



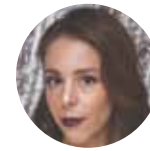
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In Downey, STEM not exclusive to boys

Downey Unified has expanded its Femineers program, a partnership with Cal Poly Pomona that encourages girls to explore futures in engineering.

DOWNEY - With only 15 percent of all engineering jobs occupied by women, Downey Unified has provided an opportunity for female students to fill this need and be more successful post-graduation by continuing to expand a female-focused engineering program, Femineer, throughout the district.

In partnership with Cal Poly Pomona's Women in Engineering Program, the Femineer program has been put into place at all four middle schools and two comprehensive high schools within Downey Unified to provide more of an opportunity for these young women to learn firsthand what a career in engineering would encompass.

On March 21, the third annual Femineer Gala was hosted by Warren High School where the work of Downey Unified's middle and high school Femineers were showcased. This event brought over 300 people in attendance to see what these more than 200 young future female engineers have been diligently focused on this school year.

This gala was comprised of a runway show with wearable technology, moveable designs located in areas around the room and a panel session made up of female engineers. The wearable technology, modeled and sewn by the Femineers themselves, were created using conductive thread, which if wired correctly light up different pieces of garments and accessories. Movable designs were also created by the Femineers after only being given motors, sensors and a circuit board.

A new addition to this annual event, a panel of female engineers were present to speak to students about the various pathways in engineering and their experiences, and to also answer questions.

The panelists included Dr. Cordelia Ontiveros, who holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Princeton University and is the co-founder of the Femineer Program; Dr. Sonya Lopez, a first generation Mexican-American who has earned a Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate from UCLA and is currently the Associate Director within the NASA DIRECT-STEM Center at Cal State Los Angeles; Lauren Banad, a Downey Unified alumna who received her Bachelors in Computer Science Engineering from USC and is currently working for Raytheon as a Systems Engineer; and Samantha Villagran, another Downey Unified alumna who is currently a senior at Cal Poly Pomona studying Mechanical Engineering.

"From just emerging into the engineering world as a student, to currently working in the field, these women provided our students with a broad view of the possibilities and directions that are achievable when pursuing a higher education or career in engineering," said school board president Nancy Swenson. "I have seen this program grow tremendously in the last few years and I can't wait to see what this latest group of Downey Unified female engineers will accomplish."

Cal Poly Pomona's Women in Engineering Program was established by Dr. Ontiveros in 2012 to provide young women with the resources and supportive services to succeed in the fields of engineering. Annually, they host their "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day," inviting 100 young ladies from the middle school level to experience this event. Downey Unified students represent 80 percent of those in attendance.



Lewis Elementary students pose with the Carnival of Champions trophy.

LEWIS ELEMENTARY WINS CARNIVAL OF CHAMPIONS

Now in its 55th year, the track and field competition draws more than 500 elementary students.

DOWNEY - Lewis Elementary won the 55th rendition of the Carnival of Champions, held last Saturday at Warren High School.

The track and field exhibition brought together approximately 500 fourth- and fifth-grade students from each of Downey Unified's nine elementary schools.

Students competed in seven events: baskets in a minute, softball throw for distance, standing long jump, 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, four-member team 400-meter relay, and mixed-coed relay.

The Lewis Elementary All-Stars took home the Carnival of Champions trophy with 150 points.

Rio San Gabriel Elementary finished second with 119 points, followed by third-place winner Price Elementary (106 points). Unsworth Elementary and Old



PHOTO BY BRIANNE GALINDO/DOWNEY HIGH SCHOOL

River Elementary rounded out the top five.

"I am proud to say that Downey Unified embodies and abides by Character Counts daily and it was evident during this year's Dale Lostetter Carnival of Champions," said school board president Nancy Swenson.

"Students congratulated one another by giving high fives and handshakes, whether they were on the winning team or a competing team. Each upheld a strong sense of character and sportsmanlike conduct throughout the day's competitions."

City of STEM festival kicks off with celebrity help

City of STEM, the largest science festival in Greater L.A., kicked off Monday.

LOS ANGELES - The annual science festival City of STEM kicked off on Monday with a "STEM Signing Day."

The event was held on the LA City Hall's South Lawn, and was celebrated in the vein of a school athlete signing with 50 Los Angeles County female students committing to pursue STEM majors at some of the nation's top colleges and universities.

"I have to say I am not a huge NFL fan, but I hear this happens all the time in the NFL," said Ben Dickow, executive director of Downey's Columbia Memorial Space Center. "I am a huge science fan, and it's fantastic that today we are honoring 50 young women - all high school seniors - who have committed to studying STEM in college next year."

Speakers at the event included Downey Mayor Rick Rodriguez and

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, as well as several officials in STEM based organizations.

Garcetti's WiSTEM Initiative - which aims to empower a generation of women to lead L.A.'s STEM revolution through mentorship, networking, and community building - was one of the many partners responsible for the event.

"This is a celebration of who we are as a city, a country, and a world, and to see all the girls that are here today, as a father, as the mayor, is so inspiring to me," said Garcetti. "Los Angeles is this global tech capital; it is really the center in so many ways of creativity... and we have women that are leading."

"Women rule; women really do rule well and I know you will be a part of that."

The morning's special guest speaker was actress and author Danica McKellar, who went on to earn a degree in mathematics from UCLA after concluding her



PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ
Danica McKellar and Ben Dickow

breakout role of Winnie Cooper on "The Wonder Years" television show.

"Math and all of STEM can be challenging...that is part of what makes it valuable. Part of why it makes it a good idea to study math and STEM is because it will train your brain to be a problem solver in all areas of life," said McKellar.

"We are counting on you... We all need to do whatever we can to continue to be role models for [girls], to inspire them, to be mentors for them, to show them just by being yourself, that being good at math and science, using your brain and embracing your smarts is for everyone; it's not just for people who look the part."

City of STEM will continue throughout the month of April, including a huge all-day celebration featuring icon Bill Nye the Science Guy this Saturday at the space center.

Downey restaurant grades

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8104 Firestone Blvd.
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Ralph's (Meat)
8626 Firestone Blvd.
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Grade: **A**

Ralph's (Bakery)
8626 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/2/19
Grade: **A**

Amapola (Meat)
7240 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/28/19
Grade: **A**

Amapola Super Deli and Market
7240 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/28/19
Grade: **A**

Amapola (Bakery / Tortilleria)
7240 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 3/28/19
Grade: **A**

USA Donuts & Croissants
8009 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 3/28/19
Grade: **A**

Snack Shop
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Date Inspected: 3/28/19
Grade: **A**

7-Eleven
7400 Stewart and Gray Rd.
Date Inspected: 3/28/19
Grade: **A**

Teriyaki Plus
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Weekend at a Glance

Friday 68°

Saturday 71°

Sunday 78°

THINGS TO DO



City of STEM Kick-Off

Saturday - Columbia Memorial Space Center, 10 am

Downey kicks off its month-long science festival with live music, mobile labs, rocket engines, magicians, engineering workshops, and a special appearance by Bill Nye the Science Guy.



Art & Antique Street Fair

Saturday - Uptown Whittier, 9 am to 3 pm

Enjoy a day of shopping among more than 80 craftsmen, artisans, home decor vendors, and antique vendors.



Spook Show

Saturday - Halloween Club in La Mirada, 12-7 pm

The 7th annual Spook Show, featuring Halloween arts, oddities, magic, props, costumes, decor, and more. Plus live music and food. Free but tickets required.



Shakespeare Day

Saturday - The Huntington Library, 11 am to 3 pm

Local crafters, artisans, home-based and small businesses owners will be on hand for all your spring shopping needs.



Tour de Sewer

Saturday - John Ford Park in Bell Gardens, 3 pm

Choose from 15, 25, 50 or 62-mile fun rides, followed by In-N-Out lunch. \$75 fee supports Bell Gardens Lions Club.



Armed Forces Breakfast

Saturday - First Baptist Church of Downey, 8:30 am

Music, guest speakers, military vehicle display, and breakfast, hosted by Courage Forward.

Quaker holding casting call

DOWNEY - Quaker Oats is hosting a casting call in Downey in search of the next face of Life cereal.

Live auditions will take place this Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Walmart located inside Downey Promenade.

Children must be ages 4-8 and accompanied by a parent.

Kids unable to attend Saturday can also submit video auditions at LifeCastingContest.com.

Toastmasters hosting open house

DOWNEY – The local Toastmasters club will host an open house Tuesday, April 16, for new and prospective members.

Toastmasters is a worldwide organization that helps people become more effective communicators and leaders.

Toastmasters Dynamic Forcecasters is hosting this open house, which will feature remarks by guest speaker Marco Barcena, council member from Bell Gardens. He will talk about the importance of communication skills for today's professionals.

The open house is from 6-7:30 p.m. at Downey First Baptist Church in room 116.

Toastmasters Dynamic Forcecasters meets there every Tuesday at 6 p.m. For more information, email toastmastersclub587@gmail.com.

Relay for Life fundraiser May 11

DOWNEY – The 13th annual Sue Phillips Memorial Fundraiser will be held Saturday, May 11, at 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Downey Masonic Lodge.

Admission is \$20 and includes lunch and bingo cards. There will also be an opportunity drawing.

Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

RSVP on Facebook (search "Sue Phillips Memorial Fundraiser") or call (562) 861-4165.

Quilt collector is guest speaker

DOWNEY – Noted quilt collector Arlene Arnold will make a presentation titled "The Journey – Kentucky to California 1864" at the April 17 meeting of Los Angeles County Quilters Guild.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. at the Downey Women's Club.

Arlene has 117 quilts now, and will be showing several made between 1820 and 1870 while reading excerpts from her great, great grandmother's diary telling of her journey by covered wagon.

The Los Angeles County Quilters Guild meets at 10 a.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at the Downey Woman's Club. Guests are always welcome.

Credit union teaches students lessons in money management

DOWNEY – More than 70 students learned real-life financial lessons at an education workshop Downey Federal Credit Union hosted at Columbus High School last week.

The workshop, titled Bite of Reality, is an app simulation activity in which students receive digital real-world life scenarios and must manage their spending to stay under the budget provided.

The simulation is meant to provide young adults a real-world taste of what managing finances feels like.

Credit union staff alongside Downey business owners and civic leaders volunteered to serve as sales people for various products and services. Each volunteer was instructed to try their best to upsell products to mimic the pressure adults face when balancing their wants and needs while practicing money management.

"It was great seeing the students so excited as they visited each shopping station," said DFCU's Community Engagement Specialist Jessica Cantos. "Financial education was not taught in my high school and I believe I personally would have benefitted from participating in this type of program. Teaching money management is essential to the success of our students."

Since 2017, Downey Federal Credit Union has hosted five of these Bite of Reality workshops, reaching more than 350 students. The next Bite of Reality event is scheduled for May 2 at Downey High School.

Winterball sign-ups underway

DOWNEY – West Downey Little League is now accepting registration for its 2019 winterball season.

The 10-week program starts Sept. 15 and runs through Nov. 17. All games are played on Sundays.

Winterball is a developmental and training program for players to hone their skills. Players can also "play up" to their next division to gain experience for their coming spring season.

Divisions eligible for winterball include Juniors (ages 12-14), Majors (ages 10-11), Minor A (ages 9-10), Minor B (ages 7-8), Minor C (ages 5-6) and T-Ball (ages 4-5).

Registration is available on the West Downey Little League website.

Church throwing potluck lunch

DOWNEY – Desert Reign Church's OASIS program -- Older Adults Steadfast in Service -- will gather for its monthly potluck luncheon this Saturday, April 6, at noon.

The lunch's purpose is to provide fellowship and spiritual encouragement to senior adults.

"Our seniors strive to be role models and examples to our next generation," the church said. "Since the life expectancy has increased over several decades, we have become more aware of the need to provide informed, intentional and innovative ways to minister to those who are celebrating the 'second half' of life."

The public is welcome to the luncheon. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share.

For more information, call (562) 861-6011.

Razorbacks taking registration

DOWNEY – Downey Youth Football, also known as the Downey Razorbacks, will accept sign-ups for its fall football season this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Furman Park.

Registration will continue at Furman Park every Saturday through May.

The league offers flag football, tackle football, and cheerleading to boys and girls ages 5-14. Registration includes trophy, league picture package, yearbook, and game socks. Equipment is provided to players.

Payment plans are available or kids can sell raffle tickets to offset the registration cost. No children are turned away due to inability to pay.

Jersey and cheer uniform fittings will take place June 1 and practice starts July 29. The first game is Sept. 7.

Practices are held at Discovery Sports Complex, with home games played at either Downey or Warren high schools.

For more information, or if you are interested in coaching, call Louis Morales at (310) 350-0220 or go to downeyrazorbacks.com.

Football coach to discuss book

DOWNEY – Longtime educator, football coach and author Ken LaVigne will give a public talk Monday, April 8, in a program organized by the Downey City Library.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. inside the council chambers at Downey City Hall.

LaVigne, a Downey resident, will speak about his book, "Coach the Soul," which "sheds light on what today's young people need to thrive and succeed inside the classroom and beyond."

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Roybal-Allard introduces Dream Act in Congress

The bill would extend protections for Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Enforced Departure recipients, providing work permits and blocking deportation for immigrants from countries dealing with war or natural disasters.

DOWNEY - Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40), who represents Downey and other Southeast communities in the U.S. House of Representatives, introduced H.R. 6, the Dream and Promise Act, on March 12.

The bill is the 116th Congress's version of the Dream Act, which has been introduced since 2001 to allow the U.S.-raised immigrant youth known as "Dreamers" to

earn lawful permanent residence and American citizenship.

H.R. 6 includes protections and a path to citizenship not just for Dreamers, but also for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) beneficiaries.

Roybal-Allard made the following remarks on March 12 at a U.S. Capitol press event announcing the bill.

"As the coauthor of the original 2001 Dream Act, I am extremely pleased to introduce the new version: The Dream and Promise Act of 2019. H.R. 6 is an important bill that protects our nation's Dreamers, and individuals with Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Enforced Departure.

"I thank my coauthors, Congresswomen Nydia Velázquez and Yvette Clarke, for their work on the TPS and DED provisions of the bill, and for their fight to protect the rights of immigrant communities across our nation.

"I also thank Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren and Congressman Jerrold Nadler for their critical support in drafting the bill, and Speaker Nancy Pelosi for designating the bill as H.R. 6, one of the top 10 priorities of the new Democratic majority.

"Thanks to the many experts, immigration advocacy groups, and Dreamers who provided us with their personal experiences and invaluable insight into the challenges faced by our Dreamers, I am proud our bill contains a

number of provisions that make it more progressive and pragmatic than previous versions of Dream.

"In 2012, President Obama gave Dreamers hope that they would be able to stay and contribute to their communities and build their American dream. Sadly, in 2017, the Trump Administration cruelly and recklessly ended DACA, dashing their hopes and instilling fear and uncertainty in their lives and that of their families.

"Like so many others, I have seen the pain and fear the Trump decision has had on Dreamers and their families. My congressional district is home to the largest number of Dreamers of any district in the country, with an estimated 16,800 DACA or DACA-eligible individuals.

"Fortunately, California values the talents and the potential of our Dreamers. They are our neighbors and colleagues who help strengthen our communities. They are students, scientists, researchers, and small business owners, who contribute to America's great history of innovation.

"That is why our state leads the way in supporting our Dreamers, and benefiting from their contribution as a vital force in our state's vibrant, inclusive, and thriving economy, the fifth largest in the world.

"The Dream and Promise Act of 2019 provides a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers who arrived in the U.S. at age 17 and younger, and who have been continuously living here for the last four years. Dreamers must be employed, pursue higher education, or serve in our military



to adjust to Lawful Permanent Resident status. The bill provides a direct pathway to LPR status for current DACA recipients and individuals who already meet these requirements.

"Our bill helps Dreamers to access in-state tuition and gives them access to federal student financial aid. The bill also establishes a grant program for nonprofits, includes new due

process provisions, and permits certain eligible Dreamers deported by the Trump Administration to apply for relief.

"Once again, I thank Speaker Pelosi for making Dreamers, and individuals with TPS and DED, a top priority of our Democratic majority. I look forward to working with my colleagues to pass H.R.6, the Dream and Promise Act of 2019."

In Memory of



Theodore "Doc" Crawford

July 30, 1925 - March 14, 2019

Theodore "Doc" Crawford was a loyal employee of Eppink of California (formerly California Church Furniture) for over 75 years. After learning the craft of woodworking, he worked as a master woodworker with the firm, and did a stint as the shop supervisor. Most recently he was providing services as the Maintenance Man. It should be noted he rarely missed a day of work. Only if a health issue had him down did he miss work. And he was NOT happy

when he couldn't be there. He loved his job and the people with whom he worked.

He served in the Navy during WW II. He left high school to enlist, but when his Mom found out she sent him back to get his books and get back to class. Just a few days later, he was drafted and went into basic training. Part of his service was in the military hospital at Guantanamo base in Cuba. He was a pharmacist's mate (medic), which is where he got the nickname "Doc." He tells of a time he was driving an ambulance, and there was an officer with him up front. He had a patient, and was getting him to the hospital. The officer directed him to a different location, but Doc knew what he had to do, and continued to the hospital for the sake of the patient. He said he knew it was insubordination, but the patient's welfare was his highest concern. He never smoked, but he said he would put a cigarette in his mouth so he could light it for the patients.

Since he was drafted while in high school, he didn't graduate with his class. Instead, many years later he took classes at Downey Adult School and earned his high school diploma.

He drove to see his parents and relatives in Oregon on a regular basis until into his 80's. He would drive up in a day, visit, then drive back in a day... a long weekend was not unusual for these trips.

He was a kind man, with only kind words for everyone. He was appreciative for every kindness shown to him, including each doctor and nurse that provided him care.

He enjoyed helping family members with whatever they needed, even if it was just pumping gas for the car.

He was a generous man, always wanting to help the unfortunate. This is evidenced by the many solicitation letters he received on a regular basis because he had made donations, and was on their list. Organizations such as the Red Cross, cancer fighting organizations, firefighters, police, Salvation Army, and many, many more.

Words cannot express how much he is missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was born in Eugene, Oregon to parents Eva May and Harry Charles Crawford. He was baptized as a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

He is survived by daughter Patricia Heineke (Michael), son Theodore Crawford (Gwenn), and Grandchildren Joni, Ray, Tim, Stacey, and great grandchildren, April, David, Jennifer, Kaitlyn, Leah, Monique, Mycah, and Rylee.

Funeral services were Friday, March 22nd at Miller Mies Downey Mortuary, and interment was at Olive Lawn Cemetery located in La Mirada.

City worker suffers burns


DOWNEY - A city of Downey public works employee suffered second degree burns Wednesday after his vehicle caught fire at the city maintenance yard.

The city-owned truck went up in flames at about 8 a.m., officials said. The driver suffered burns to his head, neck and chest.

Downey firefighters treated the worker as he was transported to a local hospital. He is currently listed in stable condition at a local intensive care unit burn center.

City officials have not released the worker's name. The police and fire departments are conducting an investigation.

"On behalf of our entire Downey family," I would like to express my deepest sympathies to our city employee injured in yesterday's fire incident," Mayor Rick Rodriguez said in a statement. "We are all deeply saddened and wish him all the best as he recovers from his injuries. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family."



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Downey Soroptimists honor its Women of Distinction

Downey Soroptimist honors six local women for their contributions towards female empowerment.

**By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist**

The dynamo members of Soroptimist International of Downey are at it again.

Honoring six local women who have done outstanding work in

empowering women and children, the Soroptimists produced their annual star-studded morning breakfast show, Women of Distinction, on March 28.

Giggy Perez-Saab, newest member of the school board, acted as emcee and Donna Lindley introduced members of the audience. Donna asked all who had been previously named Women of Distinction to stand and conscious of the honor, many in the group did, both

Soroptimists and women guests.

President Blanca Rochin called the group to order and Cecelia Gopez, in a dusty rose lace duster over black top and pants, with stunning pale pink coral beads, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dorothy Pemberton, probably the longest-serving Soroptimist present, gave an invocation which asked for guidance and help. White table cloths were set off by a spring nosegay of pink lilies, roses and stock and the newly green spring grass of the golf

course sparkled behind the glass walls.

Mayor Rick Rodriguez, Councilman Alex Saab and Dr. John Garcia, Superintendent of the Downey Unified School District were on hand to see kudos go to the Captain Leslie Murray, first woman to hold the rank of captain in the Downey Police Department, and now a Soroptimist 2019 Woman of Distinction. Add to that Downey School Board Member Nancy Swenson, herself a previous winner, and

Councilwomen –Soroptimists Claudia Marroquin-Fromenta and Blanca Pacheco.

Arriving just in time for the Rio Hondo Event Center's breakfast and coffee, Judge Catherine Pratt of the Compton Court is one of the six stars in the tiara of this year's Distinguished Women. Judge Pratt has pioneered the STAR Court, which means Succeeding Through Achievement and Resilience, System for juveniles arrested as prostitutes. She treats each girl as a victim, not a criminal, relating to them one girl at a time.

has her own business now."

"What kind of success rate do you have," I asked.

"If success is measured by not going back to the life of crime and dependence that they had before, then we so far have a remarkable 72% success rate," said the judge. A team of case workers, psychiatrists, vocational therapists and the judge have worked with over 500 girls in the last six years. Cupcakes for the many informal birthday parties are paid for out of the judge's own pocket.

Many Soroptimists came up to talk to the judge, one being Dr. Nina Smart. Dr. Nina just came back from New York City, where an unprecedented 5,000 women convened at the United Nations for the 63rd meeting of the Women's Council on Social Development to discuss human trafficking. That means sex slavery, and enforced prostitution, as well as domestic and sweatshop labor. Dr. Nina represented the Camino Real Region of Southern California Soroptimist International.

Captain Leslie Murray is a Downey High grad as well as a diplomate of the Los Angeles Police Department "West Point Leadership Program."

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In Memory of

Catherine Louise Bardell-Nance

June 12, 1922 - March 30, 2019



Catherine "Kay" Louise Bardell-Nance was born on June 12, 1922 in Illinois to Charles and Stacy (Kroviak) Nelson. She entered into eternal rest on March 30, 2019 in Cerritos, California at the age of 96.

Kay was a member of the First Christian Church of Norwalk and served as an elder for many years. She helped prepare the monthly

Pancake Breakfast, hosted fellowship groups and set up and participated in the Helping Hands quilting project. Kay's social life included playing Bridge at the Women's Club, challenging family members in Scrabble and hosting a Skip Bo card group at her house on Fridays. She felt that these activities kept her mind sharp, and they did! Kay was active and involved up until the last few weeks of her well-lived life. Kay was an intelligent and diligent woman, who worked as a lab technologist in a medical lab for 37 years.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 6th, 2019 at 10:30 AM at First Christian Church of Norwalk 13820 Studebaker Rd. - Norwalk, CA - 90650

Kay is survived by her son, Christopher Michael "Mike" Cronin of Lake Havasu, AZ, her daughter, Jacqueline Gehring (Norm) of Aurora, CO, her son, Patrick Cronin of Seal Beach, CA, and her step son, Robert Bardell (Carol) of Goodyear, AZ. She also leaves behind 5 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 4 nephews, and 1 niece.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Women's Club of Downey Foundation for student scholarships. For more obituary and service information and to leave condolences for the family, please visit www.RisherMortuary.com.

In Memory of

Mary Ann Heyer

June 27, 1932 - April 1, 2019



Mary Ann Heyer was born in Sedalia, MO on June 27, 1932 and passed away in La Palma, CA on April 1, 2019. She was born to Martin and Minnie (Neil) Hansen of MO.

Family, friends and God were Mary's passion and joy. She married her high school sweetheart and cherished the family that was

created from that love story. She enjoyed gardening, her dog Missy, singing in the church choir, attending bible study and being part of a Woman's Club. Mary Ann enjoyed being a retail clerk in the clothing retail industry for over 20 years.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the 1st Baptist Church of Downey chapel. Interment will be held on Monday, April 15, 2019 at Riverside National Cemetery.

Mary Ann is survived by her daughter, Sandy (Jeff) McCaughan of Downey, and her sons, David (Cyndi) Heyer of Brea, and Gary (Fran) Heyer of Indiana. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Gary Jack (Amy) Heyer of Yorba Linda, Dayna (Brett) Humphries of Brea, April (Scott) Kastning of Michigan, Angela (Mark) Rumschik of Michigan, Chelsea (Alan) McClure of Indiana, Darren McCaughan of Downey and 11 great grandchildren. She also leaves her brother, Robert (Mary) Hansen of Colorado and numerous nieces and nephews. Mary Ann is predeceased by her husband, Theodore Heyer, married 67 1/2 years.

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In Memory of

Sam Mallett

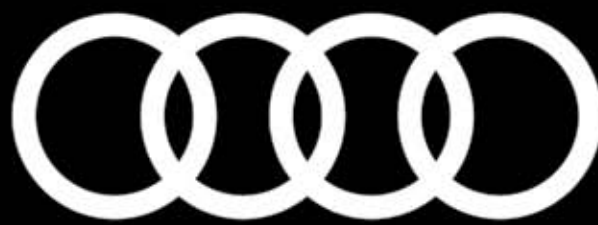
October 30, 1928 - March 9, 2019

Sam Mallett, passed on peacefully, on March 9th, 2019 in Vancouver, Washington at the age of 90.

Sam was born on October 30, 1928 in Springfield, Arkansas, to Irvin and Mattie (nee Stephens) Mallett. Sam was a successful restaurant chef and owner. He married Adeline Mallett on October 24, 1953, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Soon after, they moved to Southern California. The couple welcomed three children into their home in Downey, California. Over the twenty-five years he lived there, he owned a successful restaurant and catering business with Adeline, and served in several volunteer leadership roles with the Boy Scouts. He was a dedicated member of his church and Sunday school, whether in Downey, CA, Seattle, WA, or Vancouver, WA.



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Opinion

Wireless companies sell your location data. Federal regulators should stop them.

BY GEOFFREY STARKS

When you signed up for cellphone service, I bet you didn't expect that your exact location could be sold to anyone for a few hundred dollars. The truth is, your wireless carrier tracks you everywhere you go, whether you like it or not. When used appropriately, this tracking shouldn't be a problem: location information allows emergency services to find you when you need them most.

But wireless carriers have been selling our data in ways that allows it to be resold for potentially dangerous purposes. For instance, stalkers and abusive domestic partners have used location data to track, threaten and attack victims. This industrywide practice facilitates "pay to track" schemes that appear to violate the law and Federal Communications Commission rules.

Companies are collecting and profiting from our private data in hidden ways that leave us vulnerable. As you carry your phone, your wireless carrier records its location so calls and texts can reach you. And you can't opt out of sharing location data with your carrier, as you can with a mobile application. Your carrier needs this data to deliver service. But, according to recent news reports, this real-time phone location data has long been available to entities beyond your wireless carrier, for a price. In one alarming example, reported by Vice, a bounty hunter was able to pay to track a user's location on a map accurate to within a few feet. In another case, a sheriff in Missouri used location data provided by carriers to inappropriately track a judge.

In other words, an ability that seems to come right out of a spy movie is now apparently available to just about anybody with your phone number and some cash. The pay-to-track industry has grown

in the shadows, outside of the public eye and away from the watch of regulators.

Senator Ron Wyden, Democrat of Oregon, first raised the alarm last year, sending a letter to the F.C.C. on May 8 demanding an investigation into abuses by the pay-to-track industry. The Times reported on the issue the same week. Senator Wyden also demanded answers from the major wireless carriers. After that, the top wireless companies said that bounty hunters and others would no longer have access to their customers' locations.

But months later the reports continue. Other recent articles suggest that highly accurate GPS location information from our phones — which, according to F.C.C. rules, should be used to send help to 911 callers — is available on a location-data black market. Since then, wireless companies have said they'll stop selling our location information completely — eventually.

The misuse of this data is downright dangerous. The harms fall disproportionately upon people of color. According to the Pew Research Center, people of color rely more heavily on smartphones for internet access, so they create more of this data, which makes them more vulnerable to tracking. Researchers also know that location data can be used to target them with misinformation or voter suppression tactics. It can also lead to assumptions about a person's race or income level, assumptions that can feed into discriminatory automated decision making.

What is the government doing to protect us? Congress passed laws years ago protecting this kind of information and entrusted the F.C.C. with the responsibility of enforcing them.

Stop denying global warming

BY FROMA HARROP

Even after Hitler invaded Czechoslovakia and Poland, a strong pacifist movement in Britain opposed a military buildup to confront Nazi Germany. It vilified Winston Churchill as a warmonger for pushing one.

"What is it that Britain and France are fighting for?" Churchill asked rhetorically in a March 1940 broadcast. "If we left off fighting you would soon find out."

Five months later, bombs started dropping on London. Britain found itself alone and teetering on the edge of an invasion by Nazi Germany. And in these dark hours, when a militarily weak Britain suffered frightening losses on the battlefields, politicians who opposed preparing for war blamed Churchill for being a poor wartime leader.

Climate change is a very different kind of peril, but it, too, is menacing our planet with catastrophic consequences for both our natural environment and built civilization. The warnings have been coming fast and furious for years as the powers in Washington lifted not a finger to deal with the danger. Worse, many denied it is real.

Now listen to Cathy Crain, mayor of Hamburg, Iowa, whose Missouri River town was inundated to the rooftops by apocalyptic flooding.

"I'm looking at global warming — I don't need to see the graphs," Crain said. "I'm living it and everybody else is living it."

Americans are finding out why they must fight. They see the devastating fires, droughts, hurricanes and tornados. They watch towns and beautiful farmland in Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri disappear under the water.

And it's just started. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says 25 states could see moderate to major flooding

through May. Some will surpass the infamous floods of 1993 and 2011.

Natural disasters have always been with us. Responsible climate scientists are careful not to place all the onus for these events on rising temperatures. But they do insist that climate is playing a part, and that as the Earth gets warmer, these calamities will grow in degree and number.

Still, the appeaser politicians have no answer other than to spend zillions of taxpayer dollars on fixes that won't work for long. And where will that money come from? Many of these same officials lustily supported the Trump tax cuts, which are draining the Treasury of needed revenues.

Case in point is Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley. When the subject came around to climate change, the Republican pointed fingers at the all-purpose "radical environmentalists" for killing jobs. Now he blames them for allegedly forcing the Army Corps of Engineers — which oversees flood control efforts — to favor wildlife over farmers.

The corps serves several constituencies, but as its deputy commanding general for civil and emergency operations said in a recent statement, "The Corps's No. 1 priority in its operations is life safety."

Thing is, for over a century, the corps has been building, building, building levees, spillways and other infrastructure to control the waters. This system is crumbling under the pressure of climate-induced flooding. You could build levees seemingly halfway to heaven with more borrowed money, but in many cases, they won't meet the growing challenge.

And even when levees — built or sometimes removed — succeed in preventing floods in one place, they can create problems elsewhere. After all, the water has to go someplace. When a levee was demolished

It is unquestionably the F.C.C.'s job to protect consumers and address risks to public safety. Our location information isn't supposed to be used without our knowledge and consent and no chain of handoffs or contracts can eliminate the wireless company's obligations. This is particularly true for the misuse and disclosure of GPS-based 911 location data — which is squarely against F.C.C. rules.

The F.C.C. says it is investigating. But nearly a year after the news first broke, the commission has yet to issue an enforcement action or fine those responsible. This passage of time is significant, as the agency usually has only one year to bring action to hold any wrongdoers accountable before the statute of limitations runs. Some may argue that the F.C.C.'s authority to take action against wireless carriers for this activity has gotten weaker in recent years, with the repeal of consumer-focused privacy and net neutrality rules during the current administration. But I believe that the commission still has ample authority to address these egregious pay-to-track practices.

Federal action is long overdue. As a Democratic commissioner at the Republican-led agency, I can call for action, but the chairman sets the agenda, including deciding whether and how quickly to respond to pay-to-track schemes. The agency's inaction despite these increasingly troubling reports speaks volumes and leaves our duty to the public unfulfilled. The F.C.C. must use its authority to protect consumers and promote public safety, and act swiftly and decisively to stop illegal and dangerous pay-to-track practices once and for all.

Geoffrey Starks is a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

Is the Affordable Care Act constitutional?

BY JUDGE ANDREW NAPOLITANO

"If the provisions of the Constitution be not upheld when they pinch, as well as when they comfort, they may as well be abandoned." — Justice George Sutherland (1862-1942)

Here we go again. The legal battle over the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act — Obamacare — will soon be back in court due to the largely unexpected consequences of a series of recent events.

When the ACA was enacted in 2010, it was a stool with four legs. The first was a declaration that access to professional health care treatment — even for preexisting conditions — is a right to be guaranteed by the federal government. Second, that all people in America are legally required to have health insurance or be assessed for the cost of an insurance policy by the IRS — this is the so-called individual mandate. Third, that all employers of 50 or more full-time employees provide health care insurance to their employees. And fourth, that the federal government would micromanage the delivery of health care and, along with the states, orchestrate and subsidize health care for those who did not receive it from an employer.

When the legal challenge to the ACA was before the Supreme Court in June 2012, the core issue was does the Commerce Clause of the Constitution — which delegates to Congress the power to regulate interstate commerce — empower the Congress to compel people to engage in it by purchasing a health insurance policy. As the late President George H.W. Bush liked to ask: Can Congress force me to eat broccoli?

When the Supreme Court took a preliminary vote after oral arguments on the constitutionality of the individual mandate, the tally was 5 to 4 to invalidate it. Then Chief Justice John Roberts had second thoughts. He saw the polls, which showed Mitt Romney safely ahead

of President Barack Obama in the then upcoming presidential race, and Republicans looking good to capture Congress. He reasoned to his colleagues that it would be better for history and the court's legacy if the political branches invalidated legislation as controversial as the ACA, rather than the court.

So, he went along with the finding that the Commerce Clause does not confer the power to compel entry into interstate commerce, but he needed a way to salvage the individual mandate. Breaking with the five-member conservative majority on the court, he reasoned that while Congress cannot regulate everything under the sun (its powers to regulate are limited by the Constitution), it can tax anything under the sun. So, if the IRS assessment visited upon those who fail to acquire health insurance is a tax, the individual mandate is constitutional.

This was a novel argument, in large measure because the litigants challenging the constitutionality of the individual mandate and the Department of Justice defending it all argued to the court that the IRS assessment was not a tax. President Obama had promised voters that the federal micromanagement of health care would not add to individuals' tax burden, and the challengers called the assessment a penalty so as to trigger a hearing for each person as to whom the IRS imposed an assessment.

Can the court characterize a statute as a tax when all the litigants in the case, including the government, have insisted it is not? If a jury is hearing an intersection collision case and all witnesses testify that the traffic light regulating the plaintiff's vehicle was green, the court must instruct the jury that it may not find that the light was amber or red because the jury and the court are bound by the evidence before them.

But the Supreme Court is infallible because it is final, as Justice Robert Jackson once observed. It can do what it wants and call a penalty or an assessment or a command to eat broccoli a tax. By doing so, the ACA was saved.

Then, in 2016, Donald Trump was elected president, and a Republican Congress in 2017 enacted new tax laws that invalidated the individual mandate; there is no longer any IRS consequence for individuals who fail to obtain health insurance. When the ACA, minus the individual mandate, was challenged last year, a federal judge ruled the ACA unconstitutional because there was no tax in there to salvage it. Notwithstanding President Trump's views, the Department of Justice defended the Affordable Care Act, as is its lawful obligation.

Now, on appeal, the DOJ says it will not defend Obamacare. It is almost unheard of for the DOJ not to defend on appeal a constitutional challenge to a federal statute, particularly a statute that the Supreme Court has upheld, and especially a statute that the DOJ just finished defending in a trial court. The courts are incredulous, and skeptical, when the DOJ changes its position 180 degrees during a case. That change can seriously undermine the credibility of the DOJ. Also, it can undermine the president's fidelity to his oath of office — to uphold and defend laws whether he agrees with them or not.

Yet, the present statute is not the same statute that the Supreme Court upheld in 2012. The feds cannot order me to wear a red necktie, but they can tax me if I don't. No tax, no red necktie. What will the courts do?

Politically, this is a serious problem for Republicans. History shows that once a governmental benefit — here, subsidized health insurance with guaranteed coverage for preexisting conditions, now enjoyed by 21 million Americans — begins to flow, it is nearly impossible politically to stop it.

Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, who hated each other, did have one public point of agreement. Namely, if the public treasury becomes a public trough, and the public recognizes that, voters will only send to Washington those who promise to bring home the biggest piece of the pie — even if it is unconstitutional.

in 2011 to save Cairo, Illinois, from a rampaging Mississippi River, some 100,000 acres, mostly farmland, was flooded.

In his previous job as Missouri attorney general, Hawley joined a suit against Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan, designed to contain global warming. President Trump applauded.

With leadership like this, the war against climate change hasn't even reached the end of the beginning. Surrender and blaming others is not a winning strategy.

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Downey's alcohol obsession

Dear Editor:

So The Avenue is going to be another drinking establishment? ("Proposed Buyer of Avenue Theatre Asks to Extend Escrow," 3/28/19)

First, Foxy's became the Downey Brewing Company, a place that the new owners didn't even bother fixing on the outside but is obviously succeeding in attracting the hardcore drinking crowd.

Then Club DB Lounge and Godtti's on Firestone have been expanded and draw even more drinking crowds late into the morning hours.

Oh, then you have the restaurants that are truly bars with food that have gone through suspicious name changes: BRB (formerly Mi Cielo) and Tempo Cantina (formerly Cocina Distrito).

The part that seems the most deceitful is that many of these Downey businesses started off by saying they were going to offer "quality eating experiences" and shortly after they stop providing decent food and focus exclusively on the sale of alcohol.

What is there to draw anyone to the Downtown Downey scene? Only the farmers market on Saturdays, the new Studio Movie Grill, and a few legitimate eating establishments. Other than that, the revamping of downtown has sold out to the highest bidder, those who don't care about creating a downtown with character and charm and instead focus on the monetary potential: alcohol sells!

M. Padilla Downey

Local newspapers

Dear Editor:

I loved Michael Chirco's story in the March 21 issue of the Downey Patriot. ("The Paper at My Feet.") It put a smile on my face.

I think every city should have a Downey Patriot to inform them of what's happening in their city. Personally, I would love to see more reporting on crimes.

We had one today and thanks to the Downey Police Department, they caught their man after a short foot pursuit. I love happy endings.

My neighbors and I are very grateful to the police department.

Margie Gutierrez Downey

CVS' data policy

Dear Editor:

On March 9, I went to the CVS at 7915 Florence Ave. to return a \$7.69 item.

When I presented the item along with original purchase receipt to the clerk, he stated an ID was required. Why, I had no idea but obligingly I removed my California driver's license and placed it on the counter for him to view. Instantly the clerk snatched my license from the counter and swiped it through his register reader.

I was not asked permission nor forewarned in any way that my most valuable private driver's license identity/data would be stolen from me in this manner. Aghast, stunned, incredulous, infuriated and violated best describe my feelings upon this outrageous theft of my identity.

When I sufficiently recovered from my shock to speak to the manager, he told me, "Since November this has been CVS policy."

If I was told my license must be scanned to make the return, I would have emphatically declined since my license data privacy is vastly more important to me than a \$7.69 return.

Who knows in what data bank my driver's license data now resides? Who knows what can or will be done with it? Who knows if the data bank is breached or sold or rented, what nefarious acts may ensue using my identity? Who knows how many CVS customers everywhere are victims of this identity theft scheme?

It's too late for me but I hope others will be aware of this (what should be illegal) CVS policy before they also become victims.

Barbara Sterling Downey

CORRECTION: Last week's "60 Words" feature celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Downey Symphony was incorrectly attributed to Bill and Katie Hare. The information should have been attributed to Lorine Parks, who was chair of the committee responsible for finding a new conductor. We apologize for the error.

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Glitz, glamour and fundraising at the Amistad Ball

Downey's civic leaders turn out in droves to raise money for the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation and their charitable work.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

It's nice to see graceful women in long gowns, who know how to walk in the flowing skirts. And every man always looks handsomer in black tie and tux.

The occasion was the Amistad Gala Ball, put together by the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation, the non-profit fundraising arm of Downey's own Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. With an aim to raise money to support the patient's physical recovery and re-integration into society, the foundation appeals to many Downeyites, some of whom have been contributing for over 40 years.

Saturday night was also one of the foundation's many fundraisers but it was mainly a time for friends to meet and treat themselves to a well-earned celebration of the accomplishments of the past year. One of the secrets, as to what makes Downey work, is that so many local volunteer organizations come together to help.

Seen in the foyer before the ballroom doors opened were Downey's mayor, Rick Rodriguez, who also gave the invocation at dinner. He and Connie and Jerry Wetzstein were among other Kiwanians who attended. Kiwanis makes the Foundation one of its priorities. Rarely glimpsed in Downey but a welcome sight were Dick and LaVonne Holmes. They're doing well in Tustin now, thank you.

Downey Rotarians included Nathan Mahoney, president-elect of the Downey club that donates big-brand toys for the foundation's Children's Carnival, and Jesse Vargas who is also a member of the foundation board. Lions Clubs sponsor children's parties too, and encourage youth volunteer participation.

The largest contingent from a Downey organization were the Soroptimists, a group of a dozen or more strikingly dressed community-minded women who care about making the world a better place for women and girls. President Linda Haines and past presidents Giggy Perez-Saab and Dorothy Pemberton posed with the others in a laughing line-up that couldn't seem to decide if they were rehearsing a dance number or about to sing.

Rebecca Reyes joined the line. Rebecca is a new member, and has just begun to get into the world of needs. "This is the reward part," I told her, "this is the fun. But working with people, helping

them to see success, is the real reward."

"Beverly Mathis -- you are an angel to Rancho," Dorothy Pemberton later posted. "We Soroptimists we're glad to help and thank you Beverly Mathis for sponsoring us. Great cause for a world-renowned rehabilitation hospital." Bev is a longtime Soroptimist, married to Sam Mathis, of the Downey Optimists.

The Rancho Foundation has long been the preoccupation of the Optimist Club of Downey, and Optimist Club was the honoree at the 1991 Amistad Gala. Sam Mathis, a genial table host tonight, has been active with the Foundation for forty years. The club, with Sam's leadership, has provided parties at Rancho at Christmas; for the Children's Carnival; for barbecues and at Easter when they do the Children's Easter Egg hunt with sometimes up to 50 dozen dyed eggs. That's 600 eggs.

"Sam was honored at the 2003 Amistad event," said Bev, "for his volunteer service to Rancho and for his involvement with the Amigos Fund. Sam has said that seeing the smiling faces of the pediatric patients when they receive a balloon is worth a million dollars."

"There are 1400 employees here at Rancho," said Sam. "My next goal is to get every one of them directly involved." Sam was elected to the Board of Directors for the Foundation in 2006.

Optimists also involve youth in learning to volunteer at Rancho, with the Warren High School Humanitarian Club a big help on Rancho projects.

Meredith Perkins, a former mayor of Downey who brought us our eponymous Skate Park, is

another Optimist who attended. Meredith has been interested in Rancho and the Foundation since 1983, when Pete Schabarum was the District Supervisor. Later Supervisor Don Knabe has helped the foundation in so many ways, "like securing funding for building projects," said Meredith. Now Supervisor Janice Hahn actively helps sponsor the foundation.

"We have been attending Amistad since 1991," said Bev, "and we have never missed a year. I first was involved on the planning committee in 2009 and beginning in 2012, I chaired the event for several years. As for a 'most touching' moment we would have to say that miracles happen every day at Rancho and just being involved becomes a truly inspirational experience."

Bev wore a crimson jacket with sparkling brilliants and gem stones sewn into it. Sam's tux was augmented by a silver brocade vest. Meredith wore a finely quilted black silk vest with his black tie and had black satin edged lapels on his tux. Some ladies wore the latest, in see-through lace or ribboned hems on their gowns, and feminine footwear ranged from stiletto heels to strappy sandals to -- occasionally -- what seemed to be the grunge look, black army boots with a formal gown. Very creditable showing for Downeyites, right up to the minute on any red carpet, if not in everyone's closet.

Servers offered filo pastries with warm Brie, and veggie egg rolls with a mild salsa. Champagne flutes arrived on silver trays as guests strolled through the lobby, looking at the silent auction items. There were opportunities to go to the Museum of Latin American Art, MOLAA, in Long Beach, and to the Skirball



Cecelia Goñez, Judy Gallardo, Donna Lindley, executive director of The Arc in Downey and a Rotarian too; Beverly Mathis. Also President Linda Haines, former District Governor; Lorine Parks, and Dorothy Pemberton, were part of the Soroptimist group.

Center. A hand-painted bottle of Perrier Joutet Fleur de Champagne rested near a fine piece of Rancho art. This was a fundraiser after all.

Deborah Arroyo, head of the foundation, was resplendent in gauzy black tulle (the theme was a Black and White Ball), and greeted everyone as hostess, and Debbie Tomlinson, Director of Volunteers, flitted about in a dramatic floor-length black sheath draped and cut up to here.

A touching moment came during the opening ceremonies, when in an unscripted moment Deb Arroyo made a presentation to an unsuspecting Debbie

Tomlinson. From a big shiny red bag she pulled out a pillow, cross-stitched with the Rancho logo in blue and "thank you." The recipient clasped the pillow in thanks.

The occasion? By the next Amistad, Debbie Tomlinson will have retired. But for tonight, she too was a busy hostess. As Dorothy had commented, "A surprise retirement acknowledgment for Debbie Tomlinson. We know the hospital will miss you deeply, Debbie, as well as we will. Happy retirement end of year Debbie."

Back to the treasures displayed in the lobby, a sparkling bejeweled

minaudière was displayed beside a pale pink leather Kate Spade purse. There was a gold leather Elton John swag bag, and sporting tickets galore, to Angels and Rams games. Four seats at a Dodgers-Yankee game in August could be had for maybe \$400. Dodgers-Padres, not so much.

Miss Downey and her court were selling opportunity chances. We chatted with Tyler Garcia, a Downey Princess, splendid in a beaded emerald satin gown and tiara. She just graduated from Warren High School and now goes to Cal State Long Beach.

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

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.

Smart Gardening Workshop, 9:30 am. Learn the basics of backyard composting, water-wise gardening, worm composting, and grasscycling. Wilderness Park, 10999 Little Lake Rd.

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

Inner City Show, 7 pm. Rap artists Trippy G, Opina and Santos G perform live. \$15 at the door. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

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.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Author Talk, 6:30 pm. Educator and football coach Ken LaVigne will talk about his book, "Coach the Soul." City Hall council chambers, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Toastmasters Open House, 6 pm. Learn about Toastmasters, an organization that can help your communication skills. Guest speaker is Bell Gardens councilman Marco Barcena. First Baptist Church of Downey, Room 116, 8348 3rd St.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Business Breakfast, 8-9:30 am. A first-time business networking opportunity with raffles, prizes and food. Free, bring lots of business cards. Downey Chamber of Commerce, 11131 Brookshire Ave.

Blood Pressure & Glucose Screenings, 11 am to 2 pm. AltaMed Health Services will be providing no-cost blood pressure and glucose screenings. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

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.

Summer Expo, 12-3 pm. The Parks & Recreation Department will highlight its upcoming summer programs and events for all ages. Registration will be available on-site. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

Angels Game, 11:30 am. A group excursion to watch the Angels play the Seattle Mariners. \$30 Downey resident, \$34 non-resident. Bus leaves from the Barbara J. Riley Center.

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

Hands-Only CPR, 4 pm. Learn how to perform hands-only CPR in this free class offered by the L.A. County Department of Public Health. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

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.

Downey Symphony Guild Gala Fundraiser, 5:30 pm. A gala fundraiser to raise money for the "Music in the Schools" program. Los Amigos Golf Course, 7295 Quill Dr.

Kiwanis Kasino 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.

Food Traditions, 10:30 am. Learn about different food traditions and how to create new ones, along with learning how to make your own trail mix. For kids ages 12-18. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

25-Year Anniversary, 5-8 pm. Join 24 Hour Real Estate as they celebrate their silver anniversary in Downey. 24 Hour Real Estate, 8635 Florence Ave., Suite 101

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Foster Care and Adoption, 10 am. Have you ever considered being a foster or adoptive parent? Attend this meeting to learn all about the fostering and adoption process. New Seasons Downey, 9001 Paramount Blvd.

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Burritos & Boutique Fundraiser, 8-11 am. Enjoy a breakfast burrito and shop

for jewelry, home goods, handcrafted items, and more \$8 admission with proceeds to benefit Bethel 244 Downey of Job's Daughters. Downey Masonic Temple, 8244 3rd St.

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.

Girl's Yoga Day, 1 pm. Join Annette as she celebrates and honors women at the 4th annual Girl's Yoga Day. Downey Yoga, 8036 3rd St., suite 104

Relay for Life Fundraiser, 1 pm. The 13th annual Sue Phillips Memorial Fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. \$20 admission includes lunch and bingo cards. Downey Masonic Lodge, 8244 3rd St.

Excursion to Fiddler on the Roof, 4 pm. A group excursion to see the Tony Award-nominated musical "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Segerstrom Center. \$61 resident, \$65 non-resident. Bus departs from the Barbara J. Riley Center.

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 22

The Freecoasters Summer Tour, 9 pm. The Freecoasters (FL) bring their soulful reggae, rocksteady and ska music out west for the first time. Anarchy Library, 13250 Woodruff Ave.

MONDAY, MAY 27

Memorial Day Remembrance, 11 am. Guest speakers, wreath laying, rifle salute, performance of "Taps," and

student singers. Downey Cemetery, 9073 Gardendale St.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

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

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Hands-Only CPR, 10:30 am. Learn how to perform hands-only CPR in this free class offered by the L.A. County Department of Public Health. For adults ages 55 and older. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

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.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Downey Greek Festival, 11 am to 10 pm. The Downey Greek Festival returns with food, drinks, live music, dancing, shopping, kids zone, and desserts. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

Rock Tributes, 9 pm. Black Sabbath and Led Zeppelin tribute bands perform. Plus 80s music, beer, and tacos. \$20 admission includes food. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Downey Greek Festival, 11 am to 10 pm. The Downey Greek Festival returns with food, drinks, live music, dancing, shopping, kids zone, and desserts. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 10830 Downey Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Senior Citizens Billiards Tournament, 10 am. The eighth annual billiards tournament open to Downey seniors. Registration opens May 8. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Citizenship Clinic, 10 am. Receive free help with the N400 citizenship application and a fee waiver. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

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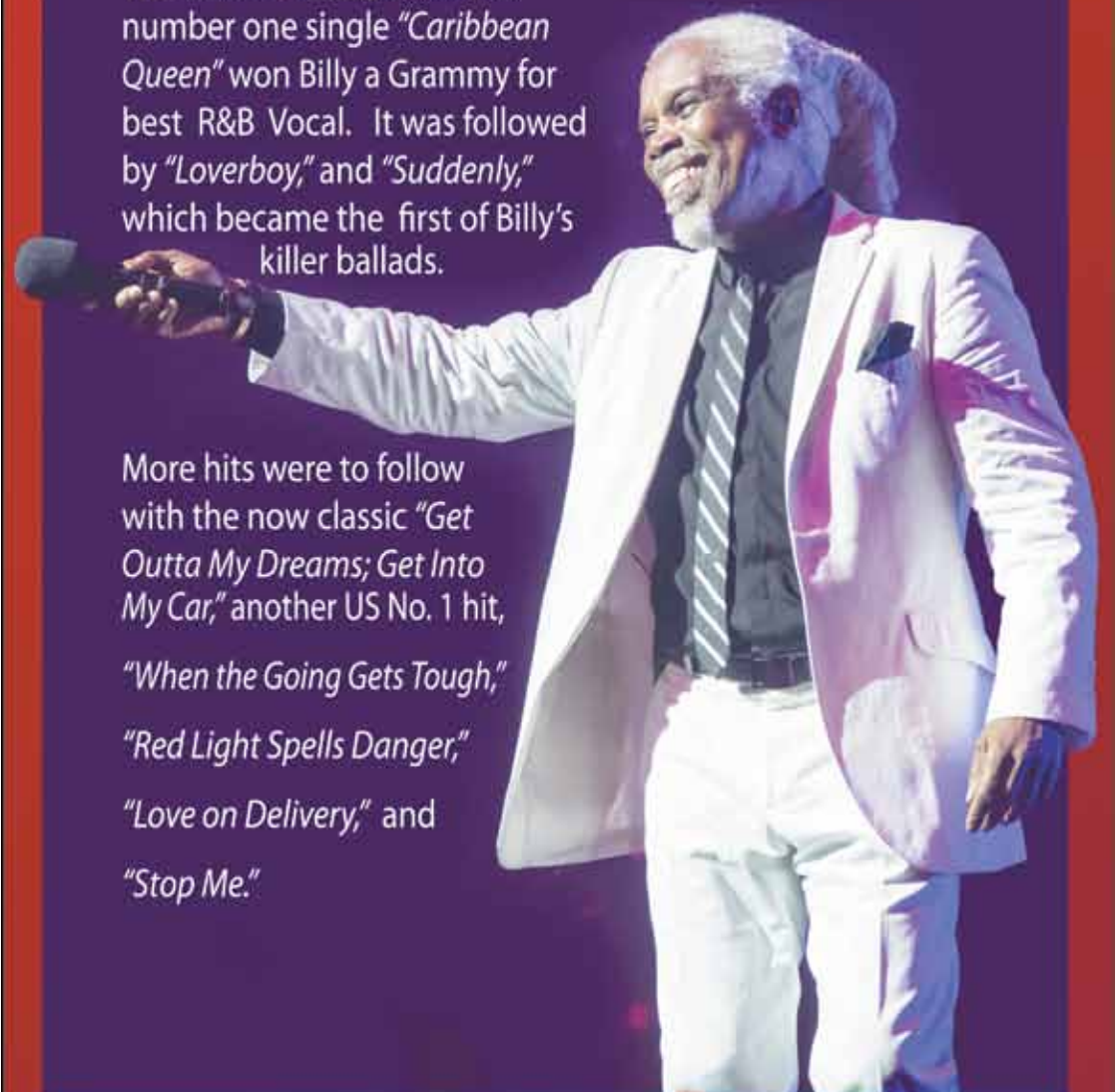
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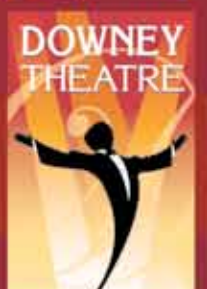
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The million selling American number one single "Caribbean Queen" won Billy a Grammy for best R&B Vocal. It was followed by "Loverboy," and "Suddenly," which became the first of Billy's killer ballads.

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 10

Fantastic Patrick Show, 4 pm. Forty-five minutes of comedy, tricks, juggling, plate spinning, and more. Free show presented by the Downey City Library. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. Mark Easterday and the 40oz Band play the best of today's country hits, from Blake Shelton to Johnny Cash. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Peterson Automotive Museum, 8:45 am. A group excursion to the Peterson Automotive Museum. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the vault before exploring the main exhibits and cafe. \$38 for Downey residents, \$42 for non-resident. Bus departs from the Barbara J. Riley Center.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Aspire Open Lottery Orientation, 9 am, 10 am and 11 am. Attend an orientation session to learn more about Aspire, the city of Downey's after-school program. Receive a lottery ticket to have a chance for the free program. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

MONDAY, JUNE 17

Mighty Mickey's Magic, 4 pm. Juggling, tall unicycling, and more. Free show presented by the Downey City Library. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. Salsa Caliente plays salsa, cumbias, and more of today's Latin music. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Go Skate Day, 12-5 pm. Kids ages 6-17 are invited to help kick off the first day of summer with a day of skating, activities, games, and music. Meredith Perkins Skate Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Mega Mujeres Market, 1-5 pm. Sixty-plus vendors, photo booths, workshops, special guests, raffles, and two cash bars. \$10/presale, \$15/at the door. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. The Downey Symphony performs under the direction of music director Sharon Lavery. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Hands-Only CPR, 4 pm. Learn how to perform hands-only CPR in this free class offered by the L.A. County Department of Public Health. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. The 1st Marine Division Band plays its annual patriotic program. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Pageant of the Masters, 6:15 pm. A group excursion to the Pageant of the Masters festival in Laguna Beach. \$42 for Downey residents, \$46 non-resident. Bus departs from the Barbara J. Riley Center.

MONDAY, JULY 15

Kids Imagine Nation, 4 pm. A combination of hilarious tricks and stand-up comedy by Michael Rayner. Free show presented by the Downey City Library. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Concerts in the Park, 7 pm. The Wiseguys play their style of big band music in this special performance with the mayor. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

MONDAY, JULY 22

Anthony the Magician, 4 pm. A bilingual magic and illusion show focused on interactive stories. Free show presented by the Downey City Library. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

Oxnard Salsa Festival, 12:15 pm. A group excursion to the Salsa Festival, featuring salsa music, spicy foods, homemade salsa, and more. Trip includes five salsa tastings and access to reserved seating area. \$40 for Downey residents, \$44 for non-resident. Bus departs from Barbara J. Riley Center.

SATURDAY, AUG. 3

Music and a Movie, 5 pm. The band Tease will perform everything from Top 40 and R&B to old school and 80s. At dusk will be a screening of the film "Sing." Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

TUESDAY, AUG. 6

National Night Out, 5:30-8:30 pm. A nationwide event where the community comes together to learn about crime prevention. Community information booths, food, and children's activities. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

SATURDAY, AUG. 17

Rocket Fever, 10 am. LA's first and only urban rocket festival returns. Build and fly your own rocket (\$5 for this class). Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

Senior Follies Show, 1 pm and 5 pm. Now in its 16th year, the Senior Follies is a talent show for local senior citizens. (For details on how to participate, call (562) 904-7223). Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

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.

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

Havana Nights, 6-9:30 pm. La Charanga performs at this rooftop concert. Food vendors, arts and crafts for kids, artist exhibits, and festival seating (bring your own chair). Downtown Parking Structure, 2nd St. and New St.

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

Fresh off European tour, Billy Ocean stops in Downey

The Grammy Award winning R&B singer had a string of hits in the 70s and 80s; he performs Sunday at the Downey Theatre.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – World-famous R&B singer-songwriter Billy Ocean will be performing at the Downey Theatre this Sunday.

Ocean is a Grammy Award winning performer who has sold over 30 million records and several gold and platinum records over his 40-year career. He is known for such hits such as "Caribbean Queen," "Loverboy," "Suddenly," "There'll Be Sad Songs (To Make You Cry)," and "Get Outta My Dreams Get into My Car."

This will be the first time that Ocean will perform in Downey.

He comes into town after an extensive tour of Europe.

"I've been touring since the end of February," said Ocean. "We did Oslo, Denmark, Sweden, Copenhagen, Netherlands. We came home for about four or five days, and then we came out here to LA."

Ocean will travel on to Australia after leaving Downey.

So far on the tour, Ocean says that his audiences have responded extremely well, and have consisted of old fans and new.

"I had a better response than I expected in Europe; it was organized chaos," said Ocean. "I've been doing a lot of sell out shows lately...there's good things happening, very good things happening."

Ocean says that fans can expect to hear the hits at Sunday's

show.

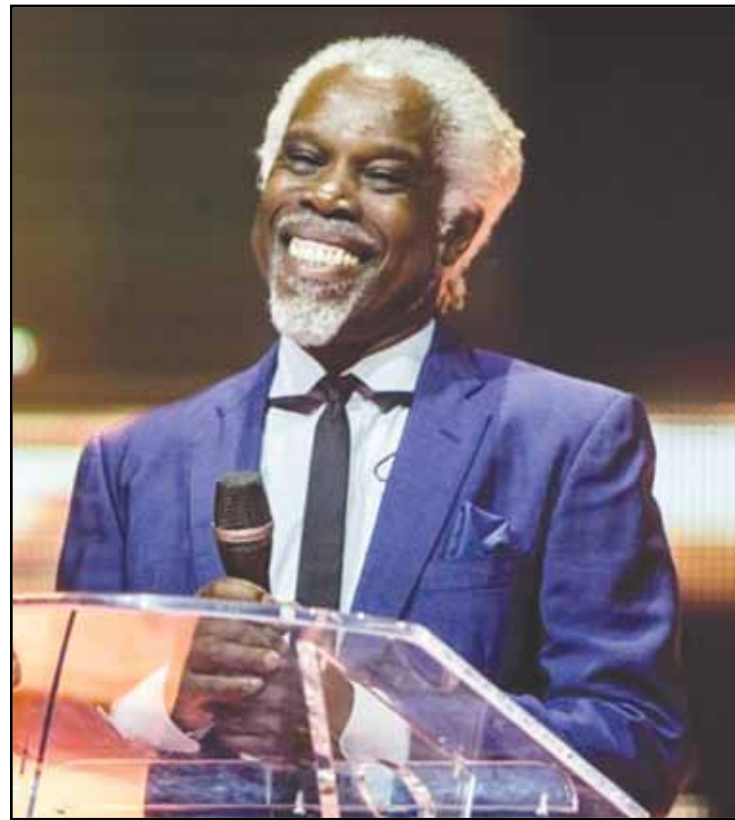
"I've got no problems doing the hits, because I think that's what the people come to hear," said Ocean. "There will be a couple of unexpected things in it obviously, but mostly the show is 90 percent songs that they know; hit songs."

"Sometimes I see three generations in my concert...and they don't just stand up, they're singing the songs. The kids are singing the songs, which I find very interesting."

Ocean says that he is looking forward to "coming and singing to the people."

"We sing together. We enjoy ourselves together," said Ocean. "They're not the only ones to enjoy themselves; I enjoy myself too."

Tickets for Sunday's show are still available and can be found online or purchased at the box office.



R&B singer Billy Ocean performs Sunday at the Downey Theatre.

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Warren golfers beat Downey in rivalry match

Warren High edges Downey, 219-231, and now looks ahead to a possible postseason berth.

By Mark Fetter
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – The Warren High School boys' golf team defeated cross-town rival Downey Tuesday afternoon 219-231.

Warren was led by David Gutierrez's 40, Vincent Quintero's 43, Johan Ayala's 43, Jesse Castillo's 46 and Joseph Ramirez's 47.

The Bears' sixth golfer, Reagan Cardoza, finished with a score of 51.

In high school golf, the five lowest scores are used to determine the winner.

Coach Schmid, her staff and players are pleased with the win against Downey and are now looking forward to finishing off their season on a strong note and qualifying for postseason play.

WARREN BOYS VOLLEYBALL: The Warren High School boys' volleyball team currently has an overall record of 7-6 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 3-1.

The Bears defeated Lynwood at Lynwood 3-0 on March 20th, defeated Paramount at Paramount 3-1 on March 26th, defeated Gahr at Warren 3-1 on March 28th and were defeated by cross-town rival

Downey at Downey 3-0 on April 2nd.

The Bears hosted Dominguez at Warren yesterday (score unavailable at press time).

Warren is scheduled to host Lynwood at Warren next Tuesday, April 9th, and will host Paramount at Warren next Thursday, April 11.

Coach Lane, his staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play on a strong note and qualifying for the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

DOWNEY SOFTBALL: The Downey High School softball team currently has an overall record of 9-7 and are 3-0 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Lady Vikings defeated Paramount at Paramount 10-4 on March 26th, defeated Dominguez at Dominguez 17-0 on March 28th and defeated Lynwood at Lynwood 20-0 on April 2nd.

In non-league play, the Lady Vikings defeated San Clemente 12-2 and defeated Sunny Hills 5-4, also on March 30th. Downey will compete in the Michelle Carew Classic this weekend where they will play Canyon of Anaheim at 1:00 p.m. and Cathedral Canyon of San Diego at 5:15 p.m. The Carew Classic will continue next weekend against "to be determined" opponents based on ongoing tournament results.

Downey will host Gahr at Downey on April 9th, will host Paramount at Downey on April 11 and will travel to Dominguez to play the Lady Dons on April 16. Coach Garcia, his staff and players are all looking forward to finishing league play on a strong note and qualifying for postseason play.

The Lady Vikings were co-champions with Gahr (9-1) last season. Gahr is currently ranked 32nd in California, Downey is ranked 111th and Warren is ranked 171st. All three teams are looking to earn a piece of the S.G.V.L. title.

DOWNEY BOYS VOLLEYBALL: The Downey High School boys' volleyball team currently has an overall record of 20-8 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 4-0.

The Vikings recently competed in the Yorba Linda Tournament March 29th and 30th where they finished with a record of 3-2. The Vikings were defeated by Shadow Ridge of Las Vegas 2-1 on March 29th at 3:00 p.m., defeated Classical Academy of Escondido 2-1 on March 29th at 4:00 p.m. and defeated Paloma Valley of Menifee 2-0 on March 29th at 8:00 p.m.

The Vikings defeated Yorba Linda 2-1 on March 30th at 10:00 a.m. and were defeated by Arbor View of Las Vegas 2-0, also on March 30th.

Ponytail sign-ups Saturday

DOWNEY – Downey Ponytail will start accepting registration for its spring softball season this Saturday.

Sign-ups and evaluations will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday at Independence Park. Sign-ups are also scheduled for April 13-14, and April 28, also at 1 p.m. at Independence Park.

Fee is \$150 per player, with a \$20 discount for a sister. The cost is \$100 if the player played spring 2019 ball with Downey Ponytail in the 14 and under division. Registration includes uniform jersey, pictures, and secondary insurance.

Ponytail is open to girls ages 14-18.

In league play, the Vikings defeated cross town rival Warren at Downey 3-0 on Tuesday, April 2nd, and hosted Gahr at Downey yesterday (score unavailable at press time).

With the win against Warren on Tuesday, Downey now has the inside track to another league title.

The Vikings will host Paramount at Downey on April 9th, will travel to Dominguez to face the Dons on April 11th, will travel to Gahr to face the Gladiators on April 12th, will host Lynwood at Downey on April 16th and will travel to Warren on April 18th to conclude their regular season schedule.

WARREN SOFTBALL: The Warren High School softball team currently has an overall record of 8-8 and are 2-1 in San Gabriel Valley League play.

The Bears recently competed in the La Mirada Tournament where they went 2-2 over two weekends.

Warren was defeated by Cajon of San Bernardino 6-2 at 9:00 a.m. in their first game and defeated Diamond Ranch of Pomona 6-5 at 1:00 p.m. in their second game, also on March 23rd. The Bears defeated Millikan 5-3 in their third game and were defeated by Chino 4-1 in their fourth and final game, also on March 30th.

In league play, Warren defeated Lynwood at Lynwood 25-2 on March 26th, defeated Paramount at Paramount 16-6 on March 28th and were defeated by Gahr at Warren 7-3 on Tuesday. Warren traveled to cross-town rival Downey yesterday for the first of their two scheduled league games (score unavailable at press time) and will host Dominguez at Warren next Tuesday.

The Bears will participate in the Thousand Oaks Tournament this weekend and next weekend where they will play Agoura in their first game tomorrow. Warren will resume the Thousand Oaks Tournament next weekend against opponents "to be determined" based on ongoing tournament results.



Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard was at Simms Park in Bellflower last Saturday to visit a 3/4-scale replica of Washington, D.C.'s Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The replica, known as "The Wall that Heals," was displayed in Bellflower March 21-24.

Roybal-Allard is pictured with Downey residents Kimberly, Jasmine, Jossie, and Jason Barnette.

POETRY MATTERS

After the Alphabet

I am trying to decipher the language of insects
they are the tongues of the future
their vocabularies describe buildings as food
they can depict dark water and the veins of trees
they can convey what they do not know
and what is known at a distance
and what nobody knows
they have terms for making music with the legs
they can recount changing in a sleep like death
they can sing with wings
the speakers are their own meaning in a grammar without horizons
they are wholly articulate
they are never important they are everything

W.S. Merwin, *The Rain in the Trees*, Knopf, 1988.

When Merwyn talks of insects, he really means poets, and how their language has life-changing abilities. "After a sleep like death, they can sing with wings." Merwin died last month in Maui at the age of 91, still writing. April is Poetry Month and Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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For some homeless, the generosity of strangers is all they have

Down-on-their-luck residents take turns panhandling outside Downey's main post office.

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

"When you write about me," Julie said to me when I saw her again, "please tell people, that I want to say 'thank you' for all their kindness to me."

Julie, whose last name is Sizemore (no relation to Ted), has been standing in the parking lot of the Downey post office accepting donations for almost two years now, since her sister and mother died. To recap, she had been their caretaker but had no money to keep her mother's Downey apartment. She is hoping to get enough social security disability to cover the cost of a room, but the paperwork "couldn't get started because of the government shut-down." Julie is 64 years old and has increasingly severe macular degeneration.

But Julie is not the only one who has occupied this busy space by the sidewalk into the post office. One overcast and blustery March day, I stopped to talk with a person there with a severely mannish haircut whose name,

to my surprise, was Alice. Alice was wrapped up in several bulky layers of flannel shirts and held a cardboard sign lettered, "I am homeless. Have lost my job."

Julie had told me several weeks before that Alice had appeared one day and told her she could not be the only one in that spot. They have agreed to share the space peacefully, as Alice is there mornings and Julie now comes after 1 pm.

"I come here to get enough to eat," said Alice. "When people help me, they know it could happen to them."

"How did you come to be homeless?" I asked Alice and got the reply, "Because I lost my job." It has been a year since Alice says has been trying to get social security benefits, on account of a "physical difficulty."

Alice sometimes wears a cotton mask to protect herself - from the cold, or other people's germs?

How old is Alice? "Fifty-eight years old" is the reply, unexpected because Alice has smooth unlined skin. Her hair is thick and black but cropped and severely short on the sides, where gray is growing in. A style like that must be kept trimmed constantly. How does

Alice manage? Does she do it herself, I wondered.

On these recent nights of heavy rain and cold, "I live in my van," Alice said, and she keeps it in a place where she is safe and there is shade. I did not ask where. Today she was wearing a small gold earring. "I lost the other one," she said. Alice has lived in Downey most recently.

Back to Julie, these unusually winter nights are hazardous. "This has been hard on me," she says. "The last time it rained, I got a cold. On really bad nights, when I don't have money for a room, I go to the waiting room at the hospital. Or to a Jack in the Box. But I go to a different one every night."

Julie wears a baseball-style cap holding back her long white hair. She lost her blue Dodger-logo baseball cap after the elastic in the back gave way. "I loved that cap," said Julie.

All her clothes now are gifts from people who see her standing here: flannel shirts, shoes, even a little pair of blue earrings from the 99 cent store.

People have commented that people like this are a scam. But a scam gives some unearned benefits to the scammers. Here

are two destitute women, whose only marketable asset is their ability to stand on their feet for hours in sun and in rain, facing strangers and trusting to charity to survive.

This is Downey, not the medieval Paris of Victor Hugo's novels, where professional beggars came home at night to their slum quarters in the cynically named Court of Miracles, and cast off their fake scars and bandages and crutches, to spend the day's take on wine and wild dancing.

These women have not made a career of being dispossessed. Studies show that homelessness frequently hits at about the mid-fifties or sixty, when older family members they have cared for, pass away. Or their skills erode, and neuro or some other age-related infirmity, sets in.

When I first spoke with Alice, I had forgotten my camera, so on a glorious March morning when the snowy San Gabriels seemed to stand right at the northern end of Paramount Boulevard, I went back. Alice was there, with a double parasol this time against the bright morning sun, and she remembered me.

"I had a job doing everybody's work," said Alice. "I got groceries,



Julie Sizemore outside the Downey main post office. Photo by Lorine Parks

cleaned the floors. They fired me and said it was stress, so I sued them. And now I can't get my job back. I do have physical problems."

She showed me the black elastic support belt she wears for back pain. "And I've had shoulder surgery. People say, why don't you get a job. But work is hard to get."

As for a picture, "No. I don't want a picture," said Alice. "You never know who's out there. I had a stalker once, and I had to call the

police."

So I respected Alice's wish and put away my camera. Physical safety for herself has to be a constant concern.

A few minutes after I went back to my car to write some notes, Alice followed me. "Why are you writing that?" she asked, and I explained again that I was doing a feature story for the Downey newspaper.

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Guests help 'fund miracles' at Rancho's annual gala

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Several Rancho administrators scooted around in wheelchairs and tux, like the speedy Gilbert Salinas. To be in a chair at Rancho is to be one of the stars of the show. The staff is proud of the effort that gives that mobility to a recovering patient, and everyone admires the strength and will power that makes such success possible.

Rancho started as the County Poor Farm, and then became famous in the 1930's and 40's as a polio treatment and recovery center, with rows of patients encased in "iron lungs," tank-shaped machines that applied the pressure to breathe for the paralyzed afflicted.

But when polio's cure came,

Rancho shifted its attention to treating head injuries, spinal injuries and stroke victims. The Foundation was started to purchase patient items or programs that were not in the county budget. Now its mission is to restore health, rebuild life, and revitalize hope for persons with a life-changing illness, injury, or disability.

The Rancho "team" approach is world famous, as Julie Helgren and I discussed. Julie has worked on Recreational Therapy for 33 years at Rancho, and now does Pediatric-Adolescent Therapy. That is a big job, working with young people who are dealing with the "ordinary" trials and tribulations of adolescence as well as devastating illness or injury.

Rehabilitation and post-polio syndrome are part of the new

Rancho's future, with its shiny new campus full of new buildings. One of those the Dr. Jacquelin Perry Out-Patient Wing, just dedicated in September. The renowned Downey Symphony Orchestra is giving a Gershwin concert dedicated as a tribute to the memory of Dr. Perry who lived in Downey for the last 40 years of her life and was a lover of fine music. A slide show during the evening advised patrons of the April 6 concert.

JoAnne Gronley, longtime associate of Dr Perry's at Rancho in her pioneer gait analysis studies, attended, dressed in black and silver spangles. Joanne is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Downey Symphonic Society.

By now the party had shifted to the ballroom for dinner, where the menu promised both petite filet mignons of beef in green peppercorn sauce, and roast chicken demi-glace with mango relish. Red-berry mascarpone or chocolate lava volcano cake for dessert, and red and white wines poured freely for all, were offered.

An entertaining montage of interviews with Rancho researchers displayed some of the newest work, things like robotics where a machine is able to get in sync with the human brain. The motto of the evening was Research, Rehab and Re-integration.

Guests had an opportunity to offer to "Fund a Miracle." Aided by Emcee David Kamber,

Foundation Board member, attired in snowy white pleated shirt, white bow tie and black cutaway tail coat, bidders could attach small adhesive tabs with their personal bidding number to a fingernail to signal a bid." By raising a hand, a runner was summoned to record the offer and solidify the "bid." Cool.

Marvelous foundation opportunities were listed: for \$1,000, one could fund someone in adult arts, robotic work, or help a child with cerebral palsy who has special wheelchair needs

Five hundred dollars sends someone to wheelchair basketball camp, and that is a wickedly rugged game. Players have to be fit. \$250 pays for a Wellness Center scholarship. There were

offers of sponsorship on all levels. So many activities are going on at the foundation, that interested volunteers can find something to join. The Volunteer Office also welcomes help.

A final event of the evening was the opportunity ticket winner, and Meredith Perkins was asked to draw the lucky names. It went to none other than the holder of ticket number 2, Sam Mathis, "a man who is the heart and soul of the foundation," as the emcee said.

"The winner is the foundation," said Sam.

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Gershwin to close Downey Symphony's 60th season

DOWNEY – The Downey Symphony closes its 60th season this Saturday with an all-Gershwin concert.

Featured are "Catfish Row: Symphonic Suite from Porgy and Bess," "An American in Paris," and "Rhapsody in Blue," with acclaimed pianist Bernadene Blaha.

As a special bonus, soprano Rachael Lorenzetti, who grew up in Downey and Lakewood, will sing some favorite Gershwin songs, accompanied by Lars Clutterham.

The concert is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Jacquelin Perry, an orthopedic surgeon and researcher whose work contributed to the international reputation of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

Perry, a Downey resident from 1955 until her passing in 2013, was a devoted supporter of the Symphony.

Last year, Bernice Mancebo Stumps won the Symphony's annual baton auction at the April concert for her grandson Christopher Parks, however, a conflicting engagement prevented him from wielding the baton.

Stumps graciously invited Aaron Saldana to be guest conductor, and he will lead the orchestra in Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Aaron is an eighth grader at Stauffer Middle School and a skilled cellist who participates in the Foundation String Ensemble. His mother, Linda Saldana, launched the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities a few years ago.

The audience will have a chance at Saturday's concert to bid for the opportunity to lead the orchestra at next year's closing concert.

There will be a complimentary champagne reception to celebrate the successful 60th season following the concert on the theatre patio.

Doors open at 6:30 pm for an exhibit by local artists on the theme "Earth Recycled II." A pre-concert talk is at 7:15 pm, and the concert begins at 8 pm.

Tickets are on sale at the Downey Theatre box office, open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, in person or by phone at (562) 861-8211 or at downeysymphony.org.

Tickets are \$35 or \$30, and student tickets are \$10. Parking is free.



Rachael Lorenzetti

Late Night Thoughts

Short Story

By Gail Earl
Contributor

I haven't had this many thoughts all week, why now that it's 2:30 am is my brain filled with useless information?

I am not sure why I felt the need to look out my upstairs window now. All I see are several other houses (all lights off), the occasional car zipping down the street, and one lone opossum exploring my driveway. I'm watching him intently like it matters where he's going. And that car that just drove away, where is he going at this hour?

This candle on my bookshelf looks like a tree in the moonlight. You know the best trees ever were the trees in the orchard, when I was a kid. We'd have crab apple wars and peach pitching contests. I wonder why my granddaughter is allergic to peaches.

My mind is racing about a book I've wanted to write for four years and wonder how I will ever get it finished if I can't seem to get it started. Maybe I really will start tomorrow with a designated time every day to write. I'm sure that will help.

Oh wait, I can't start tomorrow. I don't think I'll be sleeping any tonight and my two granddaughters will be here at 6 a.m.

I wonder what we can do for fun tomorrow. We got free passes to a couple of zoos when we went to the Science Museum. Maybe we can..... oh never mind, it will be too hot for me to spend the day at the zoo.

Let me check my email — nothing much going on there. Facebook — no, guess everyone's sleeping.

Why do I have such trouble sleeping at night? I have for years. I wonder how sweet Ms. Johnson is doing. She lives in that house right there. She's blind and lives alone in that big house. I suppose there's never any lights on there. I never noticed.

Wow, my plants in the front yard look really nice. The moon is so perfectly full tonight. Boy, my oldest grandchild Elizabeth loves stargazing with the big telescope on the driveway at the river. The sky is so clear there that it's more light with stars than dark with nothingness. That reminds me of a passage I either heard or read once that was talking about the sky being so full of stars that it looked like "little holes in the floor of heaven."



short stories

Speaking of holes, I wonder if the corner donut shop still sells donut holes. They were so yummy. When my son was in junior high, we'd stop on the way to school and grab a donut. His was always blue. Who eats blue donuts? Chocolate? Yes. Maple? Yes. Vanilla? Yes. What the heck is blue?

We'd always pass the same Mustang on our way out of the donut shop parking lot, and my son would wave to the pretty young girl inside also being driven to school. I can't believe they have been married for 19 years already. Where did all that time go?

Time — is it morning yet? I think I might be a little crabby tomorrow. Do you know that Sister Cornelius, second grade, was the crabbiest person I ever knew? She had to be 100 years old back then. Her and that darned yardstick. I think she whacked me everyday!

Now Mr. Chichecki was the coolest teacher I ever had. I had him for both 6th and 7th grade. He taught both. I loved him! Now who in the world fails kindergarten? Yes, I really did. Of course there was a really good explanation for it.

Why do I care about this

now? Can't I think about all these very important things in the daytime like most human beings? I wonder how many human beings there are in the world. I wonder how many of them are leading a happy life. And what the heck is the meaning of life anyway? Why are we here?

I should buy new bedding for this room. I wonder what color I like. Should I change the bedding in my room too or just leave it? Do I really care enough?

I wonder if...OK, this is just stupid. I need some sleep. I wonder if those Sleep Number beds are any good?

Why won't my brain shut off? It would be different if I was solving some world problems.

Nope, no world problem solutions, just donut holes. Story of my life.

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What Makes Me Happy

Short Story

By Maria Zeeman
Contributor

There are many events and things that make me happy.

Now that I'm almost 83, I love to see, talk, or be with my family. I love to get up with a lot of sunshine, have my coffee early in the morning with my lovely little Honey and Lucas, my miniature Yorkie's, and two cats, Birthday and Peanut. They all greet me with love and adoration, I love them all.

It also makes me happy to see all or even a few of my flowers greeting me. They're so

pretty and full of life. I guess I like the mornings the best.

I also like to play bridge with my friends, have lunch and be with them, go to my writing classes, be among a bunch of nice people, and work on my memoirs I like to write and finish before it's too late!

I love to see my daughter coming home from work. She brings her little Yorky Lucas before she goes to work and picks him up after work. We often watch a program on TV, have dinner, and just talk some. She often takes me out to eat at various restaurants. It really makes me happy if I can ride with her to family and/or other parties or outings. She lives the closest to me, she is always kind, but doesn't always agree with

me which is OK, too.

I also love to be with my son's family, I love his children and they love me too. I'm also happy when I see Beatrix, my other daughter — she helps me with my computer. I really appreciate that, she's patient and doesn't get frustrated with me. And of course I love to be with all my other family.


I love to go to places, see my faraway family. Explore their surroundings. Go on cruises, even though I feel that I'm getting too old for that now. I've been on many cruises and have traveled to many other countries. I would still go with



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a loving member or, if I had an older friend or friends, but it has to be on a slower pace.

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in the City Hall at 1111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 19-37A – Electrical Improvements-Temporary Fire Station Facility.**

The Scope of Work to be performed under this Contract includes The Temporary Fire Station/Library Electrical Improvements are required to provide site security, lighting, and power for: site perimeter, 60' x 60' Dorms & Dayroom Trailer, 24' x 60' Lockers & Showers Trailer, 40' x 60' Fire Truck Canopy, 12' x 42' Library Trailer. The temporary site electrical requirements include the installation of two (2) 75kva outdoor rated transformers, two (2) 200A outdoor panels, twenty-four (24) temporary light poles with L.E.D. flood lights, eight (8) exterior L.E.D. wall pack lights and numerous 100' string lights for the Fire Truck Canopy, interior lighting of the Fire Department's three (3) storage containers, and other miscellaneous related work in accordance with Plans and Specification entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 19-37A – Electrical Improvements-Temporary Fire Station Facility, dated 3/28/18.**

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

Day/Date of Mandatory Bid Walk: Wednesday, April 3, 2019
Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Northwest corner of Bellflower Boulevard and Washburn Road, Eastern 1.0 +/- acre portion of the "Downey Esplanade"

Plans and Specifications for this project are available on the City of Downey's Project Coordination and Communication on-line internet portal, PROCORE. To obtain free access to the Plans and Specifications via PROCORE, email MelanieCazin@edenconinc.com with the Subject Line: "ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS-TEMPORARY FIRE STATION FACILITY".

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 19-37A. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check, or a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of B or C-10.

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

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

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

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

responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

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

All Pre-Bid Requests for Information (RFI) shall be submitted ONLY from listed Mandatory Bid Walk attendee-contractors and shall be in written form only and emailed to:

Melanie Cazin
– Project Controls Manager
Email: mcazin@edenconinc.com

Pre-Bid RFIs shall NOT be accepted later than 12:00 pm on April 5, 2019 and shall NOT be responded to. Pre-Bid RFIs submitted from contractors not included on the Mandatory Bid Walk Attendee List shall not be responded to. Phone inquiries shall not be accepted. The City may issue a clarification Addendum responding to the appropriately submitted Pre-Bid RFIs.

The estimated construction cost is \$125,000.00

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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

The Downey Patriot
3/28/19, 4/4/19

CITY OF DOWNEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON A
TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 74870
PLN-19-00029

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the **DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION** on the 17th day of April, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 1111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

(PLN-19-00029) Tentative Tract Map: A request to amend and correct a previously approved Tentative Tract Map No. 72768 for a previously approved 8-unit condominium project. The new application will revise the past approval to reflect the correct Tentative Tract Map No. 74870, on property located at 10341 Western Avenue and zoned R-3 (Multiple-family Residential).

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City's website (<http://www.cityofdowney.ca.gov>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

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

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

For more information contact Associate Planner Alfonso Hernandez at (562) 904-7154, or at ahernandez@downeyca.org.

The Downey Patriot
4/4/19

CITY OF DOWNEY
NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 19-20
CITY LIBRARY MODERNIZATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the **City Clerk of Downey until 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 11, 2019**, at which hour the proposed bids will be opened and read in the City Hall at 1111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 19 - 20 – City Library Modernization Project.**

The Scope of Work to be performed under this Contract includes seven (7) new accessible ADA parking stalls, code compliant path of travel from ADA stalls to entry, accessible pedestrian loading area at Main Entry, covered exterior bench seating at Main Entry, entry extended on West Elevation, new contemporary curtain wall at extended Main Entry, new colorful wayfinding canopy at Main Entry, remove and replace all interior walls, remove and replace all plumbing fixtures, provide four (4) additional plumbing fixtures for both Men & Women at the Main Public Restrooms, remove and replace all casework shelving and finishes, provide four (4) Quiet Zone Study Rooms, provide enlarged Literacy Room, provide three (3) electronic Book Check Out stations, provide descriptive Way Finding directional signage, flooring and wall colors, provide The Studio previously called the CoLab room with numerous data ports and collaborative white boards, provide The Cave previously called the Virtual Reality Lab, provide vibrant child friendly reading and activity area which includes a raised interpretive platform and Quiet Time child reading area, provide family restroom with changing tables in the Children's Area, provide a new Cormack Room with raised telescoping bleacher seating, provide Starbucks-like Teen reading counter with data ports, provide two (2) All Gender toilet rooms and enhance break area for the staff, provide new ductwork to existing mechanical units, provide new

concealed heads and lines to existing sprinkler system, new fire alarm system, new electrical system and Cat6 cabling, new opening and spread footings to be provided in existing listed Mechanical server Room, Mechanical Room and Electrical Room to remain, and other miscellaneous related work in accordance with Plans and Specification entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 19-20 – City Library Modernization Project, dated 1/11/19.**

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

Day/Date of Mandatory Bid Walk: Wednesday, April 3, 2019
Time: 1:00 pm

Location: 1121 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241
West side of Library at the Main Entrance

Plans and Specifications for this project are available on the City of Downey's Project Coordination and Communication on-line internet portal, PROCORE. To obtain free access to the Plans and Specifications via PROCORE, email MelanieCazin@edenconinc.com with the Subject Line: "CITY LIBRARY MODERNIZATION PROJECT".

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 19 - 20. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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Email: mcazin@edenconinc.com

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The estimated construction cost is \$5,100,000.00

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

The Downey Patriot
3/28/19, 4/4/19

LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700-21716 of the CA Business and Professions Code, Section 2328 of CA Commercial Code, Sections 1812.600 -1812.609, Section 1988 of CA Civil Code and Section 535 of the CA Penal Code.

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on **Wednesday, the 17th day of April, 2019, at 10:00 AM**, on the premises where said property including: household goods, tools, electronics and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at **Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, 90723, County of Los Angeles, State of California**, the following:

Name	Unit #
Dynell Leverett	2056
Solomon D Germain	2546
Shirley Bascomb	2519
Shirley Bishop	2475
Alan Campos	2939
Joanella Dela Cruz	2452
Daissy Gutierrez	1574
Jermaine Lewis	5000
Guadalupe Lopez	3024
Mario Medina	2907
Uganda Mitchell	1103
Lakeisha Parker	1405
Christina Rincon	1460
Juan Rivera	1305
Norma Rodriguez	2430
Julie P. Sierra	2624
Shonedia D Thompson	2183
Maria M. Zamora	1225

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

Dated this 28th Day of March 2019 and 4th Day of April 2019.
Guzman Management Company
Bond #: WL1254152

The Downey Patriot
3/28/19, 4/4/19

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWC00072
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JAIME ALEXANDER GUZMAN BY AND THROUGH GUARDIAN AD LITEM MARIA Y ENCISO AND JAIME GUZMAN ROMANO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) JAIME ALEXANDER GUZMAN Proposed name (1) ALEXANDER GUZMAN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MAY 1, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** MARCH 4, 2019.

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
JAIME ALEXANDER GUZMAN BY AND THROUGH GUARDIAN AD LITEM (MARIA Y ENCISO AND JAIME GUZMAN ROMANO)
(323) 333-8531

The Downey Patriot
3/21/19, 3/28/19, 4/4/19, 4/11/19

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWC00080
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner EDWARD ADOLPH CAIRE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) EDWARD ADOLPH CAIRE To Proposed name (1) EDDIE TORRES
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MAY 8, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m.,

Department: C. Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT** MARCH 7, 2019.

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per
EDWARD ADOLPH CAIRE
YOU ARE A FEDERAL CHARTERED LOS ANGELES, CA 90001
(323) 822-8539

The Downey Patriot
4/4/19, 4/11/19, 4/18/19, 4/25/19

TRUSTEE SALES

Title Order No. 05937544 Trustee Sale No. 83436 Loan No. 9160031660 APN: 6364-020-02 **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER DEED OF TRUST DATED 4/14/2007 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 8107 BEL AIR AVENUE, CALIFORNIA, CA 91766. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by the undersigned Deed of Trust in the County of Los Angeles, California, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. 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Soroptimists' Women of Distinction



PHOTO BY CLAUDIA GOMEZ

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She has worked as a sexual assault and child abuse investigator, as well as with the homeless. Today she heads the Peer Support Program.

Co-founded by Leslie herself, Peer Support provides first responders with the tools to deal with their own feelings

raised by issues they encounter themselves, such as in-line-of duty deaths and suicides, whom they may be the first to discover. The job can be grisly.

Kim Tachiki-Chin from Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard's office not only accepted the plaque for Woman of Distinction on behalf of the congresswoman. She also participated by handing out

framed commendations from the congresswoman's office to all the other winners.

Roybal-Allard is the original co-sponsor of the Dream Act, allowing certain immigrant children lawful permanent residence and eventually U S citizenship. She has successfully secured funding for better infant and child care, rights of women

and children, and animal rights.

After the guests had finished their hearty breakfast of scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes, bacon and sweet rolls, coffee, orange juice and petite Danish pastries, the program continued.

Alexandra Hanks, owner of Ocean Breeze Salon in Downey, and mentor to many young girls and women, was honored for her work with the Assistance League, the Chamber of commerce and Girl Scouts.

Susan Patterson, who had been the keynote speaker when Soroptimist sponsored its first symposium on human trafficking this fall, gave a passionate speech in her thank you for her award. Susan's focus is on working with faith communities to take action in the nation-wide sex trafficking of young girls, and boys, that has also been a huge social problem all over the world.

Sex trafficking happens, beginning in schools and the home, here in Downey and Norwalk and Bellflower, just as it does in Long Beach and New York and Thailand. Young girls, unhappy at home, are coaxed to run away and join pimps who then exploit them.

In some countries, families sell their daughters to pay family debts, and the girls do not dare

to complain to authorities about abuse because their pimps control any money going back to the family village.

Susan gave her book, "How You Can Help Fight Sex Trafficking," to several women. Soroptimist's mission now is to shed the light of awareness on deplorable conditions like this, and makes available hot lines where an abused girl can call for help.

Christine Spino has been working for the last eleven years with special needs kids at Warren High, where she teaches Social Behavior Communication. The Special Olympics are a great place for young people to find inclusion and empowerment, and Cristine spoke fervently against any possible cuts to the Special Olympics program.

The final recipient of the title of Distinguished Woman was Judge Pratt. Looking rosy in her coral sweater, with her long curly blond hair and a multi-colored print scarf, she spoke about the need to support these exploited and abused young women, whose re-entry into society is now their greatest challenge. Her STAR courtroom for underage, mostly black and runaway girls, is in Compton Courthouse, not five miles from the airy and elegant golf course in Downey where we were meeting.

After the meeting, attendees, Soroptimist and guests of distinction began to cross-talk, with winners congratulating others and asking about their work. Kim from the congresswoman's office earnestly asked questions of the judge, and Captain Murray waited to congratulate her. Susan wanted details from Captain Murray, and exchanged her book and card for e-mail addresses with Dr. Nina and Christine and Alexandra. Christine told listeners how easy it is for predators to get close to girls after school, and even hand free cell phones to young girls whose parents never know they have them.

When women get together helping women the results can be formidable, as illustrated in the adage, "behind every successful woman is a tribe of other successful women who have her back."

"I will put forth my greatest effort," are the words of the Soroptimist Pledge, which everyone recited to end the meeting, "to promote and defend these ideals." Ideals for Soroptimists are the joy of achievement and the dignity of service.

Homeless skeptical of strangers

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Fortunately I had just picked up this week's Patriot with my name and story about Downey's Super Bloom of California poppies on the front page, and also the one on an inside page about the Downey Symphony's Gershwin concert. I gave it to Alice, to establish my bona fides.

After another few minutes she was back again. "The name I gave you, Alice," she said. "That was an alias. My real name is Jennifer." And she spelled it so the Patriot would have it right, "J-E-N-N-I-F-E-R."

"And I was in jail," she said. "I have a record. That's why I can't get a job."

"But you paid your debt to society," I said.

"Yes," said Alice-now-

Jennifer. "But people judge. People come up to me and tell me, 'You have no right to stand here.' But why don't I? Why can't people love each other and get along? God sees all, and I pray for that."

"I came here yesterday," I said, "and there was a new man here."

"Yes," said Jennifer. "He told me he has kids and needed two hours here, so I left for a while."

I had interviewed this new person, who said his name was Daniel. Probably in his late thirties, he said he had two children and lives in Anaheim. He did not have the words to explain to me, but he pointed to my car's fender and pantomimed rubbing it, so I guessed he had been employed in the car wash business.

"No picture," said Daniel, and

he turned away and folded up his cardboard sign. Without skills and not speaking much English, he could have been pushed out of work by automation.

Now as I pulled out of the lot, I waved to Jennifer, and she waved back, but not blowing kisses to me, the way Julie does. I was going home to where the biggest inconvenience yesterday was a short power outage. Today they turned off the water for a few hours to fix a tenant's plumbing. Both problems only happen to someone already in the success loop of life.

Jennifer's van has neither electricity nor water. Julia has nothing at all.

I can't complain.

Police checkpoint planned Friday

DOWNEY - Downey Police will conduct a DUI and driver's license checkpoint at an undisclosed location within Downey city limits Friday, April 5, from 8 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

The department will also conduct DUI saturation patrols aimed at getting impaired drivers off the road.

Checkpoints and saturation patrols are done in locations with a higher frequency of DUI-related collisions and arrests, officials said.

In 2018, Downey Police investigated 157 DUI collisions which resulted in 76 injuries.

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