a grizzled beard, and Alex Saab, met at 5 Guys, with Martha Medford Sodehani. Will Julie be out there to be counted?

She had told me that when it rained hard she went to "the

waiting room at one of the hospitals, or to a Jack in the Box. I go to different ones all the time," she said.

On the day I saw Julie again, a family of four had gotten out of their car to talk to her. Their little boy had been chosen to put the family's donation in her hand, a nice lesson in compassion. I asked her if she had seen a social worker, to assess her options. Yes, she said she had, and she was supposed to start getting SSI benefits, "enough to get a room."

But Julie thinks getting approved may be delayed because of the government shutdown, and a check may not come as scheduled.

As another of Julie's well-wishers said, "fingers crossed."

Patty Rodriguez visiting Downey library

DOWNEY - Patty Rodriguez, a radio producer and author of the Lil' Libros line of children's books, will be at the Downey City Library Saturday, Feb. 23, from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Rodriguez founded Lil' Libros to introduce children to bilingualism and Latin American culture through picture books.

The books honor such figures as Mexican painter Frida Kahlo and Cuban music icon Celia Cruz through stories told in English and Spanish.

In addition to being an author, Rodriguez can be heard every morning on KIIIS-FM's "On Air with Ryan Seacrest."

Copies of her books will be available for purchase.

Before Downey, there was Gallatin

Things You Didn't Know About Downey

By Bobbie Bruce
Downey Historical Society

Gallatin, believed to be the second town settled by people from the United States, was located in a farming community in the middle-western part of Rancho Santa Gertrudes. Like many other American villages, Gallatin was built around a public school.

When the school was organized, the residents were few and widely scattered. There were no appropriations by county or state, and the need of erecting the first school house was met by the people. With the decision of where to build the Southern Pacific Railroad, the town of Gallatin moved their houses to be closer to the new depot. To see houses moving along the road became a familiar sight and eventually all that was left of the Gallatin business center was one store and one saloon.

In the early days of California, funeral services were held in homes and the caskets were carried by the pallbearers to the burial ground. Should the distance be too great, a plot was chosen on the farm for the family burying place, or the body was taken in an old lumber wagon to the cemetery. No doubt this was the reason for the age-old custom of walking the horses to the graveyard regardless of distance.

In 1882, John Bangle employed a wheel-wright to make a spacious three-seated spring wagon for the convenience of his family. When the two rear seats of this three-seater were removed, it gave ample space for a full-sized casket. There were no telephones at that time and it was difficult and expensive to get a hearse to come from the city. John freely offered the use of this spring wagon and furnished a driver to any who were in need of a vehicle to convey relatives or friends to their last resting place.

On Jan. 12, 1901, fire destroyed

the McKellar furniture store and undertaking business. The light wooden structure was replaced by a brick building and a portion partitioned off for a funeral parlor. In 1910, John Reeves became partner of the business and three years later Tom Miller -- a painter -- bought out McKellar's interest and also that of John Reeves, thus becoming sole owner.

This story was taken from Easter Bangle Morrison.

In the book by Easter Bangle Morrison, she tells the story of the advent of the Southern Pacific Railroad having the mark of the beginning of a new era in the history of Downey.

Within the past decade, the country had made rapid progress from a wild frontier to an agricultural and stock-raising community which was

commanding attention from people all over the United States. The community was favored as to climate, fertility of the soil, and accessibility to water for irrigation.

From the bottom rung of the ladder of success, these pioneers had by 1873 climbed a long way (although looking at it in the light of present day advantages progress seemed infinitely small). The jungle had been grubbed and some 300 homes established. Cultivated fields of small grain, corn, castor beans, mustard, and deciduous fruit trees yielded abundantly.

Very few farm implements were at the disposal of the people and attention was turned to stock-raising for consumption of crops. From the tax roll of 1873 we found but two mowing machines, one reaper, and one horse-drawn, steam-powered commercial corn sheller used in this vast area.

The mines of Arizona opened a new field for the disposition of such products as could be shipped by the prairie schooner, a name applied to the old freight wagon.

The population mostly of southern origin had come west in search of better health, others for wealth, and many of them to get away from the south following the Civil War. During those hectic days, fortunes were lost or dwindled to a small fraction of their former status. The long journey across the plains further depleted their resources and made it necessary for them to buckle to the strenuous task of recouping their fortunes.

To learn about the early pioneers of the 1870s, come to the Downey history center.

Bobbie Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.

Dog, cat adoptions only \$14

DOWNEY - SEACA is discounting the cost of cat and dog adoptions to \$14 for one day only.

The discount is available Saturday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. as part of SEACA's "Have a Heart" promotion.

The discounted adoption fee applies to dogs one year or older, and cats eight weeks and older.

The fee includes spay/neuter, microchip, flea treatment, and first set of vaccinations.

State of the City date announced

DOWNEY - Mayor Rick Rodriguez will deliver Downey's annual State of the City address Wednesday, April 3, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The luncheon begins at noon.

To RSVP, call the Downey Chamber of Commerce at (562) 923-2191 or email sarah@downeychamber.com.

Hahn proposes new department focused on the elderly

LOS ANGELES - The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Tuesday to approve a proposal authored by Supervisor Janice Hahn and co-authored by Sheila Kuehl to explore creating a new

Los Angeles County department focused solely on serving the county's older adult population.

"Right now - older adults are served in some way or another by most if not all of our County

departments," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "All of these efforts are important but they are fragmented and there's no coordination. We can and we must do better for our growing population of older adults—a population I am proud to belong to!"

Los Angeles County's population of older adults (60+) is skyrocketing. The County is already home to a quarter of the State's older adult population and is expected to hit 3.6 million by 2030.

Currently in Los Angeles County, there is no one department tasked solely with caring for older

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Bosco students performing 'Ragtime'

BELFLOWER - Students from St. John Bosco and Saint Joseph High Schools will present Ragtime, directed by Martin Lang, at the St. John Bosco High School Theatre next month.

Performances will take place on the weekends of March 8-10 and 14-17.

Ticket information is still being finalized.

Concessions will be available for purchase at intermission. There will also be opportunities to purchase Bravo Grams and/or raffle tickets to win a raffle basket.

The Lord's Grace Church invites you and your family to its Sunday Services in Spanish! A time of Worship & The Word for you, and Children's Ministry for your little ones. Beginning February 24 at 11:45 AM.

The Lord's Grace Church lo invita a usted y a su familia a Servicios De Domingo en Español. Un tiempo de Adoración y La Palabra de Dios para usted, y Ministerio de Niños para sus pequeños. Comenzando Febrero 24 a las 11:45 AM.

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Rising senior population stokes concerns

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adults and instead, older adults receive services from most if not every County department.

This fragmented approach makes the development of an overarching vision or strategy impossible and makes it harder for older adults to access all of the diverse services they need.

“Not only would a County Department dedicated to Older Adults allow us to coordinate our work, it would also give us the ability to be proactive rather than reactive in addressing these populations’ needs,” continued Supervisor Hahn. “I want LA County to be a place where if you have to grow old, you’ll want to grow old in LA County.”

The motion passed today asks for the County’s Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board in nine months after studying the feasibility of creating a standalone department as well as determining what programs and services for older adults currently being performed by the County could be consolidated in this single department.

The motion also proposes working with the City of Los Angeles City Department of Aging to determine whether Los Angeles’ two Area Agencies on Aging could be incorporated in the proposed County Department. Laura Trejo, who testified at the Board meeting on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, expressed Mayor Garcetti’s support of the proposal.

During discussion at this week’s Board of Supervisor’s meeting, Supervisor Hahn speculated about potential names of the department and her interest in an age positive name focused on the strength, wisdom, and dignity of growing older.

OP-ED: How patience plays a role in local news coverage

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

Let me start off by saying this: I love my job at the Downey Patriot; I am not complaining.

One of the benefits of having a community paper is that you can rest assured that the individuals involved are dedicated to the distribution of information to a city that oftentimes they have very strong ties to (I myself am a “Downey Kid,” having been born, raised, and still residing here).

The downside, however, is community papers are often tiny in comparison to the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, and even Orange County Register’s that people often associate with a newsroom.

There’s no extreme hustle and bustle at The Downey Patriot. You won’t find rows of loud whizzing, red-hot printing presses here. Most of our visitors are merely popping in to ask where the mammogram office is (it’s out the door and to the left, by the way).

The Downey Patriot is a small staff; walk into the office on any given day and you will find a handful of people in advertising / legal, our graphic designer, our publisher, and our two-man editorial team.

Let me repeat. Two. Man. Editorial team.

Now before you ask “what about the contributors,” yes, we do have a handful of great

Fundraiser at Chipotle

DOWNEY – Eat at Chipotle and help support Downey High School’s softball team.

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, Chipotle will donate 33% of sales made between 4-8 p.m.

Customers must show an event flyer to have the proceeds donated to the team.

and talented individuals who do contribute to our weekly publication. Mark Fetter covers sports. Lorine Parks covers poetry and community events.

We do have the occasional intern, but they usually end up falling through. My Editor Eric Pierce is always telling me that “nine out of ten don’t work out,” although he now jokes that I was “number ten.”

But when it gets right down to the “regular ol’ news,” breaking news, crime, and human interest, much of that falls on the shoulders of Eric and I. Again, this isn’t a complaint; I can tell you for an absolute fact that we are both passionate about what we do.

But it admittedly gets a little frustrating when we get bombarded with comments and tweets about why we covered one thing over another. Why this crime wasn’t mentioned. Why we haven’t reached out to this sport team, but highlighted that one. Why your story hasn’t been published yet.

The Patriot is not a biased paper. It is not a lazy paper. We are not aloof.

The Patriot is however limited in its resources. Often times, what is published or not is determined

by space and what is (or is not) available. Sometimes, we’re just forced to “pick our battles.”

This is where the “community” in “community newspaper” could really do wonders.

Want a team’s accomplishments to be featured? Send us a photo and a caption. A student doing great things? Shoot us an email. Fifteen police units with guns drawn and pointed at your neighbor’s house? Tweet us.

Often times our stories and tips come from you: the residents of Downey. We could not do our job without you; just cut us a little bit of slack sometimes.

We’re not intentionally ignoring you. We’re not showing anything under the rug. Most times, we’re already backlogged with interviews, assignments, and content waiting to be published.

And lastly, in case I haven’t said it already...

Two. Man. Editorial team.

Part of being a journalist is having a thick skin. Maybe I still need to work on that.

In the meantime, the Downey Patriot will always be committed to providing the City of Downey with the news, public information,

and stories that our community deserves. We’re not perfect, and we are most definitely small, but with the right support we are mighty. We are always open to hearing about what you, our readers, feel should fill your paper

because in the end it is your paper.

Just remember, an email, tweet, or phone call can go a long way with just a little bit of patience.

POETRY MATTERS

Good-by and Keep Cold

This saying good-by on the edge of the dark
And the cold to an orchard so young in the bark
Reminds me of all that can happen to harm
An orchard away at the end of the farm
All winter, cut off by a hill from the house.
I don’t want it girdled by rabbit and mouse,
I don’t want it dreamily nibbled for browse
By deer, and I don’t want it budded by grouse.
(If certain it wouldn’t be idle to call
I’d summon grouse, rabbit, and deer to the wall
And warn them away with a stick for a gun.)
I don’t want it stirred by the heat of the sun.
(We made it secure against being, I hope,
By setting it out on a northerly slope.)
No orchard’s the worse for the wintriest storm;
But one thing about it, it mustn’t get warm.
“How often already you’ve had to be told,
Keep cold, young orchard. Good-by and keep cold.
Dread fifty above more than fifty below.”
I have to be gone for a season or so.
My business awhile is with different trees,
Less carefully nourished, less fruitful than these,
And such as is done to their wood with an ax—
Maples and birches and tamaracks.
I wish I could promise to lie in the night
And think of an orchard’s arboreal plight
When slowly (and nobody comes with a light)
Its heart sinks lower under the sod.
But something has to be left to God.

“Poetry provides the one permissible way of saying one thing and meaning another,” said Frost. Good Bye, Keep Cold seems to have as many meanings as there are commentators. “A metaphor for the death of Frost’s family;” “orchard symbolizes his children;” “a joke on the whole idea of divine intercession;” “a conflict between man and nature;” “the title means I’m leaving and take care of yourself while I’m gone.” Frost leaves us with the tang of the New Hampshire woods. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Robert Frost, New Hampshire, 1923

60 Words

to celebrate the Downey Symphony Orchestra’s 60th anniversary

Downey Symphony Director Osborn “presided over a taut, vigorous reading. His baton technique is impeccable, and he manages to achieve eloquence while maintaining firm control of tempo and dynamics. There is no wasted motion and, except for sweeping climaxes or sudden shifts in volume, there are few large motions: The focus is on the music rather than in choreographic show.”

Concert review by music critic David Levinson,
Long Beach Press Telegram, March 30, 1998

Compiled by Joyce Sherwin

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The thumbnail shows a newspaper page with a calendar for May 2019, a main article titled 'City Council agrees to continue Stay Gallery financial support', a 'Weekend at a Glance' section with weather forecasts for Friday (70°), Saturday (71°), and Sunday (76°), and a 'THINGS TO DO' section featuring a Memorial Day Ceremony.

furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

Day /Date of Mandatory Bid Walk:
Wednesday / February 13, 2019
Time: 10:00 am
1st Location: Apollo Park - 12544 Rives Ave., Downey, CA 90242 Southwest corner of site at the Children's Play Area
2nd Location: Dennis the Menace Park - 9125 Arrington Ave., Downey, CA 90240 Community Building

Plans and Specifications for this project are available on the City of Downey's Project Coordination and Communication on-line internet portal, PROCORE. To obtain free access to the Plans and Specifications via PROCORE, email Melanie Cazin mcazin@edencoinc.com with the Subject Line: "APOLLO & DENNIS THE MENACE PARKS".

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 19-28 AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 19-29. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award. In accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of B.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1772.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rates of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

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Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

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The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

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Melanie Cazin - Project Controls Manager
 Email: mcazin@edencoinc.com

Pursuant to California Public Contract Code § 22300, the Contractor at his sole cost and expense, may substitute authorized securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under the Contract.

RFI's shall NOT be accepted later than 5:00 pm on February 21, 2019 and shall NOT be responded to. Phone inquiries shall not be accepted. The City may issue a clarification Addendum in response to the appropriately submitted RFI's.

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Melanie Cazin - Project Controls Manager
 Email: mcazin@edencoinc.com

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CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA
 Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC
 City Clerk

The estimated construction costs are \$4,200,000.00 for Apollo Park and \$1,600,000.00 for Dennis the Menace Park.

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CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA
 Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC
 City Clerk

CITY OF DOWNEY
NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CITY OF DOWNEY
PUBLIC NOTICE OF
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
LIMITATIONS
ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT NO. 19-28
APOLLO PARK IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Downey Ordinance No. 11-1291, Section 2943(B)(3) and Section 2945(D), the Campaign Contribution Limitations are hereby adjusted based on the increase in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, All Urban Consumers, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the prior twelve (12) month period ending on August 31, 2018. The CPI ending August 31, 2018, was 3.9%.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT NO. 19-29
DENNIS THE MENACE PARK
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

For city council elections in Districts 1 through 4, candidates or their controlled committees who agree to limit their campaign expenditures pursuant to Section 2945 may accept contributions of up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from any single person in any single election.

CITY OF DOWNEY
APOLLO PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

For city council elections in Districts 1 through 4, candidates or their controlled committees who do not agree to limit their campaign expenditures pursuant to Section 2945 may accept contributions of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from any single person in any single election.

The Scope of Work to be performed under this Contract for Apollo Park includes existing restroom improvements; parking lot ADA improvements; synthetic turf at athletic fields #1 and #2; ADA accessible path of travel to new amenities; irrigation upgrades/repairs; six (6) new picnic shelters; rubberized surfacing at play area; removal of shuffleboard court and replace with synthetic turf; two (2) 12x20 storage sheds; parking lot lighting at west lot; ballfield lighting at practice Field #1 and Field #2; site built trash enclosure; new backstops at practice Fields #2 & #3; new back stop fencing fabric at Field #1; site furnishings include picnic tables, BBQs, benches, trash receptacles, and drinking fountains; and other miscellaneous related work in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 19-28 - Apollo Park Improvements Project, dated 1/10/19.**

For information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 904-7280.

The Scope of Work to be performed under this Contract for Dennis the Menace Park includes new community restroom building; rubberized surfacing at play area; new all challenge fitness course; irrigation system adjustment; site built trash enclosure with Plans and Specifications entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 19-29 - Dennis the Menace Park Improvements Project, dated 1/10/19.**

Mandatory Bid Walk shall be required for all contractors bidding on this Project, failure to attend and formally sign the Attendance Sheet at both park locations, shall render the bidder non-responsive and its bid shall be returned unopened.

controlled committees who do not agree to limit their campaign expenditures pursuant to Section 2945 may accept contributions of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from any single person in any single election.

For city council elections in District 5, candidates or their controlled committees who agree to limit their campaign expenditures pursuant to Section 2945 may accept contributions of up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from any single person in any single election.

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VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE LIMIT

For city council elections in Districts 1 through 4, no candidate or the candidate's controlled committee who voluntarily accepts the expenditure limit shall make campaign expenditures, including the expenditure of loan proceeds, in excess of an amount equal to thirty-one thousand dollars (\$34,000).

For city council elections in District 5, no candidate or the candidate's controlled committee who voluntarily accepts the expenditure limit shall make campaign expenditures, including the expenditure of loan proceeds, in excess of an amount equal to fifty-two thousand dollars (\$56,000).

For information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 904-7280.

M. Alicia Duarte, City Clerk
 Published: February 7, 2019

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 2/7/19

Notice Inviting Contractors
For Inclusion on
Lynwood Unified School District
Qualified Bidder's List
2018-2019

The Lynwood Unified School District (LUSD) is inviting all interested licensed contractors to submit information for inclusion on (LUSD) list of pre-qualified Informal Bidders for Public and Maintenance Works Projects. Contractors are required to provide: 1.) Company name; 2.) Contact name; 3.) Mailing address; 4.) Phone number; 5.) Email address (Very important); 6.) Contractor's license number, trade classification; 7.) DIR registration number and expiration date.

Interested contractors should email data request above to;

Pmora@mylused.org

The Downey Patriot
 2/7/19, 2/14/19

LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to sections 21700 - 21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, CA Commercial Code Section 2328, Section 1812.600 - 1812.609 and Section 1988 of CA Civil Code, 353 of the Penal Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Wednesday the 20th day of February, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.**, on the premises where said property including: household goods, tools, electronics, and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at **Paramount Self Storage 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, County of Los Angeles, State of California**, the following:

Customer Name	Unit#
Nancy Pantoja	2526
Danny Andrews	2601
Oscar Cervantes	1518
Allan Jun Cobar	2037
Phillip A. Healan	1047
Claudia Henriquez	1451
Sixto Marquez	1246
David A Martinez	2534
Benjamin Melendez	2120
Uganda Mitchell	1103
Kelvin Moseley	3026
Samuel Naranjo	1125
Dion Phillipus	1037
Frankie Randon	2522
Veronica Regalado	5001
Flora Reveles	2975
Robert A. Scott	2474
Vinee Zimmerman	1322

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

Dated this 31st Day of January, 2019 and 7th day of February, 2019.
 Self Storage Management Co. Bond #: WLI1254152

The Downey Patriot
 1/31/19, 2/7/19

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00031

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner RAMON ENCINAS JR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) RAMON ENCINAS JR to Proposed name (1) RAYMOND MICHAEL ENCINAS THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MARCH 27, 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**
JANUARY 28, 2019
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
RAMON ENCINAS JR
6226 ACACIA AVE
WHITTIER, CA 90601
562-90-7257
RENCINAS1966@HOTMAIL.COM

The Downey Patriot
 1/31/19, 2/7/19, 2/14/19, 2/21/19

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00036

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AMY CHLOE LAO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) AMY CHLOE LAO to Proposed name (1) AMY CATHERINE LAO 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.

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JANUARY 15, 2019
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
AMY CHLOE LAO
12038 IMPERIAL HWY APT 5
NORWALK, CA

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00002

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner GAGIN MICHAEL MACARDIAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) GAGIN MICHAEL MACARDIAN to Proposed name (1) MICHAEL GAGIN MACARDIAN 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.

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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**
JANUARY 16, 2019
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
GAGIN MICHAEL MACARDIAN
10622 CASANES AV
DOWNEY, CA 90241

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 1/17/19, 1/24/19, 1/31/19, 2/7/19

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00027

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANTHONY ESPANA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ANTHONY ESPANA to Proposed name (1) HARLEY MALVADO ESPANA 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.

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JANUARY 22, 2019
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
ANTHONY ESPANA
9324 PARROT AVENUE
DOWNEY, CA 90240
562-686-7213
HARLEYMESIANA@GMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00024

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner PEI YU CHEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) PEI YU CHEN to Proposed name (1) PETTY YU-PEI CHEN 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.

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 Judge Margaret M. Bernal
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 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
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DOWNEY, CA 90240
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00013

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SANTIAGO MONDRAGON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) SANTIAGO MONDRAGON to Proposed name (1) SANTIAGO JAMES MONDRAGON 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.

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JANUARY 22, 2019
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
PEI YU CHEN
16307 FIELDCREST CT.
LA MIRADA, CA 90638
562-688-6565

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00013

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SANTIAGO MONDRAGON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) SANTIAGO MONDRAGON to Proposed name (1) SANTIAGO JAMES MONDRAGON 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.

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JANUARY 29, 2019
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
SANTIAGO MONDRAGON
8132 FIRESTONE BLVD
DOWNEY, CA 90241
562-413-8574

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00015

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EDUARDO JAVIER CEJA MEZA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) DAMIAN EDUARDO CEJA ARTEAGA to Proposed name (1) IVAN EDUARDO CEJA ARTEAGA 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.

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JANUARY 22, 2019
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal
 Judge Of The Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
DAMIAN EDUARDO CEJA ARTEAGA (BY AND THROUGH GUARDIAN AD LITEM)
EDUARDO JAVIER CEJA MEZA
20832 PIONEER BLVD
LAKEWOOD, CA 90715
562-732-3424
EJCMZE87@GMAIL.COM

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00019

CLASSIFIEDS

EMPLOYMENT

Iglesia de Cristo Ministerios Llamada Final is seeking a qualified applicant for the position of Orchestra Director to direct the organization and implementation of a comprehensive church music program, including choir, vocal, and instrumental ensemble and select church musical arrangements and compositions to be performed using the knowledge of conducting and musical theory, orchestral instrument performance, and Desk Top Music writing.

The position, located in Downey, CA requires a Bachelor's degree in Music, Music Education, or Conducting or equiv. and two years of experience in Orchestra or Band Conducting.

Please submit resumes to: Edwin Lopez/Administrator, Iglesia de Cristo Ministerios Llamada Final, 12145 Woodruff Avenue, Downey, CA 90241 or email to edwin@llamadafinal.com

9530 E IMPERIAL HWY STE J, DOWNEY CA 90242-3047
CN957081 PETERS Feb 7,14,21, 2019

CN957081 The Downey Patriot 2/7/19, 2/14/19, 2/21/19

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN ERIC JOHNSTON aka JOHN E. JOHNSTON aka JOHN JOHNSTON Case No. 19STPB00860

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN ERIC JOHNSTON aka JOHN E. JOHNSTON aka JOHN JOHNSTON

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by James Gesner in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that James Gesner be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 1, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: MARTIN S REED ESQ SBN 58096 REED & REED APC 1901 AVENUE OF THE STARS STE 1100 LOS ANGELES CA 90067 CN957472 JOHNSTON Feb 7,14,21, 2019

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT ALLEN FLORES aka ROBERT A. FLORES aka ROBERT ALLEN FLORES Case No. 18STPB08481

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT ALLEN FLORES aka ROBERT A. FLORES aka ROBERT ALLEN FLORES

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Brenda Depew in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Brenda Depew be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Feb. 21, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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Attorney for petitioner: LYNARD C HINOJOSA ESQ SBN 41397 HINOJOSA & FORER LLP 2215 COLBY AVE LOS ANGELES CA 90064-1504 CN957078 FLORES Jan 31, Feb 7,14, 2019

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 072383-CA APN: 6261-018-052. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 7/20/2007. 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 ON 2/20/2019 AT 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 8/20/2007, as Instrument No. 20071942744, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: DAVID GUERRERO AND MAYRA DIMAS-GUERRERO, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO 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, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA, 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12302 MARBEL AVE DOWNEY, CA 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$247,700.06. 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 beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web

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Title Order No. 05937130 Trustee Sale No. 83266 Loan No. 399170509 APN 6006-009-002, 6321-028-012, 6315-007-013, 6321-019-003. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/1/2017. 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 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. ON 2/27/2019 AT 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 12/8/2017 as Instrument No. 20171423197 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: SELENE HIGUERA, AS TRUSTEE OF THE BLUEBIRD IRREVOCABLE TRUST, U/A DATED OCTOBER, 2012 as Trustor. PIERRE ESCOBAR AND DOLORES ESCOBAR, AS TRUSTEES OF CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described the land therein: See Exhibit "A" Attached Hereto And Made A Part Hereof. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 250 EAST 61ST STREET LOS ANGELES CA 90003 6809 ALBANY STREET HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255 4900 EAST 60TH PLACE MAYWOOD CA 90270 6407 ALBANY STREET HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, 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 note(s), advances, under the terms of 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: Arturo Loza Sanchez and Maria J. Loza, husband and wife as joint tenants Duly appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 07/25/2003 as Instrument No. 03 2120489 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 02/27/2019 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA, 91766 Estimated amount of balance, principal and other charges: \$68,892.87 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 11248 Quinn St, Downey, CA 902413153 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)(2923.55(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. 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Dead Right

Short Story

By Kathy (Kacie) Cooper Contributor

Have you ever heard the saying: "Pedestrians are always in the right. But they can be dead right?"

That statement has stuck in my brain for years. When I first began driving, that phrase helped me to be more observant of walkers. But through the years, especially in the last decade or so, I am haunted by its philosophy.

It's as if almost every night at 6:00, there's yet again, another hit and run victim on the news. I'm saddened beyond words. It has got to stop!

But how? While street racing and drunk driving prevails, perhaps we need to approach this hit and run epidemic from

another angle...the pedestrian, who is legally in the right, but sadly, often dead right.

Many pedestrians have a false sense of protection while in the perimeters of a crosswalk. Perhaps that statement 'the pedestrian is always in the right' has given us that false sense of security.

As a pedestrian, I may be in the right legally, but am I always safe? That's the question. If I am thinking while in the middle of a crosswalk that I am completely safe and have no need to think about anything...then there's always a chance for something bad to happen.

Walking within the boundaries of a crosswalk does not guarantee any kind of security. It's all blind faith; believing that every car will stop for me, believing every driver will see me. Yet that's how most of us go through life; with blind faith.

There are many distractions for the driver; cell phones being the latest. Not all drivers follow the rules of the road and drunk drivers still travel on our roads.

Knowing that a car or truck can weigh well over 3,000 pounds easily convinces me not to take unnecessary chances. And that's it. When we decide to walk across the street where heavy vehicles travel, we are ultimately taking a chance with our lives.

Hit and run acts are atrocious and unpredictable, but perhaps there are things that we, as pedestrians, can do to protect ourselves. And protect ourselves, we must.

We must become our own advocate. When we step off the pavement, we must abandon the blind faith that once taught us we were safe because we were in a crosswalk, that all vehicles will stop for us, that all drivers will see us, that all drivers will care.

Also, just because the oncoming car looks as if he is coming to a halt, we should never proceed into the crosswalk unless

we see the eyes of the driver and the driver sees us. We also should not proceed across the street till we can see the whites of their eyes. Good advice, but not the only advice.

Our job is not to smell the roses while we are maneuvering to the other side; our ultimate goal is to safely reach the other side. Period. No playing around while in the crosswalk. Then go to the gardens later and smell the lilacs and lavender.

It goes without saying that we must always look way down the road for approaching vehicles and be ready to retreat or go forward quickly. But all the while? Never stop watching in the direction of oncoming cars!

It is also our job to teach these things to our children as well. They too, must become their own advocate. The other day I was waiting to make a left turn in a residential area. All of a sudden three high school girls come out of nowhere, crossing in front of me. Not one of them looked to see if I had seen them and not one of them took their cell phone away from their face while crossing the street in front of me. That had the potential for disaster. Thank God it ended well. But I wanted to follow the girls and tell them a few things about advocacy.

My new phrase for the 21st century is not just to look both ways, but to also be your own advocate. Stay alive!

Kathy (Kacie) Cooper is a member of the writing class at Norwalk Senior Center.

My Little Runaway

Short Story

By Sharon Benson Smith Contributor

Many family members were jam-packed in our small, upstairs apartment to celebrate Mark's fourth birthday.

The adults were enjoying each other's company and the toddlers, conversing about the latest family happenings, and having a bite to eat, of course.

When it came time for Mark to blow out the candles on the cake, suddenly, someone asked: "Where's Mark?" He was nowhere to be found in the apartment, so panic set in, and we all went our separate ways looking for him. Out on the sidewalk, some went east, some went west, while others stayed and searched in the front and back yards. With our searching in every direction, and still no sign of Mark, my panic was raging.

Thankfully, not too long afterward, someone shouted "Here he is." He was in the yard all along...asleep under the giant elephant ear plant. My little man had had a busy day while scaring the stuffing out of the family!

Years later, when he was about eight, he was upset with me and told me that he was running away. Well, I said: "You haven't eaten dinner yet so wait

a few minutes, and I'll fix you something to eat to take along." I packed a few things he liked, tied it all up in a hobo style bandana, and tied it to a stick.

Off the little brat went down the street. My heart was pounding as I watched him turn right at the street corner and walk out of sight. I kept looking out the window hoping to get sight of him, and about twenty minutes later, there he was sitting on the curb in front of our home.

I guess he figured home wasn't such a bad place after all, and his runaway days were over.

Sharon Benson Smith is a member of the writing class at Norwalk Senior Center.



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 <p>Huge 3 Car Garage! North Downey 2 story beauty with 4 BD, 3 BA, spacious living room, dining room & family room. \$799,000.</p>	<p>JUST LISTED!</p>  <p>Super Sized Lot in Downey! Nice parklike rear yard w/ pool & spa! 15,000+ sq. ft. lot w/ 2,700 sq. ft., 4 BD, 4 BA, plus large family room! Must see!</p>	<p>CALL NOW!</p>  <p>Large Home in Long Beach! Needs work. Spacious 4 BD, 2 BA home w/ a family room and enclosed patio. Remodeled bathrooms w/ new fixtures. Newer windows & sprinkler system. 2,960 sq. ft. living space on a 6,250 sq. ft. corner lot. Call today for price and details! 562-400-2148. JimSpathos@aol.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>At Your Service!</i></p> <p>FREE NOTARY! During the month of FEBRUARY, free notary service for my clients. Call Vicki to schedule your appointment today!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">562-367-9520</p>	<p>JUST LISTED!</p>  <p>Move-in Ready! This charming updated home features 2 BD, 2 BA + a large den with fireplace. Over 1,200 sq. ft. with a covered patio, inside laundry, 2 car detached garage and more. Call Mario for price & details. 562-533-7433.</p>
 <p>Accent on Value! 4 bedroom, 2 bath home in La Puente. 1,251 sq. ft. on 6,292 sq. ft. lot w/ wood floors, central A/C & heat. \$499,900.</p>	<p>JUST LISTED!</p>  <p>Mid Century Modern Style! 3 BD, vaulted ceilings, transom windows & 2,300 sq. ft. w/ tons of POTENTIAL! Call us for a private showing!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JOIN OUR EXCITING 24 HOUR TEAM!</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">WHY JOIN THE 24 HOUR TEAM?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREE Super Star Marketing Support • 24/7 Office Access and Support • FREE Smart Start Training BEGINS 2/6 • FREE Marketing Makeover • *Earn Your Real Estate License for FREE <p style="text-align: center;">CALL US TODAY! 562-233-5200</p>	 <p>Pam Lee REALTOR® 562-537-1134 PamLeeRealtor@gmail.com DRE #01750256</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COMING SOON!</p>  <p>Condo in Anaheim Hills 3 BD (2 upstairs, 1 down) 3 BA. New remodeled. Nearly 1,200 sq. ft. Move in perfect! Call Mario for more details.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Best Buy in Area!</p>  <p>Spacious N. Downey home. 3 BD, 3 BA, family room w/ wet bar and living room. Corner lot w/ 10,520 sq. ft. \$779,000.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COMING SOON!</p>  <p>Downey Home in Great Neighborhood! Large home with room to roam!! Formal living room w/ fireplace, formal dining room, large kitchen w/ eating area. Family room w/ fireplace & wet bar. Master suite's bath has double sinks, separate shower & large spa tub! Great home for entertaining both inside and out! Covered patio overlooks backyard. 2,300 sq. ft. of living space on a 9,900 sq. ft. lot. Call for price and location!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SOLD!</p>  <p>Charming Home on a Large Lot! 3 BD, 1 BA home in Bellflower. 1,000 sq. ft. living space with an oversized detached garage. I CAN SELL YOURS TOO!! Call Pam TODAY! 562-537-1134. PamLeeRealtor@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COMING SOON!</p>  <p>NORTH DOWNEY - 5 BEDROOMS 5 BD (4 downstairs) & a 900 sq ft Master retreat. Nearly 3,100 sq ft of living space, central A/C, fireplace, 2 car garage. MUST SEE!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JUST LISTED!</p>  <p>MARIO PERSICO BORN EDUCATED LIVES WORSHIPS SELLS IN DOWNEY 562-533-7433 #ItsNeverJustBusinessItsAlwaysPersonal</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">For Rent</p>  <p>Downey home with 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, 1 car garage & laundry room hook-ups. \$1,950 per month.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CARRIE UVA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Downey Born, Raised & Educated! Selling Downey Homes for 27 Years! EXPERIENCE YOU CAN TRUST!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHECK OUT our 81 REVIEWS on www.Zillow.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PICARELLI ANGELO & MARIE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">YOU TUBE #MarioDidItAgain #ItsNeverJustBusinessItsAlwaysPersonal</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CONDO IN ANAHEIM HILLS 3 BD (2 upstairs, 1 down) 3 BA. New remodeled. Nearly 1,200 sq. ft. Move in perfect! Call Mario for more details.</p>



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Attention Grabber!



3 BD, 2.5 BA NW Downey home featuring large master suite, living room and den, remodeled kitchen, newer windows & copper plumbing and 2 car detached garage with new gates.
LIST PRICE: \$709,950

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Location! Location! Location!



In the heart of Orange Estates and near Furman Park, this home has an updated exterior, large pool, covered patio & pool/guest house. Featuring 3 BD, 2.5 BA, remodeled kitchen & bathrooms, including a large master bathroom with dual sinks, tile floors & fireplace in the spacious living room.
List Price \$859,950

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A Great Buy



Charming 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath home with living room, updated kitchen with large island, spacious backyard, covered patio with 1,229 sq. ft. of living space & 5,883 sq. ft. lot.
List Price \$549,950

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Investment Potential/Opportunity!



Two unit mixed use property -- large market on corner and 1 BD, 1 BA residence next door. Potential for owner/user to purchase a functioning market/liquor store business & have a residence for owner or employee next door. The store has ample parking, potential to add a second business & many recent improvements. Property and business to be sold together but business not included in list price.
List Price \$849,950

Text Michael at 562-818-6111 for a PROPERTY VIDEO of any of these homes to be sent directly to you!