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Newsom halts state executions

The death penalty offers no public safety benefit and fails to act as a deterrent, the governor said.

There are currently 737 people on California's death row.

SACRAMENTO - California Gov. Gavin Newsom is halting the execution of more than 700 condemned inmates on the nation's largest death row for at least as long as he's governor.

Newsom's office told The Associated Press he will issue an executive order granting a reprieve to every condemned inmate.

He's also withdrawing the lethal injection regulations that death penalty opponents have already tied up in court, and shuttering the execution chamber at San Quentin State Prison that has never been used.

Voters have narrowly supported the death penalty, most recently in 2016 when they voted to speed up the process.

"Our death penalty system has been — by any measure — a failure," Newsom said in a written statement. "It has provided no public safety benefit or value as a deterrent. It has wasted billions of taxpayer dollars. But most of all, the death penalty is absolute, irreversible and irreparable in the event of a human error."

The executive order also argues that capital punishment is inherently unfair — applied more often to people of color and those with mental disabilities.

An \$853,000 upgrade of the execution chamber at San Quentin was completed in 2010, but it has never been used. The last execution in California occurred Jan. 17, 2006, when Clarence Ray Allen, 76, was put to death. No executions have been carried out since.

A court-ordered moratorium on executions has been in place since February 2006, when a federal judge declared that California's lethal injection protocol was unconstitutional. A new execution protocol is under review, but Newsom's order will withdraw it.

"The intentional killing of another person is wrong," Newsom said in his statement. "And as Governor, I will not oversee the execution of any individual."

President Donald Trump blasted the decision on Wednesday morning, saying, "Defying voters, the Governor of California will halt all death penalty executions of 737 stone cold killers. Friends and families of the always forgotten VICTIMS are not thrilled, and neither am I!"

California's Supreme Court ruled in 1972 that capital punishment amounted to cruel and unusual punishment. State lawmakers re-enacted the death penalty statute in 1977 before voters reaffirmed capital punishment at the ballot box in 1978.

The state has executed 13 inmates since 1976, according to the Death Penalty Information Center.

Michele Hanisee, president of the Association of Deputy District Attorneys in Los Angeles, said in a statement Tuesday that voters have continually supported the use of the death penalty.

Hanisee also said voters in the state rejected propositions to end the practice in both 2006 and 2016.

"Governor Newsom, who supported the failed initiative to end the death penalty in 2006, is usurping the express will of California voters and substituting his personal preferences via this hasty and ill-considered moratorium on the death penalty," the statement said.

Downey native earns national honor for his cancer research

Dr. Robert Lewis, a Warren High graduate, researches vulnerabilities in cancer cells, hoping to find a way to kill the tumor cell without making the patient sick.

DOWNEY - Downey native Robert Lewis, Ph.D., was honored last week as the 13th Scientist Laureate, the highest honor bestowed upon researchers by the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Dr. Lewis is a professor of cancer research at the Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases.

He was honored March 5 along with 23 other researchers recently named UNMC Distinguished Scientist and New Investigator Award winners for 2018.

Dr. Lewis' research focuses on identifying vulnerabilities in cancer cells and the genes that are required for the formation of a tumor that are not required for the formation of a normal cell.

"The idea being that, if we can identify those vulnerabilities in tumors, we might be able to fashion therapies that will kill the tumor cell but not make the patient sick," Dr. Lewis said.

"Rob is well deserving of this recognition," said Ken Cowan, M.D., Ph.D., director of the

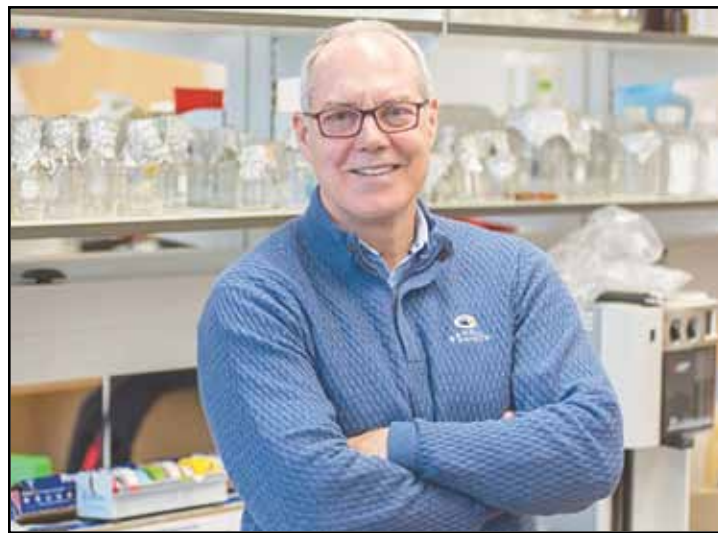


PHOTO COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER

Dr. Robert Lewis was honored last week by the University of Nebraska Medical Center, a medical school.

Eppley Institute. "His research is nationally recognized and he has played a vital leadership role in the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center."

"The Scientist Laureate is a unique award because it is intended to honor a UNMC faculty who not only has had a history of successful research and funding, but has also given back as a research leader, developing resources and mentoring other faculty," said Jennifer Larsen, M.D., vice chancellor for research.

"Rob Lewis is the latest Scientist Laureate because he has done just that. His work over his UNMC career spans not only cancer, but diabetes and obesity and now drug discovery and development."

Dr. Lewis graduated from Warren High School in 1974 after having attended Rio Hondo Elementary and Griffiths Middle School. He earned his BS from UC Irvine and his Ph.D. from the University of Florida.

Super bloom fills Downey

Wildflowers are blooming across Southern California, including right here in Downey.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

DOWNEY - You don't have to rush to the desert this week to see the wild flowers in bloom.

Look around Downey and discover California's gold, as Huell Howser would say. On Stewart and Gray, just one step east of Paramount on the north side, just beside ABC Donuts, look for a bed of California poppies. They overflow their ground-level planter and we probably have Pacific Burger to thank for such lush landscaping.

We here had an abundance of rain too, and these desert specialties are popping up in gardens and vacant lots everywhere.

If you pull back, you'll see the traffic flowing through the intersection, but if you look deep you can immerse yourself in a thick field of gold. Tip: go when the sun is out because these shy beauties close up tight when the clouds rule the sky. Truly a plant of the sun, they open and close response to its radiance or absence of it.

Another desert beauty and her well-cared for sisters are flourishing right now in the sandy soil in front of the Downey Chamber of Commerce. This shrub-like succulent is sometimes known as sticks of fire and its coral-colored branches attract insects in season.

Drive across Fourth Place between Rives and Wiley Burke for more beds of this color. There are nice specimens of flowering yucca with stems of crimson umbrellas on the south side of Florence Avenue in front of the U S Bank branch, which used to be Downey Saving and Loan.

Home gardeners who want to have these exotics can get them at local nurseries. But after a rainy winter like we've had, some of these bloom are popping up for free. These are just a sample of what Downey has to offer right now.

On the northwest corner where Haro Avenue meets Stewart and Gray Road, a thick double-trunked Joshua Tree stands, defying the rule that these yucca giants only grow in the high desert



PHOTO BY LORINE PARKS

Wildflowers on Stewart & Gray Road, near Paramount Boulevard.

above Palm Springs.

On another day you might take a New England spring garden tour in Downey, complete with gray shingled siding and a pink Chinese magnolia thriving next to clump of silver birches, and red tulips planted with blue hyacinths' curly petals for their deep color and fragrance. But this week, with imagination as your road map, you can take in the glories of the California desert in spectacular bloom right here in Downey.

How Cesar Moreno got in the dog poop business

Cesar Moreno founded Stinky Tails, and he'll pick up your dog's mess.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - It's been nearly a year since Cesar Moreno started offering his services, and so far, business really stinks.

It's okay though, because he likes it that way.

Moreno, 37, is the owner and founder of Stinky Tails, a professional dog waste removal service. He credits his two chihuahua-mix dogs, Tito and Rocky, for influencing the idea.

"I travel. I have a regular nine-to-five job where I travel a lot," said Moreno. "Being recently married and my wife being pregnant, I was on one of those road trips for a month. My sister-in-law was supposed to clean."

"I come back from the road a month-and-a-half later. I'm walking in the backyard, everything looks pretty clean."

Then, squish.

"I stepped on dog poop. I was barefoot," said Moreno.

Moreno and his wife, Pam, had already been discussing starting up their own business.

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Downey restaurant grades

Cinemark
8840 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 3/8/19
Grade: **A**

Ross (Food Retail)
12130 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/8/19
Grade: **A**

Five Guys
8901 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 3/8/19
Grade: **A**

Sutha Thai Cuisine
10341 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/7/19
Grade: **A**

Arco
10030 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/7/19
Grade: **A**

Uncle John BBQ
9952 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/7/19
Grade: **A**

Carinos
12036 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/7/19
Grade: **A**

Happy Bagels N Donuts
9926 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/7/19
Grade: **A**

Sizzler
10315 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/6/19
Grade: **A**

Alberto's Mexican Food
12620 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/6/19
Grade: **A**

Yandicris Bionicos & Fruit
10244 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/6/19
Grade: **A**

Hong Kong Chef
10311 1/2 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/6/19
Grade: **A**

La Perla Del Mar
8803 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/6/19
Grade: **A**

Ruby's Diner
8860 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 3/5/19
Grade: **B**

The Olive Restobar
8830 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 3/5/19
Grade: **A**

Burger King
9001 Apollo Way
Date Inspected: 3/5/19
Grade: **A**

Carl's Jr.
9002 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/5/19
Grade: **A**

Wingstop
8558 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 3/5/19
Grade: **A**

Godtti's
7931 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 2/28/19
Grade: **A**

Mambo Grill
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Date Inspected: 2/28/19
Grade: **A**

Downey Elks Lodge
11233 Woodruff Ave.
Date Inspected: 2/28/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 75°

Saturday 79°

Sunday 81°

THINGS TO DO



OC Cherry Blossom Festival
All Weekend - Huntington Central Park in Huntington Beach

A celebration of Japanese and Japanese-American culture with music, dancing, contests, live entertainment, 50+ vendors, 25+ performances and more. Free admission.



SFS Art Walk
Saturday - Heritage Park in Santa Fe Springs, 10 am to noon

Take a walk along Santa Fe Springs' public art, including Heritage Park, the Heritage Springs Sculpture Garden and the Heritage Springs Business Park.



Festival de la Primavera
Sunday - Plaza Mexico in Lynwood, 12-6 pm

The annual Mexican spring festival features live music, ballet folklorico performances, and family entertainment.



Spanish Rock vs. 80s
Saturday - Epic Lounge, 9 pm

Dance to all your favorite Spanish rock performed live by cover band SR80. Plus 80s hits by DJ Dedos. \$15 cover



Mariachi Fundraiser
Sunday - Downey Theatre, 5 pm

Live performances by Mariachi Los Reyes and Mariacho Los Servidores to raise money for a youth mariachi program in Boyle Heights. \$35-\$45



Honor & Glory
Saturday - American Legion Post 295 in Cypress, 2 pm

Live wrestling from Power Precision Pro Wrestling. \$20 with proceeds benefiting the American Legion.

Stinky Tails business wants to be number one in number two

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His wife had initially suggested opening an ice cream shop, but the investment seemed too costly. Now finding himself in a sticky situation, the entrepreneur was struck with an idea that was easily a solid number two.

"I said, 'Wow, how many other guys are out there that most people think were lazy because they hired the pooper scooper,'" said Moreno. "I was thinking how many people are out there that travel a lot, their wives are pregnant or their wives can't pick it up because they get grossed out."

"Sure enough, I thought of the idea and I started looking it up. I found this guy back east, and I saw what he was doing and I was like, 'I could do that.'"

Working in dog poop has made Moreno the butt of a few jokes. However, after an initially crappy start over the first few months of operation, Stinky Tails has used social media and word of mouth to steadily grow its clientele.

"Lo and behold, from one month to another it went from five [customers] to 10," said Moreno. "Here we are 25 customers later I service Downey, I do a little bit of Long Beach as well."

Moreno covers from Monterey Park to Long Beach twice a week - on Tuesdays and Fridays - on a weekly, bi-weekly, or one-time-service basis, depending on the customer. His prices range from \$14 to \$20 (and sometimes more), determined by the number of dogs, size of the yard, and scale of the job.

"Two cups of coffee and a croissant. If you can afford that then you can afford me once a week," said Moreno.

In addition to picking up and disposing each canines' waste,



PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ
Cesar Moreno, founder of Stinky Tails.

Moreno also will deodorize the area if needed.

"It's not just picking up poop. There's a bacteria issue behind it as well," said Moreno. "Obviously there's a little air and that bacteria picks up and everyone is breathing these pathogens that are horrible for humans."

Dogs aren't even the only animal he's picked up after; Moreno has also cleaned up after cats, and even tended to a chicken coop.

"Believe it or not, cat poop smells worse than dog poop," said Moreno. "I have two or three customers who just call me for cat poop."

Whatever mess awaits him behind each gate fence, Moreno says he will show up rain or shine and provide a quality service. His

already strong reputation has truly made him the "Poodini" of backyard messes.

It's like the company slogan says: "They poop, we scoop!"

"I wanted to be in a business that I had no competition, and nobody was willing to do," said Moreno. "You could pick up your poop, but you could also pay me to do it because you're grossed out or whatever your reasons are."

Moreno says that he doesn't feel that the idea has truly caught on yet, however, when it does, "business will pick up" in more ways than one.

Stinky Tails can be found on Facebook and Yelp, or Instagram at @stinky_tails. Moreno also invites those interested in the service to call (562) 645-3039.

Downey Library prepares for 15-month closure

Most library programs will continue at off-site locations during renovations.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY - The Downey City Library will close Saturday as part of an extensive renovation that will take 15 months to complete.

When the library re-opens June 2020, it will be as a "true 21st Century public learning environment, furthering its mission to ignite a community of creative and critical thinkers," city officials said.

Construction is slated to begin in June. Plans call for a reconfiguration of interior spaces, new interior finishes, new book and data storage furniture, installation of energy efficient lighting, completion of ADA improvements, new doors and signage, and new exterior paint.

Built in 1959, the library's last major renovation was in 1979-80, said library director Ben Dickow.

Funding for the renovation is coming from Measure S, a half-cent sales tax increase approved by Downey voters in 2016.

On Saturday, residents are invited to the library to celebrate the looming renovations. Activities will include crafts, indoor miniature golf, a puppet show, a bounce house, food trucks, and more family-friendly fun.

"We'll be doing things you normally wouldn't do inside a library," said Dickow.

Libraries from neighboring cities will be at the library Saturday to help residents sign up for memberships.

Saturday is also the last day to turn in library materials before facing fines.

Meanwhile, the Friends of the Downey City Library, which operates the used book store

inside the library, is asking residents to hold onto their book donations until next year.

"We will be in need of donations to stock our new Friends of the Downey City Library store," said Toni Stewart. "We will be located at the entrance of the remodeled library."

Downey Library cardholders will still have access to the library's online database of e-books.

Most library programs will continue at off-site locations during the renovation:

Pre-school storytime will be held Tuesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. inside the council chambers at City Hall;

Bi-lingual storytime is Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. inside council chambers at City Hall;

Baby and toddler storytime will be held Saturdays at 9:15 a.m. inside the nursery at First Baptist Church;

Literacy program tutoring is every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church;

Literacy book discussions are Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church;

and the adult communication class will meet Mondays at 11 a.m. at the Downey Woman's Club;

The library's summer reading program also will continue this year.

A summer reading kick-off celebration is scheduled for Monday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

Summer reading shows are scheduled for June 10 and 17, and July 8, 15 and 22, from 4-5 p.m. at the Downey Theatre.

Reading events will also be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 4 through Aug. 22, from 12-1 p.m. at Furman Park.

The teen mobile VR unit will be stationed at Furman Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 4 through Aug. 22, from 12-1 p.m.

A summer reading camp will be held Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 p.m., June 12 through July 31, at the space center.

The library also has other scheduled events:

A volunteer recognition luncheon is set for Saturday, April 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Rio Hondo Event Center;

National Library Week will be celebrated April 8 at the space center, with a children's event from 4-5 p.m. and an author visit from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For questions about library programs or the closure, visit downeylibrary.org or call (562) 904-7360.

Temple Ner Tamid throwing BBQ for first responders

DOWNEY - Temple Ner Tamid of Downey is hosting its second annual appreciation barbecue for local first responders on Saturday, April 13, from 5-7 p.m.

Cost is \$15 to the public and free for police officers, firefighters, and EMTs in uniform.

The barbecue includes hamburgers, hotdogs, salmon burgers, salads, and all the fixings.

For reservations, call (562) 861-9276.

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Recently I saw one of my centenarian patients, and I was impressed at how well she was doing, both physically and mentally. She is one of some 75,000 Americans living today over the age of 100. Just who lives long and healthy lives, and why?



Let's start with genetics. It is true that those who come from long-lived families tend to live long as well. Some families are less likely to suffer from life-ending diseases like diabetes, cancer, and heart disease, and scientists have identified unique genetic traits strongly associated with longevity.

However, it is likely that our life span is determined by the combined effects of genetics and environmental factors. Studies of twins suggest that genetics may account for only about 20% to 30%

of our chance of surviving to age 85.

Seventh Day Adventists, whose church encourages behaviors that promote healthy aging, have an average life span of 88 years, which is some eight years longer than average. Adventists exercise regularly, are vegetarian, don't smoke, and don't drink alcohol.

Personality helps to determine longevity. An eight-decade study out of Stanford University found that qualities of persistence, prudence, and being organized (and even obsessive) are associated with a long life; more so than qualities of being carefree, relaxed and laid-back. The theory is that conscientious people tend to make healthier choices, including who they marry, where they work, and whether they smoke, drive too fast, etc.

Diet does make a difference. Many centenarians live in the Mediterranean, where the average

diet is high in fruit, vegetables, nuts, and olive oil. Studies confirm that the Mediterranean diet leads to an older age, less heart disease, and even protection against memory loss. Maintaining a healthy weight is important; obesity is rarely associated with a long life.

Studies show a correlation between education and a longer life. Those with a bachelor's degree or higher live about nine years longer than do those who don't graduate high school. The theory is that educated people get better jobs, plan for their future, and make healthier lifestyle choices.

Stress is not necessarily a bad thing. Productive, hardworking people are not automatically stressed and miserable, but often tend to be happier, healthier, and more socially connected than their less productive peers.

Life's glitches happen to all of us. We all have bad days, weeks, and months, but most of the time the impact is temporary. Research shows that overreacting, constantly worrying, and living in a state of perpetual anxiety does indeed reduce life expectancy. It appears that it's not so much what

happens to us, but how we deal with it, that really matters.

In a related matter, the popular concepts of mindfulness and meditation appear to play a role in longevity. Regular meditation has been shown to have a positive effect on anxiety and depression, which in turn can affect mortality. Meditation has been proven to bolster the immune system and reduce levels of cortisol, known as the stress hormone. Elevated levels of cortisol are linked to heart-related conditions, such as atherosclerosis and metabolic syndrome. It is not surprising when studies confirm that the mind is indeed connected to the body.

Building a community is important to living a longer life. Are you close to an extended family, or to a volunteer group, or to a religious community? Do you have a worthwhile career or positive educational goals? Interestingly, women appear to maintain stronger social networks, and are more likely to turn to friends, family and their community for support. That may be one reason why they tend to live longer than men. It's long been recognized that married

people tend to live longer than do their single friends.

Make sleep a priority. Getting enough quality sleep can reduce the risk of obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and mood disorders; and can speed recovery from illness.

Being sedentary is one of the biggest negative factors. Sitting for long periods of time puts us at risk for a number of health issues. A 2011 Australian study found that, after age 25, each hour spent sitting down and watching TV was linked to a loss of 22 minutes from overall life expectancy. Their findings suggest that watching too much TV is as detrimental to longevity as is smoking. I urge you to stay physically active in whatever way works best for you. Do anything but sit.

Make responsible life decisions. Wear a seat belt (it reduces the risk of death from car accidents by 50%), wear a helmet while biking, protect yourself from sexually transmitted diseases, and avoid dangerous situations. Accidents are the third most common cause of death in the United States, and they are the main cause of death for those between the ages of 1 and 24. There is a very good reason

why life insurance costs more for people who skydive.

Tobacco or other substance abuse? If your goal is a long and healthy life, then just forget about it. (Note that quitting smoking by the age of 30 can add up to 10 years to your life.)

Finally, bring something meaningful into your life. The Japanese concept of "ikigai" encourages us to keep busy with our own reasons for living. We all need a purpose to wake up for every morning; meaningful hobbies and activities may just lengthen our lives.

Most of these important components for a long and healthy life are obvious. Knowing about them is easy, but finding the path to following them is not. Sure, luck and genetics have a considerable impact on longevity, but your own efforts can add years to your life. Good luck with your journey to 100!

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

Eye on our Schools

By Nancy Swenson
President
Downey Unified Board of Education

March 19.

I want to start by thanking everyone who came out a few weeks ago to support the TLC Family Resource Center! It was incredible to see the community come together for this annual 5K, especially since it was such a crisp morning.

I want to give special thanks to the sponsors and all our students and staff who ran/walked that morning. Seeing everyone there supporting TLC wearing either their 5K t-shirt or their school gear warmed my heart (which says a lot if you were there that morning) and made me truly proud to be a part of the Board of Education!

Now moving on to some updates! Don't forget that our Intra-District Open Enrollment began on February 19 and closes on

Formerly called School of Choice, this permit window is for students who live within Downey Unified's boundaries but would prefer to attend a school other than their "home" school. More information and applications can be found on the district's website - www.dusd.net.

March 2 marked National Read Across America Day and many elementary schools across Downey Unified spent the first two weeks of the month celebrating literacy and Dr. Seuss' birthday. The entire district got involved in these events, inviting special guests to read in classrooms, wearing different attire in honor of Dr. Seuss' various books and even having the legendary green eggs and ham served to our students by our Food Services Department!

This past Saturday, March 9, marked the first "Downey Unified

Tech Fest" where elementary teachers came together to learn better ways to engage and educate the next generation of students. The Tech Fest lasted from 8 am to noon and 23 Downey Unified teachers presented, over 120 teachers were in attendance and the internationally renowned Holly Clark was the keynote speaker.

Holly Clark is a middle school teacher and used to spend her summers in Downey visiting her grandparents. She is the author of the book, "The Google Infused Classroom," which focuses on building both the culture and strategy to support and inspire innovative teaching.

Our teachers are educating the next generation of computer engineers, astronauts, software developers, physicians, lawyers, etc., and in some cases, jobs that don't yet exist. I just wanted to point out again that these teachers volunteered their time and came in on a Saturday to further educate themselves to better serve our students. This is just another example of what makes me so proud to be a part of this district! Next time you're at school, please

thank your student's teachers for all the work they do to prepare your child for his/her future.

As I said in my first article, I am going to close every month by inviting the community to an event being held within the district, so everyone can see first-hand how amazing our students and schools are! This month, I am proudly inviting everyone to attend the Dale Lostetter Carnival of Champions at Warren High School on Saturday, March 30, from 8 am to noon. This elementary track and field event is

in its 55th year and was renamed last year in honor of longtime Downey Unified administrator and Carnival of Champions advocate, Dale Lostetter.

Fourth and fifth-grade students from nine of our elementary schools will compete in the following seven track and field events: baskets in one minute, softball throw for distance, standing long jump, 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, four-member team 400-meter relay and mixed-coed relay.

Many parents and teachers remember competing in this event themselves (my family are among those that remember this event), so come out and support our students and make this a day that they will remember for the rest of their lives!

Lastly, I hope that you were able to get out to some of the Open House events at your local school. If you haven't been able to visit one, don't worry, there are still a few left this month.

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Lifeguard Certification, 8 am. Become certified as a shallow water lifeguard. This is the first of a 2-day course. \$244 certification fee. 24 Hour Fitness, 8810 Apollo Way

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

Renovation Celebration, 10 am to 5 pm. A celebration to mark the library's 15-month closure for renovations. Food and drinks, DJ, karaoke, puppet show, bounce house, miniature golf, and more. Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Rock en Espanol, 9 pm. Live Spanish rock plus 80s hits by cover band SR80. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Comedy Night, 1 pm. Comedy show featuring performances by Big Liam Breunle, Zara Khan, Ignacio Gonzalez, Richard Barba, Lamont Bonman, and Adam Jacobo. Tacos n Miches, 7404 Florence Ave.

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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Walk with Your Councilmember, 7 pm. Chat about local issues with your City Council representative as you walk around the high school track. The first in a weekly series. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

LA Showcase, 7 pm. Rising stars in the music industry perform, including Amanda Rome West, D. Green, Guop Squad, John Alex Harper, and Flyboi Stanny. \$5 cover. 562 Ultra Lounge, 7931 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.

Jazz Band Fundraiser, 6-9 pm. Help Warren High School's jazz band raise funds to attend the Reno Jazz Festival. Spaghetti, bingo, and live music. \$15 for dinner and first round of bingo. Warren High School library, 8141 De Palma St.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Meet Your Pharmacist, 10 am. Bring your prescribed medications and a pharmacist will review them with you. AppleCare Medical Group, 11525 Brookshire Ave., suite 300

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Arc Walk for Independence, 8 am. A 1- or 3-mile walk to celebrate people with developmental disabilities. Stonewood Center, 251 Stonewood St.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Coyote Meeting, 6:30 pm. A town hall meeting to discuss plans to deal with coyotes in Downey. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Let's Do Lunch, 12 pm. A networking lunch sponsored by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. \$25 at the door. Buffalo Wild Wings, 251 Stonewood St.

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

Salute to the Armed Services Breakfast, 8:30 am. A celebration of U.S. military veterans and active service personnel. Breakfast, guest speakers, military vehicle displays, and more. \$5 admission. First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 3rd St.

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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Black Bear Diner Grand Opening, 11 am. A ribbon cutting ceremony to honor a new Downey restaurant. Black Bear Diner, 7900 Florence Ave.

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.

Navigating Autism Services, 10 am. A free workshop for parents of children recently diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Learn about services and resources available. Autism Learning Partners, 12432 Bellflower Blvd.

First Responders BBQ, 5-7 pm. A community barbecue to show appreciation to police officers, firefighters, and EMTs. Free for first responders, \$15 for everyone else. Temple Ner Tamid, 10629 Lakewood Blvd.

Gala Fundraiser, 7 pm. A black-tie fundraiser put on by Rotary Club of Downey to benefit the Downey YMCA and TLC Family Resource Center. Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

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.

Easter Car Hop, 10 am to 1 pm. Art walk, crafts, Easter egg hunt, raffle,

and worship. First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 3rd St.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Police Officer & Firefighter Awards, 11:30 am. Luncheon to honor Downey's police officer and firefighter of the year. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Latino Comp Golf Tournament, 10:30 am. Eighth annual golf tournament fundraiser in support of LatinoComp, a non-profit workers compensation organization. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Kiwanis Casino Night, 6-10 pm. Casino games, raffles, contests for best Hawaiian costume, and more. Proceeds benefit Downey Kiwanis' community service projects. Azar Event Center, 12215 Slauson Ave., Santa Fe Springs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Downey One Day of Service, 9 am. Join service clubs, churches, non-profits, local businesses, and residents in a city-wide day of volunteering.

Drug Take-Back, 10 am to 2 pm. Drop off expired, unused or unwanted prescription medication for proper disposal. Downey Police Department west parking lot, 10911 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Downey Street Faire, 11 am. The Downey Street Faire returns for its 26th year. Featuring food, live music, and dozens of vendors. Brookshire Avenue, between Firestone and 5th Street.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Roaring '20s Casino Night, 6 pm. A fundraiser for Soroptimist International of Downey. Casino

gaming, food, entertainment, silent auction, and raffle opportunities. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

STEAM Festival, 9 am. A community festival celebrating science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Downey Federal Credit Union, 8237 3rd St.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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.

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

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Don't let Google manipulate your children

BY MICHELLE MALKIN

The father of the World Wide Web is right: It's time to take back "complete control of your data."

Tim Berners-Lee, who conceived the first internet browser 30 years ago this week, warned of its increasing threats to "privacy, security and fundamental rights." To mark the anniversary, he argued that demanding transparency is key to stopping the web's "downward plunge to a dysfunctional future." So, where to start?

Berners-Lee specifically cautioned against the dangers of internet browsers' keeping "track of everything you buy." The world's top browser is Google Chrome. But spying on our purchases is the least we have to worry about with Google and its \$800 billion parent company, Alphabet.

It's bad enough that the company's executives match your offline credit card purchases to your online user profile without full disclosure, employ mobile tracking apps that collect location data even if users have turned off location tracking, hide and downplay massive security breaches (like the photo-sharing "bug" and hacker-friendly browser "flaws" revealed this past week), bow to Chinese communist censors and exhibit explicit bias against conservatives. No, it's much worse. Google's predation starts early, often with the most vulnerable members of society: our children.

The Silicon Valley giant has hooked legions of children and teachers into its data mining products through lucrative partnerships with public schools across America. Learning no longer starts with A, B, C but with G, G, G: G Suite, Gmail, Google Cloud, Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Sheets, Google Slides, Google Hangouts, Google Vault, Google Jamboard, Google Chromebooks and Google Classroom.

Don't forget: Google now has 80 million educators and students around the world using G Suite for Education, 40 million students and teachers in Google Classroom and 30 million more using Google Chromebooks inside and outside the classroom.

Despite a report last fall from the U.S. Department of Education's inspector general blasting the feds for failing to investigate a backlog of Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act violations, the Trump White House has done nothing to repair the damage to FERPA done by the Obama administration. The Democrats' tech-chummy bureaucrats busted open the door to third-party sharing of children's personal data with government agencies, nonprofits and private educational technology vendors.

This is how Google has gotten away with unauthorized scanning and indexing of student email accounts and targeted online advertising based on search engine activity, as well as auto-syncing of passwords, browsing history and other private data across devices and accounts belonging to students and families unaware of default



Google CEO Sundar Pichai

tracking.

While grandstanding opportunists in Congress now talk tough to Silicon Valley donors (hello, Elizabeth Warren), K-12 children in tens of thousands of schools began the academic year by lining up at the library to create Gmail accounts and Google Classroom logins without parental notification or permission. There's no escape: No Google, no access, no education. "Hell, some of the teachers don't even teach the kids," one parent complained to me. Instead, they "watch videos on Canvas on their Chromebooks."

Canvas (by Instructure) is one of myriad "learning management systems" that stores students' grades, homework assignments, videos, quizzes and tests — all integrated with almighty, all-powerful, omniscient Google. Google apps such as ClassDojo collect intimate behavioral data and long-term psychological profiles encompassing family information, personal messages, photographs and voice notes. The collection of such data is a nanny state nightmare in the making, as a new Pioneer Institute report on "social, emotional learning" software and assessments outlined this week.

Meanwhile, preschoolers are being trained to flash "Clever Badges" with QR codes in front of their Google Chromebook webcams. These Badges "seamlessly" log them into Google World and all its apps without all the "stress" of remembering passwords. Addicted toddlers are being indoctrinated into the screen time culture without learning how to exercise autonomy over their own data.

Given the privacy breaches, public safety dangers, illegal data profiteering and child predation — not to mention the mental health crisis among America's youngsters connected to social media pathologies — there should be a nationwide clamor to deplatform Google completely from public schools. Until that revolt among parents and educators across party lines swells, it's up to moms and dads to seize control (thanks to parent watchdog Cheri Kiesecker for these tips):

1. Refuse to surrender your child's privacy as the price of admission to school. Google logins must not be a requirement to participate in the classroom.
2. Demand disclosure of edutech terms of service for all apps, software and hardware.
3. If your child has already been dragooned into G Suite, dive into its "Activity Controls" and the "Manage Activity" section. Investigate the settings for password auto-save and auto sign-in, tracking of YouTube search and watch histories, live chat transcripts, sync and "Remove the Device" functions. Hold your school district's administrators accountable for putting your kids' privacy first.
4. Wean yourselves — not just your kids — off Google. Try the Brave browser, DuckDuckGo search engine, BitChute video hosting service, Minds or MeWe social networking and ProtonMail.

Control begins with you, not G.

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Bob Archuleta's road kill bill

BY RAUL RIESGO

Roadkill! Is it that big of a priority for the people of Downey, Pico Rivera, Whittier, Norwalk or Cerritos? Will it help feed California's homeless, or help make California's housing affordable for struggling families?

Well, our newest state elected official, State Senator Bob Archuleta, thinks it will. He introduced legislation (Senate Bill 395) to allow drivers of vehicles that kill an animal to pick it up, take it home and eat it.

If the animal is severely injured but not dead, you still would be allowed to pick it up, take it home and kill it, as long as it's all done "in a safe, legal and humane manner."

What is the reasoning behind this kind of bill? Here is what Archuleta says: "This translates into hundreds of thousands of pounds of healthy meat that could be utilized to feed those in need."

So is this the Senate's new homeless or anti-poverty program, eat roadkill?

To be fair, the legislation limits it to a person who "unintentionally strikes and kills a deer, elk, antelope, or wild pig on a roadway in California with a vehicle." But when was the last time you heard of Downey residents complaining to the city council about all those wild pigs, elk or antelopes crossing through the city? Is there even a deer crossing anywhere in Downey?

There are a lot of real problems facing our local communities such as housing, school debt, traffic, homeless, drug addiction, etc. I'm sorry, but I don't think "roadkill" isn't even on the list.

About the only thing lying dead on the streets in Downey, Pico, Cerritos or Norwalk are squirrels, pigeons and pets.

It is time for our State Senator to get serious about the issues impacting the communities he represents and leave the road kill for someone else.

Raul Riesgo is a commentator who has been featured on Spanish language news outlets Telemundo and Mundo Fox News discussing both political and Latino community issues. He has written a book on the development of the city of Pico Rivera, that was featured on CNN's "Latino's in America" series. Follow him on Twitter @ariesgo.

This should be the central issue of the 2020 election

BY TIM WU

Senator Elizabeth Warren's announcement on Friday of a plan to break up major tech monopolies like Facebook and Google was critically important — not just as a policy proposal, but also as a sign of the return of antitrust to politics.

In the United States, economic policy is ostensibly a matter of democratic governance, but for too long antitrust has been viewed as a technocratic matter best left to experts. This is a mistake: Excessive corporate size and power can be linked to many voter concerns, including stagnant wages, the invasion of privacy, the rise of fake news, the demise of the middle class and an unresponsive democracy.

Antitrust is especially salient today because we witness the tremendous power of the tech monopolies firsthand, in our daily lives. Nearly everyone uses Facebook, Google, Amazon, Apple and Microsoft, and nearly everyone can see how smaller businesses have been hurt by their dominance. Nearly everyone has an opinion about whether they are too powerful, whether they know too much, whether they ought to be admired or feared.

Add to these concerns the dangers of agricultural monopolies, rising costs for cable and broadband, and anticompetitive drug pricing, and it is clear that for Ms. Warren and other presidential hopefuls in the Democratic field, the problem of monopoly power should be a central issue — perhaps the central issue — in the 2020 campaign.

Though every Democratic candidate is against President Trump and in favor of working Americans, antitrust is an issue over which the candidates have real disagreement. There are stark differences between, say, Senator Bernie Sanders's calls to "break them up" (usually a reference to banks), and former Vice President Joe Biden's "cooperative" approach. Mr. Biden (still undeclared), has

taken the position that big corporations should not be "singled out" and that their chief executives can be persuaded to shoulder their responsibilities toward workers and communities. (In the late 1970s, Mr. Biden resisted efforts to strengthen the antitrust laws, though his views may have changed as the law has grown weaker.)

Antitrust law is not an instrument of socialism or of unfettered capitalism; it seeks to protect markets from abuse by their participants. Ms. Warren and Senator Amy Klobuchar seem to have the deepest understanding of this. Ms. Klobuchar is not as aggressive on the issue as Ms. Warren, but she has cast herself as an antitrust reformer, introducing thoughtful new laws for merger reform. Senator Cory Booker, for his part, has over the last year staked out a trustbusting position centered on labor markets, with particular emphasis on the worrisome effects of corporate consolidation on workers and their salaries.

The largest question mark among the major candidates is Senator Kamala Harris of California, who represents the state where the largest tech monopolies are headquartered. She was tough in her questioning of Facebook's chief executive, Mark Zuckerberg, during congressional hearings last year, but she has been silent on the questions raised by tech monopolies.

Ms. Harris attracted some attention last month when she declined to register opposition to the proposed merger of the wireless carriers Sprint and T-Mobile — in stark contrast to the rest of the senators running for president. It may be that she is relatively open to approving mergers; it is also possible that her positions are just undeveloped.

The variety of antitrust positions in the emerging Democratic field means that it will no longer be enough for a candidate to mutter a few platitudes about big corporations and let the party's technocrats decide what the nation's approach to monopoly power ought to be. Such questions of economic policy affect us all and therefore should sit at the core of a majoritarian democratic process.

Indeed, they once did: Today's interest in excessive corporate power recalls a time — 1912, to be exact — when antitrust policy was the central economic issue in the presidential race. Then, as now, the nation faced consolidated industries, widespread inequality and political radicalization. And then, as now, the public deserved the opportunity to decide what to do about that.

Tim Wu is a law professor at Columbia and the author of "The Curse of Bigness: Antitrust in the New Gilded Age."



Traitor in the White House

Dear Editor:

I remember vaguely, years ago when I was a child in the 70's, President Nixon on the cover of a news magazine sitting atop our family coffee table. But I never put together the significance of the story or time until I was a teenager.

Then around the age of 12 to 13, I started to really pay attention to the news about the Tehran hostage crisis. I recognized how then candidate Reagan capitalized on then President Carter's impotence.

It was my first lesson in how the political narrative is manipulated by clever individuals who know how to work the media and control what the average person thinks.

Recently, Mr. McCabe, a former deputy director of the FBI, gave a compelling interview to 60 Minutes which was broadcast Feb. 17. In it, he details disturbing revelations about professional colleagues of his trying their best at damage control.

The question becomes: "Is President Trump compromised by a foreign power, namely Russia?" And if so, what to do about it?

I have lived 52 years on this planet come April, and I have never witnessed something like this before. Excuse me if I choke a bit and lose my train of thought.

What we have here is an unprecedented occasion where major law enforcement players believe the White house has been compromised by Vladimir Putin through Donald Trump.

At the same time you have major Republican figures like Mitch McConnell and Leslie Graham collaborating with Trump to push their own political agendas knowing the controversy that surrounds him (Trump).

Nothing, apparently, not even the suggestion of the highest office in the land being compromised by foreign powers can discourage the self aggrandizing right wing figures from taking advantage of the chaos and distraction that Trump's presidency dictates.

It is profoundly disgusting to witness the current Republican leadership opportunistically pushing forth their agendas while everyone seems to be distracted by the scandal that is Donald Trump.

Two things come to mind: first, this President is no doubt a traitor to this country and a Benedict Arnold.

Second, there are GOP leaders who will suffer the indignities of all collaborators throughout history, the end of their careers if they are lucky. Being dragged into the street by an angry mob if they are not lucky.

My great hope is the latter.

Garett Bell
Downey

Tax theft

Dear Editor:

Why is it that the Democrats are pocketing about half of the 5 cents that we pay on California's CRV tax when we turn in our empty soda cans?

Did you know that we are only getting back about half of what we paid for?

What if you went into a bank and deposited \$100 and when you went back to retrieve your \$100, they only gave you back \$50? That's what is going on with the CRV tax that we paid.

Now do you see and understand what I mean by them lying and cheating?

And that amounts to about \$1.5 billion dollars a year - in their pockets, not ours!

Larry Arellano
Norwalk

The Downey Patriot

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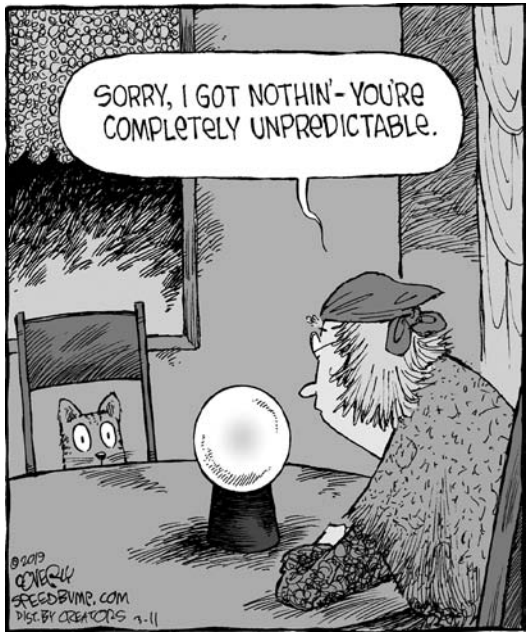
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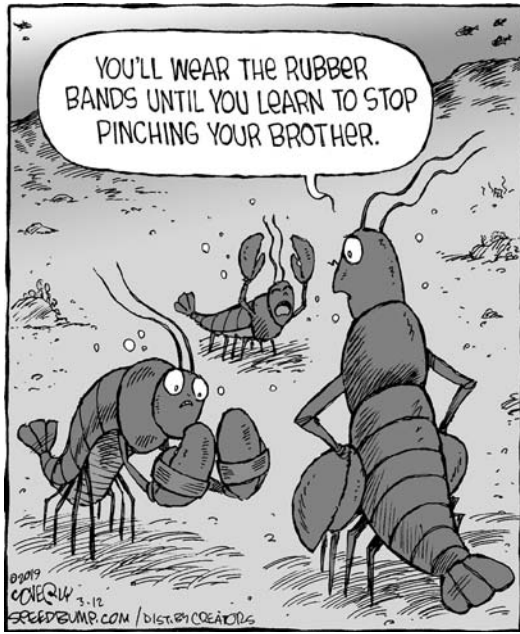
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On This Day...

- March 14, 1794:** Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin.
- 1900:** U.S. currency went on the gold standard with the ratification of the Gold Standard Act.
- 1914:** Henry Ford announced the new continuous motion method to assemble cars. The process decreased the time to make a car from 12½ hours to 93 minutes.
- 1943:** U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first U.S. President to fly in an airplane while in office.
- 1967:** John F. Kennedy's body was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent one.

Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

Ava Michael

March 11, 1933 - February 27, 2019



It is with great sadness that the family of Ava Michael announce her passing on February 27, 2019.

Ava was a long time resident of Downey. She was previously active with the Downey Little League and in 1979 obtained her Real Estate license and became active with the local Downey Association of Realtors for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Floyd "Mike" Michael in 2009.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children, Floyd "Alan" Michael and Sherry (Brian) Blair; granddaughters, Jennifer (Lyn), Stephanie and Mariah; and great grandsons, Alex, Andrew and Austin.

Marina Villavicencio dies at 38

Marina Villavicencio was an attorney, professor and community advocate. She died in a plane crash last month.

DOWNEY – Marina Isabelle Villavicencio, an attorney and volunteer active in the Whittier and Downey areas, died Feb. 22. She was 38.

Born Jan. 9, 1981, Marina attended Cal State Fullerton and Western State College of Law where she graduated in 2013 and

was admitted to the California State Bar that year.

Upon admission to the Bar, Marina began working in insurance defense and then joined the Public Defender's office as a Deputy Public Defender. She realized she wanted to help those in need and the Public Defender's office provided that opportunity.

After years with the PD's office, she started her own law practice working on immigration and criminal defense matters.

She was an activist in the community and participated in free legal fairs, such as the recent Feb. 9 legal fair in Bell put on by the Southeast District Bar Association and the Office of Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon.

She worked with non-profit organizations, including the Mexican Consulate, Serve the People, and the Orange County Labor Federation's Rapid Response Program.

She was very enthusiastic about supporting political causes that impacted women and people of color, and consistently expressed outrage at incidents of police brutality against people of color and immigrants.

Marina took on pro bono cases on a regular basis. For example, one case she accepted was to help release a detained community widow whose partner had recently passed away. It was a difficult case that required numerous visits to Los Angeles courthouses and visits with family members to gather necessary documents.

Marina always made time to support her community.

"Marina always found time to help the community as reflected by her participation with SEDBA's free legal fairs. We were proud to have her give free legal advice at our Feb. 9 legal fair



in Bell, California," said legal fair organizer Dennis Saab.

Marina was a professor for Paralegal Studies at Fullerton College, and a mentor to future law students. In addition, she also coached girls soccer.

"Marina was an amazing attorney, advocate, colleague, and friend," said attorney Mercedes Victoria Castillo. "She was a fighter for all and took her role as an attorney very seriously. She understood that behind great power, came great responsibility. Marina was the kind of person who always agreed to help, all you had to do was ask."

Marina is survived by her parents Isauro, Antonia, her brother Richard, and sisters Bianca and Evelyn.

In Memory of

Ian Smith

October 10, 1950 - March 11, 2019



Ian Smith was born in Westminster, British Columbia, Canada to Gwen and Cecil Smith on October 19, 1950. He and his sister Diana enjoyed playing in the forest which surrounded their home in West Vancouver. Ian's family moved to Downey in 1965 and Ian attended Griffiths Middle School and Warren High School where he was on the swim team and was Student Body President.

Ian received a Masters Degree in Student Personal and Guidance at Oklahoma State University. He took two voyages around the world on Semester at Sea where he was Director of Student Activities.

Ian was active in youth work at First Baptist Church of Downey where he taught High School and College Sunday school. Many regard Ian as a mentor and example of enthusiasm for life and love of God. His big smile and love for people will be missed.

Ian received a heart transplant in 2006 which gave him an extra twelve years of life. He died at home from complications of heart failure, surrounded by family, on March 11, 2019. Ian is survived by his sister Diana Edmonds, his wife of 45 years, Vickie, and children Zachary (Katheryn) Smith, Landon, and Brittany (Scotty) Denton, and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 23, at 1:00 pm at The First Presbyterian Church of Downey. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in support of Caring for Orphans Mozambique, of which Ian was a board member at caringfororphans.com.

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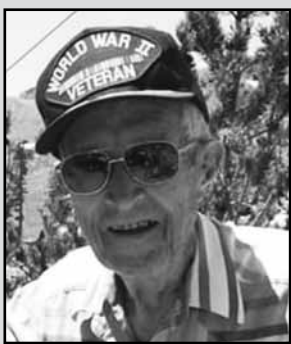
Dr. CharlesEtta Simpson-Ingram

Dr. CharlesEtta Simpson-Ingram (AKA Robbie Simpson), a Minister and Member of Breath of God Christian Fellowship Church, passed away on February 21, 2019. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019, 11:30 am at First Baptist Church in Downey. For more information, please call the church at (310) 767-9620.

In Memory of

Robert Gifford Cormack

October 27, 1919 - February 21, 2019



Robert was preceded in death by his first wife, Louise and their 3 sons Robert, Harold (Sherr) and Steven. He is survived by his second wife Faith, daughter Sharon (Tim) granddaughter Destiny, grandson Logan. Son Darryl (Tessie) grandson Darren (Geneva) great grandson Nolan, granddaughter Ashley, great granddaughter Janay, his beloved dog Bear and bird Rooster.

Robert "Grandpa" was a man who wore many hats (let's not forget those cowboy boots). They included Husband, Father, Uncle, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, US Army World War II Vet, two term Mayor of Downey, City Council, School Board Member, successful business owner, Master in Engineering, world traveler, pilot, and a faithful servant of the Lord. The hat that was most important, was that of being a Grandpa. Every child should be so blessed as his grandchildren were.

We will celebrate his incredible life at Florence Ave. Foursquare Church (11457 Florence Ave.) in Santa Fe Springs Friday, March 15th at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to be made to Florence Ave Church in care of the Trevor Owens Foundation for Children's Ministry.

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Downey Symphony to play Gershwin's greatest works

Downey Doings

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

The Jazz Age is coming to Downey on April 6, when the Downey Symphony Orchestra performs the greatest works of that Jazz Age meteor, George Gershwin.

Results of George's and his brother Ira's first visit to Paris may be heard at the Downey Theatre, when the Downey Symphony Society presents the grand finale to its 60th anniversary season, "An Evening of Gershwin." A champagne reception for all attending will be held afterward on the theatre's patio.

Billed as a tribute to the memory of music-loving Dr. Jacquelin Perry, one of the great stars of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, the evening has many moments which will remind listeners of her. The hero of Gershwin's great folk-opera "Porgy and Bess" is a crippled man forced to move around in a goat cart. Surely Dr. Perry, the innovative orthopedic surgeon, would have made something of his predicament.

And the jaunty walking theme which opens the classic "American In Paris" brings memories of Dr. Perry and her pioneer work in gait analysis.

Gershwin was already Mr. Broadway with his popular tunes and his hit song and dance revues when he began to compose his serious symphonic music. That part of his story begins with the question, when is a turn-down a compliment?

When the young George Gershwin went to Paris in 1926

to study, because as he later claimed, his knowledge of music theory at that time "could have fit on a three-cent postage stamp," one of the greats of the classical world, Maurice Ravel, turned him away, saying, "Why be a second-rate Ravel when you can be a first-rate Gershwin?"

Infectiously optimistic, George went back to the City of Light in 1928 for more serious study. Yet after playing for the noted Nadia Boulanger, she told him she could not teach him. Said Boulanger to Gershwin "What could I give you that you haven't already got?" George's American teacher had already proclaimed, "The boy is a genius."

Gershwin wrote the initial version of "An American in Paris," "a rhapsodic ballet" as he called it, as a thank-you note to Paris. But he didn't make it easy to perform. The initial notes, sounds that Gershwin remembered from crossing the busy Place de la Concorde, are taxi horns in A flat and B flat. Says Downey Symphony's Music Director Sharon Lavery, "finding authentic pitched taxi horns can definitely be a challenge. Lucky for us, our principal timpanist, Danielle Squires, owns her own set, so we rent them from her."

In his ode to Paris, Gershwin pours out the feelings of an American visitor "strolling about the city, listening to the various street noises, and absorbing the French atmosphere." After that opening with taxi horns, oboe, and English horns, comes the homesickness theme, with bluesy rhythms and syncopated jazz. Listen for the saxophones, trumpets, and snare drums. The end recapitulates the jaunty

walking theme again. Dr. Perry and her gait studies again.

The opera "Porgy and Bess" marks Gershwin's peak in his most ambitious and complex piece of musical artistry. But critics weren't sure: is it opera or Broadway musical? The music combines popular music of the day with a strong influence of African-American music and techniques typical of opera, such as recitative, through-composition and an extensive system of leitmotifs.

Even "Summertime," "I Got Plenty o' Nuttin'" and "It Ain't Necessarily So" are some of the most refined and ingenious of Gershwin's compositions. "I love all the syncopation," said Lavery. "To me, it's what makes Gershwin's music so great."

Critics didn't know what to make of it in 1935, but it has become an American classic. "Porgy and Bess" contains some of Gershwin's most sophisticated music, including a fugue, a passacaglia, the use of atonality, polytonality and polyrhythm.

A year after it was first performed, Gershwin himself took the most symphonic parts to make the Porgy and Bess Orchestral Suite, which is what Downey audiences will hear. And here is where the Downey Symphony shines.

"One of the things I will be getting," said Lavery, conductor as well as musical director, "with a Symphony Orchestra as opposed to a stage orchestra, is that lush, rich orchestral sound with the full set of strings, especially in the slower, more expressive sections."

"Incidentally," said Lavery, "those slower, lyrical sections are some of my favorites because it calls for lots of 'rubato', meaning there's freedom in the phrasing... especially in the slower, more expressive sections."

"My guess," Lavery continued, "is that not only did Gershwin want to cut down the opera because it was too long (four hours long!), but he

was confident as to how great some of the orchestral music was, not just the songs. He was always sensitive about the critics who doubted his abilities as a composer, and I'm sure he wanted to prove his talents as a composer with this great orchestral score."

Even before Porgy and American in Paris, a new era in American music had opened, in a 1924 concert in New York's Aeolian Hall. Commencing with the first low trill of the solo clarinet and its spine-tingling run up the scale, "Rhapsody in Blue" caught the public's fancy. It starts with the outrageous cadenza of the clarinet, the now-famous two-and-a-half octave glissando that makes "Rhapsody in Blue" as instantly recognizable as Beethoven's Fifth Symphony

"Rhapsody in Blue" challenged notions regarding the divide between classical and popular music. Its relatively free-form structure broke with symphonic traditions; and it combined freshness and originality with an irresistible accessibility. Few other purely instrumental works of its length so successfully grab the attention of even uninitiated listeners from its first note to its last.

But it almost didn't happen. After a late night and still up and playing pool with brother Ira, Gershwin was astonished to learn in the morning paper that in five weeks Paul Whitman was introducing a new jazz concert, "An Experiment in Modern Music," in front of all the big-wigs of the musical world - featuring a piece composed by himself. But he hadn't written it yet.

The main theme of "Rhapsody in Blue" was then composed on the train from New York to Boston. "It was on the train," George said, "with its steely rhythms, its rattle-ty bang that is often so stimulating to a composer (I frequently hear music in the very heart of noise) that I suddenly heard—and even saw on paper—the complete construction of the Rhapsody from beginning to end. ...I heard it as a sort of musical kaleidoscope of America—of our vast melting pot, of our unduplicated national pep, of our metropolitan madness. By the time I reached Boston I had the definite plot of the piece."

"As for the middle theme,"

Gershwin said, "it came upon me suddenly, as my music sometimes does. It was at the home of a friend, just after I got back to Gotham.... rattling away at the piano without a thought of rhapsodies in blue or any other color. All at once I heard myself playing a theme that must have been haunting me inside, seeking outlet. No sooner had it oozed out of my fingers than I knew I had found it... A week after my return from Boston I completed the Rhapsody in Blue."

Gershwin then had to work quickly, sketching out the ensemble parts of the piece at the piano, then handing over the score to Ferde Grofé, Whiteman's arranger, who orchestrated it. Thanks to their team effort, the band's parts were ready in time, but the solo piano part was not yet on paper. It existed only in the composer's mind.

After feverish weeks of writing, on February 12, 1924, the 25-year old George Gershwin, then known only as a composer of Broadway songs, seated himself at the piano to accompany the orchestra in the performance of a brand new piece of his own composition, improvising his own piano part during the world premiere.

Internationally acclaimed Bernadene Blaha will take Gershwin's place at the piano for Downey.

"In Bernadene we have a wonderful soloist for the Rhapsody," said Sharon. "When the orchestra accompanies any soloists, my concern is always the balance of sound. It's easy for the orchestra to get swept up by the beauty of the music and then become too loud, overpowering the soloist. Luckily, the professional musicians of the Downey Symphony rarely fall into this trap because they are so experienced in accompanying soloists, having done it for so long."

"Regarding a personal insight" said Lavery, "Gershwin's music is like Mahler's music, in that he is very particular with his markings of articulations, dynamics and other musical instructions. There is never a doubt knowing what he wants



Bernadene Blaha. Photo by Karen Knauer, courtesy Downey Symphony.

with his music, so as a conductor I try not to 'over interpret.' My feeling is that if you simply play what he asks for in his writing you are doing justice to his music."

"I think the orchestra members would agree," said Lavery, "that it's hard to pick a favorite. I will say that, for me, there may be a slight edge to Rhapsody in Blue, but that's only because I have been playing that opening glissando on the clarinet ever since I was in high school!"

In 1984, sixty years after its premiere, 84 white-lacquered Kimball grand pianos played the Rhapsody at the Los Angeles Olympics. Six technicians tuned all 84 pianos to concert pitch on July 27, the day before the opening ceremony. The next day, all 84 pianists rose on platforms in the peristyle end of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum playing "Rhapsody in Blue." United Airline, the official carrier for the Games, paid \$300,000 annually to play it in its TV Ads. Broadway George Gershwin would have loved it.

Tickets for the Concert at the Downey Theatre April 6 are still available at the Downey Theatre box office or at downeysymphony.org. Ample free parking, and doors open at 6:30 pm for the Downey Art Coalition's art show in the lobby. Pre-concert talk by Sharon Lavery begins at 7:15 pm.



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A Wonderful Surprise

Short Story

By Helen Hampton Contributor

When I was expecting my baby in 1958, my husband Ralph and I thought we were going to have a boy. We had decided to name him Daniel Steven.

So all those months we would pat my stomach and say "Little Daniel Steven." We thought that since I was so huge, our boy would weigh at least eight pounds. When I went in to deliver six weeks early, I was surprised to have had two 4-pound baby girls.

My husband had gone home on the doctor's advice, as my baby wasn't expected to

come for several more hours. But while Ralph was gone the babies came. The nurse had called him to come down but my babies were born before he arrived. Needless to say he was pretty shocked to find out he had two babies.

My husband called my mother to share the good news. He told her, "Helen had her baby." She asked what sex it was.

"Guess," he answered.

She said, "a boy," Ralph said no. She then said, "Oh, a little girl. How nice." Again Ralph said no.

There was complete silence on the phone line. Ralph said, "Mother, are you still there?" She knew that there were only two choices - a male or a female, so what could it be?

Finally she managed to ask, "Well, WHAT DID she have?" Ralph blurted out, "Twin girls!" My mother let out the most excited squeal. She was ecstatic!

A few weeks after the birth, I received a bill from my doctor. He charged me an extra \$50 for the delivery because of the extra baby.

My 75-year-old mother was still working as a registered nurse throughout my pregnancy. She retired the day my twins were born to help me to take care of them. She managed to live until my girls were nine years old.

Helen Hampton is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

Dad's Last Haircut

Short Story

By Gail Earl Contributor

Every week I cut my husband's hair. I have done this for over 50 years. Each time while I'm cutting, another vision comes to my mind. One that I will never forget and honestly never want to.

Let me start at the beginning. I got my Michigan cosmetology license when I was 16 and worked in 3 different beauty shops. My dad was very willing to let me cut his hair.

Dad was very particular about his hair. He enjoyed many different looks as far as his hair was concerned. The one constant that he always insisted on was that his hair be neatly trimmed over his ears. Never a shaggy hair hung over his ear.

Dad was very much into fashion and absolute good grooming. He loved fancy suits and shoes and believed that no outfit would be complete without a fresh shave and trim.

The fresh trim over his ears meant a lot to him. In his mind, a proper man would never allow anything but.

When we moved to California, I went back to school and got my cosmetology license. I got married and the tradition of cutting hair continued. My husband, Dale, and my dad were very good buddies. Every Saturday morning, we would go to my mom and dad's house early. I'd trim their hair, then the two of them would run around Santa Monica doing errands. They would go and get shoe shines, go to car dealers and look at cars, go to the marina and look at boats, and go to the butcher's and pick up a fresh supply of meat for the week. Usually they'd stop for a hot dog on their way back home. It was a Saturday morning routine that they shared for many years, each starting with a haircut.

Dad's facial hair and the hair on his head went through many changes. He embraced keeping up with new looks. He was a professional man so his only restriction was that it was neat and clean.

So today as I cut my husband's hair, I am remembering Dad's last haircut. I remember knowing how important it was, both to him and to me.

It was 1993. Mom and Dad had moved to Palm Springs after they retired. Dad had another heart attack and they were sitting in the back seat as a neighbor drove them to the hospital. Dad died, stuck in traffic on the freeway.

All of us kids raced to the hospital to be with mom. Of course, we went through all of the typical absolute grief. We decided that each of us kids would go into the room where dad was alone and say our final goodbyes. As I stood there talking with dad it just struck me to the core how disheveled he looked. I took my comb and scissor from my purse and trimmed over his ears.

Dad was a beautiful man.

Gail Earl is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

The Danger of Boredom

Short Story

By Yolanda Adele Contributor

Mom was working at the glass factory. I had the whole day to myself, though she called randomly to check on me. She worried a lot.

Once I tried to explain I had been in the bathroom when she called. She said, "That's no excuse!"

Across the street from our house lived two sisters. Jane was 10 like me and Ida 12. The sisters were latchkey kids also.

On a hot summer afternoon that seemed to slowly idle by, I was on my perch at the top of our porch step wondering if a person could actually shrivel up and die of boredom.

Then, like an answered prayer, Ida shouted at me, "Hey kid, do ya wanna come over and play hide and seek with us? We got cold lemonade!"

I followed them to their backyard. It was overrun with tall weeds and rusted junk. Next to the house lay the cellar door. Ida opened it.

"Kid, you're first," Ida demanded.

"My name is Soledad."

"Whatever, go down there and count to a hundred before coming out to look for us."

"When we've all had a turn we'll get some cool lemonade," Jane promised.

"Okay," I answered shyly. I slowly went down the narrow steps.

Suddenly, the door slammed shut, startling me. I lost my footing and bounced down the rest of the steps like a rubber ball, landing face first on the

cold dirt floor. I screamed, "Help!"

From the side wall vents I heard the girls shriek with laughter.

I couldn't tell if my eyes were open or shut. I held my hands in front of my face... nothing. Oh, God. Did the fall blind me, as my mortal self lies in this pool of blackness? No! I managed to get up.

There was a strong odor of insecticide. I waved my hands to cut through the cobwebs I felt on my head and face. I'd heard of people going mad in this kind of darkness. Mad!

That reminded me of what Mama was going to be if I died here without food or lemonade and wasn't home to answer the phone. I pictured her standing over my corpse saying, "I told you to stay in the house. See what happens when you don't mind me!"

"Ida, we better let her out. Mom called, she is on her way home."

Dang it! "Okay, Jane. On three let's unlock the door and run in the house."

I turned in the direction of

the rattling sound of the lock and found the steps. I pushed the door several times with my shoulder before it swung open. As I bolted across the street I managed to pull the yarn off my neck that my house key was attached to.

I ran up the stairs two at a time. As soon as I opened the door the phone rang. I picked up the receiver.

"Nina, what are you up to?"

"Nothing!"

"There's some frozen lemonade in the freezer. Why don't you fix it for yourself?"

"I'm not in the mood for lemonade, Mama."

"Okay. Stay out of trouble. Bye."

I hung up the phone and returned to my perch at the top of our porch and wondered how many people die in cellars.

Yolanda Adele is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

MasterChef Junior is holding an open casting call this Saturday, March 16, from 9 am to 5 pm at the Hilton Los Angeles-Universal City.

Producers are seeking talented cooks of all backgrounds and cooking styles. Kids must be at least 8 years old as of April 1.

Kids should bring an apron and one prepared dish made exclusively by the child to present to the food judges.

For more details, go to masterchefjuniorcasting.com. Kids unable to make the audition can also upload a video on the website.



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Financial Partners Credit Union unveils new logo

DOWNEY – Financial Partners Credit Union, serving more than 80,000 members in California, unveiled an updated brand icon and logo to reflect the 80-years strong credit union’s commitment to its brand promise of helping members achieve their financial goals through innovation and collaboration.

Redesigned by Los Angeles-based Simon & Associates, the new Financial Partners Credit Union logo features a new interpretation of the familiar “happy member” icon with its arm raised in triumph and leaning forward.

The edges are very precise, speaking to the credit union’s focus on excellence. The color palette is richer and more vibrant to reflect the passion the organization has for helping members achieve their financial goals.

“Our new logo is more than a rebrand – it’s a commitment to our brand promise and to our members,” said Nader Moghaddam, president and CEO of Financial Partners Credit Union. “I love that it clearly relays our three internal pillars of Clarity, Capability and Motivation. When those three things come together, excellence occurs. We combine these foundations of excellence to help our members achieve their financial well-being. Simply put, we wanted the logo and the brand to better reflect who we are – a forward leaning organization with a passion for providing hardworking Californians with a better way to bank.”

Always on the leading edge of technology to develop better tools for members, Financial Partners was one of the first credit unions to launch mobile deposit and was among the first west coast financial institutions to adopt a centralized teller system.

With a focus on making the lending process frictionless, the Credit Union recently launched a digital mortgage application which allows members to apply for a home loan in as little as eight minutes.

“We have focused on being a true partner to our members for over 80 years,” added Moghaddam. “We are dedicated to helping them reach financial success.”

Quilters to display creations

DOWNEY – The Los Angeles County Quilters Guild will present a showcase of featured quilters at their March 20 meeting, starting at 10 a.m. at the Woman’s Club of Downey.

Four members -- Nancy Needham, Jeanette Krebsbach, Shirley Barmett and Elaine Hotra -- will discuss their quilting journey while displaying quilts that were featured in the guild’s biannual show.

While they all share a love of quilting, each has a preferred color, design and method.

Guests are welcome to the meeting. For more information, call (562) 860-8821 or (562) 927-3635.

Meeting set for neighborhood watch block captains

DOWNEY – The seventh annual Neighborhood Watch block captain meeting will take place Wednesday, April 17, from 6-8 p.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Center.

The Downey Police Department will present security measures and active shooter training for residents to consider in their day-to-day routines.

Block captains will also be introduced the police department’s new mental health team.

There will also be an opportunity for questions and answers, and for block captains to discuss specific concerns related to their neighborhoods.

To RSVP, or for more information, contact Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Jenny Aguirre at (562) 904-2374 or jaguirre@downeyca.org.

Artists, filmmakers sought for Santa Fe Springs festival

SANTA FE SPRINGS – Artists, filmmakers and vendors are being sought to participate in Santa Fe Springs Art Fest, a two-day festival taking place May 2-3.

The festival kicks off Thursday, May 2, with the Collector’s Night reception where more than 500 works of art will be on display at the historic Clarke Estate.

Artists are invited to submit their applications for art on canvas, sculptures, ornate clay figures, still-life oil paintings, remarkable mixed media compositions, photography, and film.

Film entries will be reviewed with the winner of the best overall film receiving the Magnum Opus Film Award.

Artist and film entry applications are due no later than March 31. Vendor applications are due by March 30. Applications are online at ArtCrawlFest.com.

College breaks ground on new performing arts center

NORWALK – Cerritos College officials, Board of Trustees and community members celebrated a groundbreaking for the new Performing Arts Center on March 6.

Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Jose L. Fierro thanked the community for supporting the bond measures, and announced a planned gift of \$500,000 for the Performing Arts Center by Dr. Connie Mayfield, professor of music, and her mother Lois Mayfield. The donation will be used toward the purchase of grand pianos for the Center.

The \$80-million project is funded by Measure G Bond dollars and will be located in the center of the campus immediately south of Falcon Square. The 70,000-gross-square-foot facility will replace the College’s aging Burnight Theatre.

The new Performing Arts Center will provide a 450-seat state-of-the-art theatre, a smaller black box performance area, and support spaces. The building will also house the Music Department’s instructional labs, lecture halls, band rooms, practice rooms, and faculty offices.

Functioning as a cultural hub for the campus and greater communities, the new Performing Arts Center will provide a creative learning environment for students in the theatre arts and music programs, and an entertainment venue for the community.

Construction is expected to be completed in September 2021.



The Downey PF Flyers 9u baseball team won the USSSA Chiller AAA Division Championship on Sunday, February 24, at Big League Dreams in Chino Hills.

The Flyers went 4-0 in the tournament, sweeping the competition and securing the championship.

Street Faire now accepting vendors

DOWNEY – Vendor applications are now being accepted for the Downey Street Faire, taking place Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Booth spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is \$150 for a 10 ft. by 10 ft. space, or \$50 for an arts and crafts vendor.

For details, email blake@downeychamber.com or call the chamber office at (562) 923-2191. Vendor applications are available online.

Sponsorships are also available and range in price from \$500 to \$5,000.

The Street Faire takes place on Brookshire Avenue between Firestone Boulevard and 5th Street. In addition to vendors, there are food trucks, live bands, giveaways, information booths, and more.

Alameda PTA hosting Tiger Fun Run

DOWNEY – The third annual Tiger Fun Run in support of Alameda Elementary will take place Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to noon on the school field.

The fun run is a fundraiser suitable for the entire family. There will be a Zumba warm-up, obstacle course, a giant slide, coloring activities, and more.

The minimum amount to participate is \$10 but families are encouraged to collect donations from sponsors.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will help fund school assemblies, family fun nights at little or no cost, and an end-of-the-year carnival.

Checks should be made payable to Alameda PTA.

‘Ragtime’ in final weekend

BELFLOWER – There is still time to see “Ragtime” at St. John Bosco High School before the show closes this weekend.

It’s 1902 and at the dawn of a new century, everything is changing... and anything is possible. Set in the volatile melting pot of turn-of-the-century New York, three distinctly American tales are woven together – that of a stifled upper-class wife, a determined Jewish immigrant and a daring young Harlem musician – united by their courage, compassion and belief in the promise of the future.

Ticket’s for the final few shows can be purchased at ticketleap.com for \$15 plus a processing fee, or \$15 at the box office on the night of the show.

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State of Incorporation: N/A
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S/RODOLFO GARCIA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 19, 2019.

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File Number 2019062677

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Janice Hahn names Whittier students her Women of the Year

WHITTIER – Supervisor Janice Hahn on Tuesday named Graves Middle School students Alison Colacchio, Mone't Carter, and Andrea Prillwitz the Fourth District's Women of the Year at the annual awards and scholarship Luncheon hosted by the LA County Commission for Women.

In April 2018, a classmate of the three girls, Oliver, was hit by a car while using the crosswalk on Meyer Road at Fidel Avenue near Amelia Mayberry County Park.

Outraged by their classmate's injury and eager to prevent a similar tragedy from taking place, the three seventh graders jumped into action and began advocating forcefully for much-needed safety upgrades to the popular crosswalk.

As Oliver recovered from critical injuries sustained during the collision, the three students spearheaded a letter-writing campaign and even testified at a Board of Supervisors weekly meeting at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in Downtown LA where they urged the Board to make the necessary improvements.

After hearing their concerns and personally meeting with the students, Hahn allocated the necessary funds and instructed the LA County Department of Public Works to make the improvements to the crosswalk as soon as possible.

In January, Hahn thanked the students for their advocacy during the unveiling of the newly lighted crosswalk. Today, she honored them for their leadership and follow-through.

"I am so impressed by these young women. They saw what happened to their classmate, recognized the problem, and decided to do something about it," said Supervisor Hahn. "It is never too early to recognize your power and your ability to make a difference in your community."

The Women of the Year Luncheon is an annual event hosted by the LA County Commission for Women. Every year, each Supervisor names an outstanding woman or women in their district.

Two adults cited for buying alcohol for minors

DOWNEY – Two people were cited for buying alcohol for minors during a joint "shoulder tap" operation conducted by the Downey and Whittier police departments.

In the operation, a juvenile under the supervision of a police officer stands outside a liquor or convenience store and asks customers to purchase alcohol for them. The decoy states they are under 21 years old and can't buy alcohol for themselves.

Adults who purchase alcohol for the minor are cited by police officers.

Downey and Whittier police officers cited two adults for buying alcohol. Another two people were arrested for possession of illegal narcotics and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Day trip to Pala Casino

DOWNEY – The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is sponsoring a day trip to Pala Casino, near Temecula, on March 26.

Cost is \$15 and includes round trip to and from the casino, snacks, drink, free bingo and prizes. Must be at least 21 years old and possess California ID or driver's license. Emergency name and phone contact are also required.

For reservations contact Imelda at (213)618-8677.

Meeting on former strawberry field

NORWALK – Cerritos College will host a community form March 25 to discuss updates to its lot at Studebaker Road and 166th Street.

Formerly a strawberry field, the college turned the property into an automobile storage facility in 2017.

The meeting begins at 5 p.m. inside Room S-202 in the Cerritos College Science Building.

Jazz band Charged Particles playing free concert

CERRITOS – The San-Francisco-based group Charged Particles pays tribute to the late jazz great Michael Brecker at the Cerritos Library on Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in the Skyline Room.

Tenor saxophonist Tod Dickow will join the band.

The 28-year-old band plays funky Latin jazz and more, in what "Jazz News Magazine" has called a "fresh, energized jazz that showcases the trio's individual technical mastery as well as a cooperative, refined approach to the art form." The "Los Angeles Times" concurred, noting the ensemble's "tight interplay" and how each member "applied [his] own twists with spark and personal flair."

The trio includes acclaimed Afro-Latin jazz keyboardist Murray Low; acoustic and electric bassist Aaron German; and fiery drummer Jon Krosnick, who has performed with Chick Corea.

The concert is free to attend and advance registration is not required. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call the Cerritos Library at (562) 916-1342.



Carpenters show makes return to Downey

DOWNEY – Fifty years ago, A&M Records signed a sister and brother duo called the Carpenters and released their debut album "Offering" (later re-titled "Ticket to Ride"), leading the way for the pair to become one of the most successful recording acts of all time.

Coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the monumental signing and album debut, We've Only Just Begun: Carpenters Remembered, a touring show based around the Carpenters' music and their story, will bring their behind-the-scenes portrait back to the Carpenters' hometown Downey Theatre.

The event will take place on Thursday night, April 25 at 7:30 p.m..

An official event of the fan-fueled "Carpenters 50th" convention that will bring together fans from all over the world, We've Only Just Begun: Carpenters Remembered sold out its first appearance at the then-newly renovated theatre in 2016.

Karen and Richard Carpenter, who have sold more than 100 million records worldwide, have long been associated with Downey. The Carpenter family, including then 16-year-old Richard and 13-year-old Karen, moved there from New Haven, Connecticut in 1963.

Both siblings attended Downey High School where Richard, already an accomplished pianist, came to the attention of the school band's director, and Karen played glockenspiel in the marching band to get out of gym class. She later switched to the drums and began singing with a jazz trio formed with her brother and a school friend.

By 1969, the Carpenters were signed to A&M Records, and the duo would go on to release 12 studio albums, two Christmas albums, two live albums, 46 singles, and numerous compilation albums.

The We've Only Just Begun: Carpenters Remembered show has brought the music of the Carpenters to U.S. audiences since it hit the road in 2013. Conceived by and starring Canadian singer Michelle Berting Brett, she created the show after being told repeatedly that she sounded like the late Karen Carpenter.

What began as a cabaret show with Berting Brett accompanied by a pianist has grown into a touring theatrical production that has played performing arts centers and concert halls as well as multiple engagements in Las Vegas, New York and Atlantic City.

Produced by Berting Brett's husband Mark Brett, the show is now backed by a seven-piece Nashville band under the direction of Harry Sharpe.

A special holiday version of the show, Merry Christmas Darling: Carpenters' Christmas, based around the Carpenters' iconic Christmas albums, tours during the winter months and recently completed its 2018 run of shows with stops that included at the Laughlin Riverside Resort, Mohegan Sun Casino, Paramount Hudson Valley Theatre in upstate New York and a sold-out engagement at The Orleans Casino in Las Vegas.

Tickets to the April 25 show are \$35-\$45 and can be purchased on the Downey Theatre website or by calling (562) 861-8211.

POETRY MATTERS

Some Ants for Henry Thoreau (excerpt)

I know it's spring on the Merrimack, and I know in a few weeks I'll begin each day by tracing back along a line of ants, starting at the kitchen sink, (some coffee grounds, crumbs swept from the bread board), then moving to the window sill, out through an invisible crack, to the red brick just starting to gather warmth, down to the flagstones, tracking the cord of them—insatiable! unrepentant!—and on toward the birdbath, the interwoven hedge, the meadow where the cows nod their quiet assent. And then I lose them, Henry, as I always do, in the uncut thistly weeds near the barn. To begin each day among the weeds, crouched and hungry for a sign of complete desire, this is my small prayer. To pull a blade of grass and watch a single globe of dew fade and blink out. To follow the notes of a disappearing bird out into the trees, up and out along the farthest branch, laying my fingers against the pulse of that blue-fledged, warbling throat. Such moments can kill a man, or startle him back to his senses. It is Easter, my friend, and you are a long time cold beneath the thawed Concord dirt. I am sorry to be so long in writing. Winter has been hard on all of us here, taking half the trees in the orchard, pinning us close to the warmth of mostly human fires. But the ants have returned to urge us back out, carrying the great, sloughed-off fragments of the world from one place to another. They are your ants, dear Henry, always circling for the center, always gnawing, always pushing, always calling us to bend close to their crafty, diligent shows.

Ralph Black, Bloom and Laceration, Green Writers Press, 2017

Black shows us what eco-consciousness means: being wired to the real, and the interdependence of life. The blade of grass comes straight from Walt Whitman. In Black's Upper New York state poems we glimpse transience and transcendence. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



CDBG & HOME Community Meeting

The City of Downey has scheduled two (2) additional community meetings for review of the City's Fiscal Year 2019-20 federal CDBG and HOME Programs. These meetings provide information on both the CDBG & HOME programs, and discuss the community's needs. The meetings also allow an opportunity for community members and service providers to offer input regarding the annual development process of the Action Plan, by commenting on the City's housing and non-housing needs, program priorities, and allows for the proposal of uses for both of these funding sources. The City estimates that in Fiscal Year 2019-20 it will receive up to \$1,038,301 in CDBG and \$448,336 in HOME funds. You are invited to join staff at any of the scheduled community meetings below:

Thursday, March 14th at 6 pm

Columbia Memorial Space Center - 12400 Columbia Way

Thursday, March 28th at 3 pm

Columbia Memorial Space Center - 12400 Columbia Way

For additional information, or to arrange special accommodations to attend any meeting, please contact Jose Vazquez at (562) 904-7161



CDBG & HOME Community Meeting

La Ciudad De Downey a preparado dos (2) juntas comunitarias adicionales acerca de los programas creados con recursos federales llamados CDBG y HOME en el año programado 2018-19. Estas juntas van a proveer informacion acerca de los dos programas (CDBG y HOME) y se van a dialogar algunas de las necesidades en la comunidad. Durante la junta se dara una oportunidad para que miembros de la comunidad y los proveedores de servicios den su punto de ver en el proceso anual del Plan de Accion al comentar acerca de las necesidades en temas de alojamiento, desarrollo, las prioridades de programas y el uso propuesto para utilizar cualquier de los dos fondos federales. La Ciudad estima que recibira \$1,038,301 en recursos CDBG y \$448,336 en los de HOME el siguiente año fiscal.

Jueves, Marzo 14 a las 6 pm

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Downey players shine despite early playoff exit



PHOTO COURTESY FRANCES BACA

The girls soccer team was bounced in the first round of CIF playoffs but several players have been offered college scholarships.

By Mark Fetter
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The Downey High School girls' soccer team finished their season in the first round of the 2019 C.I.F. Division 3 Southern California Regional Girls Soccer Championships with a 2-1 loss at Grossmont High School in El Cajon on February 26th.

The bracket featured 1.) Oak Hills/ 8.) San Diego, 4.) Mission Oak/ 5.) Culver City, 3.) Grossmont/ 6.) Downey and 2.) Flintridge Sacred Heart/ 7.) New West Charter. Flintridge Sacred Heart defeated Culver City 3-0 in the final on March 2nd.

Downey finished the season with an overall record

of 17-7-5 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 8-1-1. The Vikings finished in second place behind eventual league champion, Warren (18-6-4, 9-0-1).

Three senior players of the Downey High School girls' soccer team have been competing in an all-star tournament. Roxanne Victoria, Amaya Gonzalez and Alice Hernandez have been competing in all-star competitions, most recently at Newport Harbor High School in Irvine.

The three senior midfielders are also entertaining scholarships to various universities. Indiana, Long Beach State, Stanford, Occidental College and Colorado are just five of the many schools currently showing interest in the trio. Coach Aguiniga and his staff are extremely proud of his

players' accomplishments.

DOWNEY LACROSSE: The Downey High School boys' lacrosse team currently has an overall record of 3-1 and will begin South Bay League play on March 20th when they play Culver City at Culver City.

The Vikings defeated Roosevelt at Roosevelt 10-6 on February 27th, defeated Damien at Downey 6-5 on March 1st, were defeated by Redondo Union at Redondo Union 14-1 on March 4th and defeated Beverly Hills at Beverly Hills 6-5 on March 7th.

Downey hosted Beverly Hills at Downey on Wednesday (score unavailable at press time).

Downey competes in the South Bay League against Santa Monica and Culver City. At the time of this writing Santa Monica is 3-1 overall, Downey is 3-1 overall and Culver City is 1-4 overall.

The Vikings are scheduled to play Culver City at Culver City on March 20th, Santa Monica at Santa Monica on March 27th, Damien at Damien on April 5th, Roosevelt at Downey on April 12th and El Segundo at Downey on April 17th.

The Vikings finished last season with an overall record of 4-12 and a South Bay League record of 0-4. Head Coach Bryant Hernandez, his staff and players are all looking forward to the 2019 lacrosse season.

WARREN SOFTBALL: The Warren High School softball team currently has an overall record of 4-3 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they travel to play Lynwood at Lynwood on March 26th.

In preseason action, the Bears competed in the Savannah Showcase where they finished 4-1. Warren defeated Villa Park, Santa Fe, La Serna and Culver City with their only loss coming to La Mirada 3-2 in eight innings.

The Bears were defeated by La Serna at La Serna 7-1 on March 15th and will travel to La Palma Kennedy to face the Fighting Irish on March 19th. Warren is also scheduled to compete in the La Mirada Tournament on March 23rd and March 30th.

As mentioned, the Bears will travel to Lynwood to face the Lady Knights on March 26th, will travel to Paramount to face the Lady Pirates on March 28th, will host Gahr at Warren on April 2nd and will travel to cross-town rival Downey on April 4th to play in the first of their two scheduled meetings. Warren will finish their first round of league play

when they host Dominguez at Warren on April 9th.

Warren finished last season with an overall record of 17-13 and was 6-4 in league play. The Bears were defeated by South Hills 4-3 in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 2 playoffs. Coach Starksen, her staff and players are all looking forward to the start of the 2019 S.G.V.L. season and competing for a league title. Gahr and Downey will once again be the teams to beat in league play.

WARREN BOYS VOLLEYBALL: The Warren High School boys' volleyball team currently has an overall record of 4-5 and will begin San Gabriel Valley League play when they host Lynwood at Warren on March 21st.

Warren finished the Redondo Union Tournament on February 22nd and 23rd with a record of 1-4. The Bears were defeated by St. John Bosco at St. John Bosco 3-1 on March 5th, defeated Santa Fe at Santa Fe 3-0 on March 7th and defeated Norwalk at Norwalk 3-1 on March 21st.

Warren will host Lynwood at Warren on March 21st, will

travel to face Paramount at Paramount on March 26th, will host Gahr at Warren on March 28th and will travel to cross-town rival Downey on April 2nd for the first of their two scheduled meetings. Coach Lane, his staff and players are all looking forward to the start of S.G.V.L. play.

WARREN BASEBALL: The Warren High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 12-2 and are 0-1 in San Gabriel Valley League play. Warren swept a doubleheader from Hoover at Hoover 15-0 and 10-0 last Saturday in non-league play.

The Bears were defeated by Paramount at Warren 1-0 on Monday and traveled to Paramount on Wednesday for their rematch (score unavailable at press time).

The Bears will travel to Dominguez on Monday and will then host the Dons next Thursday at Warren. Coach Pearson, his staff and players are all looking forward to 2019 league play.

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