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## 5 vying for seats on chamber board of directors

The candidates include Daniel Andrade, Ronald Long, Paula Mejia, Greg Welch and Jeannie Wood.

Voting continues through April 22.

**DOWNEY** – Voting is now open for two looming vacancies on the Downey Chamber of Commerce’s board of directors.

Five candidates are running for the two seats: Daniel Andrade, Ronald Long, Paula Mejia, Greg Welch and Jeannie Wood.

Voting is open to chamber members; ballots are due by 5 p.m. on April 22.

Below are brief bios of the candidates:

**Daniel Andrade** is a real estate broker. He was recently named Ambassador of the Year for his work on the Downey Street Faire, the chamber’s golf tournament, and the Christmas Parade.

He is married and has a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Cal State Long Beach.

**Ronald Long** is employed by Sunrun Solar.

He is also a recent Ambassador of the Year recipient and has served on the chamber’s Street Faire, Christmas Parade and golf tournament organizing committees.

**Paula Mejia** is employed by C&E Capital. She is a chamber ambassador and was named Volunteer of the Year in 2009 and 2016.

A 25-year Downey resident, she is a member of the Downey Association of Realtors, the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals, the Cerritos College Task Force, and Chico State Parent Board.

**Greg Welch** is owner of Risher Mortuary, which was recently named Small Business of the Year.

He is currently president of the Rotary Club of Downey, is a Downey YMCA board member, a Gangs Out of Downey member, and a chaplain with the Downey Police Department.

**Jeannie Wood** works for Albertson’s and is a longtime chamber supporter. She was previously on the chamber board but termed out in 2018.

She has been a chamber ambassador for 18 years, and helps organize the Christmas Parade, Street Faire and golf tournament.

A previous Director of the Year recipient, she also belongs to the Downey Elks and served on Downey’s Parks and Recreation Commission.

For questions about the election, call the chamber at (562) 923-2191.



**Michael Calvert, executive director of the Downey Chamber of Commerce.**



**Coyotes are becoming an increasingly familiar sight in Downey. The city recently launched an online reporting tool to help track the animals.**

## RESIDENTS FRUSTRATED WITH COYOTES

Coyotes are hunting family pets and becoming increasingly comfortable around humans.

But ridding Downey of coyotes won’t be fast, easy or cheap.

**By Alex Dominguez**  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – While outcry continues for the city to solve the local coyote dilemma, officials are saying that the solution is not as easy as it seems.

The city of Downey recently held a meeting for residents to voice their concerns about a recent uptick in coyote sightings around the city, a problem intensified by the loss of several family pets. This meeting was also an opportunity for residents to get detailed information as to options the community is considering to combat the encroachment.

According to Mayor Rick Rodriguez, the meeting was a success.

“It went very well,” said Rodriguez. “I took a ton of notes...I wanted our residents to understand that I take this seriously; I take their concerns seriously.”

One of the solutions to come out of the community outreach was the formation of a volunteer group similar to that of Gangs out of Downey.

“We’re creating a group called COOD: Coyotes out of Downey,” said Rodriguez. “I love the idea. That came out of our meeting because one of the residents said, ‘We keep gangs out of our city with an organization called Gangs out of Downey...Why can’t we do that with coyotes?’”

Rodriguez adds that the city is also looking into cleaning up areas that may be overgrown with vegetation, updating the city app to include coyote sightings, creating a city run coyote watch on Facebook, posting signs, and possibly even creating a city ordinance to potentially dissuade and – if necessarily – fine residents who exhibit behaviors and habits that attract coyotes.

The city has also established the City of Downey Coyote Management plan, which can be found on the city’s website.

Despite the city’s newfound heightened interest on the issue, it comes as little comfort to many residents, especially those who have lost pets to the predators.

One resident, Julie Fercho, witnessed the mauling of her neighbor’s dog by a coyote up close not long after moving into the city in 2016.

“I was completely horrified and didn’t know what to do,” said Fercho. “A couple of our other neighbors saw the whole attack happening, and their son came out of the house and tried to haze the coyote...and one of the coyote’s charged back at him.”



**Mayor Rick Rodriguez speaks at a recent town hall meeting where the only item on the agenda was coyotes. Photo by Claudia Gomez**

Fercho also recently had her own personal experience with some coyotes just a few weeks ago. She says that she now believes that hazing doesn’t work on its own.

“Two coyotes came running down...they were in our cauld-de-sac,” said Fercho. “When they came close to me, I realized they were coyotes so I started hazing. I was doing some serious hazing; not just shouting, I was honking my horn...even with a blaring horn and me shouting, all the other coyote did was it ran into my neighbor’s yard and tried to hide in the bushes. The other one couldn’t care less and kept trotting along...didn’t even care.”

Fercho says that while she respects the efforts of Mayor Rodriguez, the response is not enough.

“This response to coyotes needs to be multi-tiered, needs to include not just a city-wide response, it needs to include a regional response,” said Fercho.

Fercho is also increasingly frustrated that cities are hesitant to move on the issue for fear of backlash from animal rights activists.

“It’s pretty concerning to all of us why cities aren’t more proactive about protecting us, and the encroachment of coyotes into our territory,” said Fercho.

“It is inevitable that we are going to need to trap and euthanize or eliminate the problem coyotes, and that includes coyotes that are attacking pets...when they get comfortable enough to come onto our property to attack and hunt on our properties, that’s encroachment that we cannot permit.”

Unfortunately, Rodriguez says that it’s a lot more involved than just getting rid of each animal, and the city is trying to avoid spending tax dollars on costly lawsuits, or on a large number of potentially inefficient traps.

“I agree that we have to take action – and I think that we are – but I think there is an appropriate action versus hysterical reaction,” said Rodriguez. “There’s an ecosystem there somewhere;

there’s a balance in there somewhere.”

“What we’re trying to do is be intelligent as well as aggressive, because the last thing we want to do is spend tax dollars on a lawsuit. Any defense lawyer will tell you that any amount of defense for any court action, any litigation, starts at \$50,000. That’s tax dollars...I’m very careful how we spend tax dollars.”

Rodriguez’s own experiences using a coyote trap proved to be less than fruitful in addition to being expensive, only catching an opossum and being duped by a raccoon to the tune of around \$250.

“If you take a look at, say, the 100 coyote sightings in the last three years and we go back to every one of those locations and put a trap for a month – 100 times \$200 – that’s a lot of money.”

While there have been a fair number of pets that have been killed by coyotes, Rodriguez says that there has yet to be a human victim in Downey.

“In reality, how many dog bites have there been in comparison to coyote bites,” said Rodriguez. “Over 20,000, and dogs are domesticated. A wild animal knows enough to get away from danger for themselves.”

In addition, Rodriguez says that he feels the city has already seen improvement on the issue.

“I think we’re already seeing a difference. We’ve never had a mapping program before,” said Rodriguez. “The coyote mapping program, anyone can upload it on their computer. Now we want to change that so that it can be on our phones...if we needed to set traps or be a little more aggressive, we’re actually not in the dark now. We know now, we’re gathering intel.”

“I think we’re already starting to see the change...we have to be careful that we don’t fall into that hype...I think it’s a little exaggerated. I think there’s an education component that’s lacking. We need to educate our people more.”

## Downey restaurant grades

**Hometown Buffet**  
8432 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/4/19  
Grade: **A**

**Zaiga Grill**  
8814 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 4/4/19  
Grade: **A**

**Mr. B’s Liquor**  
12624 Bellflower Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/4/19  
Grade: **A**

**Sizzling Thai Kitchen**  
8330 Stewart & Gray Rd.  
Date Inspected: 4/3/19  
Grade: **A**

**Panda Express**  
8510 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/3/19  
Grade: **A**

**Nexx Burger**  
7414 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 4/3/19  
Grade: **A**

**Myra’s Salvadorean Cuisine**  
7324 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 4/3/19  
Grade: **A**

**Prinkipia Coffee**  
251 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 4/3/19  
Grade: **A**

**Chipotle**  
8500 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/3/19  
Grade: **A**

**Mariscos Choix**  
8104 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/2/19  
Grade: **A**

**Ralph’s (Meat)**  
8626 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 4/2/19  
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**  
10627 Old River School Rd.  
Date Inspected: 3/28/19  
Grade: **A**

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

**Teriyaki Plus**  
7850 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 3/28/19  
Grade: **A**

**Taqueria Zavala**  
11907 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 3/27/19  
Grade: **A**

**Ice Cream View**  
319 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 3/27/19  
Grade: **A**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 76°

Saturday 79°

Sunday 75°

### THINGS TO DO



#### L.A. Times Festival of Books

All Weekend - USC

Celebrate literacy culture with panel discussions, autograph signings, live bands, chef demos, and more.



#### Long Beach Grand Prix

All Weekend - Long Beach

America’s longest-running street race includes a weekend full of family activities. Go to [gplb.com](http://gplb.com) for a full schedule and tickets.



#### Eric B. & Rakim

Saturday - The Novo DTLA, 8 pm

The legendary duo recognized as the premier DJ/MC team in hip-hop performs live. Tickets start at \$15.



#### Cowboy Festival

All Weekend - William Hart Park in Santa Clarita

Cowboy performances across five festival stages, living history entertainers, food vendors, Western gear shopping and activities for all ages.



#### Tamale Festival

Saturday - White Park in Riverside

Live entertainment, best tamale competition, beer garden, kids zone, and vendors. \$10-\$20



#### A Night at the Drive-In

Saturday - Conejo Creek South Park in Thousand Oaks, 6 pm

Enjoy food trucks, live music, and raffles before an outdoor screening of “Back to the Future.” Movie starts at 7:45 pm. Admission starts at \$12 for one movie ticket and one parking space.

# DA files charges for pepper spray attacks

**DOWNEY** – Six Los Angeles County probation officers have been charged with illegally using pepper spray on five teenage girls at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey.

Two separate cases were filed for warrant April 5 that allege the defendants, who work as detention services officers, either were unreasonable when using pepper spray or prevented the victims from being decontaminated after they were sprayed.

The six incidents occurred between April and July of 2018.

All six suspects made their initial court appearance last Friday and are scheduled to return for arraignment May 23.

Marlene Rochelle Wilson, 46, faces five felony counts of assault by a public officer and three misdemeanor counts of child abuse. She faces a maximum sentence of eight years and eight months in state prison.

Janeth Vilchez, 48, was charged with one count each of assault by a public officer and child abuse. She faces four years in prison.

LaCour Harrison, 53, faces one count of felony assault by a public officer and two misdemeanor counts of cruelty to a child by endangering her health. He faces up to four years in prison.

Claudette Reynolds, 57, was charged with one count each of assault by a public officer and cruelty to a child by endangering her health. She faces up to 3 1/2 years in prison.

Maria Asuzena Guerrero, 28, and Karnesha Marshall, 28, were charged with one count each of cruelty to a child by endangering her health. They face up to six months in jail.

# Downey man wanted for ticket scam

**DOWNEY** – Texas authorities have issued an arrest warrant for a Downey man who allegedly sold fake tickets to Dallas Cowboys games.

Police in Irving, Tex., issued a warrant for 26-year-old Marco Aguilar after he allegedly sold four phony tickets at a total price of \$900.



The buyer, Jamie Davila, took video of Aguilar "as insurance" after purchasing the tickets. Davila contacted police after the tickets turned out to be fakes.

Texas radio station K-LUV 98.7 first reported news of the warrant.

## Things You Didn't Know About Downey

# John Vincent: poet, teacher and historian

By Bobbi Bruce  
Downey Historical Society

The town of Downey has approximately 110,000 residents and each one has a story. This week I want to honor one of them: John G. Vincent.

John is 97 years old and past president of the Downey Historical Society. He held this position for over 25 years and was instrumental in writing, collecting and keeping historic artifacts for this city.

John is a quiet man who when asked about his military service did not go into much detail in telling his story but being a writer and poet captured his story on the written page.

John was a teacher of science classes in Santa Fe Springs, a member of the Delvers -- gem and rock collectors -- and a proud American.

Memorial Day is coming in May and this celebration is always important to him as he served in the U.S. Army for almost five years during World War II. His service during the war and seeing the sacrifices that he and other soldiers gave made him know that the freedom we have did not come easy.

Being away from home for many years made him appreciate his family and home.



John Vincent at Downey's 2013 Veterans Day ceremony. Photo by Eric Pierce

John's travels while in service took him hopping from island to island across the vast Pacific and eventually took him to Yokohama, Japan during the U.S. occupation. He got to encounter Gen. Douglas MacArthur while sitting aboard a troop ship in Tokyo Bay and watching the Japanese board the USS Missouri to sign the surrender.

John served as a bugler during his basic training at Fr. Leonard Wood, Mo. John admits he did have a time when he sweated while being on a troop ship when it was attacked by Japanese

torpedo planes during the Battle of Leyte Gulf.

John was a member of the VFW Barracks of Downey Post 2325 for many years.

His respect for our country and flag makes him a role model for the way I want to live my life. Thank God for men like John who contribute so much to our community.

I salute you, Corporal John Vincent, Second Army

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# Downey sues to stop cannabis delivery

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – The city of Downey has joined a lawsuit against a state department after a recent decision that allows commercial delivery of cannabis in all parts of California, including in cities that have regulated or banned commercial marijuana.

The lawsuit, filed by attorneys at Churchwell White LLP, seeks to invalidate recent regulations by the California Bureau of Cannabis Control (BCC) that permit the delivery of commercial cannabis to any physical address in the state.

The lawsuit contends that the regulations conflict with state law, which allows the commercial delivery of marijuana only when it complies with local law.

California voters passed Proposition 64 in 2016, which decriminalized marijuana possession for recreational use. The law, however, gave cities the ability to regulate or ban marijuana sales in their jurisdictions.

The Downey City Council did just that, voting in 2017 to prohibit all forms of commercial cannabis.

"The BCC is exceeding its authority in adopting a regulation that ignores the rights of cities and counties to regulate commercial activity within its borders," said Mayor Rick Rodriguez. "We want to make sure that Proposition 64 is implemented consistent with the way it was voted on and passed by voters, and ensure the state does not take away local control."

Twenty-five local governments have joined the lawsuit, including Santa Cruz County and cities such as Beverly Hills, Temecula, and Riverside. The suit was filed in Fresno Superior Court

"Proposition 64 promised to allow cities the ability to regulate or prohibit any or all commercial cannabis activities within their community, which is one of the main reasons why many voters supported this proposition," said Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco. "These new regulations by the BCC seek to break that promise."

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# Spring Worship Guide

**Downey United Methodist Church**  
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**Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019**

6am Sunrise Service • 10am Sunday Service  
12:00 noon Easter Egg Hunt

8:00am to 11:00am  
Troop #2 Boy Scout's Annual Pancake Breakfast  
Fundraiser \$5.00 per person

He's Alive!

**Good Friday - Communion**  
Friday, April 19th at 12:00pm (Noon)  
Special Message and Communion  
No Child Care Available - Habra traducción en Español

**Servicio de Viernes Santo**  
Viernes, 19 de Abril a las 7:00pm en el Santuario Principal  
Mensaje especial por el Pastor Danny Gamez

**He's Alive Jubilation for Kids**  
Saturday, April 20th at 10:00am at Calvary Chapel Downey  
Straight-Up Puppet Team, Glad Scientist, and a Drama.  
A Celebration Just For Kids! (3yrs - 6th grade)

**He Is Risen Easter "Sonrise" Service**  
Sunday, April 21st, gates open at 5:30am, Cerritos College Stadium  
Message by Pastor Jeff Johnson, with Special Music by CCD Worship Band  
Habrá traducción en Español. Solo traiga radio portátil 88.9 FM.  
(If it rains, meet at the church)

**Sunday Services**  
Sunday, April 21st at 8:30 & 10:30am at Calvary Chapel Downey  
Message by Pastor Jeff Johnson, Special Music by CCD Worship Band  
Habrá traducción en Español - Children's and Youth Ministries available,  
Nursery through 12th Grade

Servicio En Español, Domingo, 21 de Abril a la 1:30pm  
en el Santuario Principal  
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10:00 am Festival Worship

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# How Leslie Murray became a trailblazer in Downey

Leslie Murray recently became the first female captain in Downey Police Department history.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

All it took was one ride-along for Leslie Murray to know exactly what she wanted to do with her life.

Murray was promoted to a Downey Police Department captain last December, another historic notch in a law enforcement career that is still ascending. She is the first female captain in the department's 62-year history.

The promotion was a special milestone for Murray, who grew up in Downey and Norwalk. She went to Lewis Elementary for grades K-1, before her parents bought a house in Norwalk.

"My parents really wanted me back in the Downey school district and we moved into Bellflower but it was in the Downey Unified School District, just south of Foster," Murray recalled in a recent interview with the Patriot. "So that's really where all my formational years were spent."

Murray started at South Middle School (now Sussman) as an eighth grader, before matriculating to Downey High, where she graduated in 1986.

As a teen, Murray worked at the Broadway at Stonewood Center, and later at Downey High, helping at-risk students find jobs. She was a junior at Cal State Long Beach, one year away from graduating with a sociology degree, but still no defined career path.

"Dealing with that group, the at-risk youth, and then being over at the mall, I had a lot of contact with Downey police officers," Murray remembered. "I ended up going on a couple of ride-alongs and that's really when I decided, 'Ok, that's what I want to do.'"

Downey PD hired Murray as a recruit, sponsoring her way through the police academy. It didn't go as planned; two-thirds of the way through the academy, Murray tripped on a group run. She didn't think much of it at first, but an MRI revealed she'd need surgery to repair two herniated discs.

The surgery, followed by several months of physical therapy, knocked Murray out of the academy though it didn't dissuade her desire to become a police officer.

"I was really upset and frustrated that I couldn't complete what I had started," Murray said. "So I was really determined to get back into shape and back into the academy."

How determined was she? Murray left the academy in October, had back surgery in February, and was back in a new academy class that August.

"I was super motivated," she said.

This time around, Murray finished the L.A. County Sheriff's academy without a hitch and hit the streets as a patrol officer in Downey - the same streets she had grown up on.

"It was a lot of fun," Murray said. "We were all new and young and excited and learning. My shift ended at 2 a.m. and there were times when I didn't want to come back in yet."

Today, Downey has approximately 15 female police officers, but the

number was much smaller back then.

"You were never treated badly, that's not the case at all," Murray recalled. "Just developing relationships might have been a little bit tougher because you're in a field where it's primarily men. But I was never treated poorly, that was never an issue."

It helped that Murray's brother, Ed Kelly, was also a Downey police officer. She also met her husband, Dan Murray, early on at work, and they married in 1993. (Dan retired as a sergeant and currently teaches a law enforcement class at Downey High.)

In 1995, Murray was promoted to the detective bureau, where she investigated sex crimes and child abuse.

"It was a really rewarding job because you get to go after the worst of the worst," Murray said.

Investigating heinous acts against children came with its obvious emotional challenges, and at the time, Murray's first daughter was only 2 years old.

"When you see things that happened to children, it hit closer to home," she acknowledged. "I did that for three years and at the end of three years I decided to do something else."

Murray continued her climb through the ranks. In 2000, she was promoted to sergeant, the first woman to hold that position in Downey PD's history. The promotion was front page news in the Downey Eagle newspaper.

Eight years later, Murray was elevated to lieutenant, overseeing field operations as a watch commander.

In her tenure at Downey PD, Murray has supervised the hiring and training of new police officers, and oversaw internal affairs, records management, information technology, neighborhood watch, the explorers program, and use-of-force staff.

City officials credit Murray with furthering Downey's homeless outreach efforts.

"I think I always had that drive to continue to learn and develop," she said. "You do so many years in a particular assignment, and you get to that point where you think, 'Ok, what else can I do?' I want to constantly learn."

As the first female captain in Downey PD history, Murray has etched her name in the annals of Downey history. And she recognizes the significance of the promotion, not only for herself, but for other women in law enforcement as well.

"It's personally a big deal to me, not necessarily because I'm the first female - those are significant accomplishments for me personally," Murray said. "I think the female part, and I've only recognized this as I've gotten older and further on in my career, I think it's significant for other women in law enforcement just to have women in positions that they can strive for, that they see as attainable."

"I never felt any barriers here, so it wasn't like I broke through any ceiling. There just weren't women. But I don't think that there was anything in place to keep women from progressing here. So it was a



Top photo by Eric Pierce

Bottom: Leslie Murray accepts an award after being named a "Woman of Distinction" by Soroptimist International of Downey. Photo by Claudia Gomez

personal accomplishment more than anything else."

Age 50, Murray qualifies for retirement but that's not something she's currently considering, she said.

"When it comes, it comes," Murray said of retirement. "I don't think I'm done yet. I still love what I'm doing. I still feel like I have a lot to learn and I can continue to grow here at the police department."

"I don't want to put any limits on myself."

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Greg Welch recounted his recent hike up Mt. Whitney at Wednesday's Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis meeting. Welch and his son made the 22-mile roundtrip hike in one day.

Located on the eastside of California's Sierra Nevada Mountains, the Mt Whitney Trail starts 8,300 feet above sea level and gains over 6,200 feet of elevation before reaching the summit in Sequoia National Park.

Welch, left, is pictured with Kiwanis president Michael Calvert. Welch is president of Downey Rotary but left the meeting with a Kiwanis application.



Resident Jose Marquez was in Tokyo last month with Universal Music Latin artist Joey Montana, who he manages. The two were in Japan to record a music video with Universal Music Japan recording artist Naoto Into Raymi for a son titled "El Japonés," which is scheduled for a May release.

## Tickets on sale for police, firefighter awards ceremony

**DOWNEY** – Tickets are on sale for the fifth annual Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year awards ceremony taking place Tuesday, April 23, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Cpl. Mark Galindo will be honored as Police Officer of the Year and fire engineer Victor Furtado as Firefighter of the Year.

According to a press release, honorees are selected "after consideration of a variety of criteria including, but not limited to, outstanding acts of kindness, compassion, courage, attitude, professional work ethic, and devotion of duty."

Tickets are \$35 with proceeds benefiting the Downey Police & Fire Foundation. Sponsorships are also available and range from \$500 to \$2,500.

To RSVP, contact Zeld Ross at (562) 904-7344 or zross@downeyca.org.

The Downey Police & Fire Foundation is a non-profit organization created as a result of the 1990 PACE Warehouse robbery where two officers were wounded in a shootout with the robbers. The foundation provides assistance to police and fire employees during times of unexpected financial hardship or emergency medical needs.

## Sponsorships available for Roaring 20s Casino Night

**DOWNEY** – Sponsorship opportunities are available for Soroptimist International of Downey's Roaring 20s Casino Night, taking place Friday, May 10, at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

The fundraiser is anticipated to include casino gaming, opportunity drawings, food, entertainment, and numerous silent auction tables featuring unique items.

Sponsorships range from \$25-\$1,000. Donations such as gift cards, gift baskets, and event tickets for the auction tables are also needed.

Soroptimist International of Downey works to improve and enrich the lives of women and children. The group provides college scholarships every year, and also assists with community organizations and international projects.

For more information about Roaring 20s Casino Night, contact Cecilia Gopez at (323) 286-5584 or cecilia@acecrane.com, or Mia Vasquez at (949) 295-2910 or missaywelldowney@gmail.com.

## Downey 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 Forcemasters 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 Forcemasters meets there every Tuesday at 6 p.m. For more information, email toastmastersclub587@gmail.com.

## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

If you have had a pregnancy that ended in miscarriage, you are not alone. Some 20% to 25% of pregnancies end prematurely. The question I hear most frequently: What could I have been done differently?



The term miscarriage refers to a spontaneous abortion, or natural death of the embryo. 80% occur in the first trimester of pregnancy, and many occur so early on that a woman might not have even been aware that she was pregnant.

The symptoms of miscarriage could include severe abdominal pain, cramps, vaginal bleeding, discharge of tissue with clots, fever, lower back pain, and weakness.

There are so many misconceptions around the causes of miscarriage. Some common beliefs are that they are caused by a stressful event, lifting a heavy object, having an STD, past use of an IUD, or oral contraception.

Ultimately, the most common cause of miscarriage is simpler. The embryo doesn't form properly and the body eventually rejects it. Researchers are learning more about the process that cells undergo following conception, and how things go wrong. In the very beginning, embryonic stem cells can turn into any cell in the body. At about two weeks, when the embryo should implant in the uterine wall, the cells begin to adopt particular functions. If there is a glitch along the way, the embryo will not become viable.

There are different types of miscarriages. The most common is referred to as a "blighted ovum," when a fertilized egg is attached to the uterine wall but does not develop into an embryo. A "chemical" miscarriage occurs when the egg is fertilized but unable to survive any further, and occurs very early on in a pregnancy. An "ectopic" miscarriage happens when the embryo is implanted outside the uterus, where an embryo cannot survive.

What do we know?

\*Miscarriage is most common in women over 35, and when the partner is over 40, the risk is even

higher. Women 20 to 24 years old have a miscarriage risk of 9%, compared to 35 year olds, who have a risk of 20%. This rises to 54% by age 42, and about 75% by age 45 or older.

\*Certain behaviors put a pregnancy at risk, including smoking, drug use, and extremely high amounts of caffeine.

\*Some medications could be a factor when used around the time of conception. These include non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (aspirin and ibuprofen).

\*Certain health conditions, including obesity, diabetes, thyroid disease, infections, hormonal issues, autoimmune disease, and uterine abnormalities increase the risk of miscarriage.

\*Environmental factors include natural or man-made chemicals that may interfere with the endocrine system. This impacts hormones and the course of a pregnancy.

\*Genetics may play a role. When a woman has had multiple miscarriages, tests are run to look at both partners' chromosomes.

Whether the cause of the miscarriage is known or not, there is usually little that can be done to prevent it. Feelings of grief and loss are normal, and counseling and support are more available than ever before.

Sadly, one post-miscarriage study showed that 47% of women felt guilt, 41% felt they had done something wrong, 41% felt alone, and 28% felt ashamed. 45% of women did not feel they had enough emotional support.

Even though a woman may have little control over whether a pregnancy is carried to term, she (and her partner) can decide how to handle the grieving process, whether emotional help is sought out, and how to approach future pregnancies. For those of you who are pregnant or working on getting pregnant, I urge you to keep in mind that the odds of carrying a healthy baby to full term are on your side.

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

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# Opinion

## MLB needs to do the right thing

BY DOUGLAS GLADSTONE

United States Representative Linda Sanchez, who represents California’s 38th Congressional District, and whose district office is in Norwalk, once remarked, “I’m often reminded that, in baseball, as in diplomacy, you have to know when to hit, when to run and when to show grace.”

The only grace in baseball that I know of is former Chicago Cubs and Arizona Diamondback player Mark Grace.

If I sound jaded, I apologize. Fact is, I love the game of baseball. But the business of baseball, well, that is another matter entirely.

That is because, for the past decade, I have attempted to help the 634 men who are without Major League Baseball (MLB) pensions get the monies I and a lot of others feel they deserve.

These poor unfortunate souls are in this position because, in order to avert a threatened 1980 walkout by the players, MLB made the following offer to the union representing the players, the Major League Baseball Players’ Association (MLBPA): going forward, all a post-1980 player would need to be eligible to buy into the league’s premium health insurance plan was one game day of service; all a post-1980 player would need for a benefit allowance was 43 game days of service. At the time, the threshold was four years to be vested in the pension plan.

The problem was, the union failed to insist on retroactivity for all those players who played prior to 1980 who had more than 43 game days of service but less than four years.

So I wrote an April 2010 book that many credit with shedding a light

on this topic. I recently updated the book to tell readers what has been happening since then.

One blogger for CBS.com asked me straight up, “Why do you care about these guys so much?” That’s when you start wondering whether you’re like Cervantes’ mad knight errant, Don Quixote, and you’re tilting at windmills.

These were the boyhood heroes of my youth. Whether it be listening on the radio, watching on television or attending a game in person, they gave me countless hours of entertainment growing up.

In April 2011, the league and union partially remedied this problem. Men like Bob “The Macaroni Pony” Coluccio, of Costa Mesa, began receiving \$625 for every 43 game days they were on an active MLB roster, up to \$10,000.

Considering that, in an \$11.5 billion industry, even a post-1980 player who only has 43 game days of service credit currently receives a minimum pension of \$3,589 at the age of 62, many folks including myself likened the gesture to throwing the guys a bone.

Coluccio summed it up quite nicely: “To me it’s like saying we would like to invite some of our family members to dinner, but unfortunately, you will need to eat in the kitchen.”

But that message isn’t resonating at 12 East 49th Street in midtown Manhattan, where the union’s headquarters are located.

The league – which I concede does not have to address this matter unless the union broaches it in collective bargaining negotiations -- recently announced that its revenue was up 325 percent from 1992, and that it has made \$500 million since 2015. What’s more, the average

value of the each of the 30 clubs is up 19 percent from 2016, to \$1.54 billion. And the 30 club owners recently wrote a \$10 million check to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

The owners chose museum relics rather than flesh and blood retirees.

To date, the MLBPA has been loath to divvy up anymore of the collective pie. Even though the players’ welfare and benefits fund is worth more than \$3.5 billion, MLBPA Executive Director Tony Clark has never commented about these non-vested retirees, many of whom are filing for bankruptcy at advanced ages, having banks foreclose on their homes and are so sickly and poor that they cannot afford adequate health care coverage.

Why do I keep at it? This might sound a bit hokey, but I was a huge fan of the television series, *The Fugitive*, growing up. All David Janssen, who portrayed Dr. Richard Kimble, wanted was to prove that he was the victim of a terrible error of our judicial system. As the narrator, William Conrad, reminded us week after week, the protagonist was a victim of blind justice.

All I have ever wanted to do was tip the scales of justice back into a level playing field so that these men could get the compensation I and a lot of other folks believe they are deserving of. After all, as Ralph Waldo Emerson once observed, “You cannot do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it will be too late.”

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## California must champion the working class

BY ANGEL GUTIERREZ

As the president of a vocational college, I interact with many people who are working hard for their dreams. Recent high school graduates, single moms, even grandparents – all working to get an education so they can achieve better employment opportunities and take care of themselves and their families.

Right now, many students in our state, like many people across California, are currently working in low-paying jobs just to scrape out a living. Oftentimes, workers like these have little voice or recognition in our government – and unfortunately, many policies coming out of Sacramento are only further limiting the voices of the hard-working people of our state.

Instead of supporting policies that champion the working class, far too many lawmakers are actively disregarding the needs of the working people of our state.

A good example of this can be seen in the historic 6-year legal fight between thousands of Latino immigrant farm workers and the United Farm Workers (UFW) union. In that case, farm workers voted by a margin of 1,098 to 197 in favor of ousting the UFW back in 2013. The workers were appalled that the UFW had abandoned them for decades and refused to do their representative job in collective bargaining.

Rather than supporting these workers, the state Agricultural Labor Relations Board (ALRB) impounded the votes, causing the workers to mount the largest farm worker protest in California history. Thankfully, the courts forced the ALRB to count the votes and certify the election, and the farm workers’ wishes were upheld.

Following this event, three bills (AB 3092, AB 3093, and AB 3094) were introduced in the Standing Committee on Labor and Employment that would have prevented such an egregious violation of farm workers’

rights from happening again.

However, unfortunately, those bills were killed in committee under the leadership of chairman Tony Thurmond. To make matters worse, the same committee passed AB 2751, authored by Assemblymember Marc Stone, that forces farmworkers into non-negotiated contracts they did not choose or want. This, despite the fact that Stone claimed otherwise when this issue was being debated in Sacramento.

What’s astounding about AB 2751 is it gives even more authority to the same ALRB, which violated workers’ rights to choose their own representation. It’s not unlike a 2014 bill from then-Senate President Darrell Steinberg, SB 25, which would have forced workers to accept contracts that lower their take-home pay. Thankfully, that bill was vetoed, but one of its supporters, Isadore Hall, now sits on the ALRB, and can potentially make more troubling decisions for workers across our state.

There is no question that the actions by these and other lawmakers were unhelpful to working-class Californians. Unfortunately, many disastrous labor policies are still on the books today.

In addition to hindering the rights of the working people of California, far too many of our state policies are making it increasingly more difficult to afford to live in our great state. In fact, 43% of voters in California claim they cannot afford to live in California, and many middle-class residents are considering leaving the state.

Aside from major expenses, such as the skyrocketing cost of housing, exacerbating the problem is California’s high regressive taxes, such as those on sales and gasoline. Lower-income workers pay a disproportionately higher amount of their income on regressive taxes – hurting their ability to support themselves in expensive areas across the state.

## Will we see the Mueller Report?

BY JUDGE ANDREW NAPOLITANO

When Attorney General William Barr released his four-page assessment of Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s 400-page report, I was disappointed at many of my colleagues who immediately jumped on board the “no collusion” and “no obstruction” and “presidential exoneration” bandwagons.

As I write, Barr and his team are scrutinizing the Mueller report for legally required redactions. These include grand jury testimony about people not indicted — referred to by lawyers as 6(e) materials — as well as evidence that is classified, pertains to ongoing investigations or the revelation of which might harm national security.

Mueller impaneled two grand juries, one in Washington, D.C., and the other in Arlington, Virginia. Together they indicted 37 people and entities for violating a variety of federal crimes. Most of those indicted are Russian agents in Russia who have been charged with computer hacking and related crimes in an effort to affect the 2016 presidential election. They will never be tried.

Some of the Americans indicted have pleaded guilty to lying to FBI agents, such as retired Lt. Gen Michael Flynn, Rick Gates and George Papadopoulos. Papadopoulos told me personally that even though he pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI, he did not in fact lie to them. Do the innocent ever plead guilty? Answer: Yes, they do.

This is a dirty little secret of the American justice system. Often, the cost of defending oneself is so burdensome that a guilty plea — if not disabling to one’s profession, such as law or medicine — offers a tolerable and far less expensive way out. In my years as a trial judge in New Jersey, I accepted more than 1,000 guilty pleas. I always asked if the defendant was truly guilty, and the defendants always replied affirmatively. But the guilt of those pleading guilty is often a legal fiction, practiced every day in

courthouses around the United States.

Paul Manafort was convicted of financial crimes by a jury and also pleaded guilty to other financial crimes. Roger Stone was indicted for lying to Congress and is scheduled for trial in the fall. Dr. Jerome Corsi, who was interrogated extensively by Mueller’s FBI agents, was threatened with indictment, revealed the threat and was never indicted.

I recount this thumbnail history to remind readers that Mueller delved into many more areas than President Donald Trump’s behavior. Knowing federal prosecutors as I do, I am comfortable suggesting that more people were swept up into this investigation and were not charged with any crimes. Under the law, Barr and his team must be told of all this, but the public has no right to know who these folks are or what they discussed with the FBI.

Now back to Barr’s four-page assessment. The Department of Justice is in the business of investigating crimes and determining if it has sufficient, lawfully acquired evidence to prosecute and to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The DOJ is not in the business of exoneration. In fact, the word “exoneration” and the concept appear nowhere in the U.S. Code or the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. To offer, as Barr has in his letter, that Mueller exonerated Trump is to offer nonsense. Jay Sekulow, one of Trump’s personal lawyers, acknowledged as much publicly last weekend.

In his letter, Barr did not write that Mueller found no evidence of a conspiracy. Conspiracy is an agreement to commit a crime, whether or not that crime is actually committed. This is what the media and the president have been calling collusion. “Collusion” also does not appear in the U.S. Code and does not describe criminal behavior. It was insinuated into our vocabulary by Trump’s television lawyer, former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, after a successful but deceptive word game campaign.

As well, Barr did not write that Mueller found no evidence of obstruction of justice. Obstruction is not a crime that requires completion, only a serious attempt. If I tackle you on your way into a courthouse where you plan to testify against me, so as to impede your testimony, then I have committed obstruction, even if you subsequently give the intended testimony.

The reason for my criticism of the no collusion and no obstruction bandwagon riders is because we know that Mueller must have found some evidence of conspiracy and some evidence of obstruction — just not enough to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Barr tipped his hand to this when he wrote in his letter that the DOJ could not “establish” these crimes. That’s lawyer-speak for “could not prove them beyond a reasonable doubt.”

If Mueller had found no evidence whatsoever of conspiracy and obstruction, Barr would have said so in his letter. He didn’t. So, will we see whatever evidence Mueller did find?

We also know that, according to some on the Mueller team, the flavor of whatever Mueller found did not come through in Barr’s four-page letter, and some have voiced privately to the media their displeasure. This has caused the president to accuse Mueller’s team of unlawful leaking. That is not necessarily so.

Voicing displeasure is one thing — “wait for the full report to come out and decide for yourself if the Attorney General fairly characterized it” — revealing 6(e) materials is another. The former is protected free speech. The latter could be career-ending.

Where does all this leave us? In the hands of Bill Barr. The House Judiciary Committee wants to see the evidence, which Barr will argue the law requires him to keep secret. Yet, did the president waive his privacy rights when he called for the public revelation of the full Mueller report? A federal judge will soon answer that question, as well as this one: With respect to the president, which is the higher value — privacy or truth?

According to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, the lowest income bracket in California pays over 7% of their total income on sales and excise taxes alone, whereas top earners pay only .8%.

Yet lawmakers seem to be making little effort to ease the tax burden on anyone in California, especially those at the bottom of the income scale.

California is a state filled with hardworking and amazing people. However, many state policies are placing unnecessary burdens on citizens who are already struggling to make ends meet. State lawmakers must take greater measures to support members of the working class.

**Angel Gutierrez is President and CEO of Crescent College.**

## New perspective on homeless

Dear Editor:

Kudos to Lorine Parks for her fine backstory about some of our homeless in Downey.

I, for one, “Miss Skeptical,” have become so leery and disappointed with the drug/alcohol abuse and con artists connected with street people that most of the time I write people off.

Thank you for this fine article and please continue this most needed awareness.

**Babs Keller Downey**

## Trump’s wall

Dear Editor:

During his first two years in office, Trump and the Republicans controlled both houses of Congress but Trump didn’t get funding for a wall.

The Democrats in Congress had an agreement twice with Trump to give him billions for his wall in exchange for a path to legalization for the Dreamers, but Trump broke his word both times and reneged on his agreements. He promised to help the Dreamers, then he stabbed them in the back.

He doesn’t care about them or about a wall, he just loves to create continual chaos in which he pretends to try to build a wall in order to distract from his failure to govern or accomplish anything meaningful. He has made the situation at the border much worse.

It would be great to have a leader who would put the country first and bring both sides together in good faith to agree on a path forward for immigrants, but that will never happen with Trump. It appears that Trump doesn’t care about solving this problem, he just wants to use it for political rallies to rouse up his base.

So we are at a standstill until Trump leaves office, we won’t get a wall and we won’t get relief for the Dreamers or their parents. Trump has poisoned the well and the only solution may be after Trump leaves office, which I hope is very soon.

**Anita Rivero Downey**

## Sidewalks

Dear Editor:

Why do people walk in the street and not on the sidewalks?

Cities spend lots of money to make sidewalks for people. They also spend lots of money for streets for cars.

So if people walk in the street, am I supposed to drive on the sidewalk?

I walk on the sidewalks and drive on the street. If the rules have been changed, someone please inform me.

**Larry Arellano Norwalk**

## Bellflower councilman’s lewd joke

Dear Editor:

I am very upset that a Bellflower city council meeting started with an XXX rated joke about rape by a councilman, and not a prayer or a flag salute.

I believe what we witnessed and heard violated the city’s, school district’s, county’s, state’s, and federal government’s sexual harassment policies to prevent a hostile work in environment at city hall for employees and citizens. The punchline of the councilman’s joke tried to normalize rape and other crimes reserved for XXX movies for the very disturbed.

The dirty joke culture of the council should give all parents pause when giving permission for their students/ children to attend or watch city council meetings for civics credit in person, on local cable or online. Luckily, the joke was given just before the meeting started for the sake of those children who could have been watching.

Since November and December, I have sent the council testimony and other evidence to be considered for an ethics review of this same councilman. Bellflower’s inaction now has given this councilman the idea he can say anything, and this violates government policies to protect students, employees, and taxpayer dollars.

**John Paul Drayer Bellflower**

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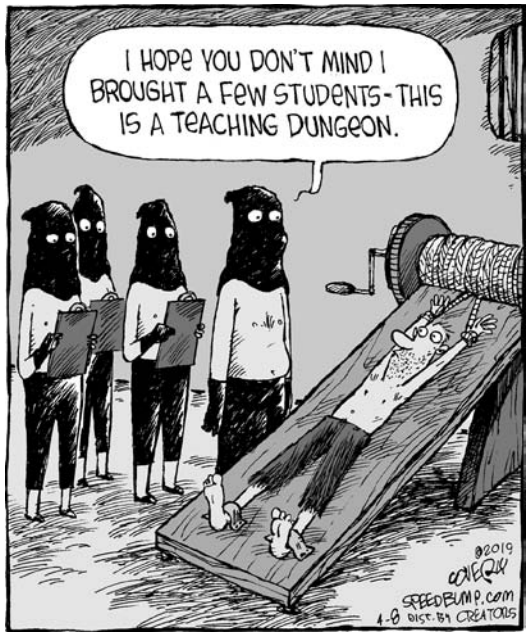
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# Downey Community Calendar

### CITY MEETINGS

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

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

#### TUESDAYS

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

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.  
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.  
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.  
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806 3102.  
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.  
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Downey City Library, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.  
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

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

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

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

## On This Day...

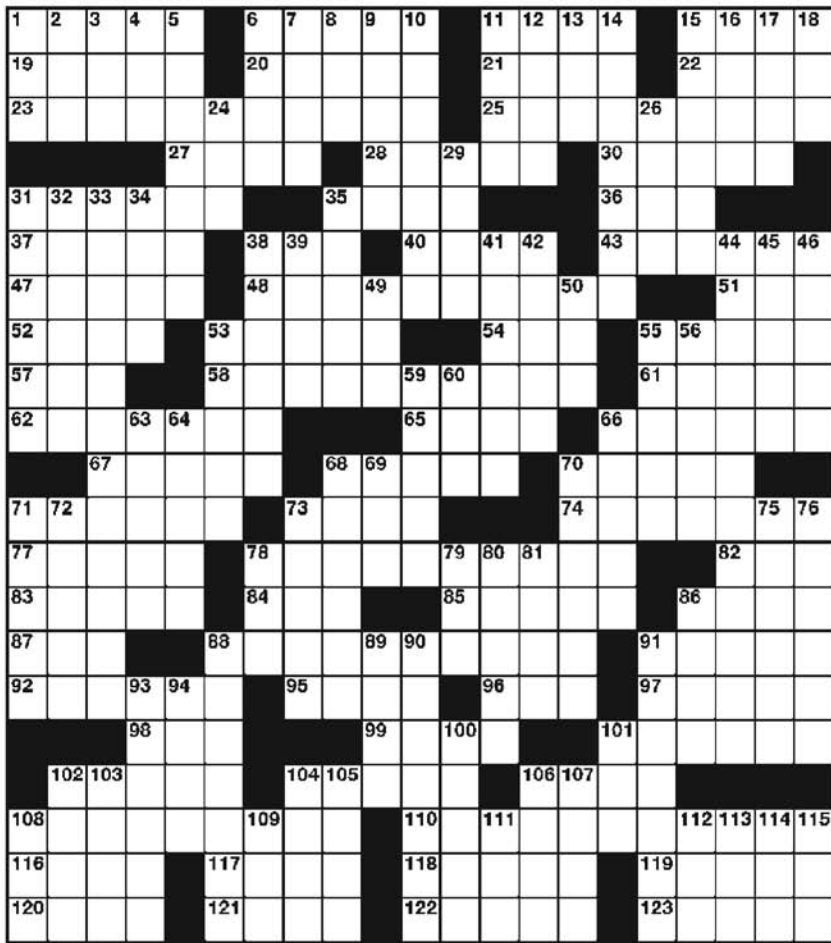
**April 11, 1814:** Napoleon was forced to abdicate his throne. The allied European nations had marched into Paris on March 30, 1814. He was banished to the island of Elba.  
**1947:** Jackie Robinson became the first black player in major-league baseball history. He played in an exhibition game for the Brooklyn Dodgers.  
**1968:** U.S. President Johnson signed the 1968 Civil Rights Act.  
**1986:** Kellogg's stopped giving tours of its breakfast-food plant. The reason for the end of the 80-year tradition was said to be that company secrets were at risk due to spies from other cereal companies.

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| 53 Title role for Caine and Law            |                       |
| 54 Hardwood tree                           |                       |
| 55 <i>Ivanhoe</i> novelist                 |                       |
| 57 Lord's Prayer opening                   |                       |
| 58 Appetizer follower                      |                       |
| 61 Reads closely (over)                    |                       |
| 62 Clavicle neighbor                       |                       |
| 65 Hunter's quarry                         |                       |
| 66 Military guard                          |                       |
| 67 False appearance                        |                       |
| 68 Casual pants                            |                       |
| 70 Storage structures                      |                       |
| 71 Fit for food                            |                       |
| 73 Zodiac beast                            |                       |
| 74 "For sure!"                             |                       |
| 77 Supermarket lane                        |                       |
| 78 Constellation near Gemini               |                       |
| 82 __ray Disc                              |                       |
| 83 Beach 7 Down                            |                       |
| 84 Set a price of                          |                       |
| 85 Be very fond of                         |                       |
| 86 <i>Iliad</i> warrior                    |                       |
| 87 Suffix for block or stock               |                       |
| 88 Mountain-road warning sign              |                       |
| 91 Glove leather                           |                       |
| 92 Nun who won a Peace Prize               |                       |
| 95 Big to-do                               |                       |
| 96 Pronoun for earth in "Joy to the World" |                       |
| 97 Curved like a rainbow                   |                       |
| 98 Prescription, for short                 |                       |
| 99 Tropical tuber                          |                       |
| 101 "Oh, yeah?"                            |                       |
| 102 Worry about, slangily                  |                       |
| 104 Ending for land or sea                 |                       |
| 106 __ butter (moisturizer)                |                       |
| 108 Thatcher successor                     |                       |
| 110 Instagram attribution creator          |                       |
| 116 Desertlike                             |                       |
| 117 Scavenger hunt handout                 |                       |
| 118 Fills with cargo                       |                       |
| 119 Make amends                            |                       |
| 120 Sales staff, for short opening         |                       |
| 121 Easily bruised things                  |                       |
| 122 Film reviewer Roger                    |                       |
| 123 Twangy-sounding                        |                       |
| 9 Oscar actress Witherspoon                |                       |
| 10 Former <i>Daily Show</i> host           |                       |
| 11 Pacific island nation                   |                       |
| 12 Economist Greenspan                     |                       |
| 13 Computer trial, for short               |                       |
| 14 Miniature golf starting points          |                       |
| 15 Quirk                                   |                       |
| 16 Harbor strolling spot                   |                       |
| 17 Notable periods                         |                       |
| 18 Family room                             |                       |
| 24 Salsa, for instance                     |                       |
| 26 Elaborate tale                          |                       |
| 29 Sir __ Guinness                         |                       |
| 31 Gadgets                                 |                       |
| 32 A third of a half-inning                |                       |
| 33 Business machine                        |                       |
| 34 Chooses, with "for"                     |                       |
| 35 County at the Golden Gate's north end   |                       |
| 38 On fire                                 |                       |
| 39 LP player                               |                       |
| 41 Roadside emergency signals              |                       |
| 42 Full of attitude                        |                       |
| 44 Feature film precursor of yore          |                       |
| 45 Max of pop art                          |                       |
| 46 Unable to sit still                     |                       |
| 49 "Hold on a __!"                         |                       |
| 50 Pronoun for battleships                 |                       |
| 53 Entertain                               |                       |
| 55 Radar reading                           |                       |
| 56 Type of high-rise dwelling              |                       |
| 59 Gems from Australia                     |                       |
| 60 Footed vase                             |                       |
| 63 Russian money                           |                       |
| 64 <i>Frasier</i> brother                  |                       |
| 66 Reinforce, with "up"                    |                       |
| 68 Pleasure trip                           |                       |
| 69 Quarterback Manning                     |                       |
| 70 Noisy napper                            |                       |
| 71 Bother much                             |                       |
| 72 Part of LED                             |                       |
| 73 Air Force installations                 |                       |
| 75 Razor inserts                           |                       |
| 76 Formal attire                           |                       |
| 78 Scratching post user                    |                       |
| 79 Scratch up                              |                       |
| 80 State with just two area codes          |                       |
| 81 Connection point                        |                       |
| 86 Mystical glow                           |                       |
| 88 Tearjerker                              |                       |
| 89 Gyro holder                             |                       |
| 90 Struggle (with)                         |                       |
| 91 Desertlike                              |                       |
| 93 Makes corrections to                    |                       |
| 94 Tailor's line                           |                       |
| 100 Get-better regimen                     |                       |
| 101 Gumshoe                                |                       |
| 102 Ticked off                             |                       |
| 103 Kitchen mixer setting                  |                       |
| 104 Just okay                              |                       |
| 105 Early PC screens                       |                       |
| 106 Ending like -arian                     |                       |
| 107 Party thrower                          |                       |
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| 109 Traditional Irish dance                |                       |
| 111 Laudatory verse                        |                       |
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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## 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

**Stauffer Robolympics,** 8:30 am. Watch as third, fourth and fifth-grade students compete with VEX IQ robots. Warren High School gymnasium, 8141 De Palma St.

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

## SATURDAY, APRIL 27

**CERT Training,** 8 am. The Downey Fire Department offers training for new members of Downey's Community Emergency Response Team. Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.

**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

**CERT Training,** 8 am. The Downey Fire Department offers training for new members of Downey's Community Emergency Response Team. Fire Station No. 1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.

**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

**CERT Training,** 8 am. The Downey Fire Department offers training for new members of Downey's Community Emergency Response Team. Calvary Chapel Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

**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.

## 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.



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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## 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. L.A.'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*

## Downey Doings

# Downey's Rhapsody in Blue

By Lorine Parks  
Society Columnist

This year's fashion color is – anything blue. Judging from the number of variations to go with "Rhapsody in Blue," Downey is definitely with it.

Poet and small boutique press owner Frank Kearns showed off his subtle dark blue plaid jacket with a blue shirt front. Downey Symphonic Society board member Joyce Sherwin had a royal blue paper boa to match her intensely blue eyes, and on her head, antennae pompoms to match, the better to receive Gershwin's music.

When I sat down in the balcony, the young concert goer in pale blue denim jacket beside me was holding a fragrant cornucopia of white flowers. "They're for the pianist," Tess Young, age 11, told me.

She was there with her mom, Esther, who studied piano with Bernadene Blaha, the renowned piano artist who was to perform in the Rhapsody. "Now I teach my daughter," said Esther.

Tess's dad, Jake, who grew up in Downey, had driven the family up from Fullerton, with little brother who was asleep by the end of the concert; 9 year-old sister Paige made it awake, till the family presentation in the Green Room after the performance.

The evening got off to a rousing start with amateur conductor Aaron Saldana and Souza's "The Stars and the Stripes Forever." After Intermission, before the auctioning of the baton, Aaron came on stage to tell how much fun it was.

"A wonderful experience,"

he said, and he thanked Bernice Mancebo Stumps for inviting him to wave the baton. Bernice won the auction last year in honor of her grandson, Christopher Parks.

Aaron studied music at the Colburn School, attends Stauffer Middle School and volunteers for the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities with the String Ensemble. If the name sounds familiar, it's because the DFEO was founded by his mother, Linda Saldana.

It was an evening of firsts: a new record bid of \$3,500 won the right to wield the baton at next year's April concert. A touching tribute to the Osborn family preceded the auction: Joyce, violinist with the Orchestra, who played with us from the start; Tom Osborn whose 20-year tenure as conductor included the start of the Music in the Schools program; and their daughter Carolyn, our concert master and a well-known violinist in her own right.

Carolyn herself acted as auctioneer and teacher Dottie Nadolski, in the balcony, ended up with the winning bid, for the privilege of leading the Orchestra at next April's concert. Carolyn pointed out all the benefits that Music in the Schools brings to Downey kids, like the yearly morning symphony concert at the theatre for third-, and a different one, for fifth-graders, which is sponsored by the Kiwanis Foundation. The Downey Unified School District is very much involved. Mom was to have helped with the auction, and she would



Don Marshall and Joyce Sherwin.

have been proud.

On behalf of the guild, the fund-raising auxiliary of the board, Marge Lewis came on stage to present the check, the results of a year's worth of fund-raising events, a remarkable \$15,000.

The next big surprise of the evening was that the house was practically sold out.

"We've sold 701 tickets for tonight" a happy President Don Marshall later emailed the Board of Directors of the Downey Symphonic Society. Out of 748 seats available in the theatre, that number was matched only by the Red Violin Concert of January 2014. Word is finally getting out about the Downey Symphony. Let's not be a well-kept secret any more.

The big audience meant that lots of people were visiting Downey for the first time. Gershwin brought them, and the Orchestra will bring them back.

Marshall was happy to be able to announce next year's 2019-20 season. First concert in October will be the Tchaikovsky's emotionally stunning Fourth Symphony, the "Pathetic." January brings a splendid all-Beethoven program celebrating his 250th birthday, with some surprises, and April will feature contemporary American composers and their music.

We were honored by the guest presence of Dr. Barry Jordan, chief medical officer of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center here in Downey. Dr. Jordan's wife, Ruby, accompanied him to the concert, and he thanked the Downey Symphonic Society for honoring Dr. Jacquelin Perry, M. D. The evening's music was dedicated to her memory. Dr. Perry was an innovator par excellence in the field of the orthopedic surgery and gait analysis.

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## A near sold-out Downey Theatre celebrates Gershwin

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“Dr. Perry invented the ‘halo’ brace,” said Dr. Jordan. It is a device to stabilize the cervical spine after surgery, “and is held rigidly in place by pins drilled into the skull, and then attached to a stiff lightweight vest.”

We are lucky to have RLA here, because many Downeyites volunteer their time, skill, energy and money-raising abilities for the Rancho Foundation and the life-changing work done here in stroke rehabilitation, spinal cord injury and many other kinds of therapy.

Dr Perry loved a well-made tune, and she would have enjoyed the jaunty pace of the city stroller in “American in Paris.” She might have imagined an accompanying visual effect, a cartoon of animated bones and tendons and muscles, coordinating to promenade in a calibrated gait with a spring in the step and navigating the City of Light.

Conductor Sharon Lavery did a masterful job with the music. “Catfish Row,” the Symphonic Suite Gershwin made from his folk opera, is the culmination of the sophisticated style that Gershwin had achieved shortly before his unanticipated early death at age 38.

The songs are played without words but their unmistakable melodies bring the lyrics to mind. The muted trumpet’s wail, “Bess You Is my Woman Now” is all soul

and sentiment. The rich lushness of Summertime rises out of the strength of the full string section.

And when Porgy announces “I Got Plenty o’ Nuttin,” Gershwin uses the poorest percussion instrument there could be – the wooden block. But the insouciant way it is knocked tells the world about Porgy’s growing confidence in himself.

Lavery showed her strength in the sophisticated interpretation of Gershwin’s style, as her control of the orchestra brought out in fast-changing tempos, including a fugue, a passacaglia, the use of atonality, polytonality and polyrhythm. “I love all the syncopation,” said Lavery. “To me, it’s what makes Gershwin’s music so great.”

After Intermission, “An American in Paris” began, as hoped for, with real French taxi horns blaring as a young man crosses the busy Boulevards and Places in the 1920’s artist capital of the Jazz Age. The “Strolling in Paris” theme was off to an awesome start. Then the homesick bluesy part set up Gershwin’s street creds, and the vibes told us he owned the house.

Finally came the piece everyone was waiting for. Pianist Bernadene Blaha came out in in sparkling black top and an iridescent long blue skirt, seated herself and waited for that long tickle of the glissando glide of the clarinet – licorice stick is a better name – that opens “Rhapsody in Blue” with the most recognizable

first bars since Beethoven’s Fifth.

The Orchestra outdid themselves, and in the applause and curtain calls, each section was recognized, as well as the strong string section.

**SEEN ON THE PATIO:** Rotary President Greg Welch and wife, Barbara Risher Welch, a past district governor of Rotary, thanking Symphony President Don Marshall for his donation of a bottle of Spanish champagne to go with two 2019-20 Symphony season tickets as a prize for the silent auction at the gala that Rotary Club of Downey is having next week. Honoring the Downey Family YMCA and the TLC Family Resource Center, this second annual event will be held at Downey’s Embassy Suites.

Barbara Briley Beard talking with Roy Anthony Shabla and poet Clifton Shnyder, former professor at Long Beach State. “Clifton is going to be the featured poet at Roy’s next Green Salon,” Barbara said. They are held on the fourth Saturday of the month.

Barbara and Roy are on the board of the Downey Art Museum in which they both believe ardently. They’d like to find a way to bring the museum’s permanent collection back to Downey. Fight on, Barb and Roy.

Glass artist Terry Walker, whose wondrous pieces are often on display at Roy’s Green Salons,

walked by. Carolina Estrada-del Toro and ceramicist hubby Jorge had pieces in the art show, “Earth Recycled II,” curated by Pat Gil, president of the Downey Art Coalition, who moved endlessly in apricot silk, welcoming the patrons.

Newly appointed as adjunct professor at Long Beach City College, Lana Joy Walquist announced the names of the artists in the show, as each stood and took the audience’s applause.

Rachael Lorenzetti slipped into the Gershwin songs like a cabaret chanteuse, in her black and white mirrored Art Deco gown. Proud father stood back. He looks so like his dad Sal, whose Sal’s Market we all loved to shop in. Lars Clutterham played wonderful piano accompaniment for her Broadway songs, and they used a side stage for that intimate effect that Marsha Moode did so well with the Downey Civic Light Opera.

Diane and Joe Lumsdaine, longtime supporters of good music in Downey, chatted with Sister Eymard Flood while Chad Berlingheiri, fresh from his December program, “Christmas in Downey,” stood by, probably planning his next captivating seasonal program.

Roy Beard helped fellow Kiwanians Larry Lewis and Bill



Aaron Saldana with Bernice Mancebo Stumps. Photo by Lorine Parks

Hare in pouring the bubbly for the reception after the concert. The entire audience was invited to enjoy complimentary champagne and punch and cookies, home baked by the board and the guild, on the patio.

Also on the patio was an extensive exhibition of young featured artist Lindsay Yost. One of her pieces was a wonderfully lifelike mosaic of George Gershwin seated at the piano and touching up his score, a big cigar in his lips and the lively blue mosaic tile background identifying the notes as “Rhapsody in Blue.”

Next? There’s the Symphony’s early date Concert in the Parks,

June 23, free to all comers. Bring your blanket and the kids and the picnic. It will be blissfully warm.

Now the question, what did all the earnest and loyal promoters of the Symphony’s program do right, to get such a warm and enthusiastic turn-out for its season’s finale?

Long-time Symphony supporter Lea Fratello supplied an answer: “Thank the day 11 years ago when the Selection Committee picked Sharon, and the board confirmed her as our music director and conductor, to lead our Downey Symphony Orchestra to even higher levels.”

We’re all the lucky ones.

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# Things You Didn't Know About Downey

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**DOWNEY CEMETERY:** In January 2019, the historical Downey Cemetery celebrated the installation of new wrought iron gates at the two entrances of the cemetery and new lights that have been installed on the property.

On Aug. 5, 1994, in The Poet's Corner, a poem was selected to be published in the Downey Eagle which told a story of how important the cemetery was to the Downey community.

**Tending the Village Graveyard**  
It's just a little plot of ground  
With trees and birds and stones around  
To help us know who went before  
And heal our hearts when they are sore

Who cares about this verdant lot  
With pioneers in ancient plots?  
They're gone, for sure, so it's not them  
We seek to shelter in the din.

They gave their best to build our town  
Before the reaper took them down,  
Their stories teach us of our past  
But it's not them we tend, at last

The living are the ones we serve  
With comfort that is well deserved.  
And simply caring for their needs  
Is at the center of our deeds.

This poem was written by Joyce Lawrence, former mayor of Downey and past president of the Downey Historical Society.

**DOWNEY'S FIRST BANK:** The first bank in Downey opened about 1887. In as much as no bank had as yet been founded in Downey J.H.A. Scott and a distance relative, O. Mahome (previously he was in the warehouse business on Dolan Street) conceived the idea of establishing what they chose to call The Los Nietos Valley Bank.

It was first opened as a private institution and, as private banks at that time were not required to register, we have no exact date of its opening.

This convenience brought out a hoard of money which had been buried or kept in some secret niche in the house, and also some which had been deposited in Los Angeles banks.

The first listing of banks in California, published July 1, 1887, records the names of Scott and Mahome as owners of the Los Nietos Valley Bank. The following November, Mr. Scott was married to Carrie, daughter of Charles E. Smith from South College Road.

In 1889, James T. Blythe, a native of Kentucky, but more recently of Texas, brought his family here and joined the firm. The bank was then reorganized, with a capital of \$25,000. Mr. Blythe was made president and H.A. Scott cashier and general manager.

By June 1891, Los Nietos Valley Bank was incorporated with a capital

of \$50,000, divided into 500 shares. Directors were: H.A. Scott, O. Mahome, James T. Blythe, D.P. Smart, J.H. Strine, J.H. Darby, and J.C. Rives.

After purchasing the bank building belonging to the former men, and also that part occupied by Alonzo Hall's grocery store, they removed the partitions, doubled the floor space and in other ways improved the building. The bank crisis of 1893 saw four Los Angeles banks close but during this panic the Los Nietos Valley Bank went steadily ahead.

Hall's grocery store was owned at first by Charles E. Smith and George Skidmore and later the name was changed to Smith, Darby and Nolan. It was here that Arthur Darby began his career in business while acting as bookkeeper in the firms of which his father was a member. An association known as the Cooperative Store was next in line to be located here.

**DISMUKES HOUSE:** The following is taken from the Herald-American newspaper from July 9, 1986, under the headline, "Piece of History to Survive."

On Tuesday, the Downey City Council approved to save a piece of history by allocating \$5,000 to move a hundred-year-old home to a site in Apollo Park from its current location on Firestone Boulevard.

The home was scheduled to be leveled to allow space for a parking lot. The move will place the home next to the Downey Historical Society's current museum, where society members who originated the project will finish restoring the home to its original condition.

Per Joyce Lawrence, the actual reconstruction will begin at the site it's at now. Joyce Lawrence expressed thanks to the current owner, Robert Kiskadden, for agreeing to donate the home for the project. A motion to allocate funds from a federal block grant set up for historical preservation to allow the project to move forward.

The Dismukes House was built in 1887 and was weather-beaten but still standing. Per Joyce, this was a great opportunity to teach our children about Downey history by saving a home for them to tour. It was faded yellow and was once used as a doll hospital and storage for a cafe. It had torn screens and broken windows but gave a glimpse into the small dusty rooms that were once occupied by the Dismukes family.

Edwin Price Dismukes, a nurseryman and one of Downey's pioneers, built the house for his wife and 11 children. One of the children, Margaret Dismukes, now an 83-year-old resident of Apple Valley, recently wrote a letter to the City Council supporting the relocation.

The Dismukes House is a 20 ft. by 24 ft. building, built in redwood with tongue and groove pine floors (ceiling is redwood). It is a "plank house," a common construction in those days. The house is made by framing a mud sill and standing 9 ft. planks on end and nailing a surrounding 2 ft. by 6 ft. board horizontally to those so as to make a sort of box.

In this day, when walls are composed of studs and cross members, this type of construction might seem precarious but the fact that the house has remained in good condition for more than 100 years attests to the soundness of this method of building.

The Dismukes House is currently located at the southwest corner of Apollo Park, very close to the intersection of Rives Avenue and Imperial Highway.

Many people were involved in the restoration project and the foundation for the Dismukes House was completed June 1988. The house took many years to be restored and is now in need of restoration. It has been around since 1887 and the Downey Historical Society is hoping to seek funds to maintain this building for future generations.

Come by the history center to view the book that contains pictures of people involved in the restoration and seeing them in their labor of love.



"Yankee Tavern" cast (from left to right): Seth Smock, Justin Lubetski, Sara Guillen, and Carlos Ramirez.

## 'Yankee Tavern' in final weekend at Warren High

**DOWNEY** – Were all the inconsistencies of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York City, the moon landing, and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy merely just coincidences?

Theories abound while trying to explain it all in "Yankee Tavern," a new conspiracy thriller presented by the Warren High School drama department. The production is in its final weekend of performances on the campus' Emerson Theatre.

From the moment you walk in the door of the theatre, you'll become a part of the crowd at "Yankee Tavern" – a sports bar in Manhattan, New York (2006) that originally was a hang out for the diehard New York Yankees fans.

Modern times find that the tavern has also become a place to remember, reflect, and show respect to the people that lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Directed by Kyle Deichman, drama instructor, the 4-character play has been double cast to allow more students to perform. In addition to directing the show, Mr. Deichman has also designed the production's beautiful set that includes a functional bar with "beer" on tap. That would be "root beer" to be accurate and is but one of the many small details that make his setting of the play so real.

"I decided that it would be fun to invite the audience up on to the set during the pre-show and intermission to purchase a cup of root beer and even play pool on our pool table if there is time," explained Mr. Deichman.

"Yankee Tavern" has three more performances left before closing this weekend: Thursday – Saturday, April 11–13, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in the lobby of the Emerson Theatre at Warren High School.

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# Downey has inside track to win league championship

The Downey baseball team has a perfect 5-0 record in league competition.

**By Mark Fetter  
Staff Writer**

**DOWNEY** – The Downey High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 12-9-1 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 5-0. The Vikings are currently unbeaten in league play and have earned the inside track to the league title.

In non-league play Downey was defeated by Mayfair at Mayfair 2-1 in eight innings on April 2nd and was defeated by Edison at Edison 2-0 on April 4th.

Downey defeated cross-town rival Warren at Downey 4-2 on April 9th and traveled

to Warren yesterday for their highly-anticipated rematch (score unavailable at press time). The Vikings will host Gahr at Downey next Wednesday and will travel to Gahr next Friday to complete this season's home and away series. Downey will conclude league play when they travel to Paramount on April 22nd and when they host the Pirates at Downey on April 24th.

At the time of this writing, Downey is in first place with a record of 5-0, Warren is in second place with a record of 6-2, Paramount and Gahr are tied for third place with records of 2-1, Dominguez is in fifth place with a record of 0-5 and Lynwood is in sixth place with a record of 0-6.

Coach Gonzalez, 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.

Division 3 playoffs.

**WARREN BASEBALL:** The Warren High School baseball team currently has an overall record of 21-6 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 6-2. The Bears competed in the Santa Ana Elks Tournament March 30th-April 3rd where they finished with a record of 1-3.

Warren was defeated by Loyola of Los Angeles 6-2 in their first game on March 30th, was defeated by Village Christian of Sun Valley 11-2 in their second game on April 1st, was defeated by Villa Park 10-9 in their third game on April 2nd and defeated Northwood of Irvine 9-5 in their fourth and final game on April 3rd.

In league play, the Bears were defeated by cross-town rival Downey at Downey 4-2 on Tuesday and hosted Downey at Warren yesterday in their rematch (score unavailable at press time). Warren is scheduled to play Magnolia at Magnolia tomorrow and will host Kennedy at Warren next Wednesday.

The Bears will conclude their regular season schedule when they host Gahr at Warren on April 22nd and when they travel to Gahr on April 24th. Warren is currently in second place in league play, behind Downey (5-0), respectively.

Coach Pearson, 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 11-12 and a league record of 4-1.

The Lady Vikings defeated cross-town rival Warren at Downey 10-0 in five innings on April 4. Downey scored two runs in the first inning, no runs in the second inning, one run in the third inning, four runs in the fourth inning and three runs in the fifth inning to clinch the win.

In the Downey/Warren game Lady Viking pitcher Hailey Harris pitched a complete game shutout and recorded seven strikeouts in the win. Destiny Garcia went 3 for 4 with 2 RBI, Harris went 1 for 3 with a walk and 2 RBI and Alyssa Porras had 2 walks with a 2-run homerun. Angelina Dumlaio went 1 for 3 with an RBI, Joeie Gallardo went 1 for 3 with an RBI and Ariana Hamilton went 2 for 3 with an RBI.

In non-league play, Downey competed in the Michelle Carew Classic over the past two weekends. The Lady Vikings were 0-2 in their first two games last weekend and were defeated by Murrieta Mesa 3-1 at 11:00 a.m. on April 5th and defeated Poway 5-1 at 5:30 p.m. on the same day. The Lady Vikings were then defeated by Buena 9-8 at 1:00 p.m. in their fifth and final game on April 6th. Downey finished the Carew Classic

with a record of 1-4.

Gahr is currently first in league play with a record of 4-0, Downey is second in league play with a record of 4-1, Warren is third in league play with a record of 2-2, Paramount is fourth in league play with a record of 1-2, Lynwood is fifth in league play with a record of 1-4 and Dominguez is sixth in league play with a record of 0-3. Coach Garcia, his staff and players need to defeat Gahr at Gahr on April 24th to clinch at least a share of the S.G.V.L. title.

**WARREN SOFTBALL:** The Warren High School softball team currently has an overall record of 9-10 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 2-2. The Bears competed in the La Mirada Tournament, which took place over two weekends, and finished with a record of 2-2.

Warren was defeated by Cajon of San Bernardino 6-2 in their first game on March 23rd, defeated Diamond Ranch of Pomona 7-6 in eight innings in their second game, also on March 23rd, defeated Millikan 5-3 in their third game on March 30th and was defeated by Chino 3-1 in their fourth and final game, also on March 30th.

In league play, Warren was defeated by Gahr at Warren 7-3 on April 2nd and was defeated by cross-town rival Downey at Downey 10-0 on April 4th. The Bears will host Lynwood at Warren on April 11th, will host Paramount at Warren on April 6th, will travel to Gahr on April 18th and will host Downey at Warren on April 22nd.

In non-league play, Warren is currently competing in the Thousand Oaks Tournament April 6th and 13th. Warren defeated Agoura 10-4 at 11:00 a.m. in their first game on April 6th and was defeated by Thousand Oaks 4-2 at 1:00 p.m. in their second game, also on April 6th.

The Bears are scheduled to play Royal at 12:00 p.m. in their third game and a "to be determined" opponent in their fourth and final game of the Thousand Oaks Tournament tomorrow. Coach Starksen, her 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.

## Ponytail taking sign-ups

**DOWNEY** – Downey Ponytail 2019 high school registration is open to ages 14-18 (as of Jan. 1).

Registration and evaluation will take place April 13-14 at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and at 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 28.

Fee is \$150 (\$20 discount for sister); \$100 if you played spring 2019 ball with Downey Ponytail 14u Division only.

Coaches and managers are needed. Please attend all sessions of the registration/evaluations.

## Basketball league starting fifth season

**DOWNEY** – CABA Basketball's commemorative five-year anniversary season will kick off the week of April 22.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 201908069

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) INNOVATIVE IMPROVEMENTS, 8308 SANGER AVE, WHITTIER CA 90606, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANTHONY AGUILERA, 8308 SANGER AVE, WHITTIER CA 90606

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ANTHONY AGUILERA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 21, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
3/28/19, 4/4/19, 4/11/19, 4/18/19

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2019083241

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AGUALINDA, 14024 FIDLER AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MERCEDES ELENA CASTRO-PENATE, 5289 LEMON AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90805 (2) AGUSTIN CERDA, 14024 FIDLER AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/MERCEDES ELENA CASTRO-PENATE, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 28, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2019086726

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GOLDEN STATE AEROSPACE, 6136 GOTHAM ST APT#4, BELL GARDENS CA 90201, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FILIBERTO VAZQUEZ MORALES, 6136 GOTHAM ST APT#4, BELL GARDENS CA 90201

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/FILIBERTO VAZQUEZ MORALES, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 2, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2019082687

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) VANGUARD AMERICA, 8455 ENRAMADA AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90605, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELISSA ANN RUBENSTEIN, 8455 ENRAMADA AVENUE, WHITTIER CA 90605

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/ELISSA ANN RUBENSTEIN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 28, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number: 2019076659

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GUANAVERA MIXBAR, 9200 VALLEY VIEW ST, CYPRESS CA 90630, LA COUNTY, 2320 OLIVE AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90806

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARTHA MORALES MARTINEZ, 2320 OLIVE AVE, LONG CA 90806 (2) VICTOR TAFOLLA ANDRADE, 2320 OLIVE AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90806

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A MARRIED COUPLE

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2019

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

S/MARTHA MORALES, WIFE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 26, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
4/11/19, 4/18/19, 4/25/19, 5/2/19

**CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED**

**On April 9, 2019, the City Council of the City of Downey introduced and adopted the following Ordinances:**

Introduced an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey amending the Downey Municipal Code, Article VII ("Streets and Public Works"), Chapter 1 ("Streets") to add Part 6 "Wireless Facilities in Right-of-Way".

Adopted Ordinance No. 19-1406, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey amending Section 3199.10 of the Downey Municipal Code relating to the speed limits for Ardis Avenue between Foster Road and Imperial Highway.

AYES: Council Members: Ashton, Frometa, Saab, Pacheco, Mayor Rodriguez  
NOES: Council Member: None.  
EXCUSED: Council Member: None.  
ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

Adopted Ordinance No. 19-1407, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey approving a Second Amendment to the Tierra Luna Development Agreement between the City of Downey, PCCP IRG Downey

LL.C., IRG Downey, LLC., and US VI Downey, LLC., to amend the term of the agreement.

AYES: Council Members: Ashton, Frometa, Saab, Pacheco  
NOES: Council Member: None.  
EXCUSED: Council Member: None.  
ABSTAIN: Council Member: Mayor Rodriguez

Adopted Ordinance No. 19-1408, an Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Downey amending the Downey Municipal Code, Article VII ("Streets and Public Works"), Chapter 1 ("Streets") to add Part 6 "Wireless Facilities in Right-of-Way".

AYES: Council Members: Ashton, Frometa, Saab, Pacheco, Mayor Rodriguez  
NOES: Council Member: None.  
EXCUSED: Council Member: None.  
ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

Copy of the full text is available in the City Clerk's Office.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC, City Clerk  
April 11, 2019

**The Downey Patriot**  
4/11/19

**NOTICES**

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00072

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 to 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: 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 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**

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3/21/19, 3/28/19, 4/4/19, 4/11/19

Advanced College is applying for reaffirmation of accreditation with the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education. Any persons wishing to make comments should write to: Executive Director, Commission of the Council on Occupational Education, 7840 Roswell Road, Bldg 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350, or can submit their comments via the Council website (www.council.org). Any persons making comments must provide their names and mailing addresses.

**The Downey Patriot**  
4/11/19

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00080

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 TORRES 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**  
**8107 BELL AVE**  
**LOS ANGELES, CA 90001**  
**(323) 822-8539**

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

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00125

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner ANGEL GONZALEZ SALAZAR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ANGEL GONZALEZ SALAZAR to Proposed name (1) ANGEL S GONZALEZ

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: JUNE 12, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT APRIL 2, 2019

Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**ANGEL GONZALEZ SALAZAR**  
**8625 HOLBROOK ST.**  
**PICO RIVERA, CA, 90660**  
**(562) 397-3556**  
**ANGELSGONZALEZ63@YAHOO.COM**

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

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00125

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner ANGEL GONZALEZ SALAZAR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ANGEL GONZALEZ SALAZAR to Proposed name (1) ANGEL S GONZALEZ

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: JUNE 12, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT APRIL 2, 2019

Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**ANGEL GONZALEZ SALAZAR**  
**8625 HOLBROOK ST.**  
**PICO RIVERA, CA, 90660**  
**(562) 397-3556**  
**ANGELSGONZALEZ63@YAHOO.COM**

**The Downey Patriot**  
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**TRUSTEE SALES**

Title Order No. 05937544 Trustee Sale No. 83436 Loan No. 9160031660 APN: 6364-020-021 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A 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. On 4/24/2019 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 5/14/2007 as Instrument No. 20071167613 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: SAMUEL GREGORIO ROMAN ROMAN, as Trustor INDIAMAC BANK, F.S.B., A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK, as Beneficiary WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at

time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California described the land therein: LOT 70, TRACT NO. 16098, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 364, PAGE(S) 19 AND 20 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9151 BROOKSHIRE AVE DOWNEY, CA 90240. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances. You pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit \$67,512.74 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election of Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 3/26/2019 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE, VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. \*NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there is risk involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property.

**CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD FEDERAL CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Downey City Council, on May 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to approving the **Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2019-20**: The Action Plan is an implementation plan, required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which describes projects and activities the City of Downey will fund under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) programs. The proposed Action Plan includes a recommended distribution of the federal funds, the required application for the HUD grants, and a discussion of actions the City will undertake during the program year regarding homelessness and anti-poverty initiatives.

During the next program year, the City of Downey is projecting to receive \$1,500,503 in new entitlement grants under the federal CDBG and HOME programs. In addition, the City expects to receive approximately \$100,000 in HOME program income and there is approximately \$2,544 in CDBG and \$370,649 in HOME funds transferring from the prior year. The combined total of new federal Grants, estimated program income and the balance from prior year line of credit will be distributed (proposed) on the activities listed below:

|  | CDBG PROGRAM        | HOME PROGRAM      |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| <b>ESTIMATED FUNDS in 2019-2020</b>      |                     |                   |
| New Federal Grants                       | 1,038,301           | 462,202           |
| New Program Income (estimate)            | 0                   | 100,000           |
| Prior Year Line of Credit (estimate)     | 2,544               | 370,649           |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                            | <b>\$ 1,040,845</b> | <b>\$ 932,851</b> |
| <b>PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS in 2019-2020</b> |                     |                   |
| Housing Improvement Programs             | \$ 877,500          |                   |
| Code Enforcement Program                 | \$ 120,000          |                   |
| Payment on HUD Loan (3 loans)            | \$ 470,269          |                   |
| Community/Senior Center                  | \$ 73,800           |                   |
| Public Services Grants                   | \$ 79,783           |                   |
| Affordable Housing Development           | \$ 69,330           |                   |
| General Planning and Administration      | \$ 257,660          |                   |
| Rental Assistance Program                | \$ 25,000           |                   |

At this time and place, all persons interested may be present to give testimony on the proposed Action Plan for program year 2018-2019. A draft copy of the above referenced plan will be available for reviewing on Friday, April 12, 2019, during normal business hours at the following locations: the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Brookshire Avenue; the Downey City Library, 11121 Brookshire Avenue; and at www.downeyca.org. Persons interested in obtaining a copy or for further information, please call Jose Vazquez, Management Analyst, at (562) 904-7161. Written comments intended for the Downey City Council should be sent to the Downey City Clerk at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241, no later than 5:30 p.m. on May 14, 2019.

In compliance with the American Disability Act, if you need special accommodations, please contact the Housing Division at (562) 904-7161 or the California Relay Service. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to arrange reasonable accessibility accommodations.

Maria Alicia Duarte  
Downey City Clerk

April 11, 2019

**The Downey Patriot**  
4/11/19

# Short Stories

## A Second Life

By Maria Zeeman

His name is Gustavo. He is one of 12 children of a family living in Medellin, Colombia. They were mainly brought up on a farm. Their father died at the age of 42, and the mother not too much later. The family stayed together as much as they could. Most got high school education and some went further. They all chipped in and helped each other.

Gustavo became a flight attendant. He did well, but all of a sudden, they heard nothing from him. There was a plane crash with one of their planes over Venezuela. Many died and some were found. Nobody found or heard anything from Gustavo.

They investigated it for years and the family sent private investigators to find out what happened to him with no result. After 10 years they gave up.

Ten years later (20 years

after the crash), a friend from an older brother, Orlando, said that while he was on a gathering in Venezuela, he saw a man that looked identical to Gustavo. One of the family members went down to see and he found him, but Gustavo didn't remember anything from his life before the accident.

After the accident, Gustavo ended up on a farm to work. He fell in love with the farmer's daughter, got married and had three children -- never remembering his previous life or what happened to him.

Orlando went to see Gustavo. He immediately recognized him as his brother. They both saw how much they were alike. They looked at pictures of the family. Orlando told him that he was on a plane that had crashed.

They went to the plane company, government, and more to verify who he was. After many talks and visits, Gustavo got much of his memory back. Gustavo was working on the farm with his father-in-law.

He and his wife went to Colombia, but Gustavo decided to stay in Venezuela on the farm with his new family there.

He took his real name back

and decided that was the best for him and his family. Gustavo was ever so grateful to finally know where he came from and who he is.

I never met Gustavo; he is the brother of my ex-husband. I followed and had much sympathy for Gustavo. He is now 64, knows all his family in Colombia and seems at peace with his life.

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## A Mid-Life Change

By Yolanda Adele

Sometimes people that you don't expect come into your life and impact it with a special quality that did not exist before. One such person for me was Bonnie Hielberge.

She was a soft-spoken, bright-eyed English teacher at least 10 years my junior. We met in her classroom when I started Cerritos College. I was a grandmother of two. It had been 30 years since I attended school and the changes were intimidating in this new age of computers. It did not help that I was older than my fellow students.

I had low self-esteem

and poor study skills. This unfortunate combination could have sabotaged any hopes I had of finishing college were it not for Miss Heidelberg's enthusiasm for teaching. She motivated me beyond my own expectations by quickly acknowledging any progress I made. Besides my husband, she was the only other person in my life up to that point to demonstrate faith in me.

She observed my struggle to "Get it right!" I got to class early and was the last to leave. Since it was the last class period before lunch,

I brought my sack lunch to eat in her classroom while I went over the lessons and worked on the assigned homework. She often brought her lunch and joined me. That is how my tutorage began.

At the end of the semester, she gave me an A+ and recommended me for the 1990 First Liberal Arts Award. She attended the ceremony where I was given a certificate by the Liberal Arts faculty for outstanding achievement in liberal arts. To my surprise she gave me a personal gift, a little book-light. Most of all she gave me the template to achieve the rank of Highest Honor Student.

I graduated in 1997 with a

4.0 grade point average and with a newly acquired confidence in myself.

This midlife change was a rewarding journey.

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## 2nd Street Elementary

By Yolanda Adele

One of my first memories is of walking into my kindergarten classroom.

I remember seeing small scale kitchen furniture at the corner of the room and a miniature sink with cabinet doors at the bottom. Right next to that was a stove that came up to my waist. It was made out of light-colored, polished wood that matched the hardwood floors in the play area.

Little tin pots and pans sat nestled on top ready to be picked up and played with ...by me. The boys played with toy wooden airplanes, trucks, and cars.

There were many windows across the wall that let the sunshine in.

It looked like a happy place to be. I only spoke Spanish and

did not understand English very well; still I knew that the teacher must be saying nice things to me because she smiled a lot. Some children were bi-lingual and they helped me to speak English by translating. I remember thinking that English sounded a little like barking dogs.

Once a month my mother tied some coins into a handkerchief for me to bring to school and give to the school nurse for the mandatory vitamins and castor oil.

One day a real cowboy named Monty Montana came to our school with his horse. He performed fancy rope and riding tricks on the playground. That was the highlight of my kindergarten experience.

I liked school from the first day. I remember being very disappointed when I was told that there was no school on the weekends. But it did not take long before I fit in and it all became elementary to me.

The authors of these short stories are members of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

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Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Maria D Maldonado a married woman, as her sole and separate property Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 07/30/2012 as Instrument No. 20121120115 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 04/25/2019 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, Vineyard Ballroom, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$243,100.65 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 11816 La Reina Avenue, Downey, CA 90241 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common

designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the

mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site [www.ndscorp.com/sales](http://www.ndscorp.com/sales), using the file number assigned to this case 18-31271-PM-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 03/27/2019 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 800-280-2832; Sales Website: [www.ndscorp.com](http://www.ndscorp.com) Rachael Hamilton, Trustee Sales Representative A-FN4689333 04/04/2019, 04/11/2019, 04/18/2019

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.: 18-1734 Loan No.: \*\*\*\*\*714 APN: 8019-032-010 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED

9/29/2017. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: BRANDON CLAY AND MARQUITA PERERA-CLAY, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee: PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES Recorded 04/04/2017 as Instrument No. 20171137926 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles

County, California, Date of Sale: 5/9/2019 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Vineyard Ballroom Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$561,031.45 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 10825 OFFLEY AVENUE DOWNEY, California 90241 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be

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# Short Stories

## A Peace Corps Odyssey

By Anthony R. Kingsley

After returning from Armenia in 1997, I obtained a position as the accounting manager at a construction company. It was a good job but not very interesting.

I thought my volunteer experience in Armenia, combined with a regular job, would be good -- so I applied for a staff position with Peace Corps. They offered me the position of Associate Director in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. I declined. They then offered me the same position in Kazakhstan and I accepted.

When I arrived, a driver met me and drove me to a temporary residence. He picked me up the next morning and took me to the office to meet the country director and my staff.

I needed a place to live so I assigned that job to Yerkin, my general services officer. He showed me three places and I selected one that was half a block from the office with electricity and running water 24 hours a day -- and a piano.

My duties included all administrative duties supporting 200-300 volunteers. Because the cashier reported to me, I had to become a State Department cashier.

I set up an intern program for college students. My first hire was my landlord's daughter, Assel. When she got married, I was the guest of honor at the wedding. Being the guest of honor, I was presented with the eye of a sheep. Discretely I slid it to Yerkin.

One day I compared the clock at the railroad station to my watch. They did not agree. I asked why the difference and was told that in the former Soviet Union, all trains ran on Moscow time. And they still do.

I had to attend a conference in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. I selected Misha as my driver and took three of my staff with me. We drove thru Kyrgyzstan and

Uzbekistan. When we were close to Ashgabat, my gout flared up. Misha called ahead and told them I was in pain. When we got to the office, two medical personnel were waiting for us.

A party had been scheduled for the evening but the doctor said no party for me. I had to stay in my room, drink lots of water and take medication.

Later, there was a knock on my room. I hobbled over and there stood Misha. He came back because it was not fair that I had to be alone when everybody else was enjoying the party.

The next day I felt a little better so Misha and I went sightseeing. In the main square of Ashgabat was a gold-plated statue of the president of Turkmenistan that rotated so that the sun always shone on his face. Then it was back to Almaty. A short time later, I said goodbye to Kazakhstan and returned home.

I was looking for a job and came across Norwalk Adult School where I had taken some computer classes in the past. I went in and asked to see the school director about a job. She came out and asked if I had passed CBEST and if I had a resume with me. My answer to both was yes. She looked at my resume and said, "Oh, you just came back from Kazakhstan. Come into my office."

And what happened after that is the subject of a separate story that led to many more adventures.

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## One Stray After Another

By Sharon Benson Smith

Like all young kids, the six of us wanted a pet to call our own. But that wasn't to be because Dad would not allow it.

He said: "A pet is too much responsibility and too costly as they require licensing, necessary shots, special food, etc." And, all of our "please, please, please" didn't work with Dad.

So, being in this together, we would befriend one stray dog after another, trying to hide them from Dad by keeping them in our bedroom and even in our beds under the covers. That went well until Dad came home from his semi-trucking job in the middle of the night, and the dog began barking at the "intruder."

We learned in short order that meant Dad would take the dog to work with him the very next day and drop it off somewhere in the boon docks...never to be seen again.

"Gypsy", a sleek boxer breed, was the next stray to come along. Barking at the night "intruder" got her into trouble too, and Dad took her away the very next day on his semi-trucking travels.

We were so happy to see Gypsy show up again several days later. It was back to the bedroom and under-the-covers-routine. At this point, we even tried to muffle her from barking...to no avail.

Off Gypsy would go again the next day; taken by Dad even farther away than the time before. We were six very unhappy

kids...until many days later when she showed up again.

That did it for Dad! After the third time of him hauling her off, and farther each time, and she'd be back on our doorstep, he said Gypsy was so determined that she could stay. That is how she got her "Gypsy" name.

Years down the line when we were teenagers, very busy with school and jobs and going in six different directions, Dad decided that he wanted a dog. He was a tan Dachshund, "cute as a bug", and dad named him "Bo."

Bo and dad were inseparable companions. We all loved that dog and he ruled our household. He lived with us for several years until that momentous day he got out of the yard and was fatally hit by a car. It saddened the entire household for the longest time.

That was to be the first time we saw our dad cry.

Quote: "To be followed home by a stray dog is a sign of impending wealth."

"Dogs have a way of finding the people who need them, filling an emptiness we don't even know we have."

Amen!

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The authors of these short stories are members of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

**60 Words**  
to celebrate the Downey Symphony Orchestra's 60th anniversary

Two concerts four years apart: Sharon Lavery's Downey orchestra joined by her friend, soloist Elizabeth Pitcairn, playing the renowned Red Stradivarius Violin, and audiences were on their feet, roaring.

A reviewer wrote, "Under Lavery's direction, the musicians blended perfectly with [Pitcairn's] virtuosity as only a true outstanding musical ensemble can do. As good as it gets describes the performance perfectly."

*Symphony archives and review by Brad Wethern, Downey Patriot, Feb. 6, 2014*  
Compiled by Joyce Sherwin

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Tense and tenuous  
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as does tender  
in its several guises:

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the yellow moth.

2  
I would not confuse  
the bogus  
with the spurious.

The bogus  
is a sore thumb

while the spurious  
pours forth

as fish and circuses.

*Rae Armentrout, Poetry Magazine, 2102*

Poetry Month continues with Armentrout, one of the founding members of the West Coast group of Language poets. By breaking up poetic language, the poet is requiring the reader to find a new way to approach the text. As she explains, "You can hold the various elements of my poems in your mind at one time, but those elements may be hissing and spitting at one another." Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

## Rents rise for third straight month

**DOWNEY** - Monthly rental prices in Downey increased for a third consecutive month, according to a study by Apartment List.

As of April 1, the average rental price for a 2-bedroom unit in Downey is \$2,020 per month.

Rents in Downey have increased 0.2% over the past month, and are up 1.1% year-over-year.

Over the past year, rent increases have been occurring not just in the city of Downey, but across the entire metro Los Angeles region.

Eric Pierce, editor


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A must see! Great location. Brand new beautiful home with an extraordinary and useful design and floor plan with 4 bedrooms and 4 baths. Kitchen with center island adjacent to dining room and family room with fireplace. Huge lot with access to back street, that can be easily split. **Call Today!!!**



**Beautiful Upgraded Home!**

Great spacious home in a great quiet neighborhood in the City of Compton. Ideal for a big family. Home has 21 fruit trees for those who love to grow organic. Owner occupied well cared home. High school being renovated and will become most modern in Southern California. **Call Today!!!**



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Gorgeous single family home with an open concept living space. Completely remodeled throughout the house. Oversized master suite with a walk in closet. Euro style dual zone (air/heat) split systems in all bedrooms and living room. Large backyard, perfect for family gatherings and parties. 2 car garage with 2 uncovered parking spaces. **Call Today!!!**



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