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Familiar face takes over Stay Gallery

Gabriel Enamorado, who helped found Stay Gallery in 2012, returns as executive director.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – After a several year absence, 29-year-old Gabriel Enamorado has returned to Stay Gallery as the new executive director.

Enamorado is no stranger to Stay Gallery, as he was part of its inception back in 2012.

“This place began very organically. It started with my ex-partner Valentin Flores. He and I met through mutual friends,” said Enamorado. “Long story short we started to host pop-up art shows around town, and we even were individually doing it without knowing each other before that... it’s super ironic how the whole thing began.”

Enamorado and Flores decided to hold a photography exhibit of their work at the Downey Theatre in 2010, bringing out a staggering and surprising 800 people.

“After that show, people were really excited; there was a huge buzz around arts Downey,” said Enamorado.

Feeling that Downey lacked a certain entertainment and arts value when he grew up, Enamorado said that he felt the community was behind this new venture.

“We were asked to be a part of the Taste of Downey and all of those events. The city was asking us to create installations of artists, so we kept doing those,” said Enamorado.

Not long after, Stay Gallery came into fruition, finding its space on Downey Avenue.

Enamorado stayed involved with the organization for four years, however eventually decided to part ways with Stay in order to pursue other endeavors in graphic design and photography.

“I wanted to do my own thing,” said Enamorado. “I’ve been living in Long Beach since, and I started my own freelance graphic design business. It’s been really awesome. I think that leaving for these past three years has been the best thing for me personally. I needed to get out of my town and I needed to experience running my business. The irony of the name: Stay.”

However, a recent inquiry of the wellbeing and activity of Stay Gallery unexpectedly opened a new door.

“It stemmed from first being asked to join the board,” said Enamorado. “I contacted Val...he’s on the board now, and I said, ‘What if I have my show [at Stay]?’”

“Kirk [Cartozian], who is the chairman of the board, got wind that I came here. We went out to have lunch and he asked me if I wanted to take over as director...It happened so fast.”

Now stepping into his new position, Enamorado says that Stay may have missed the mark in

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GABRIEL ENAMORADO

Troubled Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall set to close this summer



PHOTO COURTESY RICHARD ROSS/JUVENILES IN JUSTICE

Girls at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. The detention center is scheduled to close July 31.

The juvenile courthouse is also shutting down operations

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – For more than six decades, Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall has served as the temporary holding facility for thousands of youth offenders, a detention center for teens (and pre-teens) charged with crimes as petty as shoplifting and as serious as murder.

But Los Padrinos may not exist for much longer.

The L.A. County Board of Supervisors intends to close the detention facility, one of L.A. County’s three juvenile halls.

It’s not clear what will happen to the youth currently housed at Los Padrinos, or if the closure is related to recent allegations of excessive use-of-force by Los Padrinos staff.

Also unclear is if the closure is temporary or permanent.

A representative for Supervisor Janice Hahn confirmed plans to close the detention center but stressed that details are still preliminary.

County awards contract for sports fields

The \$12 million sports complex will be located on the south Rancho Los Amigos campus.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY – Conceptual plans for a multi-use sports complex on county-owned property in south Downey is no longer a conception.

On Tuesday, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors awarded a \$9.66 million contract to begin construction of the fields, which will be located on the abandoned south campus of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

“City of Downey staff are working with County of Los Angeles staff on the design and layout of multi-use fields on

the five acres of land offered by the County of Los Angeles,” said Aldo Schindler, director of community development for the city of Downey.

Plans call for three synthetic turf or grass soccer fields of various sizes to support youth through high school level of competition, with the largest field big enough to also accommodate football and lacrosse.

Lighting will allow nighttime use of the fields, and fencing will be installed along the project’s boundaries. A 3,000 sq. ft. building will house restrooms, concessions, administrative offices,

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City officials declined to comment publicly on Los Padrinos’ expected closure. Privately, however, they said they expected L.A. County to repurpose the facility, located at 7285 Quill Drive behind Los Amigos Country Club.

Opened in 1957, Los Padrinos houses hundreds of boys and girls at any given time. Most of the juvenile defendants are awaiting court action or transfer to another facility.

Los Padrinos has been extensively criticized in the past, including for high incidents of depression among the population and youth suicides. More recently, six detention officers were arrested last month for assaulting teenage girls with pepper spray.

This past March, the Los Angeles County Probation Department -- which operates Los Padrinos -- reported a 214% increase in the use of pepper spray at Los Padrinos. Pepper spray -- also known as OC spray -- is the most significant force option authorized by the department.

A February 2019 report by the

L.A. County Office of Inspector General found that detention staff at Los Padrinos feared for their safety and “consistently reported feeling outnumbered and overpowered by youth.”

The county also has struggled to hire and retain staff, which has “destabilized” the facility due to workers going on sick leave and long-term absences.

In addition to the detention center, Los Padrinos houses a juvenile court. Victor H. Greenberg, presiding judge at the Los Padrinos courthouse, confirmed in a letter to law enforcement officials that Los Padrinos plans to close July 31 and the court will close Aug. 30.

“Consistent with the decline in juvenile hall population over the past several years, petition filings have also decreased,” Judge Greenberg wrote.

According to Greenberg, pending court cases at Los Padrinos will be re-assigned to the Eastlake Juvenile Court in Los Angeles and the Compton Courthouse.



Do you know this woman?

Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center is asking the public’s help in identifying this woman, who is unable to communicate.

Street cleaners found the woman unresponsive inside a tent Jan. 23 near 100 W. Cesar Estrada Chavez Ave. in Los Angeles. She was treated at LAC+USC Medical Center and then transferred to Rancho Los Amigos hospital in Downey.

The woman is described as Latina, about 53 years old, 5 ft. tall, 112 lbs., with brown eyes and black shoulder length hair. She has multiple scars on her back, a scorpion tattoo on her right wrist, and is missing front top and bottom teeth.

Anyone with information about her identity is asked to call (562) 385-7867.

Downey restaurant grades

El Sushi Loco Express
102 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 4/30/19
Grade: **A**

The Boy’s Burgers
9090 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 4/30/19
Grade: **A**

La Villa Bakery
11843 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/30/19
Grade: **A**

Chinese Gourmet Express
104 Stonewood St.
Date Inspected: 4/30/19
Grade: **A**

Max Fitness Depot
7320 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/26/19
Grade: **A**

Taco Bell
7127 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/26/19
Grade: **A**

Dunkin Donuts
9070 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/26/19
Grade: **A**

Tacos El Gavilan
7947 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/26/19
Grade: **A**

Arco of Downey
9522 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/26/19
Grade: **A**

Poke 2 Grill
9523 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/26/19
Grade: **A**

Luis’ Butcher Shop
9071 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 4/25/19
Grade: **A**

Luis’ Butcher Shop Deli
9071 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 4/25/19
Grade: **A**

El Sushi Loco
11837 Downey Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/25/19
Grade: **A**

Tom Jr. Burgers
7852 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/25/19
Grade: **A**

Pop’s Cafe
7840 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/25/19
Grade: **A**

The Marketplace Grill Cafe
13250 Woodruff Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/25/19
Grade: **A**

Starbucks
7966 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/24/19
Grade: **A**

Albertson’s
7676 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/24/19
Grade: **A**

Albertson’s (Bakery)
7676 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 4/24/19
Grade: **A**

Los Pollos
7940 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 4/24/19
Grade: **A**

Jack in the Box
7905 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 4/24/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 75°

Saturday 72°

Sunday 68°

THINGS TO DO



Downey Street Faire

Saturday - Brookshire Avenue, 10 am to 4 pm

Food trucks, live music, arts and crafts, a kids zone, and lots of vendors.



Foster Care

Saturday - New Season Church, 10 am
Learn how to become a much-needed foster parent. Speak to a panel of experts, including current foster parents.



Long Beach Car Show

Sunday - St. Anthony’s Church, 10 am to 3 pm

Classic cars, live music, food, vendors, beer garden, and more. Family-friendly, free admission.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

DOWNEY’S OPPOSITION TO SB 50

SERGIO VASQUEZ: This would strip local control from residents in specified areas and have a high probability of developers scooping up specific lots. Those that are not purchased are left with a mid rise apartment peering into your backyard just like in Los Angeles’ westside area.

JULIE SELIG: Ok so let’s add a bunch of high rise apartments and maybe even a subway too? Downey is already densely populated and streets are packed with cars.

NOAH JIMENEZ: We’re the largest county outside New York I believe yet we still have our infrastructure and lives wrapped on a suburban lifestyle that’s not feasible anymore, or at least, not feasible while still being cheap. We’re gonna need multi story homes and subways and taxis eventually guys.

KATHY ORNDORFF: I applaud Mayor Rodriguez for opposing this idea for our city. 5 story buildings with no additional parking along Firestone would be a disaster.

Reach us on Facebook at: Facebook.com/DowneyPatriot

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@DowneyChamber: Come on down this Saturday for our 26th Annual Street Faire!!! Their [sic] will be food, crafts, music, and our Kid Zone! Hope to see you there.

7 arrested in human trafficking operation

DOWNEY - Seven people were arrested in a human trafficking operation conducted by the Downey Police Department, authorities announced.

The arrests were made April 18 after a cyber-based operation by Downey Police in collaboration with the Los Angeles Regional Human Trafficking Taskforce, headed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Two men were arrested for soliciting undercover investigators for various sex acts; three men were arrested for pimping and pandering, a felony; and two women were arrested on prostitution charges after soliciting sex for money from undercover detectives.

The women were offered victim-centered services from the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking.

Downey Police also announced the formation of a human trafficking unit comprised of investigators specially trained to identify, investigate, and apprehend those involved with the criminal exploitation of vulnerable victims.

The unit will partner with county and local law enforcement agencies, as well as social service and community-based organizations that assist victims of human trafficking.

"The Downey Police Department recognizes sex trafficking as one of the most reprehensible crimes that can happen anywhere," the department said in a statement.

Rockview Farms introduces oat milk

DOWNEY - Downey-based Rockview Farms has added oat milk to its non-dairy line of products.

Oat milk is described as having a creamy texture with a light oat taste. The half-gallon cartons come in three flavors: original, unsweetened, and vanilla.

Oat milk is lactose- and gluten-free, and has the added benefit of also being nu-free. Unlike regular milk, this oat milk has a 100-day shelf life.

"We are always looking at ways to anticipate what families need from us," said Curt DeGroot, vice president of sales and marketing at Rockview Farms. "We started with organic milk, then lactose-free milk, and a variety of almond and cashew milks. Oat milk is the next of our great recipes."

Oat milk is currently available at 99 Cent Only stores.

Textbooks, novels open for inspection

DOWNEY - Downey Unified invites the public to examine materials being considered for use in middle school Science and high school Health.

The materials selected are in alignment with the new California Healthy Youth Act (AB 329).

Copies of the materials will be on display on the second floor of instructional service department in the Gallegos Administration Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, April 29 through May 17.

Two parent meetings will be held on Monday, May 20, (high school curriculum) at 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 22, (middle school curriculum) at 5:30 p.m. at the Gallegos Administration Center's District Conference Center-A (DCC-A).

Suggestions or comments about the materials must be submitted in writing to the superintendent seven days prior to the board meeting at which the materials will be discussed.

The recommendation is planned to take place at the Board of Education meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 18.

Novels being considered for reading in Downey Unified middle schools and high schools also are open for public inspection.

Copies of the novels will be on display at the Gallegos Administration Center from May 7 until June 3.

Downey man killed in South L.A.

LOS ANGELES - A 41-year-old Downey man has been identified as the victim in a fatal South Los Angeles shooting last Friday.

Raymundo Alfredo Cardona was at Mike's Car Wash Express in the 10100 block of S. Vermont Ave. at about 11 a.m.

Police officials said the shooter fired at Cardona inside the business, killing him.

An off-duty LAPD sergeant who was in the area heard the gunshots and returned fire, but the suspect managed to escape.

Police said it's not clear if the suspect was struck by the police officer's gunfire.

Anyone with information is asked to call LAPD detectives at (323) 890-5500.

Meeting to discuss 2020 vote centers

DOWNEY - L.A. County is hosting a community meeting May 18 to discuss new voting centers that will be utilized in the 2020 elections.

The meeting will take place in Hawaiian Gardens although the meeting will discuss voting centers in Downey, Norwalk and surrounding areas.

Starting in 2020, L.A. County will transition from polling places to vote centers. Voters will be able to cast their ballots at any vote center in the county over an 11-day period.

The workshop will offer details on vote centers accessibility, security, proximity, convenience and availability.

The community meeting is from 9-11 a.m. at the C. Robert Lee Activity Center, 21815 Pioneer Blvd.

Library fundraiser at Frantone's

DOWNEY - The Friends of the Downey City Library will hold a fundraising night Wednesday, May 15, from 5-10 p.m. at Frantone's Pizza and Spaghetti Villa.

The restaurant is donating 25% of all sales to the library group. No flyer is necessary, just mention you are there for the fundraiser.

"These restaurant fundraisers are a good way to introduce yourself to some of Downey's restaurants you may not have tried," the Friends of the Library said. "We hold these every other month beginning in January and always on the third Wednesday of the month. It's a great way to show you value our library while enjoying a nice meal."

Drug collection nets 640 lbs.

DOWNEY - More than 600 pounds of expired and/or unwanted prescription medication was collected by the Downey Police Department at a take-back event April 27.

Local residents dropped off 640 lbs. of medication, which was turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for proper disposal.

The police department hosts the collection events periodically in an effort to curb prescription drug abuse

Enamorado returns to Stay Gallery

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connecting with the community.

"As much effort as Stay has put, there's been something that's been missing in connecting with the community that's here," said Enamorado. "Now that I'm back, I got to see the perspective from being in Long Beach and seeing Downey from over there. I think the community and the demographic has shifted in those first few years."

"As far as why we haven't been able to connect, I think it's just the messaging and the events haven't been as welcoming...it's definitely lost the excitement that it had the first few years that we were open. Naturally, I think people got used to having a space here. People walk by and don't even know what this is...people don't know that it's a nonprofit organization that supports the arts and education and community."

Now, Enamorado is leading the charge to reconnect with the community, starting with an almost total revamp of the website, mission statement, vision statement, and programming.

"We're thinking of it as we're going to start from the ground up and reestablish ourselves as the arts organization in town."

\$12 million sports complex coming soon

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storage and meeting space.

The facility will have enough parking for 74 vehicles and drought-tolerant landscaping.

According to Schindler, temporary or permanent bleacher seating is still being contemplated.

When completed, the facility will be leased to and operated by the city of Downey.

As part of the project, two buildings currently occupied by the Downey Rose Float Association will remain untouched, Schindler said.

On Tuesday, the board of supervisors unanimously voted to award the \$9.661 million contract to Ohno Construction Company.

The project is budgeted at \$12.12 million: \$10 million will come from Supervisor Janice Hahn's 4th District discretionary funding while the additional \$2.12 million will come from the city of Downey.

Chamber golf tournament

DOWNEY - The Downey Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 26th annual golf tournament June 19 at Rio Hondo Golf Club.

Cost to participate is \$175 for an individual golfer or \$500 for a foursome.

For details on how to participate as a golfer or sponsor, call (562) 923-2191.

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THERE'S A MOVEMENT IN LA.



We are choosing to ride together, rather than drive alone. And more and more of us are trading four wheels for two. May is Bike Month and your chance to take that first step to join the movement.



Bike Month Events

Join Metro as we celebrate biking in LA throughout the month of May. You can “get your feet wet” during Bike to Work Week (May 13 – 19) or Bike to Work Day (BTWD) on Thursday, May 16th. The National BTWD celebration is on Friday, May 17th. Once again, Metro and many other transportation agencies throughout the county traditionally mark the Thursday before with free rides. Just bring your bike or helmet to claim your free ride on any Metro bus or rail line. At non-gated Metro rail stations, there is no need to tap, just show the Metro fare officer your bike or helmet. At Metro’s rail-gated stations, use the intercom located near the fare gates to notify an attendant who will open the ADA gates for you. You can check out which other agencies are offering free transit rides to bicyclists at metro.net/bikemonth.

Discover our new bike map at metro.net/bikemonth for an expanding list of BTWD pit stops set up throughout the county; one is likely offered on or near your route. At these pit stops, you will find refreshments to fuel you on your ride, as well as free giveaways. Metro will be hosting our very own pit stop at Union Station in front of the Metro Bike Hub. Visit the calendar on the website for a growing list of fun bike-related events. “Recycle Your Bike” by the City of Long Beach and “Blessing of the Bicycles” at the Good Samaritan Hospital are just a few events for you to get into the spirit.

Metro Bike Resources

Metro wants to help you confidently drop your keys and walk or “bike” away from your car.

Visit metro.net/gobike to learn all about biking in LA. You can sign up for FREE Metro bike education and safety training classes for all riding abilities. There are also opportunities to experience biking in a group ride setting, to get you more comfortable riding on city streets.

Metro Bike Lockers and Metro Bike Hubs are available to keep your bike secure. Visit metro.net/gobike for more information on these services. The hubs offer secure parking for bikes, as well as on-call mechanics and face time with friendly staff. Metro Bike Hubs are offering two bike month promotions, so sign up online at metro.net/bikehub and use promo code **BIKEMONTH-YR** for 20% off a One-Year Pass, or **BIKEMONTH-30** for a 30-Day Pass for \$1. Offers are valid May 1 – May 31, 2019.

Visit metro.net/bikeshare for convenient round-the-clock access to a fleet of bicycles for short trips, available 24/7, 365 days. Starting May 1st, use the promo code **MOREBIKES2019** for a 30-Day Pass for \$1. All trips 30 minutes or less are free and \$1.75 per 30 minutes thereafter. Offer valid May 1 – May 31, 2019.

There are so many resources and perks to take advantage of this month; Metro invites you to hop on a greener ride and join the movement at metro.net/movement.



Oh, the places you'll go with Shirley Johnson

Downey Doings

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

"I don't have any agenda," said Shirley Johnson. "I just invite people to come."

The people that Shirley Johnson, of Best Travel and organizer extraordinaire, invites are a happy lot who try out new restaurants whenever Shirley suggests one. This time we sat at a long window table in the new

La Barca, where Sambi's formerly was. Past get-togethers have included The Olive, and Benihana, in the Downey Promenade.

"Originally I started this for the Guild," said Shirley, and that would be the Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Downey. "But then I invited clients from my travel agency, and they asked friends. And there are people I serve now with my medical appointment service."

I asked around the table how people knew Shirley, and they smiled as they searched for their reply. Answers ranged from, "I

used her taxi service to the airport in the 80's," to "I met her when we had the Red Cross Blood Mobile at the church, and when she came in to donate, she just bled and bled all over. That's when we became friends."

Born in England, Shirley's crisp accent still pops up in her conversation.

"It was very rural, no paved sidewalks, sheep and cows grazing and completely surrounded by thick woods, wild blackberries we picked in season and crab apples that we would eat on the way home from school as a snack - very sour," says Shirley.

Shirley grew up in Hertfordshire, and emigrated intending to settle in Australia. But the warm sun and palm trees in California brought her back here and eventually she moved to Downey to open her travel agency. That became an airport taxi service. In later years she has switched to a very much-

needed personal van service to take the elderly to local medical appointments.

To shake hands with Shirley is to feel like you are the handle of a suitcase she has picked off the baggage carousel. She has a firm handshake and you know you will never be lost luggage.

Conversations ranged around living in Downey - the coyote problem, looking for a good meeting room for organizations. Many had read the stories in the Patriot about the homeless at our Firestone post office and were keen to know what could be done. No one talked politics - that kind of baggage was left at the door, and strangers and friends sat side by side, here to test the newest in restaurant endeavors in Downey.

It's more fun when you go places together, and the group of men and women ranged from the youngest, 8-year-old Anna with her long black pigtailed who came with her grandmother, to Rosalie Sciortino who will be 95



Joyce Stiles and Bernie Lewis

this month.

Rosalie is a longtime Downey resident who still writes poetry, oversees her garden and has placed her own wonderful watercolors and oil paintings around her gracious home, where for example a bright view of flowers on the Amalfi Coast hangs over her bathtub. She is a long-time contributor to the Downey Symphony, as is Shirley, who is also a fan of Music Director Sharon Lavery.

Other restaurant groupies included Bernie Lewis, vivacious widows of everyone's favorite Gallatin pediatrician, Dr. Ted Lewis, and her friend Joyce Stiles, who logged over 31 years as a nurse at Downey Community Hospital. Bernie still works out and does yoga at the Downey Y.

Shirley is a 30-year member of the Rotary Club of Downey, one of the first women to be invited to join after the Supreme Court ruled no one could be excluded on basis of gender. The good care of children has been the cause dear to Shirley's heart.

"The most important to me are always the children," she says. "So many go without the basics. I believe all children should be treated with honesty, humor as is appropriate, and respect. I was

raised in England in a very strict way with those values. We must all help to keep the world turning and that means helping where and when we can."

Shirley also performs another specialized service, the clean-up of properties before they are sold. "Most of the properties," said Shirley, "have 'collected' items for 40 years or more and most of it is unusable junk. I do all the necessary clean up, inside and out.

"All that can gets donated to various charities, some go to the orphanages and schools in Tijuana. The garage and driveway are all hosed down and cleaned thoroughly to give the property a clean, good, street appeal before being listed for the best price and a quick sale."

"When I leave," said Shirley, "I shall be cremated, as Muffin was (she's in my China cabinet), and both of us shall cross the 'pond' landing back in Hertfordshire in the family plot with my sister and three Daffodil bulbs to show the world each Spring, WE'RE BACK!"

Anyone is welcome to join Shirley's occasional and informal group, the kind of spontaneous coming together of acquaintances, that seems to thrive in Downey.

In Memory of

John Grobarty

April 30, 1930 - April 22, 2019

John "Jack" Grobarty, Jr., 89, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2019. Born to Rose and Dick Grobarty on April 3, 1930, Jack grew up in Los Angeles, California where he attended both Dorsey and Loyola High Schools. Jack joined the United States Army and selflessly served his country with distinction during the Korean War. Upon returning from the war, Jack met and ultimately married his beloved Mary in 1957. Soon thereafter, they moved to Downey to raise a family and remained there for the next sixty years. During this time, Jack worked as a stockbroker for Mitchum, Jones & Templeton for over twenty years, and ultimately retired in 1995 as an executive in the Wells Fargo trust department in Long Beach.

Jack is survived by his two children Margaret and Michael, his daughter-in-law Jeanette, son-in-law Todd, and his four grandchildren Andrew, Molly, Timothy, and Lauren. Known for his great sense of humor and dedication to his family and community, Jack was an active member of and usher at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, a Downey Little League coach, a volunteer in the elementary school classrooms of all his grandchildren, and a disaster volunteer for the American Red Cross. Jack will be remembered as a kind and gentle man, and an incredible husband, father, and grandpa. His kindness and legendary sense of humor enhanced the lives of everyone who knew him. He will be sorely missed by all, but his loved ones are comforted by the fact he is now residing in heaven with his beloved wife Mary.

Religious services will be held for Jack Grobarty on May 3, 2019 commencing at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Downey, California.

In Memory of

Claudia Parras

August 26, 1957 - April 25, 2019

It is with great sadness that the family of Claudia Parras announces her passing on April 25, 2019 after a long illness.

Claudia was predeceased by her loving parents Aurora and Paulo G. Parras and by her husband Jeffrey Scott Craig.

She is loved and will be forever remembered by her children Aurora and Amelia (Juan) Parras- Craig, her sisters Virginia(Frank) Maas and Loretta Parras and dear friend Terry Ann Westmore, her niece Monique(Bradley) Gibbons and nephew Michael(Theresa) Maas, her grandnieces and grandnephew Emilie and Barry Gibbons and Alana Maas, her companion John Kallsen and by so many close friends too numerous to mention.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00am on May 2, 2019 at Gates Kingsley & Gates Smith Salsbury Mortuary, 4220 S. Sepulveda Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230, immediately followed by graveside interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, 5835 W. Slauson Ave. Culver City, CA 90230.

May her memory be for a blessing for all of us who knew and loved her.

Contributions to honor Claudia's memory can be made to the scholarship funds of the Kiwanis Club of Downey, California and the Belmont High School Alumni Association.

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Rotary Club of Downey sent 11 Downey students to participate in Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), a camp where high school age students learn leadership skills while making lifelong friendships. The students are pictured above with Rotarians Greg Welch and Ronnie Fernandez.

"We look forward to working with them on future projects of 'service above self,'" they said.

Participating students included: Tammy Abad (Downey High); Katherine Garcia, Kimberly Tejas, Oscar Vasquez, Majella Carrera and Shamiyah Campbell of St.Pius/St. Mathias Academy; Fernanda Espinoza, Valerie Trejos, Lauren Dillon Lascano and Jacklyn Gonzales of Columbus High; and Lauren Lopez of Warren High.

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In the Living Room @ DRC on the 1st. Saturday of every month, unless it falls on a holiday. We have a pot luck lunch that starts at 12:00 noon.

Join Leonard and I, for a time of food, fellowship, and a study in the Word.

Leonard & Carole Beltz

Joe Biden tries to apologize his way to the presidency

BY BEN SHAPIRO

Former vice president and new 2020 Democratic frontrunner Joe Biden has a problem. His problem is simple: He has a record. That record is long and checkered. And that means that Biden has spent the first months of his undeclared campaign apologizing.

In January, Biden apologized for having supported criminal sentencing laws that helped drive down crime in the United States. He did so because those laws are now considered both passé and un-woke — they’ve been maligned as inherently racist. Thus, Biden stated: “I haven’t always been right. I know we haven’t always gotten things right, but I’ve always tried,” adding that the bill in the early 1990s “trapped an entire generation” and “was a big mistake when it was made.” That’s a change from 2016, when Biden told CNBC he wasn’t ashamed “at all” for supporting the bill and bragged, “I drafted the bill.”

Weeks ago, as Biden prepped his presidential run, he approached Anita Hill, the woman who accused Justice Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment. Hill’s testimony was riddled with inconsistencies and

outright lies. Biden recognized that at the time — according to former Sen. Arlen Specter’s autobiography, Biden told him in 1998 that, with regard to Hill’s protestations of memory lapses, “It was clear to me from the way she was answering the questions, she was lying.” Now, however, Biden told Hill, “I’m sorry for what happened to you.” Hill, for her part, is having none of it — she called his apology insufficient and stated that he owes Americans a more generalized apology.

Then, just four weeks ago, Biden issued a quasi-apology for his habitual invasion of women’s personal space. In a two-minute video, he explained: “The boundaries of protecting personal space have been reset. I get it. I get it. I hear what they’re saying. I understand. And I’ll be much more mindful.”

All of this has prompted Damon Linker of The Week to forecast: “Biden will apologize. And then apologize again. And then again. Endlessly. Gracelessly. Until he finally gives up and goes home.”

Amazingly, though, all of the things for which Biden is apologizing are things for which he should not be apologizing. The early 1990s saw

a spike in crime that largely affected minority communities; Hill was probably prevaricating; Biden’s invasion of personal space is awkward, but it was never harassment. But in our new political world, running means having to say you’re sorry for having a record at all. That’s why it was easier for Barack Obama to run than Hillary Clinton — and, in many ways, it was easier for Donald Trump to run than Sen. Ted Cruz. Having a record is a burden.

The power of positive thinking trumps years of experience. After all, you don’t have to worry about what Mayor Pete Buttigieg has done since he’s never done anything. But you do have to worry about Joe Biden’s record being rehashed. That’s why Biden’s best weeks may be his first weeks. As his record reemerges, as other Democrats dig into his past for dirt, Biden will have to get used to saying he’s sorry and then hope that Democratic voters choose to take him back.

Ben Shapiro is a graduate of UCLA and Harvard Law School, host of “The Ben Shapiro Show” and editor-in-chief of DailyWire.com. He is the author of the No. 1 New York Times best-seller “The Right Side Of History.”

Can the attorney general defend presidential obstruction?

BY JUDGE ANDREW NAPOLITANO

One should expect fireworks this week as Attorney General William Barr testifies before the Judiciary Committees of both the House and the Senate about the investigation and the report of special counsel Robert Mueller regarding Russian interference in the 2016 American presidential election. By now, most folks know that the interference was substantial but don’t seem to care much.

We know from Mueller’s report that Russian intelligence agents engaged in sophisticated cyber warfare against the United States, and we did very little to resist them. The Russians were physically here. They engaged via email and text with many Americans. They ran popular political rallies. They attempted to alter vote tallies. They received internal polling data from the Trump campaign, with which they communicated 127 times in 16 months.

None of this seems to be causing outrage. Instead, the outrage is around the efforts President Donald Trump personally undertook to interfere with the challenging work of finding out who the Russians

were and what they did. Why would he attempt to derail such an investigation? Did then-President Barack Obama know what the Russians were up to? That seems unlikely, since he ardently wished to be succeeded in office by Hillary Clinton, and the Russian efforts were aimed at helping Trump.

But the American intelligence community should have known. It captures all the fiber optic communications of all people in America. This mass suspicionless surveillance is unlawful and unconstitutional, but the leadership of our 60,000-person strong domestic spying apparatus has persuaded every president since George H.W. Bush that all this spying keeps America safe. We now know that it doesn’t. It didn’t find a single Russian spy bent on influencing the election.

Former American spies have been complaining for years that capturing the keystrokes of all people in America 24/7 produces information overload — too much data to sift through when searching for those trying to harm our way of life.

From the Mueller report, we also know the determination of the attorney general to prevent any criminal charges — no matter the evidence — from being brought against the president for his attempts to impede the investigation.

The credible evidence that Mueller found of Trump’s obstruction was rejected by Barr based on a unique legal theory of the obstruction of justice statute, a theory that even Barr’s own prosecutors have rejected.

The Barr argument goes thusly: In order for a person to obstruct justice, there must be some justice to obstruct. Hence, if the alleged obstructer did not commit the underlying crime being investigated, then his so-called obstruction did not impair justice; it just impaired a fruitless investigation. This sophistry would make the Jesuits proud.

As well, this argument goes, so long as presidential interference in an investigation is grounded in the Constitution and is not “corrupt” — the word in the federal obstruction of justice statute — it is not prosecutable.

The nearly universal view of law enforcement, however, rejects Barr’s narrow view of obstruction and interprets the plain meaning of the federal statute as it was written. Thus, under this view, all corrupt interference or attempted interference with an investigation or judicial proceeding constitutes obstruction. A corrupt purpose is one that seeks personal gain for the obstructer, such as shielding him from the revelation of unpleasant truths.

So, if Trump fired FBI Director James Comey because Trump wanted

to be the tallest person in the room or because he had a better director candidate in mind, there is no corrupt purpose. But if he fired Comey to delay or stop the FBI’s acquisition of painful truths about Russia, as he told NBC’s Lester Holt was his purpose, then whether the truths he wants to hide are about unlawful behavior or not, Trump’s purpose is corrupt and his behavior is prosecutable.

As well, if the pre-presidential Trump instructed retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn to tell the Russian ambassador that Trump would relax sanctions on Russian banks and oligarchs once in office — as Flynn told Mueller was the case — Trump’s efforts to hide that truth from FBI investigators constitute obstruction. And, if Trump lied to the public about the communications between his campaign and the Trump Organization and the Russians — he said there were none — and he tried to prevent the FBI from learning about the 127 communications, Trump’s purpose is corrupt.

Asking Deputy National Security Adviser K.T. McFarland to put an untruthful document about Flynn’s conversation with the Russian ambassador into a government file that is likely to be subpoenaed and asking White House Counsel Don McGahn to lie to FBI agents are acts of obstruction. They constituted ordering subordinates to commit crimes for a corrupt purpose — shielding Trump from the revelation of unpleasant truths about his behavior.

We know that Attorney General Barr’s own DOJ rejects its boss’ narrow view of obstruction because of an indictment it announced just last week. A federal grand jury in Boston indicted a sitting judge of the Superior Court of Massachusetts for obstruction of justice. Her crime? She allegedly told the ICE agents in her courtroom to arrest a defendant appearing in front of her that the defendant would be released from her custody in the courthouse lobby.

When sheriff’s officers instead released him to the courthouse parking lot, and the defendant escaped, the judge was accused of obstructing justice even though it is legally impossible for her to have committed the underlying crime that ICE was prosecuting — illegal reentry into the U.S. by a once-deported and undocumented immigrant.

The U.S. is planted thick with laws intended to preserve human freedom by keeping the government honest. When the government breaks its own laws and gets away with it, it undermines the personal liberty of us all.

Judge Andrew Napolitano is the senior judicial analyst for Fox News.

Coyotes were here first

Dear Editor:

Recently this paper has published letters demanding that the city control or eliminate coyotes within city limits. As a pet owner myself, I can appreciate the feelings of those who may have lost beloved pets to predation by coyotes. However, it is important to consider a few facts.

Coyotes have been here since before there was a Downey. They are an important part of the ecology of our region. For instance, experts credit coyotes with being an important control on tick population. Loss of habitat is inevitably going to bring humans and coyotes into occasional contact.

Experts agree that coyotes are less likely to bite someone than a dog or even another person. Government agencies have been trying to eradicate coyotes in the U.S. for over 100 years. Studies show that eliminating individuals increases breeding activity and litter sizes.

Pet owners must accept that we share space with these animals and take care to supervise their pets. I have noticed that Downey has many feral cats and probably cats that are just allowed to run loose. This is probably a factor if people are noticing more coyotes.

Addressing the problem of feral and unneutered cats would probably solve more issues than trapping or poisoning coyotes.

**Craig Paup
Downey**

Plastic in tuna

Dear Editor:

Dr. Frischer, in his column of April 25, extols the virtue of eating fish, however, he does warn of consuming large amounts of fresh tuna, swordfish, king mackerel, marlin, halibut and other special as they can contain high volumes of mercury.

Another worrisome factor might be microscopic bits of plastic. Oceanic plankton, near the bottom of the food chain, contain tiny bits of plastic. As the plankton are consumed, the plastic moves up the food chain and ultimately is concentrated in the largest fish, such as swordfish and tuna.

Plastic is so ubiquitous in our oceans as it can be safely assumed that all tuna contain plastic. As a consequence of this, it can also be safely assumed that all of our bodies contain microscopic bits of plastic.

The level of research on this subject is such that it isn’t clear if the plastic has any deleterious effect upon us.

Dr. Frischer stated that he was fond of tuna salad sandwiches. I hope this doesn’t cause him to switch to peanut butter and jelly.

**Jack Russell
Downey**

CORRECTION

A story in last week’s edition titled “Where Would the Downey Library Be Without its Volunteers?” misidentified volunteer Mary Stevens as Mary Phelps. The Patriot regrets the error.

The burning of Notre Dame was an omen

BY DENNIS PRAGER

The symbolism of the burning of Notre Dame Cathedral, the most renowned building in Western civilization, the iconic symbol of Western Christendom, is hard to miss.

It is as if God Himself wanted to warn us in the most unmistakable way that Western Christianity is burning — and with it, Western civilization.

Every major Western (and one major non-Western) social and intellectual force has conspired to rid Europe of Christianity and the civilization it produced.

Within the Western world, the French Enlightenment — the intellectual basis of the French Revolution and the modern West — sought to replace Christianity, and religion in general, with secularism rooted in reason. No God, Bible or Ten Commandments is necessary for morality or meaning: reason (and science) will replace them.

The two final deathblows to Christianity in Europe were the world wars. World War I ended most Westerners’ belief in the nation-state and the West. Christianity, already weakened by the Enlightenment, was further weakened by World War I. German Christians were killing millions of French and English Christians, and French and English Christians were killing millions of German Christians. So the argument and sentiment against Christianity went. Then World War II saw even more death on the Christian continent as well as the failure of Catholic and Protestant churches in Nazi Germany to offer even minimal noncompliance with the Nazis’ Jew-hatred.

With the end of World War II, every internal Western intellectual doctrine was secular. God, the Bible and religion were regarded at best as innocuous nonsense and at worst as noxious nonsense.

Meanwhile, Europeans brought a non-European ideology into

Europe, an ideology that, for more than a thousand years, sought to replace Christianity as the world’s dominant religion. The Europeans, believing in nothing distinctly Christian or Western and believing in the moral and intellectual nonsense known as “multiculturalism” — a doctrine that asserts that all cultures are morally equivalent — saw nothing problematic in bringing millions of Muslims into Europe. They had no idea that most of these people actually wanted to replace Christianity with their religion. They had no idea because, in their ignorance and arrogance, they assumed that because they were secular multiculturalists, everybody else was, too — or would be, once they lived in Europe.

They were wrong, of course. And as a result, the two dominant forces in Europe — secular leftism and Islamism — sought the end of Christianity and the West. (The left believes that protecting Western civilization is equivalent to protecting white supremacy.)

This is not producing a pretty picture. Generally speaking, Islam has not been nearly as kind, tolerant, open, medically or scientifically innovative or intellectually curious as Western civilization (and yes, Nazism and communism were born in the West, but they were anti-Western).

Even without tens of millions of Muslims, post-Christian Europe has not produced a pretty picture. This was predicted in 1834, 100 years before Hitler’s rise, by the great German poet Heinrich Heine, a secular Jew (who later converted to Protestantism, “the ticket of admission into European culture”):

“Christianity — and that is its greatest merit — has somewhat mitigated that brutal German love of war, but it could not destroy it. Should that subduing talisman, the cross, be shattered, the frenzied madness of the ancient warriors, that insane Berserk rage of which Nordic bards have spoken and sung so often, will once more burst into flame. This talisman (the cross) is fragile, and the day will come when it will collapse miserably. Then ... a play will be performed in Germany which will make the French Revolution look like an innocent idyll.”

European Christians persecuted European Jews, often brutally. But it took a post-Christian ideology, secular Nazism, to produce Auschwitz — just as it took post-Christian communism to produce the Gulag, the Chinese Cultural Revolution and the Ukrainian and Cambodian genocides.

Moreover, Nazism and communism aside, the left’s belief that secular reason can replace God and the Bible turns out to be completely wrong. The alleged citadels of secular reason — the universities — are the most irrational and morally confused institutions in the West.

I don’t know if a worker accident or a radical Muslim set fire to Notre Dame Cathedral (as they have scores of other churches around Europe). In terms of what the fire represented, it doesn’t much matter. What matters is the omen: Europe is burning, just as Notre Dame was.

Dennis Prager is a nationally syndicated radio talk show host and columnist. His latest book, published by Regnery in April 2018, is “The Rational Bible,” a commentary on the book of Exodus.



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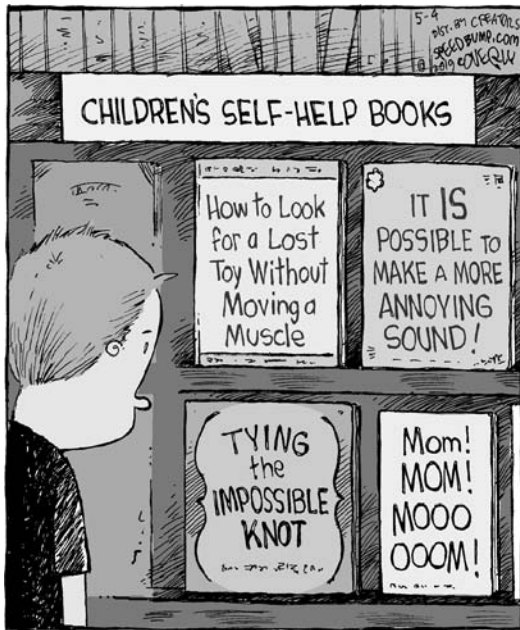
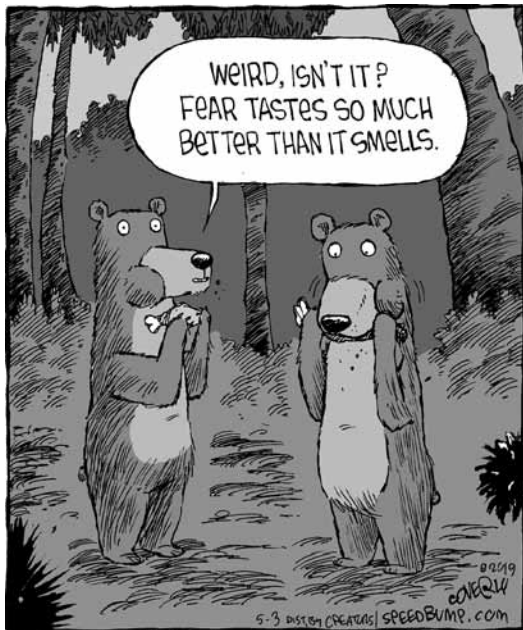
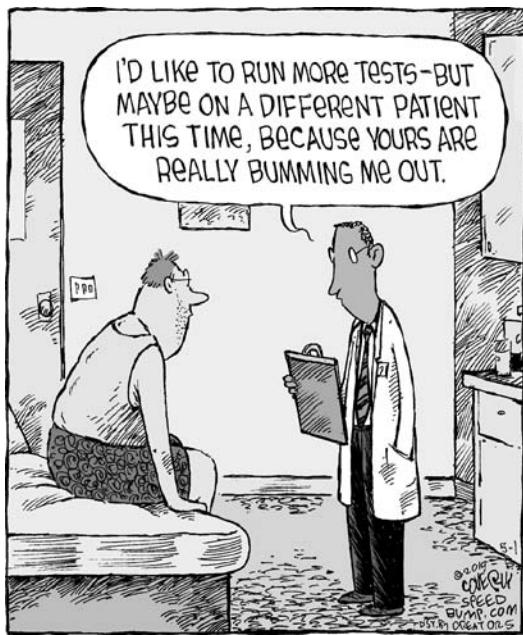
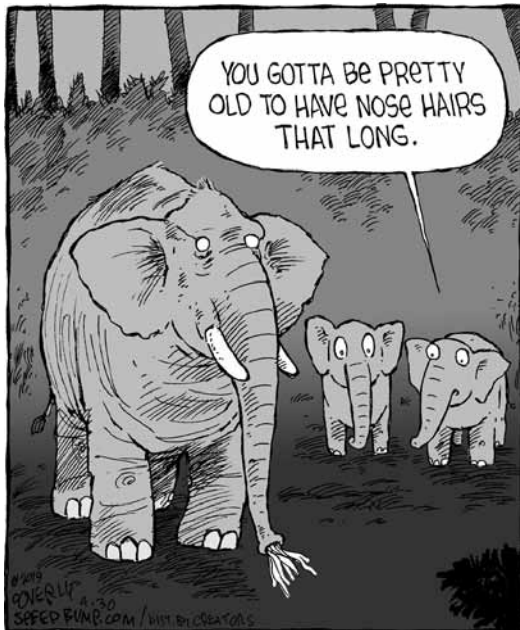
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Downey Community Calendar

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 Tue., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

TUESDAYS

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

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 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: 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 Barbara 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...

- May 2, 1863:** Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was wounded by his own men in the battle of Chancellorsville, VA. He died 8 days later.
- 1855:** The magazine "Good Housekeeping" was first published.
- 1926:** In India, Hindu women gained the right to seek elected office.
- 1946:** Prisoners revolted at California's Alcatraz prison.
- 1993:** At Washington's National Gallery of Art, an exhibit of 80 paintings from the collection of Dr. Albert C. Barnes opened.

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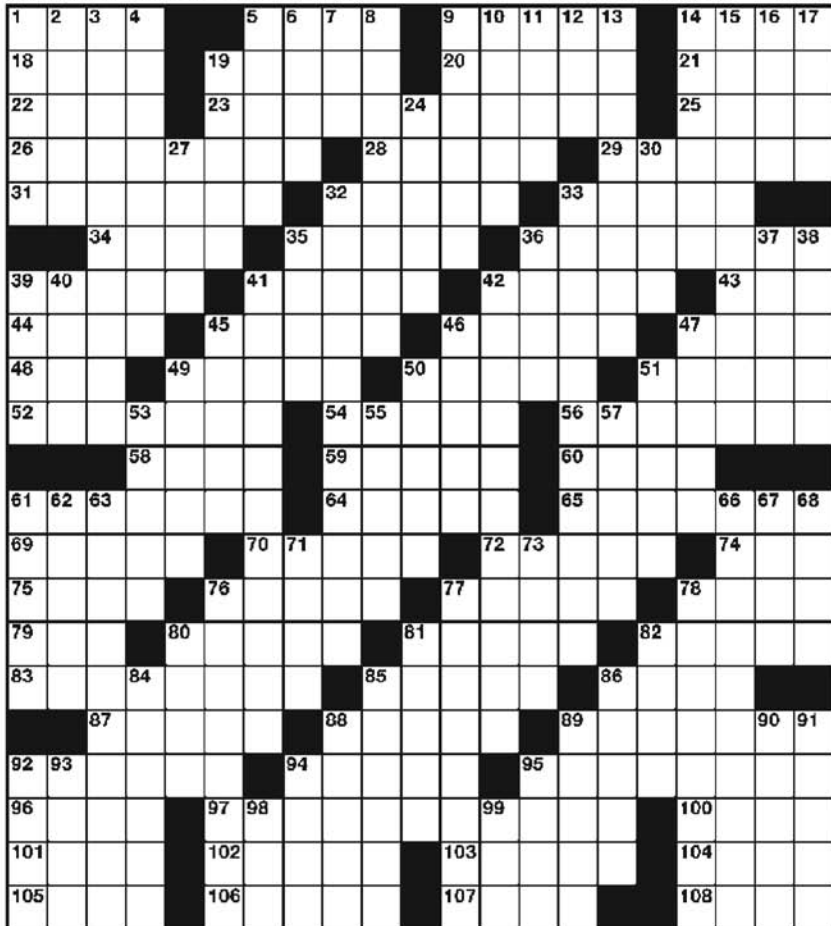
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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, MAY 3

The Digital Project, 5-7 pm. Opening reception for The Digital Project, an exhibit celebrating the art of photography and featuring the works of Downey High students. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Black Bear Diner Ribbon Cutting, 11 am. The Downey Chamber of Commerce celebrates the grand opening of Black Bear Diner. 7900 Florence Ave.

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.

Coffee with your Councilmember, 10 am. Join Councilman Sean Ashton as he discusses the Clean Power Alliance and your options. Vazza Cafe, 11121 Brookshire Ave.

Kids & Cops Day, 10 am. Police officers and local kids come together for a day of games and activities. Furman Park, 10419 Rives Ave.

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.

Student Symphony Concert, 7:30 pm. Los Angeles County High School for the Arts presents a symphony concert. \$17 admission. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Mariachi Show, 11 am, 2:30 pm and 5:30 pm. Live mariachi performances in honor of Mother's Day. The Palms, 8060 Florence Ave.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Violin Concert, 7:30 pm. Downey Unified students studying music with the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities' violin program will perform a selection of songs. The string ensemble, under the direction of Lars Clutterham, also will perform. \$5 admission. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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.

Classic Car Show, 9 am to 2 pm. Classic cars, roadsters, hot rods, food, raffles, and family fun. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 13200 Columbia Way

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

"A Night in the Islands", 6:30 pm. Te Varua Ori, a Tahitian dance troupe, presents a live performance. Downey Theatre, 8435 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.

MONDAY, MAY 20

Spring Dance Concert, 7 pm. Downey Unified students enrolled in the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities' dance program will perform choreographed dance routines unique to each elementary school campus under the guidance of dance director Jasmine Reppert. \$5 admission. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Senior Awards Night, 6 pm. Downey High School honors its graduating seniors with academic awards. 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.

Coffee with a Cop, 6 pm. Ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. Starbucks, 7954 Imperial Hwy.

Spring Guitar Concert, 7 pm. Downey Unified students studying music in the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities' guitar program will perform a selection of songs in group and solo performances. \$5 admission. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

MONDAY, MAY 27

Memorial Day Walk, 7:30 am. Join Courage Forward as they walk from City Hall to Downey Cemetery for the

Memorial Day commemoration. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

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

Doty Middle School Promotion, 2 pm. Promotion ceremony for Doty Middle School's eighth-graders. Downey High School stadium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Stauffer Middle School Promotion, 2 pm. Promotion ceremony for Stauffer Middle School's eighth-graders. Warren High School stadium, 8141 De Palma St.

Columbus High Graduation, 6:30 pm. 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.

Griffith Middle School Promotion, 2 pm. Promotion ceremony for Griffith Middle School's eighth-graders. Warren High School stadium, 8141 De Palma St.

Sussman Middle School Promotion, 2 pm. Promotion ceremony for Griffith Middle School's eighth-graders. Downey High School stadium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

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, 7 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.

Sleeping Beauty, 7:30 pm. Southern California Dance Theatre performs a full-length production of "Sleeping Beauty," complete with dancers, sets and costumes. \$29-\$31. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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

Chamber Golf Tournament, 10:30 am. The Downey Chamber of Commerce's 26th annual golf tournament. 18 rounds of golf, lunch, reception and after party. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Mega Mujeres Market, 1-5 pm. Sixty-five 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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Warrior Cup Tournament, 11 am. The second annual Warrior Cup golf tournament benefiting St. Pius-St. Matthias Academy. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

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

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 11

Identity Theft Seminar, 9 am. Downey police officers will give a 1-hour seminar on identity theft fraud. Free and open to members of the Downey business community. City Council chambers, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

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.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Real Estate Career Night, 6 pm. An informational seminar for people considering a career in real estate. Keller Williams, 8255 Firestone Blvd., st. 100

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

MONDAY, AUG. 26

Optimist Club Golf Tournament, 10 am. The largest annual fundraising event for the Cerritos Optimist Club. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

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

My Morning

Short Stories

By Gail Earl Contributor

I was standing around with my family: mom, dad, my brother and two sisters. We were counting our luggage. Each of us had a different color. Each person got to choose their own color. Each person got three pieces plus a carry-on bag.

While we were at home packing, it didn't seem like such a big deal, but now that we were gathered at the airport and getting everything checked, it was quite a big deal. Eighteen suitcases plus six carry on bags made quite a big pile.

Three months worth of clothing for a family of six, for an around-the-world adventure, took plenty of planning. Because we would be traveling through

several different climates, we needed all different types of clothing.

Everyone was in charge of their own bags. Of course, my mother being the well organized and disciplined person she was, had a special way of getting and keeping us organized, all in neat stacks.

In the airport as the men stacked our luggage to be checked in, we patiently waited for all of the colored bags to complete each person's stack. Mine were brown with pink polka dots, so they were easy to spot.

The men disappeared down a hall with two carts full to the brim and at that moment we felt our big adventure begin. We all wore smiles.

In what felt like a split second, we were back home, all in our old routines again.

I was back at my desk and a new client was coming in. Her



name was Gloria. When she arrived, we discussed several issues but concentrated mainly on her setting goals and moving forward in a positive direction.

Gloria was a sweet lady in a wheelchair, and I felt how difficult her life had been. She spoke freely and opened up her world to me. By the time our session was over, we both had very positive feelings about our conversation and felt that life could certainly improve for Gloria. As we said our goodbyes, both very hopeful for the future, she rolled out the door.

As I stepped into the hallway, I dove off the platform and into the pool below. The ringing in my ears as I hit the water was almost unbearable.

That's when I realized that my alarm clock was ringing.

It all seemed very normal until then.

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

Keeping in Shape

Short Stories

By Dora Silvers Contributor

My neighbor Marj and I walked the six blocks to the women's club to attend the Weight Watchers meeting.

First thing you do is weigh in. Some took their shoes off and some took their earrings off. One lady in a muumuu said she was "expecting a baby." Her doctor told her to go to Weight Watchers.

We were given a list of foods. We had to weigh our food. To me, fish weighed less so I ate more fish.

My husband and I walked 10 miles annually for the March of Dimes for 10 years.

A few weeks later, we went

on a trip to San Francisco. I ordered fish, as I could not weigh the meat. On the way home, we stopped in Santa Barbara. The dinner special was chili and corn muffins. Everyone ordered the special. I ordered fish, as it was Friday.

My family did not like the spicy chili. They brought me a large platter of fish and cole slaw. My husband said, "I will never complain, you're eating fish."

I went to my Weight Watchers meeting and I had lost 38 pounds all together. There was a cute girl in red shorts. She asked me to hold her baby while she weighed in. It was the girl in the muumuu.

For my 50th birthday, my family gave me a lifetime membership to the Imperial Spa. The spa had "Silver Sneakers," an exercise class and hot tub.

Two years later, the Imperial Spa closed.

I then joined the Bellflower



I May Not

By Katie Troy

I may not be able to walk, but I can talk.

I may not be able to walk, but I can probably beat you all in a race.

I may not be able to walk, but I can talk the talk and walk the walk.

I may not be able to walk, but I sure do appreciate all that I have.

I may not be able to walk, but I still get up every morning and thank God; it could have been worse.

I may not be able to walk, but I'm able to thank HIM.

I may not be able to walk, but I am not a victim; I may be here for a reason.

Katie Troy is wheelchair-bound with MS. She is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program, held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

pool for water aerobics.

I now live at the Grover senior living center. We have Silver Sneakers and yoga classes.

I am now 30 x 3, plus one (91).

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Pina Pizza marks 60 years as a Downey landmark

The Persico family opened Pina Pizza 60 years ago, and it's still going strong today.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNY - Downey staple Pina Pizza reached a milestone this week, celebrating 60 years worth of Italian food, family values, and legacy.

The Pina Pizza story officially began in 1953 in Cleveland, Ohio, running for four years. However, when family matriarch Pina Persico was told by doctors that she needed to seek warmer weather, the family of Pina, husband John, and children Johnny (deceased 2013), Caro, and Mila packed up and headed out west.

"We picked up and came here," said Mila Persico, daughter and youngest child of Pina. "We were looking around to find a shop to start a Pizza place."

And then, about two years and one fateful car ride later, it happened.

"We were driving down Paramount Blvd... I was in the backseat, my dad was driving my mom was shotgun, and I said 'Look papa, look mama, look!' and it said 'For rent,'" said Mila.

Pina's endeavors in Downey started as a very small space on the corner where it still sits today, renting on a month to month basis for over 25 years.

Meanwhile, as the leases of the businesses began to run out, the Persico's took advantage, slowly growing and expanding to the restaurant that it is today.

What really put Pina's on the map though, Mila says, was when they started deliveries in 1962.

"My dad bought a little Cushman Truck, a couple of them, painted it, and it looked like a little ladybug," said Mila. "It was like a gimmick. We were the first in Southern California to do home deliveries. We put ovens on the back; we were like pioneers."

"It was a real gimmick, but you know what? It took off and it was a big risk."

Pina stayed heavily involved in her namesake pizza house until about a year or two before her passing in 2007. Still, her legacy lives on.

If you ask Caro Persico - current owner, son, and middle child of Pina - the only thing that has changed about Pina's is the staff and maybe some of the equipment; the food and recipes - all that of Pina herself - have not wavered. That's why he believes Pina's is now such a Downey staple.

"I think it's the quality of the food," said Caro. "Over 60 years it's stayed the same...We're still using the original Pina recipes...If you ate a pizza in 1959 and you ate one today in 2019, it's gonna taste the same."

"[Our parents] demanded high quality, and high-quality work out of their employees," added Mila. "They weren't slackers with them; mom was tough with them...she demanded the bar to be high, and it's still high."

Demographically, Pina's has seen a lot of change in the community.

"A lot of our old-time customers are passed, moved to another state, or followed their children," said Caro. "These new people coming in...they're first

timers. I go 'how did you find out about us,' and [they say], 'Oh we saw a review on Yelp,' or 'My neighbor told me.'"

Mila added that many of the restaurants employees through the years have been students of the local high schools. Even though many have since moved on to other ventures, many return for the feeling of family.

The family business continues to stay just that, in the family, with Caro's son Michael now helping lead the charge. Michael hopes to eventually continue the legacy down to a fourth generation.

"I have two kids myself; a 2-year-old and another on the way," said Michael. "I'd love to see it carry on another sixty years. It's all about commitment, loyalty, showing the family values that I was brought up, that they were brought up. Just as long as they know that this is a history and the family is still going on."



'Seussical' coming to Calvary Chapel

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNY - Tickets are available for the Calvary Chapel's production of Seussical: The Musical to take place on May 2-4.

Over 100 Calvary Chapel students have assembled into two separate casts - appropriately named "Red Fish" and "Blue Fish" - to bring the colorful world of Dr. Seuss to life.

"We have students from fourth grade all the way to seniors in this production," said Dr. Kristina Young-Goodner, Vice Principal at Calvary Chapel High and production director. "There's about 120 students involved, and we have a lot of alumni here doing makeup, sound, lights and costuming...we're not talking about the crew; the crew is pretty extensive."

Goodner said that the school does a musical every other year. She described this year's production as a "high energy musical."

"Seussical is a bunch of the Dr. Seuss stories pulled together with the through line being Horton Hears a Who," said Goodner. "Horton Hears a Who will be the premiere storyline, but you'll have Thing 1 and Thing 2, Cat in the Hat, Yertle The Turtle, Lorax, the Grinch, Sour Kangaroos, Wickersham Brothers all woven in there."

The show runs just over an hour. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and can be purchased before the show or at the High School office.

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Downey sees baseball season come to an end

Vikings are defeated by Saugus in CIF wildcard round; Gahr wins league title.

**By Mark Fetter
Staff Writer**

DOWNEY – The Downey High School boys' baseball team finished their season with an overall record of 14-13-1 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 7-3.

The Vikings were defeated by Gahr at Downey 10-1 on April 16th and were defeated by Gahr at Gahr 8-4 on April 18th. Downey defeated Paramount, 4-0, on April 22nd and beat them again, 4-1, on April 24th to conclude their regular season schedule.

The Vikings were defeated by Saugus at Saugus 3-2 in eight innings on Monday in the wildcard round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs. Downey scored two runs in the top of the eighth inning but Saugus came back with three runs of their own in the bottom of the eighth inning to get the win.

Downey played in the wildcard round of postseason play due to their 5-4 second round of league play loss to Warren at Warren on April 11th.

Gahr is the 2019 San Gabriel Valley League champion and finished league play with a record of 8-2. Downey and Warren both finished with records of 7-3, Paramount finished in fourth

place with a record of 6-4, Lynwood finished in fifth place with a record of 2-8 and Dominguez finished in sixth place with a record of 0-10.

Coach Gonzalez, his staff and underclassmen will now turn their attention to getting ready for next season.

WARREN BASEBALL:

The Warren High School baseball team finished their regular season schedule with an overall record of 23-7 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 7-3.

Warren finished in a tie with cross-town rival Downey but received the higher league entry due to their 5-4, second round of league play, win against Downey at Warren on April 11th.

The Bears defeated Kennedy of Granada Hills 6-4 at Warren on April 17th in a non-league game, defeated Gahr at Warren 7-6 on April 22nd and were defeated by Gahr at Gahr 12-1 on April 24th. Gahr is the 2019 San Gabriel Valley League champion with a league record of 8-2.

Warren's three league losses came against

Paramount at Warren 1-0 on March 11th, Downey at Downey 4-2 on April 9th and Gahr at Gahr 12-1 on April 24th.

Warren played California at California on Wednesday in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs (score unavailable at press time). California finished their regular season schedule with an overall record of 18-9 and a Del Rio League record of 8-4. California is the number two entry from the Del Rio League.

Warren would play the winner of the La Canada/Windward game in the second round of C.I.F. postseason play on May 7th.

Coach Pearson, his staff and players are all looking forward to making a run in the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

DOWNEY SOFTBALL: The Downey High School girls' softball team finished their regular season schedule with an overall record of 17-14 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 8-2.

The Lady Vikings played Cerritos at Downey in a doubleheader on April 20th in a non-league matchup. Downey defeated Cerritos 8-7 in the first game at 10 a.m.

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POETRY MATTERS

Before I gained all this weight

I was so self-conscious I could barely walk into town for fear people would stare. I thought I was hideous, unlovable. Now I want to shake that poor girl, even though it wasn't her fault, so afraid to be human — rattle her cage of good grades, self-tanning lotion and green eye-liner, fast-acting depilatory cream, tell her to smile for God's sake and kiss the next boy she sees, life is shorter than anyone imagines. Silver planes plummet from clean skies, cancer gnaws the marrow of even younger bones than yours, wake up! There's still time! Everything around you is unbelievably beautiful.

- Molly Fisk, Cultural Weekly, 2013

"All my work is aimed at getting at who I am," says Fisk, who has just received a \$75,000 Mellon fellowship as inaugural Poet Laureate of Nevada County, where Rush Creek enters Grass Valley. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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

Prolific Spanish composer Oscar Navarro dedicated his "Downey Overture" to our orchestra; we premiered it in 2011 to Wow-You-Gotta-Hear-This reviews. Since then Sharon Lavery has conducted it at Carnegie Hall and across the US; other conductors are performing it all over the world. It makes you glad you're alive. Oscar says it's the number-one best-selling piece in all his repertoire.

*Music Director Sharon Lavery and symphony archives.
Compiled by Joyce Sherwin*

Razorbacks taking sign-ups

DOWNEY – The Downey Razorbacks will be accepting registration for its upcoming fall season this Saturday at the Downey Street Faire.

Celebrating its 59th season, the Razorbacks offer flag football, tackle football, and cheerleading to kids ages 5-14.

Registration can be paid with check or credit card; payment plans are available and kids can also sell raffle tickets to offset the registration. No child is turned away due to ability to pay.

Practices start July 29 and the first game is Sept. 8 with home games at Downey and Warren high schools.

The Razorbacks have participated in the Downey Street Fair every year since the event's inception.



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Gilbert Alarcon, owner of Avenue Press printing shop in Downey, was named KIWIN's Parent of the Year in recognition of his year-long support of the student service club.

"We can't thank you enough for everything you did not only for the Downey H.S. KIWIN'S but for all the KIWIN'S clubs of Diamond Division," said KIWIN'S advisor Alex Gaytan. "The students all love and respect you so much."



Lori Tiffany, executive director of the Downey YMCA, was guest speaker at Wednesday's Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis meeting. She spoke about the Y's extensive work with Downey youth, and possible plans for future growth.

She is pictured with Kiwanis president Michael Calvert.



The Southeast District Bar Association hosted Law Day at the Downey Courthouse Wednesday with students from Warren and Downey high schools.

Good Samaritans honored for heroic acts

LOS ANGELES - Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey on Wednesday honored three people for their courage in coming to the aid of others in need.

The honorees included a man who intervened to stop a kidnapping during what would become a deadly child custody exchange in Whittier; a Sun Valley woman who testified in a domestic violence case when the victim refused to cooperate with prosecutors; and an 80-year-old man who was assaulted for trying to protect employees at a Monterey Park restaurant from a verbally abusive man.

"It is always a pleasure to honor the brave residents of Los Angeles County who have stepped up in the face of danger to help those in need," Lacey said. "I am proud and thankful for their dedication and courage to help my office prosecute violent offenders and contribute to the safety of our community."

Lacey recognized the honorees at a Courageous Citizen Awards ceremony. It was hosted by the Rotary Club of Pasadena.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office presents these awards several times a year to people who have performed extraordinary acts of valor and selflessness in assisting in criminal prosecutions, aiding victims, preventing crimes or even capturing suspects.

Awards were presented to:

Byran Deering, 61, of Whittier (Presented by Deputy District Attorney Dan Akemon)

During a child custody exchange at the Whittier Police Department on June 11, 2018, a man kidnapped his children and their mother at knife point and forced her to drive them away.

Along the way, she stopped the car and got out to seek help. The man drove away with her children.

Byran Deering heard a commotion and came out of his house. He called 911 and put the woman in his house for safety. The man returned, held one of the children at knife point, while confronting Deering.

Authorities arrived and the man was killed. Deering's actions saved the woman and her children from greater harm.

Ana Celis, 42, of Sun Valley (Presented by Deputy District Attorney Julie Kramer)

On Sept. 9, 2016, Ana Celis was driving on Roscoe Boulevard in Sun Valley when she saw a man push a woman and force her into his car. Celis followed them and watched as the man punched the woman multiple times in the face.

Celis got out of her car and yelled for him to stop, which he did. Ms. Celis called 911 and stayed with the woman until authorities arrived.

When the victim refused to cooperate with law enforcement, Celis' eyewitness testimony helped secure a conviction.

The defendant pleaded no contest to one felony count of injuring a girlfriend in September 2017. He was sentenced to 364 days in county jail and five years of probation.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Foothill Division.

Robert Melendrez, 80, of Whittier (Presented by Deputy District Attorney Presciliano Duran)

Robert Melendrez was eating at a Monterey Park restaurant on March 14, 2017, when a man entered and began verbally insulting employees. Melendrez, a retired Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy, intervened and demanded that the man leave the premises.

As the man left, he threatened to wait outside for Melendrez.

When Melendrez left, the man assaulted him, causing great bodily injury. Melendrez testified for the prosecution at trial.

The defendant was convicted in September 2017 of elder abuse and assault with a special allegation of great bodily injury on an elder. He was sentenced to eight years in state prison.

The case was investigated by the Monterey Park Police Department.

Downey Unified honors its school lunch heroes

DOWNEY - Between preparing healthy food, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, Downey Unified's nutrition professionals have a lot on their plates.

To celebrate their hard work and commitment, Downey Unified schools will be celebrating School Lunch Hero Day on May 3.

School Lunch Hero Day provides an opportunity for parents, students, school staff and communities to thank those who provide healthy meals to 30 million of America's students each school day. This day, celebrated annually since 2013, was designated by The School Nutrition Association and Jarrett Krosoczka, author of the "Lunch Lady" illustrative novel series.

All across Downey Unified, school nutrition professionals will be honored with thank you cards and recognition from students, school staff, parents and the community. Through the School Lunch Hero contest, submissions can be made online prior to May 3 nominating a school nutrition employee for this special acknowledgement. Two grand prize winners, one from an elementary school and one from a secondary school, are then selected and announced in May.

"School nutrition employees must balance many roles and follow numerous federal, state and local regulations to ensure safe and healthy meals are available in schools. School Lunch Hero Day provides the opportunity for the community to thank these hardworking heroes," said Food Services Director, Marc Milton.

Federal nutrition standards ensure that school cafeterias always offer low-fat or fat-free milk, fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein. School meals also meet limits on calories, sodium and unhealthy fats.

The importance and nutritional value of school meals are well documented. For many children, school meals are the most important and nutrient-rich meals of their day. In Downey Unified, breakfast is offered for free to all enrolled students, with approximately 8,600 breakfast meals and 13,500 lunches served daily.

Healthy meals are also promoted within the district and efforts are made to source clean label ingredient food items and local products for students. A registered dietician is also a member of the Downey Unified staff who partners with school nurses and school nutrition staff to accommodate students with special dietary restrictions.

Get the details about School Lunch Hero Day at www.school lunch heroday.com. To learn more about the school nutrition program within Downey Unified, visit www.dusd.net/nutrition services.

'The Secret Garden' opens in Cerritos

CERRITOS - 3-D Theatricals' brand-new, family-friendly production, "The Secret Garden," opens this weekend at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA).

"The Secret Garden" brings to life the emotional, Tony Award-winning musical adaptation of the classic novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

After the sudden death of her parents, 10-year-old Mary Lennox is sent to live with an uncle whom she has never met. Mourning the loss of his true love, Uncle Archibald is distant and strange, leaving Mary to

explore a lonely mansion shrouded in mystery and haunted by spirits and lost souls.

Show times are Friday, May 3, 10 and 17 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 4 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 5, 12 and 19 at 2 p.m.; and Thursday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

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A fitting end to the symphony's 2018-19 season

Downey Doings

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

"Here we go," said Carolyn Osborn, and the Downey Symphony Quintet swung into action, playing the high-energy Cancan from Jacques Offenbach's Operetta, Orpheus in the Underworld. The audience? Kids at Unsworth School, sitting on the floor and having the time of their life.

The Guild, the fund-raising auxiliary of the Downey Symphonic Society, was celebrating 35 years of Music in the Schools, by watching an entertaining short film of the famed quintet, five Downey Symphony Orchestra members who go every year to each of the 13 elementary K-5 schools, and the four middle schools, to show Downey school children what symphony music is all about.

After the Cancan, the quintet played Camille Sans-Saens's remarkably eerie tone poem for orchestra, Danse Macabre. The xylophone helped tickle those bones, and the boys

and girls learned about tempo and syncopation.

The occasion? The festive gala that the guild puts on, and this year they were showing us where the money they raise goes. The school visits of the quintet alone costs just under \$24,000 every year, and the Music in the Schools outreach program, devised on the initiative of Dr. Thomas Osborn, does not stop there.

There are also two classical music morning concerts in the Downey Theatre, with the full orchestra, one in the fall for third graders and one in the spring for fifth graders. These are put on with the cooperation of the Downey Unified School District and one is underwritten by the Kiwanis Foundation. The remaining funds come from grants, donations and profits from parties like this.

The guild's contribution for this year, presented at the April concert, was a check for a breath-taking \$15,000.

"Every penny of it hard earned, and with love," said Katie Hare, chair of the evening for the guild.

Guests met at the Los

Amigos Golf Club and bustled excitedly around the silent auction baskets on display. Checking attendance at the door was Janet Molinaro, daughter of Bill and Katie Hare.

SEEN ENTERING: Herb and Mary Stevens, Symphonic Society board member who double at the program table on concert nights. Symphony patron Bernice Mancebo Stumps, who won the auction for the baton, wielded earlier this month by tenth-grader Aaron Saldana at the "Gershwin!" concert, was seated with Barbara Beard, Mary Golay, and Mary's neighbor, Marie Bernal.

Marie is active in the Downey Lions Club, originally all males but right now the Downey club is all female.

"Where there's a child in need, there's a Lion," said Marie. Marie's daughter is the rental director for the Women's Club of Downey. "That's how they make their money, renting that lovely hall, plus bingo on Tuesday nights."

Glad to see Hop and Karol Morrison. She's on the board of the Symphonic Society too.

Symphonic Society Board Secretary Ruth Hillecke came with Nan Ramage, who is still raving about the evening at Segerstrom Hall she won at last year's Garden Party.

Also noted, checking out the auction baskets: Elizabeth Wilson and JoAnne Gronley. Prize items ranged from dinner at The Olive Restobar to a Trader Joe's goodie basket and tickets to the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific.

Joyce Sherwin wore a leaf green silk jacket, in honor of Arbor Day, the theme for the evening, suggested by guild member Mark Keller. Mark and Joyce serve on the Symphonic Society board too. Lea Fratello was hobnobbing with friends, and deciding what items to bid on, splendid in her royal blue velvet jacket.

"We'll be having some special events in the fall," said Marge Lewis, membership chair. "We'd love new associates."

Pat Gil announced the fall Garden Party will be Sunday Sept. 22, and the theme will be, "A Moroccan Fantasy."



Hop Morrison, Barbara Beard and Larry Lewis. Photo by Lorine Parks

Don Marshall, president of the Symphonic Society, gave a preview of the 2019-20 concert program: Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony to open the season in October, and "Happy Birthday Ludwig" for Beethoven's 250th birthday in January. April will bring surprises - contemporary American composers.

But first, there's a pops concert in the park on Wednesday, June 26. Bring a

blanket and a picnic and buy a dessert from the Rose Float Association. That's how the service groups in Downey help each other.

And a big thanks to the guild for capping the 2018-19 symphony season with their gala spotlighting their support for the Symphonic Society's gift to the city of Downey, the Music in the Schools program.

Remembering early Downey pioneer Sarah Ralph

Things You Didn't Know

About Downey

By Bobbi Bruce
Downey Historical Society

In reading the Feb. 16, 1968 Southeast News, there is a story titled "Downey Pioneer, 88, Watches the City Grow."

The story is about Mrs. Sarah Ralph, of 12373 Downey Ave., and stated that she has lived her entire 88 years in the community, watching the city grow from a sleepy little village to a bustling town of 100,000.

She learned to cook on a wood stove and to do laundry by hand, and is sometimes amazed by the conveniences she finds in her own kitchen. She is described as alert and quietly humorous.

Her home was built in 1926 on a site purchased by her husband in 1908. She enjoys working in her yard and doing housework. She does have a girl come in three times a week to give her a hand. Mrs. Ralph also

enjoys reading and watching her television set.

The reporter asked her about her coming to Downey but the questions suddenly turned to where she was being asked about her life. In return, Mrs. Ralph was very articulate in asking about the newspaper production and methods used to reproduce photographs in the newspaper. She stated, "I suppose you don't use woodcuts anymore."

Mrs. Ralph was born in Downey on Dec. 27, 1879, when Rutherford B. Hayes was president of the United States. Her father was Henry William

Hammerston and he was born in 1832 in England.

Mrs. Ralph began her formal education in the only school house in Downey and it had three rooms, and three teachers. She married John Ralph in 1902. (John Ralph was a longtime resident coming from Kentucky in 1882.) The couple first lived on Gallatin School Road but later leased 40 acres at Downey and Imperial for a dairy farm. Each morning they took the milk to the Downey co-op creamery on Downey Avenue just north of the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The road to the co-op was

a private lane and her husband had five gates to open to get across Alameda Street. Before their lease expired in 1908, they bought two acres and a small house just north of their dairy.

After her husband passed away in 1960, many people asked Mrs. Ralph if she owned any pets. She shook her head. "I can get better answers talking to myself," she replied.

Commenting on the progress in the world since she was born 88 years ago, she stated the development of aircraft, jets and rockets to the moon, radio and television, hydrogen bombs -- "I think I

was just as amazed when I saw my first horseless carriage," she said. Then, in what is probably the understatement of the year, she added, "But I think I felt more comfortable and secure then."

Mrs. Sarah Ralph died on a Monday in August 1973. She was a charter member of the Downey Historical Society and, until her illness, was active in the Downey Methodist church.

Come visit the Downey Historical Society to learn more about the early pioneers of Downey.

Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.

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A request to hold a circus (Circus Vargas) in the parking lot of the Stonewood Mall on May 16 through May 20 and May 22 through May 27, 2019. The hours of operation are from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and 12:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekends. The circus includes a large performing tent, food booths, non-alcoholic drinks, and merchandise booths on property located at 251 Stonewood Street and zoned SP-89-1 (Stonewood Specific Plan).

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

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15304 (Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land).

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

For more information contact Assistant Planner Madalyan Welch at (562) 904-7154, or at mwelch@downeyca.org.

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CITY OF DOWNEY
NOTICE INVITING PRE-QUALIFICATIONS

Notice is hereby given by the City of Downey that all general contractors ("A" licensed) planning to participate in bidding a **Capital Improvement Project No. 15-21 - Wilderness Park Ponds Restoration Project** shall be pre-qualified prior to submitting bids. All contractors who intend to submit bids on **Capital Improvement Project No. 15-21 - Wilderness Park Ponds Restoration Project** must complete the Pre-Qualification Package, including but not limited to the pre-qualification questionnaire and be approved by the City.

The City is seeking a General Engineering ("A" licensed) contractor ("Contractor") experienced in restoration of lakes and/or ponds in a public park setting for rehabilitation and restoration of the Wilderness Parks Ponds located at 10999 Little Lake Road, Downey, CA 90241.

The project consists of restoring 2.5 acres of wetlands habitat at two existing ponds at Wilderness Park, which is adjacent to the San Gabriel River. The project will improve the ponds by replacing invasive plant species with natives, installing a naturalized hardened shoreline and a new aeration system to improve water quality, restoring wetland habitat for native species, animal wildlife and providing respite for migratory birds. Further, this project includes new trail segments that will enhance access to the adjacent 28-mile San Gabriel River Trail and new educational wayfinding signage to facilitate wetlands and native habitat awareness.

The construction cost of the Project is estimated at \$4 million.

The City is accepting Pre-Qualification Packages from May 2, 2019 to May 22, 2019. The Pre-Qualification Packages is available by requesting from mcazin@edencoinc.com or on the City's website at http://www.downeyca.org/gov/measure_s/bid_opportunities.asp.

All questions regarding the Pre-Qualification Invitation shall be in written form only and emailed to:

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

Questions regarding the Pre-Qualification Invitation shall NOT be accepted later than 5:00 pm on May 15, 2019 and shall NOT be responded to. Phone inquiries shall not be accepted. The City may issue a clarification Addendum responding to the appropriately submitted questions.

The completed Pre-qualification Package must be delivered to and received by City no later than **May 22, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** Pre-qualification Packages must include three (3) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy on a disk, and be submitted under seal and marked **CONFIDENTIAL: Wilderness Park Ponds Restoration Project - Contractor Pre-qualification Package** to the City of Downey, Attention: City Clerk, 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, CA 90241. City will notify all respondents of the results of the pre-qualification process in writing.

Pre-Qualification Packages submitted by contractors are not public records and are not open to public inspection. All information provided will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law, although contents may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of verification, investigation of substantial allegations, and in the process of any subsequent appeal proceedings. State law requires that the names of contractors applying for pre-

qualification status be public records subject to disclosure.

The City reserves the right to waive minor irregularities and omissions in the information contained in the

Pre-Qualification Packages submitted and to make all final determinations.

The Downey Patriot 5/2/19, 5/9/19

CITY OF DOWNEY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SITE PLAN REVIEW, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, VARIANCE AND TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 82450
PLN-18-00172

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 15th day of May, 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 the following:

Site Plan Review, Conditional Use Permit, Variance and Tentative Parcel Map No. 82450 (PLN-18-00172) - A request to approve the remodel of an existing 10,473 square foot commercial building, the construction of a 4,000 square foot "Chick-fil-a" restaurant building with drive-thru and outdoor dining, the subdivision of a 1.64 acre parcel into two lots, and a parking reduction. The property is located at 8818 Imperial Highway and zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

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

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15332 (Class 32, In-Fill Development Projects).

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

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

The Downey Patriot 5/2/19

LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

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

The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Wednesday, the 15th day of May, 2019, at 10:00 AM, on the premises where said property including: household goods, tools, electronics and personal effects, have been stored and which are located at: Paramount Self Storage, 8160 E. Rosecrans Ave, Paramount, 90723, County of Los Angeles, State of California, the following:

Name	Unit #
Allan Jun Cobar	2037
Victor Garcia	2414
Eneredyda Iribre	1357
Jaclynn Lopez	2979
Nancy Lopez	2653
Kelvin Moseley	3026
Martin Murguia	1215
Gilbert Regalado	2107
Fatima Romero	2167
Robert A. Scott	2474
Gabriel Solis	2523
Rene Thomas	1310
Elie Winters	1058

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

Dated this 25th Day of April 2019 and 2nd Day of May 2019,
Self Storage Management Company
Bond #: WL11254152

The Downey Patriot 4/25/19, 5/2/19

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00152

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner FATEN R. ABDELQADER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) REEM NADEEM OTHMAN NAIM to Proposed name (1) REEM NADIM AKHRI ABDELGHANI Present name (1) YASMEEN NADEEM ALI OMAR to Proposed name (1) YASMEEN NADIM FAKHRI ABDELGHANI 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: AUGUST 28, 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 APRIL 23, 2019 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per **FATEN R. ABDELQADER 9070 FLORENCE AVE NO. 24 DOWNEY, CA 90240 (562) 261-3363** **PEACE@ARTHT7070@GMAIL.COM** **REEM NAIM AND YASMEEN OMAR**

The Downey Patriot 4/25/19, 5/2/19, 5/9/19, 5/16/19

Celco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) is proposing to build a 50-foot monopole Telecommunications Tower in the vicinity of 12324 Bellflower Blvd. Downey, Los Angeles County, CA 90242. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to: Project 6119000830 - TC c/o EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, tcubie@ebiconsulting.com, or via telephone at (339) 234-2597.

The Downey Patriot 5/2/19

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00134

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DAVID JUNG KIM filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) DAVID JUNG KIM to Proposed name (1) DAO JUNG KIM 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, 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 NEWSPAPER APRIL 10, 2019

Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per **DAVID JUNG KIM 15235 E. MATISSE CIR. LA MIRADA, CA 90638 (562) 640-1688**

The Downey Patriot 4/18/19, 4/25/19, 5/2/19, 5/9/19

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00135

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MAX RAMIUS GABALDON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) MAX RAMIUS GABALDON (ON COLORADO BIRTH CERTIFICATE) to Proposed name (1) MAX RAMIUS GABALDON 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, 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 APRIL 10, 2019

Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per **MAX RAMIUS GABALDON 7600 SILVA STREET DOWNEY, CA 90240 (562) 928-1851**

The Downey Patriot 4/18/19, 4/25/19, 5/2/19, 5/9/19

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): 30-2018-01037929-CU-PA-CJC
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): ASHLEY SANDOVAL; DOES 1 to 20; inclusive
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

JOHN MANN; KELLY EATON **NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form; you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. AVISO! Lo ha demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Si no puede pagar un llamado telefónico no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso un la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a relamar las cuotas y los costos exentos pro imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST SANTA ANA, CA 92701** The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

EVAN T. BURGE, ESQ, SB# 86024 SINTLICITO & BURNS, APLC 111 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD SUITE 2400 LONG BEACH, CA 90802 (562) 628-1919 PHONE (562) 628-1909 FAX Date (Fecha): 12/11/2018

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00149

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JODY LEE TAYLOR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) JODY LEE TAYLOR to Proposed name (1) JODY LEE DEMANKOWSKI Present name (1) SAVANNAH ROSE BAEZ TAYLOR to Proposed name (1) SAVANNAH ROSE DEMANKOWSKI 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 26, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT APRIL 17, 2019 Judge Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per **JODY LEE TAYLOR 16220 EUCALYPTUS AVE BELLFLOWER CA 90706 (562) 505-2460**

The Downey Patriot 4/25/19, 5/2/19, 5/9/19, 5/16/19

TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTE:

David H. Yamasaki, Clerk of the Court, Mary Johnson, Deputy Clerk

The Downey Patriot 4/25/19, 5/2/19, 5/9/19, 5/16/19

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.

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00149

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

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The Downey Patriot 4/25/19, 5/2/19, 5/9/19, 5/16/19

THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, May 17, 2019, at 11:00 a.m., by the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, Agency Sales and Posting, Inc. on behalf of the PARK MEADOW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED CHECK (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) all right, title and interest created by a Notice of Default and Election to sell Pursuant to Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, which notice dated May 1, 2016 Instrument No. 20180620694 in Official Records of Los Angeles County, California, in accordance with a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions recorded May 10, 1984 in Official Records of Los Angeles County, CA, in the property situated in said County and State described as: 7332 Quill Drive, #121 Downey, California 90242 APN: 6233-034-124 TS: 57-1121 Recorded Owner(s): Lonnie J. Blunt, Jr. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER AN ASSESSMENT LIEN DATED JANUARY 9, 2012 INSTRUMENT NO. 20120151012 IN OFFICIAL RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA. 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. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay for delinquent maintenance assessments, costs and attorney's fees, to wit: \$31,320.08 with interest thereon, as provided in said Declaration; advances under the terms of said Declaration; fees, charges and expenses of said Auction. This sale is subject to a right of redemption that lasts 90 days. 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



24 Hour Real Estate celebrates silver anniversary

DOWNEY – Mel and Rita Berdelis, founders of 24 Hour Real Estate, are celebrating 25 years in business.

Starting their company with just themselves and two other agents, their brokerage has grown to one of Downey's top offices with approximately 60 agents (and still growing).

Their son, Michael Berdelis, joined the office in 1999 as a broker associate and soon became a top producing agent.

Their daughter, Jami Berdelis Gomez, a broker associate with the office since 2004 and an attorney, brings a "blend of leadership and experience" to the office.

"This milestone provides us an opportunity to both reflect on our past and to look forward to our future," said Mel and Rita. "As we celebrate, we say 'thank you' to all of our dedicated clients and customers, our wonderful agents and staff, both past and present."

"Together the Berdelis family celebrates their silver anniversary and looks forward to the office serving the community for many years to come, and truly thanks the city of Downey for being a part of the office's success for a quarter century."

College scholarships available

DOWNEY – The Women's Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is seeking to award five one-time \$500 grant scholarships to eighth grade students to be applied towards further Catholic education.

Eligible recipients must be eighth grade students currently enrolled in a Downey school and who will continue their education in a Catholic high school.

Scholarship applications are available at the OLPH School office. Applications submitted must include documentation of verified acceptance to a Catholic high school.

Deadline to submit the application is May 10.

Understanding interest-only mortgages

With an interest-only mortgage, the borrower only pays the interest on the mortgage through monthly payments for a term that is fixed on an interest-only mortgage loan. The term is usually between 5 and 7 years.

After the term is over, many refinance their homes, make a lump sum payment, or they begin paying off the principal of the loan. However, when paying the principal, payments significantly increase.

If the borrower decides to use the interest-only option each month during the interest-only period, the payment will not include payments toward the principal. The loan balance will actually remain unchanged unless the borrower pays extra.

Who Should Consider An Interest Only Loan?

The borrower may consider an interest only mortgage if they:

Desire to afford more home now.

Know that the home will need to be sold within a short time period.

Want the initial payment to be lower and they have the confidence that they can deal with a large payment increase in the future.

Are fairly certain they can get a significantly higher rate of return investing the money elsewhere.

Advantages Of Interest Only Loans

There are pros and cons with each different type of mortgage. The advantages of having an interest only mortgage loan are:

Monthly payments are low during the term.

The borrower can purchase a larger home later by qualifying for a larger loan amount.

Placing extra money into investments to build net worth.

During the interest-only period, the whole amount of the monthly payment (for mortgages up to \$750,000) qualifies as tax-deductible.

Disadvantages Of Interest Only Loans

There are some drawbacks to interest-only mortgage plans. These disadvantages are:

Rising mortgage rates increases risk if it's an ARM.

Many people spend extra money instead of investing it.

Many cannot afford principal payments when the time arrives and many are not disciplined enough to pay extra toward the principal.

Income may not grow as quickly as planned.

The home may not appreciate as fast as the borrower would like.

Other Risks Associated With Interest Only Loans

It is a risk when focusing only on the ability to make the interest only payments. The reason is because the borrower will eventually have to pay interest and principal every month. When this occurs, the payment could increase significantly, leading to what is called "payment shock."

If the borrower has the payment-option ARM and they only make the minimum payments that do not include

the amount of interest due, the unpaid interest is tacked onto the principal. The borrower can end up owning more than what was originally borrowed. If the loan balance grows to the limit of the contract, monthly payments will go up.

Borrowers may be able to avoid the "payment shock" that is associated with the end of interest only mortgages. However, it is difficult to predict what interest rates will be in ten years, so if the loan balance is higher than the value of the home, refinancing may not be possible.

Some mortgages, which includes interest only mortgages have penalties when a borrower prepays. If the loan is refinanced during the repayment penalty period, the borrower may end up owing additional fees. It is important to check with the lender to see if such a penalty may apply.

The home may not be worth as much as what is owed on the mortgage or it will depreciate quickly if housing prices fall. Even if the prices remain the same, if the borrower has negative amortization they will owe more on the mortgage than what they could get from selling the home. They may find it difficult to refinance and if deciding to sell, may owe the lender more than what would be received from a buyer.

Am I A Good Candidate For An Interest Only Loan?

Although many risks exist, interest only mortgage payments may be the right one for the borrower if the following apply:

The current income is rather modest and is certain that income will increase in the future.

The equity in the home is sizeable and the borrower will use the money to go toward other investments or principal payments.

Income is irregular and the borrower wants the flexibility of making interest only minimum payments during times in which income is low, and makes larger payments during periods in which income is higher.

Courtesy MortgageCalculator.org.



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Homeowners, What Should You Fix, Repair, Replace or Paint, before you List your Home "For Sale"?

Most home sellers try and spruce up their home before they put it on the market, the problem is that the majority of them focus on the wrong things and overlook the things that make a difference to prospective buyers.

That's why I created my "Pre-Listing Walk Through", I will walk through your home and give you a list of the top things you can do to sell your home fast and for Top Dollar. I will tell you know what not to worry about so you don't waste time and money doing things that don't matter. My short walk through could mean tens of thousands of dollars more in your pocket when you do sell your home.

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