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Store clerk killed in robbery attempt

DOWNEY - A 44-year-old Cerritos man was found shot dead behind the counter of a Downey liquor store Tuesday night.

Police responded to ASL Liquor, located at 8500 Paramount Blvd., at about 10:15 p.m. and discovered the man deceased behind the store counter. He had been shot several times.

The victim was identified as Gurpreet Singh, the liquor store's co-owner.

Police are investigating the shooting as an attempted robbery.

"At this time it appears to have been an attempted robbery but detectives are not ruling out other possible motives," said Lt. Kathleen Mendoza.

No description of the shooter has been released.

Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Richard Garcia at (562) 904-2330.

Tipsters can remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-8477.

Eric Pierce, editor

Lockdown deemed a false alarm

DOWNEY - An incident with a suspected armed person on the campus of Columbus High School was deemed a false alarm and "no threat" by Downey Police Wednesday morning.

Reports of a person on campus began coming in sometime between the hours of 9 and 10 a.m.

According to Downey Unified Public Relations Coordinator Ashley Greaney, Columbus and the surrounding campuses were quickly placed on lockdown, and DPD responded "within seconds."

According to district staff, the suspected gun was actually a training weapon used in one of the Downey Adult School security classes.

DUSD released a statement shortly after the lockdown was lifted, saying, "As this was thankfully a false alarm, all Columbus High School students and staff are safe."

Alex Dominguez, staff writer

Fire erupts at Pieloon restaurant

DOWNEY - A fire broke out in the attic of Pieloon restaurant Wednesday night but a quick response from firefighters saved the building.

Firefighters responded to the restaurant at 9:41 p.m. after several 911 calls reporting visible flames.

Upon arrival, firefighters reported heavy smoke coming from the front of the building.

Twenty-two firefighters and four emergency medical technicians contained the fire "to the area of origin," saving the building and its contents from being a total loss, officials said.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Firefighters remained at the restaurant throughout the night.

An electrical fire in 2010 closed Pieloon for six weeks.

Eric Pierce, editor

Terrorist who lived in Downey faces deportation

Vallmoe Shqaire was admitted to the U.S. despite prior convictions in Israel on terror-related charges.



IMAGE COURTESY CNN

DOWNEY - A Jordanian national who was sentenced to prison in Israel after admitting he acted in the direction of a terrorist organization to detonate a roadside bomb in an attempt to blow up a civilian bus in Israel was ordered last week to serve a nine-month prison sentence for lying to immigration authorities to obtain U.S. citizenship and, as a result of his conviction, will be deported to Jordan.

Vallmoe Shqaire, 51, of Downey, an admitted member of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, pleaded guilty Jan. 14 to unlawfully procuring U.S. citizenship.

As a consequence of his conviction, Shqaire was denaturalized, and he agreed to be removed to Jordan upon the completion of his prison sentence.

Shqaire was convicted in Israel of numerous violent felonies, including charges related to his role in the failed plot to bomb an Israeli bus and for assaulting persons suspected of cooperating

with the Israeli authorities.

When he pleaded guilty earlier this year, Shqaire admitted that he lied to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in order to become a citizen. On his citizenship application and during the interview, Shqaire falsely denied under oath that he had never been arrested, convicted or sentenced for any crime, and that he was never a member of any organization or association.

Certified Israeli court records show that Shqaire was, in fact, arrested on two occasions in the late 1980s and early 1990s; was convicted of multiple, violent felonies; and served a prison sentence in Israel.

"By repeatedly lying to USCIS Officers, defendant sought to conceal his extensive and violent criminal history in Israel

and attacked the immigration safeguards that are in place to protect persons like the defendant from entering our country," prosecutors wrote in a sentencing memo that noted Shqaire's criminal conduct continued after he fraudulently obtained U.S. citizenship.

After being granted citizenship, Shqaire was prosecuted in a credit card fraud scheme that led to a state prison sentence, and he made additional false statements to law enforcement officers in an attempt to minimize his significant criminal history.

Shqaire was sentenced April 26 by United States District Judge John F. Walter, who issued the order that Shqaire be removed to Jordan once he completes his prison sentence.

Plan would remove pepper spray from juvenile halls within 1 year

The plan comes after a report criticizing excessive use of pepper spray against incarcerated youth.



Investigators from L.A. County's Office of Inspector General testify about the use of pepper spray at juvenile detention facilities.

DOWNEY - A report released Monday laid out a roadmap for providing humane treatment and improving safety in Los Angeles County's juvenile halls and probation camps that, for the first time, includes recommendations for phasing out the use of pepper spray.

The report emerged from the Probation Reform and Implementation Team, a taskforce created after the L.A. County Board of Supervisors voted in February to eliminate pepper spray in juvenile halls.

Last month, six detention officers at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall were arrested on charges that they abused teenage girls with pepper spray.

After the arrests, L.A. County leaders decided to close Los Padrinos, effective this summer.

The taskforce's proposed timeline begins with enhancing training for all staff who work with youth, particularly on de-escalation techniques and non-use of force options. Such training is to start as soon as possible, and be ongoing.

Soon after, only supervisors - not line staff - will have access to pepper spray, though only as a last resort.

Eventually, the pepper spray will be placed in a lock box and taken out only under very limited circumstances. By the end of the year, all pepper spray will be removed from juvenile halls and probation camps.

"Having gone through the experience of being pepper

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Newsom supports eliminating tax on tampons

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced his support for a repeal of sales taxes on menstrual products and also diapers.

DOWNEY - Prior to releasing his detailed May Budget Revision, Governor Newsom on Tuesday announced he would repeal the sales tax now charged on menstrual products.

The repeal would go into effect upon his signature of the budget, which the legislature must pass by June 15.

In his remarks, Governor Newsom applauded Assemblymember Cristina Garcia's "tenacity and perseverance" at promoting the issue in California and the nation.

"I applaud the Governor's

actions today in finally sending a message that our bodies are not a luxury," said Garcia (D-Bell Gardens). "Today, California joins eleven other states by removing these necessities from being charged a sales tax. Today, we finally moved California into an era with a gender neutral tax code."

In 2016, the bill (AB 1561)

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Downey restaurant grades

Porto's Cafe
8233 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/7/19
Grade: **A**

A-1 Food Store
10821 Studebaker Rd.
Date Inspected: 5/7/19
Grade: **A**

Bluewave Fish Grill
8262 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/7/19
Grade: **A**

Downey Courthouse Snack Bar
7500 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 5/7/19
Grade: **A**

Rancho Works Cafe and Gift Shop
7601 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 5/7/19
Grade: **A**

SSA Kitchen
7601 Imperial Hwy
Date Inspected: 5/7/19
Grade: **A**

Lucky Guy
12801 Bellflower Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/7/19
Grade: **A**

Mimi's Cafe
8455 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/7/19
Grade: **A**

Carl's Jr.
9110 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 5/7/19
Grade: **A**

Embassy Suites
8425 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/7/19
Grade: **A**

Fonda Maria
7840 Firestone Blvd. Unit 104
Date Inspected: 5/2/19
Grade: **A**

Gloria's Cocina Mexicana
7401 E Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 5/2/19
Grade: **A**

Fatima Grill
7840 Firestone Blvd. Ste. A101
Date Inspected: 5/2/19
Grade: **A**

Pina's Pizzeria
11102 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/2/19
Grade: **A**

Norm's Restaurant
7955 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/2/19
Grade: **A**

Flame Broiler
9206 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/1/19
Grade: **A**

Burger King
10014 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/1/19
Grade: **A**

Movita Juice Bar
9202 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/1/19
Grade: **A**

Cafe N Stuff
9306 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 5/1/19
Grade: **A**

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**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 70°

Saturday 73°

Sunday 73°

THINGS TO DO



Coffee with your Councilman

Saturday - Vazza Cafe, 10 am
Join Councilman Sean Ashton as he speaks about the Clean Power Alliance and your options.



STEAM Festival

Saturday - Downey Federal Credit Union, 9 am to 1 pm
A celebration of science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Free for kids and families.



Founders Day

Saturday - Central Park in Whittier, 10 am to 1 pm
Fresh quaker bread, live entertainment, moustache and beard contest, antique cars, and communit picnic.

FROM OUR FACEBOOK

DOWNEY TEACHERS SET TO RETIRE

KEN COOK: Mrs. Georgianna was my 3rd grade teacher, at Price Elementary. I still remember how she would have multiple voices, for each character, as she read to us. It was always after lunch, and it was the only time that I can recall being engaged. She actually announced that she was getting married during that year

HEATHER SCHARFF: Lots of amazing teachers on this list and many of my mom's coworkers!

MONICA MARTINEZ: Congrats to all!!! Some of you had an amazing impact on my life! As a teacher now, I hope to make an impact like you all had on me! God bless!

DONNA SIEMANN: Yes, it is an amazing district and I pray that you continue to find equally amazing teachers and faculty to take the place of these wonderful retirees. May all the retirees have a happy retirement.

Reach us on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/DowneyPatriot](https://www.facebook.com/DowneyPatriot)

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@Pieloon: We would like to give special thanks to @downeyfd for responding so quickly and for putting out the fire. And a special thanks to @downeypolice and the officer who notified everyone inside of the fire and helped evacuate. Thankfully everybody inside was able to get out safe.

58 teachers and faculty are retiring at end of Downey school year

As another Downey school year nears its completion, dozens of teachers and faculty prepare to say goodbye.

DOWNEY – A retirement ceremony was held May 1 at Rio Hondo Event Center by Downey Unified and the Downey Education Association for 58 faculty members who are retiring at the end of this school year.

This group of 58 employees is comprised of two administrators and 56 teachers. In all, the retiring employees represent 1,480 total years of service to the students of Downey Unified.

Administrators retiring in July are **Dolores Goble**, principal of Gauldin Elementary School, and **Marian Reynolds**, Administrator of Student Services at the district office.

Goble started her career as a first-year teacher at Gauldin Elementary, then moved on to Rio San Gabriel Elementary before she was promoted to vice principal, then principal, at Rio Hondo Elementary.

After 10 years at Rio Hondo, Goble became principal of Gauldin Elementary in 2008 where she will be giving her official farewell after 33 years of service.

Reynolds is leaving the Downey Unified family after 30 years of service to students. Starting as a teacher at Imperial Elementary School, then West (now Stauffer) Middle School, she was promoted to assistant principal at Warren High School in 2001.

After 16 years as assistant principal, Reynolds moved to the district office where she will be finishing her career as the Administrator of Student Services.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RETIREES

Retiring from the elementary school level are **Carmen Daugherty, Susan Fuqua and Karen Lambert** from Alameda; **Joy Anderson, Doris Camp and Tamara Fishing** from Carpenter; **Regina Donahue and Carol Gutierrez** from Gallatin; **Gwen Hakel, Patti Hargrave, Kathryn Replogle and Tammy Smick** from Lewis; **Elizabeth Frank, Thelma Juarez and Dennis Petersen** from Imperial; **Barbara Lacy** from Old River; **Shelley Miller and Cynthia Skoll** from Rio Hondo; **Heidi Kendle** from Rio San Gabriel; **Wendie Graf and Helen Lanners** from Unsworth; **Patti Flynn, Jackie Graves, Manya Mucha, Charlotte Rippel and Linda Schneider-Tasse** from Ward; and **Kathy Ambruso, Susan Smith and Susan Vincent** from Williams.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETIREES

From the middle school level are **Sarah Jamison** from Doty; **Randee Bolt-Chambers** from Griffiths; **Todd Miller and Mary Catherine Mueller** from Stauffer; and **Judith Davis, Cheryl Ramsey and Thomas Walejko** from Sussman.

HIGH SCHOOL & ADULT SCHOOL RETIREES

Retiring from the high school and adult school levels are **Charles Farrell, John Glaister, Virginia Rooney and Deborah Wynn Young** from Columbus; **Leslee Davis, Edgar Fuenmayor, Nancy Goodwin, Gregory Pittenger, Diane Villa and Gordon Weisenburger** from Downey; **Monica Hatcher, Patricia Hoffman, Jack Murry, Daniel Noonan and David Norris Stone** from Warren; and **Silvia Wood** from the Downey Adult School.

Lastly, saying their final farewells are the teachers on special assignments who operated out of the district office or traveled to schools across the district assisting students in various capacities which include **Eva Denise Georgianna, Mary Dagani, Barbara Halbmaier and Gregg Stapp**.

“On behalf of the Board of Education, we want to thank you for the almost 1,500 years of dedicated service you’ve provided to our students,” stated Dr. Garcia as he addressed the filled room at the Rio Hondo Event Center. “Each of you has had a positive impact on thousands of children’s lives and you are the reasons why Downey Unified is such an amazing district.”

Juvenile halls phasing out pepper spray

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sprayed as an adult, I am glad to see that L.A. County’s Supervisors have decided to eliminate its use on youth under the care of the L.A. County Probation Department,” said PRIT member Jose Osuna, who formerly worked with Homeboy Industries.

“I believe that the PRIT’s recommendations lay out the safest path that can be taken in order to accomplish that.”

Concerned about the tripling of pepper spray use in the County’s juvenile halls in the last three years, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on February 19 to phase out pepper spray, and tapped the PRIT to conduct a special hearing after a County Inspector General (OIG) investigation found excessive and troubling uses of pepper spray.

The OIG noted cases of pepper spray being used on youth under

psychotropic medication, youth being pepper sprayed in the groin, and youth not being allowed to decontaminate after being pepper sprayed.

PRIT’s special hearing, held March 16 in Carson, drew more than 100 people, including formerly incarcerated youth, probation staff, experts in youth justice, youth advocates, County leaders, concerned community members, and other stakeholders. Their comments informed PRIT’s report, which had 15 recommendations in all.

The first 10 recommendations included developing strategies for ending the “us versus them culture” observed by the OIG in juvenile halls and probation camps and providing environments where youth can flourish.

This includes providing enhanced mental health support to youth; and expanding staff

support to deal with childhood vicarious trauma.

Additionally, the PRIT recommended the Probation Department ensure robust oversight in creating a way for youth to report grievances without fear of retribution.

The last five recommendations strive to balance the urgency of phasing out pepper spray with the need to do it incrementally.

“As the author of a recent motion to eliminate pepper spray from LA County juvenile halls and camps, I applaud the Probation Reform Implementation Team for synthesizing the insights of our community stakeholders on how to eliminate pepper spray while preserving safety in our facilities,” said Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, lead author of the motion to phase out pepper spray.

“Phasing out the use of pepper



Janice Hahn

spray at our probation facilities is the only way to address our serious concerns for the young people in our care-- but I am also concerned for the safety of our staff,” added Supervisor Janice Hahn.

“We are charting a path forward that takes into account both of these legitimate concerns equally.”

Relay for Life fundraisers begin Saturday

DOWNEY – A weeklong series of fundraisers in support of Downey’s Relay for Life, which raises money for the American Cancer Society, starts this Saturday.

On May 11 at 10 a.m., supporters will be at Golf N Stuff at 10 a.m. The miniature golf center will donate a portion of proceeds to Relay for Life.

On May 13 at Mimi’s Cafe, there will be information about luminarias with a Mother’s Day basket up for raffle. This event is all day.

On May 14, there will be a team captain appreciation dinner at Tacos Don Chente starting at 5 p.m. This will be followed by beverages at Lock & Key Social Drinkery at 7:30 p.m.

On May 15, from 5 p.m. to closing, Buffalo Wild Wings at Stonewood Center will donate a portion of food sales to Relay for Life.

Finally, on May 16, there will be a “thankful to caregivers” dinner at Frantone’s restaurant from 5 p.m. to closing.

Sue Phillips fundraiser enters 13th year

DOWNEY – The 13th annual Sue Phillips Memorial Fundraiser will be held this Saturday, May 11, at 1 p.m. at the Downey Masonic Lodge. Proceeds will go towards the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life.

Admission is \$20 and includes lunch, bingo and an opportunity drawing.

For more details, go to Facebook.com/SuePhillipsMemorialFundraiser

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

The expression “dirty money” usually refers to ill-gotten gains. However, given the number of people who touch money on a regular basis, cash is actually pretty darn dirty!

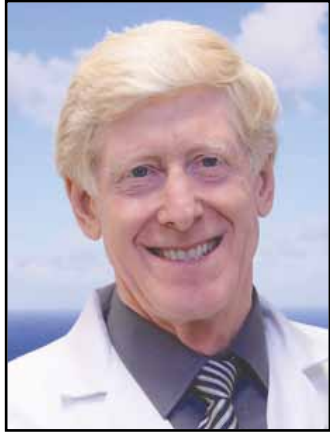
If you pay for food up front, do you wash your hands immediately before sitting down to eat? A growing body of research suggests that you’d better.

Paper money can harbor thousands of bacterial and viral microbes, gathering them from every environment it passes through. I was quite surprised to learn that in a recent study, researchers swabbed one-dollar bills from New York City and found hundreds of species of microorganisms, with pathogenic or potentially pathogenic organisms on a whopping 94% of the bills tested. The most abundant ones cause acne, and many others were harmless skin bacteria.

Also found, however, were the pathogens *E. coli*, salmonella, staphylococcus, hepatitis C, and others.

Of course, the presence of microbes doesn’t automatically make us sick. Certain subtypes of organisms are better or worse at infecting people, and may need a different environment than the surface of a bill. But overall, currency is a great environment for germs. It is 75% cotton and 25% linen, with a porous environment that helps hold onto them. Even if microbes do rub off onto our hands, they are still unlikely to cause us harm. The skin is a good protector. However, if we then touch our eyes, nose or mouth, we increase the risk.

It also came as a great surprise to me that traces of cocaine were found on nearly 80% of dollar bills! Other illegal drugs were found as well. Rolled bills can be used to snort cocaine. Drugs are



also introduced to banknotes because the illegal drug trade is typically a cash business, so the bills may well have been handled and counted by drug users. One significant virus found on paper money is hepatitis C. The immune systems of drug users tend to be more suppressed, and they are at greater risk of infection than the general population. If someone who is infected with hepatitis handled the bills, that paper money could spread the virus and the disease.

Contamination of bills influenced Australia to switch to polymer (think plastic) banknotes starting in 1988, and other countries, including Canada, have followed. Polymers are more resistant to dirt and moisture, so fewer bacteria stick. They last longer and stay cleaner than do our U.S. bills.

What can you do to minimize your own risks? Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth, and wash your hands after handling cash. Or, you may choose to join the 21st Century, and use plastic or your cellphone to pay!

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

Measles outbreak expands to L.A. landmarks and Long Beach

The number of measles cases continues to expand as a growing number of families skip vaccinations.

LOS ANGELES – As the measles outbreak expands, L.A. County officials issued a warning over the weekend for new locations where people may have been exposed to the contagious virus.

On Saturday, the L.A. County Department of Public Health reported that anyone who visited The Grove or the Farmer’s Market in the Fairfax District on the afternoon of April 27 may have been exposed to measles.

Other nearby locations where people may have been exposed that same day included Paper Source, Whole Foods and the La Brea Tar Pits.

People who were at Los Angeles International Airport’s Terminal 2 on the evening of April 30 or the morning May 1 may have also been exposed.

Persons who were at any of

those locations at those times are at risk of developing measles up to 21 days after exposure.

As of Saturday, there have been eight confirmed measles cases among L.A. County residents so far in 2019, and another six measles cases of non-residents who traveled through L.A. The majority of the cases involved unvaccinated patients. There are another two confirmed cases in Orange County, one involving an infant.

On Saturday, Long Beach health officials announced the first confirmed case of measles in a city resident since 2015 involving an adult graduate student who attends UC Irvine and is recovering at home, according to the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services.

Last month, UCLA and Cal State LA issued quarantine orders for hundreds of students and staff who may have been exposed to measles and either had not been vaccinated or could not verify that they have immunity.

Measles is a highly contagious and potentially severe disease that causes fever, rash, cough and red,

watery eyes. Measles spreads very easily by air and by direct contact with an infected person.

People who become infected are contagious before they have symptoms and know they are infected.

Health officials also say to self-monitor for illness with fever and/or an unexplained rash from 7 days to 21 days after exposure.

If symptoms develop, stay at home and call a health care provider immediately.

LONG BEACH

The Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (Health Department) has confirmed an individual with the virus is recovering at their home.

The individual is a graduate student at UC Irvine and has notified the university.

The Health Department is working with neighboring health jurisdictions in Orange County and Los Angeles County to notify people and locations that were visited while the individual was

contagious.

The person visited the following locations while contagious:

4/28/2019 Pizzanista – 1837 E 7th St, Long Beach 90813 – 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

4/28/2019 Total Wine – 7400 Carson Blvd, Long Beach, 90808 – 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

4/30/2019 Susan European Dressmaker – 3319 E 7th St, Long Beach, 90804 – 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

5/1/2019 Art du Vin Wine Bar – 2027 E 4th St, Long Beach, 90814 – 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

5/1/2019 Ralph’s – 2930 E 4th St, Long Beach, 90814 – 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

5/2/2019 Ralph’s – 6290 PCH, Long Beach, 90803 – 3 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

5/2/2019 AMC Marina Pacifica – 6346 E PCH, Long Beach, 90803 – 6 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

5/3/2019 Broadway Carwash – 4000 E Broadway, Long Beach, 90803 – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Garcia succeeds in axing tampon tax

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passed through the legislature nearly unanimously only to be vetoed by Governor Brown who cited a resulting loss of funds if the tax was removed. In 2017 the bill was held in Assembly Appropriations.

The bill was reintroduced this year, for the third time, as AB 31 and is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. It will continue to move through the legislative process until the budget is signed in June.

Currently, women in California still pay more than \$20 million annually in taxes on tampons, sanitary napkins, and menstrual cups paying on average \$7 a month for forty years of their lives.

California law exempts health items like walkers, medical identification tags, and prescription medication, including Viagra.

Menstrual health products are not tax exempt in California even though they are deemed medical necessities by the Federal Drug Administration.

“The advocates for this measure were instrumental in making today a reality,” said Garcia. “Women and men from around the state made their voices loud and clear taking this from a state tax measure to an international movement. I am proud of our allies and their perseverance, and most especially, of their unwavering support.”

In 2017, Garcia, the self-proclaimed “Tampon Queen,” was successful in expanding access to menstrual health products with the passage of AB 10. That bill provides free menstrual health products in low income school bathrooms.

Last month, her request to the Joint Legislative Committee on Rules to provide free menstrual products in the State Capitol for visitors and staff, was approved.

“I’m not done talking about our periods,” added Garcia. “But

today is the first day I’ve been able to think about what’s next in the menstrual equity discussion. Our bodies are nothing to be ashamed of. This administration has put equality at the forefront of its efforts and California will be a better place because of it.”



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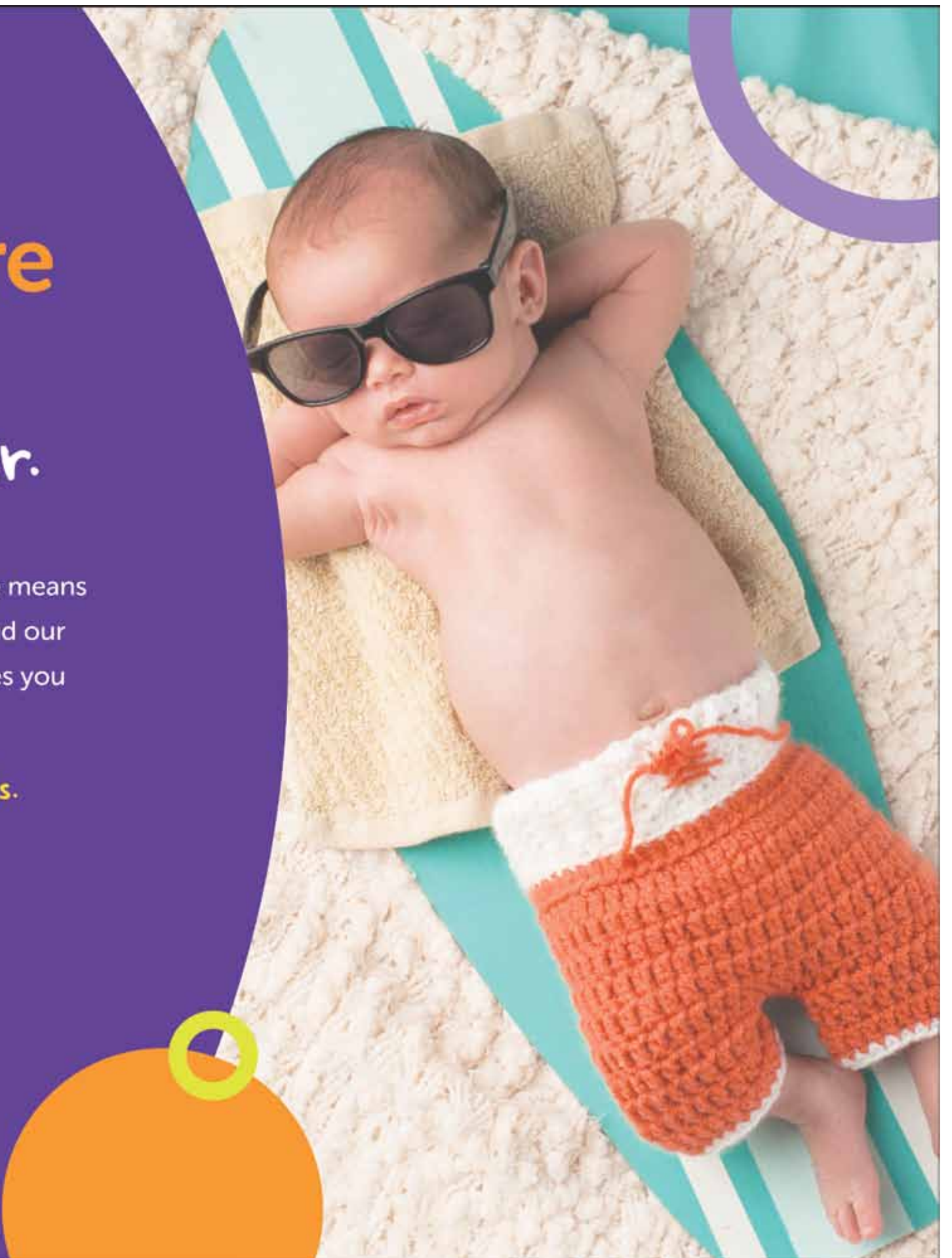
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Norwalk upholds decision to close liquor store

Dhaka Liquor and Market had been cited for selling alcohol to minors and for operating slot machines.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

NORWALK - In what could be considered as one of the most controversial votes in recent memory, the Norwalk City Council voted Tuesday to uphold the Planning Commission's decision to effectively shut down a local liquor store due to numerous violations.

Representatives of Dhaka Liquor and Market, located at 10944 Imperial Highway, pleaded its case to council members in an effort to reverse a prior Planning Commission decision to revoke its conditional use permit and zone variance, which allowed the store to sell alcohol for off-site consumption.

Norwalk officials claimed that Dhaka has been cited for multiple violations over the last several years, including the sale of alcohol to minors, the illegal sale of single

cigarettes, the illegal sale of single use beers and shots, and the installation of gambling machines and illegal gambling within the business.

These claims were backed by research and analysis from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), who reportedly conducted several decoy operations and confiscated the illegal vending machines.

Thomas Chapin, the attorney representing the business owner, accused the city of "selective prosecution."

"I've been throughout the city of Norwalk. I used to work for LA County Health Department...I've seen these liquor stores, I've been in these liquor stores personally, and I've seen that fact that they're all selling single use beers or they're splitting up six-packs," said Chapin. "For some reason, Dhaka Liquor has been singled out for that."

Chapin also refuted claims that Dhaka had sold single cigarettes, claiming that "those are double packs."

He also said that the slot machines had long since been

removed.

"Nothing has been recent," said Chapin. "The gambling machines were two years ago; they haven't been in there."

Chapin also claimed that attempts for the store owner to sell the store had been blocked as well.

Jayneshwar Gounder, the owner of Dhaka, refuted some of the city's and ABC's claims, insisting that the mistakes that he and his business had committed had been corrected.

He stopped short of directly calling the situation discrimination.

"I want to work with the Norwalk city; if you guys don't want me, just let me sell the store," said Gounder. "All the liquor stores are selling the single beers, the single shots, the cigarettes...why are you targeting me for?"

"Probably they don't like my color - I'm dark - but my heart is clean."

There were also several claims against the credibility and authenticity of the ABC report made by Chapin, Gounder, and others, who suggested that they

had evidence refuting the ABC report and that there may be some unknown ulterior motive on behalf of ABC.

Councilmember Tony Ayala was quick to come to the defense of the government department.

"If we have a store owner that has sold liquor to minors, or had slot machines in there that they had been busted by ABC... you're oversimplifying this thing; this is a lot more serious. We are responsible for the community and making sure the community is safe."

"I've worked with ABC for a number of years...having worked with them I didn't see that kind of stuff occur. I'm saying over a couple of decades, I've never seen that kind of behavior."

Patrons of the store showed up in force to appeal to the compassion of the Council, describing the several ways how the owners had personally helped those in need. Several speakers pleaded to the Council to "give them a second chance."

However, these pleas went for naught, and with a collective groan from the audience the



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Dhaka Liquor and Market had its permit revoked by the Norwalk Planning Commission. On Tuesday, the City Council upheld that decision.

Council voted 3-2 to uphold the Planning Commission's decision, with Councilmembers Jennifer Perez, Leonard Shryock, and Mayor Margarito Rios in favor.

Perez addressed the crowd before voting, said that "this isn't an easy position to be in."

"Hearing your testimony, your passion, and just hearing about the business owners...I wish we could duplicate that feeling," said Perez. "But there are reasons that have been presented to us that I have to vote yes."

Rios echoed this feeling before casting her vote.

"As a council we are responsible for the entire community," said Rios. "Yes, I commend the efforts that have been demonstrated by the business and property owner in their efforts to actually help the community; that's very important."

"However, I cannot ignore the fact that on more than one occasion, alcohol was sold to minors. We have to really put that into perspective. The fact that we allow this mess to continue knowing what we know is a big risk and liability because of the potential harm to the individual residents as the community as a whole."



Downey civic leader Ron Kolar was guest speaker at Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis's Wednesday meeting. Kolar spoke about his recent travels to Singapore.

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Opinion

Let prisoners vote.

BY AUBREY MENARNDT

As the Democratic candidates debate whether current and former prisoners should be allowed to vote, it's worth recalling that many other countries make it easy for incarcerated people to do it.

I've represented the United States throughout the world as an international elections monitor, visiting polling stations, talking to elections officials and helping international teams assess whether elections are free and fair.

The United States is an outlier. Its suppression of voting rights for more than 6.1 million people with current or former felony convictions violates human rights and weakens our democracy.

I wish our lawmakers who wrongly approve of this could see what I've seen — especially the Florida Republicans who just passed a bill undercutting a constitutional amendment restoring the franchise for people with former felony convictions.

In Europe, prisoners' voting rights are protected by the European Convention on Human Rights. Twenty-six European countries at least partially protect their incarcerated citizens' right to vote during their prison terms. Eighteen countries grant prisoners the vote regardless of their offense.

In 2005, Britain tried to withdraw voting rights for prisoners, but the European Court of Human Rights struck that down as a violation of human rights.

In 2002, the Canadian Supreme Court also protected its prisoners' right to vote. South Africa has repeatedly reaffirmed the voting rights of its felons, and in 2010, Kenya guaranteed the same.

In democracies the world over, being incarcerated does not strip someone of citizenship and the voting rights that come with it. Instead, while people are being punished for their crimes, they are encouraged to take their duties as citizens in a democracy seriously.

In North Macedonia, the day before elections are held for the general public, polling stations are set up inside the country's 13 prisons, and inmates voluntarily line up to vote in turn. Ballots are brought

from each prisoner's home voting district so that they can vote in their proper municipality. Ahead of the country's recent referendum, election administrators even created a program to renew expired voting documents for incarcerated people.

In Ukraine's presidential elections last month, prisons held voter-education programs so that inmates could learn about each of the candidates' policy platforms.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, where citizens live with the trauma of ethnic cleansing, prisoners can vote unless their crimes pertain to the Bosnian War of the early 1990s. Those who have been convicted of unrelated crimes cast their ballots in prison polling stations. But as in North Macedonia, their votes count in the district of their permanent residence.

Portugal's prisoners have the right to vote unless they have been convicted of a crime that targets the state or democratic order, like terrorism or political violence (Germany and Norway have similar rules). Portuguese prisoners can exercise their voting rights by requesting and then remitting their ballot by mail. In Ireland and Lithuania, prisoners also vote by mail.

In election assessments, observers do not merely look for stuffed ballot boxes or irregularities in vote counting — we try to understand whether a country is doing its best to make sure that all of its citizens who want to are able to cast a vote. Seeing other countries' election processes through American eyes has given me insight into our country's failure at making the election process as accessible as possible and the politicization of what in other places are routine features of election administration.

In my travels, I've never seen an election held on a weekday — other countries know that workers need time off to vote. I've also never seen a significant line in a non-American polling station — the number of polling stations needed are calculated based on population and are allocated accordingly.

I've seen election officials go to great lengths to collect a single vote. In the Republic of Georgia, I once watched a team of election administrators build a makeshift bridge over a stream to reach the

remote farm home of an elderly homebound voter.

In the United States, only Vermont and Maine allow prisoners to vote. Twelve American states still disallow former felons from ever voting, even once they have completed their prison sentence and are no longer on probation or parole. This type of total restriction exists in very few democracies worldwide. Armenia and Chile have similar laws, and Belgium disenfranchises felons whose sentence was longer than seven years. The United Nations has said that the American policy is discriminatory and violates international law.

The United States' restriction of felons' voting rights is especially problematic given the country's disproportionate incarceration of black people, especially black men.

The Prison Policy Institute calculates that the United States' prison system costs taxpayers \$182 billion annually — that's larger than the G.D.P. of 134 countries. Prisoners, who have an inside view into these oftentimes opaque systems, should be voting on the laws and elected officials who govern their existence.

This disagreement over felon voting rights gets to the heart of what we believe to be the purpose of prison. Do we, like Pete Buttigieg, the mayor of South Bend, Ind. who is running for president, believe that prison is simply meant to be a punishment that includes the restriction of rights? Or do we want our prisons to be places for rehabilitation where those who have violated our laws can learn to be good citizens once more?

Prison should be rehabilitating, re-educating and providing prisoners with the skills they need to reintegrate into society upon their release. Engaging in civic duties such as voting should be model behavior we teach in prisons and encourage in our citizens.

For the United States to continue to be a democratic leader in the world, we must reaffirm our commitment to the suffrage of all our citizens and expand our voting rights in line with the standards set by our fellow democracies.

Aubrey Menardt is an international elections monitor.

Want to make money? Work for the government

BY TERENCE P. JEFFREY

Which class of full-time, year-round American workers has the highest median earnings? Is it the class that works for private-sector employers? Is it the class that works for the government? Or is it the entrepreneurial class, those of whom employ themselves?

According to the Census Bureau Personal Income Table 07 (PINC-07), the competition isn't close. When it comes to making money in the modern United States of America, government workers win.

Among Americans who actually earn income by working, they are the upper class.

In 2017, according to PINC-07, there were 115,704,000 Americans who worked full-time (at least 35 hours per week) and year-round (at least 50 weeks in the year). The table divides these workers into three general classes: "private wage and salary workers," "government wage and salary workers" and "self-employed workers."

Of the full-time year-round workers, 88,296,000 were private-sector employees; 17,617,000 were government employees; and 9,750,000 were self-employed. (Another 42,000 were classified as "unpaid family workers.")

The overall median earnings for all of these full-time year-round workers in 2017 were \$48,500.

Workers in private industry, however, made less than the overall median. Their median earnings were \$46,797.

The self-employed did a little better than the national rate. Their median earnings were \$50,383.

But government workers did the best. Their median earnings were

\$53,435.

That was 14.2 percent better than private-sector workers and 6.1 percent better than the self-employed.

Among the full-time year-round private sector and self-employed workers, the Census Bureau distinguished between the relatively small number working in agricultural industries and those working in non-agricultural industries.

The 998,000 workers in private-sector agricultural industries had the lowest median earnings (\$35,490), and the 631,000 self-employed workers in agricultural industries had the second lowest median earnings (\$35,898).

The 87,298,000 private-sector workers in non-agricultural industries had the next highest median earnings (\$46,944) but were surpassed by 9,118,000 self-employed workers in non-agricultural industries (\$50,693).

The Census Bureau also divided government workers into two categories. Federal government workers comprised one category, numbering 4,178,000 individuals. State and local government workers comprised the other, numbering 13,439,000.

The median earnings of state and local government workers (\$51,202) were higher than the median earnings in any of the four categories of private-industry and self-employed workers.

But federal government workers had the highest median earnings of all (\$66,028).

Among all the classes of workers whose median earnings were reported in the Census Bureau's Table PINC-07, the greatest disparity

was between those employed in private-sector agricultural jobs and those employed by the federal government.

The median earnings of federal government workers (\$66,028) were 86 percent greater than the median earnings of private-sector agricultural workers (\$35,490).

The Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made a telling observation about one part of the labor force in the American agricultural industry.

"The share of hired crop farmworkers who were not legally authorized to work in the United States grew from roughly 14 percent in 1989-91 to 55 percent in 1999-2001," it said in a report on farm labor published online.

"Since then," says the report, "it has fluctuated around 50 percent."

"In 2012-2014, 47 percent of crop farmworkers were unauthorized, 32 percent were U.S. natives, and 21 percent were authorized immigrants (both citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents, or green-card holders)," said USDA.

Thus, U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents who work as hired crop farmworkers — and who are part of the most poorly paid class of workers listed in PINC-07 — must compete for wages with people who are "not legally authorized to work in the United States."

Most federal employees — who are among the best-paid class of workers listed in PINC-07 — presumably do not face the same problem. The share of workers in the Department of Agriculture, or the Department of Homeland Security, who are "not legally authorized to work in the United States" has not "fluctuated around 50 percent" in recent years.

According to the Department of Agriculture, the percentage of hired crop farmworkers who were not authorized to work in the United States was as low as 14 percent in the first few years after President Ronald Reagan left office three decades ago.

Will it be that low again when President Donald Trump leaves office?

If not, it will be one reason to conclude that federal workers are not earning their pay.

Terence P. Jeffrey is the editor in chief of CNSnews.com.

Dennis Prager's blind eye

Dear Editor:

I don't know whether to laugh or cry at the irony that Dennis Prager's assault on multi-culturalism appears in the Downey Patriot, in the deep Southwest and on the edge of the Pacific Rim, where multi-culturalism is a way of life.

To hear him tell it, some pure Christian (and white, although he won't say it) civilization is under assault from every direction.

Prager acts as if the Western "Christian" culture developed in isolation, while in the East and other places evil was brewing. The truth of the matter is that for 500 years the West (European Countries along with our own) actively colonized the rest of the world, and specifically tried to control the Arab world in the Twentieth Century when the former colonies tried to struggle free from the West. The West is not blameless for the mess that causes migrants to want to seek a better life.

Prager is one of those "pundits" who just "says stuff," with no rationale to back up his statements. For example, Prager states that the French Enlightenment sought the end of Christianity and the West. On the contrary, the expanding interest in science and the arts was a unifying force in Europe, and the technology that resulted from the enlightenment played a large roll in the creation of the industrial wealth of the West.

The French Revolution was a rebellion against the French state, which had tied itself to a "Christianity" that was by then rotten to the core. Would Prager prefer that the feudal kings like Louis the 14th in France had remained in power?

His analysis of the cause of the rise of Nazi-ism is equally self-serving. First, he uses a completely racist argument to say that Germans (who are of course European) were inherently violent, and that only Christianity had kept their natural violence in check. He downplays Hitler's role as a political leader willing to play on Europe's long-embedded anti-Semitic beliefs to whip up hatred and division as a way of maintaining power. And he most certainly turns a blind eye to the obvious parallels between Hitler's divide-and-conquer tactics and the current hatred being whipped up against Latin-American (and almost entirely Christian) immigrants who have become the latest bogymen to supposedly threatening "our culture."

In his grand finale, Prager says "I don't know if a worker accident or a radical Muslim set fire to Notre Dame Cathedral ..." Well he must have cancelled his newspaper and cable TV subscriptions, because the whole world knows that so far there has been no hint of radical Muslim involvement. And we also know who burned the three churches in Louisiana, and it wasn't the secular left, or Latin American immigrants, or other multi-cultural bogymen that Dennis fears so much. Instead, it was a white nationalist advocating the same cultural purity that Prager advocates.

Not a word about that in Prager's analysis of the fall of civilization.

**Frank Kearns
Downey**

The importance of our tech industry

BY JAIVON GRANT

Many would agree that California is the center of the universe for technological innovation. The consumer technology that comes from Silicon Valley plays a significant role in our day-to-day lives. From getting up in the morning and getting to work, to the way we make friends and build relationships. The advancements in technology are also playing a unique role in an unexpected way — on our economy.

A new report by PricewaterhouseCoopers and funded by the Consumer Technology Association shows just how important the tech sector is to the overall economic wellness of our state:

"In 2017, consumer technology content and services, manufacturing and distribution directly and indirectly supported at least 100,000 jobs in 34 states and nine congressional districts. California alone had over three million jobs directly and indirectly attributable to consumer tech; and Texas, Florida and New York each had over one million jobs attributable to consumer tech, many of which derive from consumer tech exports."

California alone had over 3 million jobs that are supported by the consumer technology sector. The economic contribution of the industry is also largest in California and we are also leading the nation in the state employment created by the tech industry.

In fact, the industry in California makes up 18.6% of the state's total gross domestic product and in 2017, provided over \$38 billion in wages

and \$514 billion in economic output. These numbers demonstrate clearly the major impactful that technology jobs have in our state.

Digging deeper into the CTA report, you will find that the highest concentration of jobs that are supported by the tech sector is found in the 17th Congressional District, which encompasses most of Silicon Valley. This congressional district alone has over 151,000 jobs supported by consumer technology. There are also four other congressional districts where the tech sector has created over 100,000 jobs (CA-12, CA-18, CA-30, CA-33).

These results of this survey show just how critical the consumer technology sector is to not only the innovations that improve our quality of life, but also to economic growth across California and the U.S. California is leading the nation in consumer tech employment, and the economic impact is clear and vital to our state.

Jaivon Grant is a political commentator and former writer for OurWeekly Los Angeles.

SB 50

Dear Editor:

This is in response to SB 50. ("Downey Voices Opposition to Controversial Housing Legislation," 4/25/19).

It's us, the California voters' fault. We voted a San Francisco socialist to state office. Their goal is to socialize housing and force us to public transportation, shaming those who own a single-family residence and drive a vehicle.

Sen. Wiener thinks those of us who enjoy our grassy backyards and those like me who drive a truck are selfish and greedy.

Well, Sen. Wiener, when you give up your capitol home and state-paid driver, I'll consider that. But not before.

**John Conner
Maywood**

Net neutrality

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you because I want to protect our open Internet.

Two years ago, the FCC under Ajit Pai repealed the Net Neutrality protections that make the Internet an open and free platform to connect and exchange ideas. If we can't restore these protections, the Internet as we know it could change forever.

The House of Representatives has passed the Save the Internet Act, which will restore the open Internet protections that were repealed by the FCC in 2017. Now, Senate Republicans and Democratic Senator Kyrsten Sinema are blocking the bill at the Senate, despite the overwhelming and cross partisan support that Net Neutrality has with the American public.

I hope our Senators vote in favor of this bill. Otherwise we'll be forced to hold them accountable at the ballot box in 2020.

**Juliette Artega
Downey**

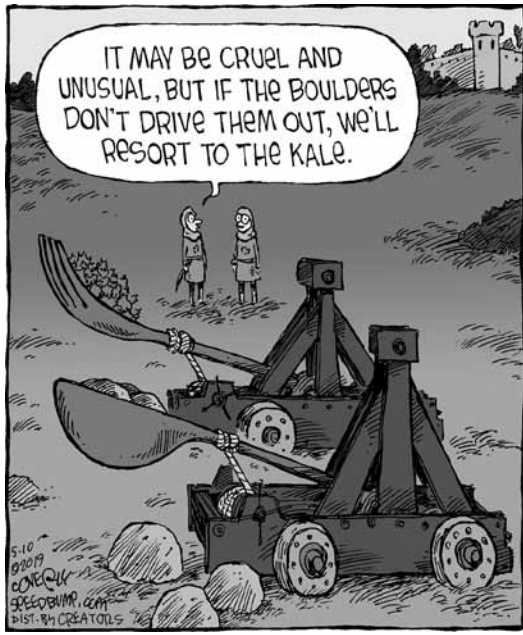
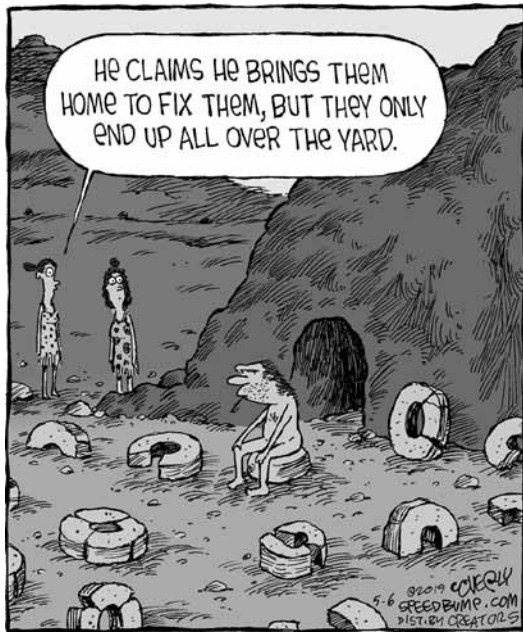
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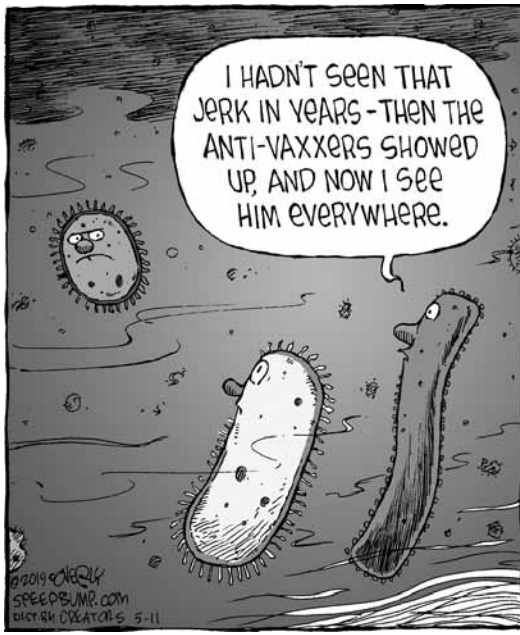
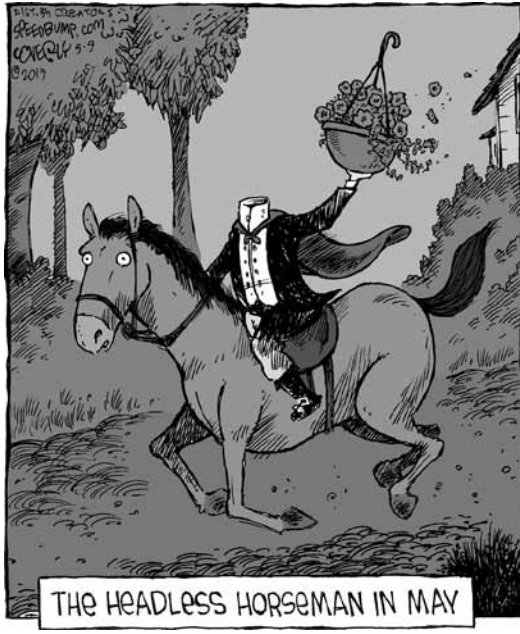
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Greg Welch 323-816-4532.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: 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 9, 1429:** Joan of Arc defeated the besieging English at Orleans
- 1754:** The first newspaper cartoon in America showed a divided snake "Join or die" in "The Pennsylvania Gazette."
- 1930:** A starting gate was used to start a Triple Crown race for the first time.
- 1960:** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved for sale an oral birth-control pill for the first time.
- 1962:** A laser beam was successfully bounced off the Moon for the first time.
- 1974:** The House Judiciary Committee began formal hearings on the Nixon impeachment.

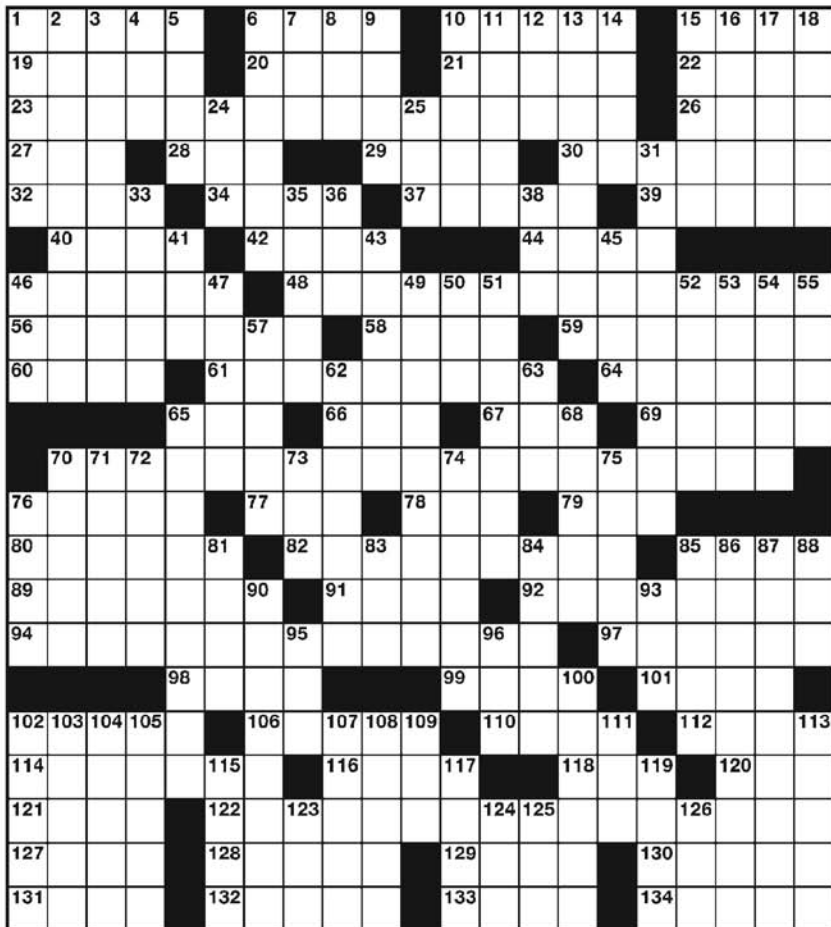
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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

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. Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

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

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

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

Stay Up, 7 pm. Stay Up is a live performance series that features artists who represent perseverance and a resilient spirit. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

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

Color Light Shadow, 7 pm. Stay Gallery's first exhibit of the year, featuring the work of artist and U.S. veteran John Bell. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

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.

Relay for Life, 9 am. A 24-hour fundraiser in support of the American Cancer Society. Downey Adult School, 12340 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.

KidsCreate, 10:30 am. Missed Paint & Cookies? KidsCreate is the new version of Stay Gallery's family paint day. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

"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.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

High School All-Star Baseball Game, 6 pm. All-star baseball teams from the Moore League and the San Gabriel Valley League face each other in a friendly but competitive game. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

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

Track & Field Championships, 9 am. The Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation hosts its 2019 track and field championships. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

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 6

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.

The Local Group Show, 7 pm. Sta Gallery's first community exhibit, featuring a diverse group of local artists. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

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

Morning Mingle, 8 am. Coffee, breakfast, and business networking. Hosted by the chambers of commerce of Downey, Montebello and Commerce. Embassy Suites, 8245 Firestone Blvd.

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.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Dinner and Concert, 6 pm. Dinner followed by a live performance by noted violinist Mariano Castro. Temple Ner Tamid, 10629 Lakewood Blvd.

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.

The Winedown Paint Night, 7 pm. Get creative – and tipsy. Join Stay Gallery for a night of painting, socializing and unwinding with your friends. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

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

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In Memory of

Joseph George Zarrahy

December 2, 1946 - April 30, 2019



Joseph G Zarrahy was embraced by our Lord on April 30, 2019.

Devoted son of George Joseph and Agnes Katherine, Joseph was born in Union City New Jersey and moved to Los Angeles with his parents in 1948 amidst the aerospace boom where he was joined with his loyal brother Dennis and sister of affection

Diane.

Joseph graduated from Woodbury College with a BA in Business Administration and BSBA in Business Education. He taught high school Business English and Economics at St. Paul until the hospitality industry opened many doors for him throughout his 45 career. He was employed with ITT Sheraton and Hotel Managers Group in a variety of leadership positions until his retirement in 2018.

Joseph held leadership positions with The Board of Human Services, Los Angeles Hotel and Lodging, Past President of Rotary International, Los Angeles Visitors and Convention Bureau, SKAL, and Sister City Association for the city of Commerce. He also served on Boards of the churches he was a member.

Joseph considered his greatest blessing his family with son Brandon, daughter in law, Jennifer and granddaughters Kinley and Delanyi. He was a devoted husband to Elizabeth "Libby" who continues to treasure their blended families.

Joseph led a faith filled life as a lay leader of St. Anne Melkite Catholic Church, North Hollywood. In the year 2000 he was awarded the highest honor a lay person can receive, The Holy Cross Of Jerusalem by the Patriarch of Antioch all the East of Alexandria and of Jerusalem. While he was humbled by this award he credited his parents with the wisdom and support in leading a Christ based faith life.

Joseph was also a member and board member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Downey California. Joseph celebrated his Arabic culture ensuring all extended family members were part of these celebrations.

He was a beloved father, husband, Gido, Uncle, and cousin and friend. To his wife, Libby, Joseph will always remain her treasured "Habib" (translated "my love").

Funeral Arrangements will be conducted, Saturday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City. In lieu of florals donations can be made to the Joseph Zarrahy Memorial Fund in care of St. Anne Melkite Catholic Greek Church, 11211 Moorpark Street North Hollywood CA 91602.

In Memory of

Grace Eshilian

June 2, 1944 - May 4, 2019



Grace Eshilian passed on May 4th, 2019 in Bellflower, California. Grace was born on June 2, 1944 in Lincoln, Nebraska to Erma Linda and James B. Tackett and was the oldest of 6 children. She grew up in the South Bay in a home her father built. During her life, she was married to Ron Moorehead and Richard Eshilian and today is

survived by her daughter, Veronica Fuenmayor and her son, Richard Eshilian Jr. as well as two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Grace lived in Downey for the last 50 years. She worked in Real Estate for over 40 years and was the recipient of many awards, served on various boards, and was a great resource to the real estate community, always willing to share her wealth of knowledge. She also served the community of Downey in many ways, including her involvement in the Rotary Club and First Baptist Church of Downey. Grace volunteered with First Baptist Church of Downey's children's ministry and participated in several short term mission trips. She never hesitated to give of her time to serve others. Grace's kindness and generosity will be greatly missed by her loved ones.

Grace leaves behind her loving family: Children, Veronica Fuenmayor (Ed) of Downey & Richard Eshilian Jr. of Downey, Grandchildren, Andrew Fuenmayor (Priscilla) of Lakewood & Cassie Fuenmayor of Boston, Massachusetts, Great-grandchildren, Oliver & Calvin Fuenmayor of Lakewood, Siblings, Lynn Ogden of North Carolina, Patrick Tackett (Pam) of Idaho, James Tackett of Idaho, Leigh Dimarco of New York, Elizabeth Halboth (Pete) of California, as well as several other family members and friends who loved her and will miss her dearly. A memorial service will be held for Grace on Thursday, May 16 at the First Baptist Church in Downey at 11:00 AM. For more information and to leave condolences to the family, please visit www.RisherMortuary.com. 562-861-3888.

Interment will follow at a later time in the Pacific Crest Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Rotary Club of Downey, Grace Eshilian Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 339, Downey, CA 90241.

In Memory of

Frank Mike Garcia

June 7, 1944 - April 16, 2019

Frank Mike Garcia aka Mike or "Poo" 74, of Downey, passed April 16th, 2019. Mike was born to William and Mary Verdugo Garcia in the City of Los Angeles. The family moved to Downey where he attended Warren High School. He married his High School sweetheart Linda Jean Thomas in 1962. They lived in Downey and raised four children, Lori Keltner (Rick), Michael Garcia (Denise), Shawn Garcia (Elizabeth) and Joe Garcia. He leaves behind 12 grandchildren: Krystal Keltner, Kaci Keltner, Karli Keltner (Darren), Karson Keltner, Michael Garcia, Jade Garcia (Braiten), Eryka Garcia, Shawn Garcia, Sarra Garcia, Jasmine Garcia, John Garcia and Jayce Garcia and one great grandchild Lillian Mae Nguyen. He also leaves behind 2 brothers, William Garcia (Elaine) and Daniel "Donnie " Garcia. He was predeceased by his wife Linda, Mother Mary and Father William Garcia. He was known as a great friend and would always do whatever he could to help friends and his family. He will be greatly missed.

Please join us for a celebration of his life June 2nd from 2-5pm at The Assistance League Chapter House 7749 Florence Ave, Downey.

Police remind drivers, motorcycle riders to share the road

DOWNEY – In honor of Motorcycle Awareness Month in May, the Downey Police Department is reminding drivers and motorcycle riders to share the road and look out for one another.

"Motorcycle riders are out in the open and are harder to see," said Chief Dean Milligan. "Drivers and riders should take extra precautions by keeping their distance and watching their speed."

During the month of May, Downey Police will step up enforcement specifically geared toward stopping drivers and motorcycle riders for traffic violations that increase the risk of crashes.

Downey Police is also encouraging motorcycle riders -- new and experienced -- to enroll in the California Highway Patrol's motorcycle training course. For details, visit californiamotorcyclist.com.

Violinist to perform at Temple Ner Tamid

DOWNEY – Temple Ner Tamid of Downey is hosting a dinner and concert show Sunday, June 16.

Dinner starts at 6 p.m. with musical performances at 7:30 p.m.

The featured artist is Mariano Castro and his violinists. Castro has performed with the symphony orchestras of San Salvador, Mexico, North Carolina and Kentucky.

He has also played with Frank Sinatra's orchestra as well as Dean Martin.

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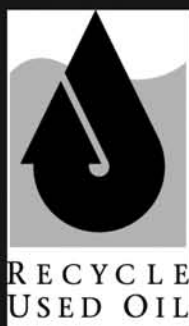
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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

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.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Pound the Ground Walk for Life, 9 am. A half-mile walk to raise money for the LivingHelp Center. 8345 Firestone Blvd.

MONDAY, JULY 8

Kids Imagine Nation, 3:45 pm. A free children's music show courtesy of the Downey City Library. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

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

THURSDAY, JULY 11

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.

MONDAY, SEPT. 9

Surviving the Holidays, 7 pm. No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. Learn how to cope and prepare. Calvary Chapel Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Alpha Omega Con, 10 am to 6 pm. A Christian comic book, art and pop culture convention. First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 3rd St.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

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

>> Heidi Yost (holding the Downey Patriot) traveled a few weeks ago with her synchronized skating team, the Junior Ice Cadettes from Paramount Iceland, to St. Paul, Minnesota. They attended the ISI Synchronized Skating Championships and placed fourth in their division.



Five of the 11 girls attend schools in Downey, including Heidi, who is 7 and attends Williams Elementary.

>> Local residents Larry and Chris McGrew, and Richard and Gloria Strayer, enjoy a windy day at the famous Swilken Bridge at St. Andrews Golf Course in Scotland.



<< Friends Tommy McPhee of Scotland, Mary Simon of Canada, Theresa Robarge of Downey and Kenneth McConachie of Scotland pose with the latest edition of the Downey Patriot on their "unbelievably exhausting," fun-filled 13-day voyage to Alaska and Canada on the Ruby Princess "Love Boat."

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POETRY MATTERS

postcard from Paris le premier mai

At the top of the Metro's deep-shadowed wells
women sit in country cloaks
hooded and wearing mud-stained sabots
They offer muguet sauvage in a twist of green tissue
lily-of-the-valley in a paper cornet
that makes one think of Pan's pointed ears
On this once-a-year day no one taxes Pan's bounty
the women need no license to sell his bells
that spring from the woods that linger around the city walls

Around the corner from the underground stairs
a clatter on cobblestones fifty horsemen abreast
the blue-jacketed cavalry of La Garde Républicaine
lead off on the Champs Elysées drums and trumpets
the nation's May Day Parade of military might
brassy enough to wake the dead soldat inconnu
Artillery caissons lumber by blood and mud scrubbed off
cannon muzzles bright followed by the newest air birds
wings folded like silver larks shiny skins mirroring
broken glimpses of flowering chestnut trees

A third fete competes for attention La Fete du Travail
the French Labor Day citoyens assemble in the Place de la République
a blue collar part of town near the district of the Bastille
where paving stones serve as missiles
weapons against les flics the City cops
who answer with tear gas and shields and batons

Meanwhile back in the quietly classic Sixth
near the ivy-clad mansions on the rue de Varenne
in straw baskets quilted with dew
steeped in a perfume green from the woods
the blossoms gloat in Spring's tiny triumph
They quiver and nod fresh on their ancient stalks

- Lorine Parks

The wildflowers are sold by unlicensed vendors, who are prohibited from setting up "tables or trestles," and have to stay at least 40 meters from any florist shop. So the countrywomen appear, clad in their black shawls, at the top of the Métro steps. For this day only, the government does not levy tax on the sale of these flowers, as though the bureaucrats were leery of interfering with ancient customs. And rightly so. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

Bears advance to CIF quarterfinals with win over Sierra Canyon

Warren High hosted West Ranch on Thursday afternoon, with the winner advancing.

By Mark Fetter
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The Warren High School softball team has advanced to the quarterfinal round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs.

The Bears defeated Chino (21-7-1, 12-3) at Chino 14-3 on May 2, defeated Sierra Canyon (10-9, 5-3) at Warren 5-2 on Tuesday and hosted West Ranch (16-7, 8-2) at Warren yesterday (score unavailable at press time).

In the Chino game, the Bears trailed 2-1 after one inning of play but tied the game at two in the top of the second inning. Chino did not score in the bottom of the second inning so the score was tied at two after two innings of play. Neither team scored in the third inning and the score was tied 2-2 heading into the top of the fourth inning.

Warren came alive in the top of the fourth inning and pushed four runs across the plate. Chino scored one run in the bottom of the fourth inning so Warren led 6-3 after four innings of play. The Bears tacked on five more runs in the top of the fifth inning and held Chino scoreless. Warren took a commanding 11-3 lead into the top of the sixth inning.

The Bears added three more runs in the top of the sixth inning and held Chino to no runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. As per softball rules, the game was over after six innings of play due to the mercy rule.

If Warren defeated West Ranch on Thursday, the Bears will play the winner of the Troy/Woodrow Wilson game next Tuesday.

Coach Starksen, her staff and players are playing their best softball of the season right now when it matters most.

WARREN BASEBALL: The Warren High School baseball team saw their season come to an end at La Canada (20-7, 10-2,) 2-1, in nine innings on Tuesday in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs. Warren defeated Cal High (18-10, 8-4), 10-2, on May 2 to advance to their second-round game.

Warren finished their season with an overall record of 24-8 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of 7-3. The Bears finished in a tie for second place with cross-town rival Downey (7-3) in league play but won the second of their two meetings, 5-4 at Warren, on April 11.

In the La Canada game, the score was tied 0-0 after five innings of play. Warren scored a run in the top of the sixth inning and held La Canada scoreless in the bottom of the sixth inning. The Bears did not score in the top of the seventh inning but La Canada pushed a run across in the bottom of the seventh inning to tie the score at one and force extra innings.

Neither team scored in the eighth inning and the score remained 1-1 after eight innings of play. The Bears could not score a run in the top of the ninth inning but La Canada managed to push the winning run across in the bottom of the ninth inning to get the win, 2-1.

Coach Pearson, his staff and underclassmen will now turn their attention to next season.

DOWNEY SOFTBALL: The Downey High School girls' softball team saw their season come to an end on Tuesday afternoon with a 4-0 loss at home against Rio Mesa in the second round of the C.I.F. Division 2 playoffs.

Rio Mesa is the Pacific View League champion and has an overall record 20-5 and a league record of 14-1. The Lady Vikings finished their season with an overall record of 18-15 and a San Gabriel Valley League record of

8-2.

Downey defeated South Hills at South Hills 5-0 in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 2 playoffs. In that game, Destiny Garcia started the first inning by drawing a walk. She stole second base and advanced to third on an over throw and stole home as the second baseman was trying to bring the ball to the pitcher. The score was 1-0 after this single play and the score remained 1-0 through the first three innings of play.

Hailey Harris went 1-3 with a double that started Downey's second rally in the fourth inning. Harris scored Downey's second run and also threw a complete game shutout with 14 strikeouts while only facing 24 batters. Harris gave up one walk, two hits and another batter reached base on an error.

Sara Luna went 1-2 with one walk, two stolen bases and scored one run. Luna bunted for a base hit in the top of the fourth inning that advanced Hailey Harris' courtesy runner, Marissa Gurrola, to third.

Molly Houts came in for a pinch-hit situation and put down a squeeze bunt that scored one more run and advanced to second base when she saw that no one was covering the bag. Houts eventually scored on Angie Dumlao's double. Dumlao went 1-3 with a double and an RBI.

Alyssa Porras went 1-3 and scored on Joeie Gallardo's double in the top of the sixth inning. Gallardo went 2-3 with a double and an RBI. Gallardo also caught a bunt that was popped up to third base. This bunt that was caught turned into a double play as Gallardo threw the ball to second baseman Destiny Garcia, who did the splits to get the runner out who was on first.

This play eventually killed South Hill's momentum and gave Downey their first-round playoff win.

Coach Garcia, his staff and underclassmen will now turn

their attention to next season.

DOWNEY BOYS SWIM: The Downey High School boys' swim team saw their season come to an end at the C.I.F. Division 3 swim finals.

The 400-yard freestyle relay of Jose Salazar, Christian Gonzalez, Armando Flores and Tomas Marquez made it to the finals and placed 15th overall. Tomas Marquez was the only swimmer to qualify in an individual event and that was the 200-yard freestyle. Marquez placed 16th overall.

DOWNEY GIRLS LACROSSE: The Downey High School girls' lacrosse program will be offering free lacrosse clinics this Saturday, May 11, from 1-3 p.m. and next Saturday, May 18, from 12-2 p.m.

The clinic is open to girls ages 6-11 and will be held on the football field at Downey High School.

Questions for the lacrosse clinics may be directed to head coach Marvin Mires at 310-993-4342 or mmires@dusd.net. Mires can also be contacted at DowneyLacrosse.com, on Twitter at @DowneyLacrosse and on Instagram @DowneyLacrosse.

DOWNEY BOYS SOCCER: The Downey High School boys' soccer program will be offering free soccer clinics this Saturday, May 11, from 1-3 p.m. and next Saturday, May 18, from 9-11 a.m.

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Begins	Jun 11, 2019
Ends	Jul 23, 2019
Ages	At least 5 but less than 18
Price	Resident: \$60.00 Non-resident: \$64.00
Golf Lessons - Junior Saturdays Session 2 #20673	
Description	Participant will be learning the proper grip, stance, posture, basic swing fundamentals, woods, irons, and putting. Class size is limited. Range balls included in the registration fee.
Begins	Jun 15, 2019
Ends	Jul 27, 2019
Ages	At least 5 but less than 18
Price	Resident: \$60.00 Non-resident: \$64.00

Thanksgiving in 1956

Short Stories

By Gail Earl
Contributor

It was 1956. I was in first grade.

My mom had her pretty apron on. The kitchen was filled with brown paper grocery bags. Mom was buzzing around the kitchen with purpose. Her list was on the round Formica table with a pencil sitting next to it so she could check off each task as she completed it.

As Dad chopped the giant pile of walnuts and cut the cranberries and apricots, he would sneak samples to each of us kids. We kids had very important jobs like picking out bowls from under the cupboard and searching for ingredients from the brown paper bags. Mom had a way of making each of us feel like we were a very

important part of this day.

Dad bathed the turkey in the sink and we all watched in both amazement and horror as he pulled out feather quills from the fat bird with tweezers.

Mom made Jell-O and baked breads. She peeled potatoes and put cheese into celery. She peeled apples and baked pies. We kids made hourly checks on the bird in the oven as Dad would slather butter all over him. Every time we heard the timer ding, we'd run to the oven to watch it again.

Dad kept us busy all day with different jobs. At some point during the day he piled us all in the car and we went to pick up my grandma from the nursing home.

While we were gone, mom set the tables. There was the huge dining table and also a small kids table. The big table had two vases of beautiful flowers and the kids table had a small vase with beautiful flowers. Even the kids got to use the fancy dishes

on this day. Both tables had lacy tablecloths.

Glender Brown and her mom and dad arrived shortly after we got home. Mrs. Willis and her son got there around the same time. Mrs. Willis was our housekeeper, but she didn't have to work on this day. We all loved her very much.

Glender's name was given to us at school. Her family would not be having a Thanksgiving at their house so they came to share the day with us.

As my grandma, my mom and dad, sisters and brothers and the Browns and the Willis all sat around these beautiful tables, we were all very aware how special this day was. We were all very aware of how much love filled the room. We all had lots to be thankful for.

We all held hands and bowed our heads and Dad said the prayer.

Every time I smell turkey, I remember that day. I think of Glender and hope she's well. I think of Mrs. Willis and hope she knew how much she was loved.

These memories were just the start of a lifetime of special days.

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

The Benson Family Reunion

Short Stories

By Sharon Benson Smith
Contributor

The Benson Family Reunion was started by my dad and his six siblings many years ago when I was just a kid. I recall how my siblings and I looked forward to that special summer day.

We never knew where it was going to be held as the venue changed from year to year. Often times it was held in Palomar, Idyllwild, the beach, or Fairmount Park in Riverside. Family members arrived from all over California; some even came from as far away as Arizona and Oregon. The out-of-towners came for the weekend or even took their vacation around reunion time and camped out for a week or two. It was exciting to see our aunts, uncles, and cousins again.

Fairmount Park in Riverside became the kids' favorite venue in later years. This was because there was so much to do such as paddle boat rentals, miniature railroad rides, fishing, Ferris Wheel, and a Merry-Go-Round. This was a wonderful family-

gathering site until, years later, it became unsafe and a haven for transients.

Fast forward to the years when I had children of my own, and we still looked forward to that special summer day of the Benson Family Reunion. This particular year, my daughter, Tracy, must have been all of three or four years old. We were busy unloading the car, lugging the food and other paraphernalia necessities to the picnic site, as well as hugging and greeting relatives along the way.

Suddenly, I asked "Where's Tracy?" Everyone stopped what he was doing and went on a hunt for her. After too much worrisome time lapsed, I was relieved to hear someone say "Here she is."

I hurried to the area where she was. There was Tracy having a gay old time sitting at the head of the table on the lap of a black grandma and

eating her chicken. She didn't want to leave; she had found a comfortable lap and some good food. They didn't mind, so she stayed there until the lure of another activity attracted her.

Fast forward yet again, as a matter of fact to just recently, and Tracy is now 53. I asked her about that day. Although I had mentioned the incident many times over the years, she did not remember it at all. But she did say, "Well, mom, that chicken was probably a whole lot tastier than what we had at our potluck table." She was probably right!

My memory was brought back to that very special, long-ago summer day, and both of us got a good chuckle out of it.

Sharon Benson Smith is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.

Two Birthdays

Short Stories

By Anthony Caldwell
Contributor

A doctor who looked like a starved Dracula came into the hospital room and asked, "Are you Anthony M. Caldwell?" I answered, "Yes."

"My name is Dr. Drake," he said, "and I'm sorry to tell you that you will be dead from terminal cancer, which has spread throughout your body, by March or April first [2014]."

"There is nothing I can do for you, as you rejected resuscitation or surgery, so I'm sending you home to die."

I asked, "You didn't give me chemotherapy, or radiation, or surgery?"

The doctor (without

changing his death-dirge look) said, "No."

I said, "Good! Don't touch me; I'm ready to go home!"

The next day I was sent home on the rock-solid aluminum diamond plate floor of an ambulance that got the order to remove "the deceased." That ride was like heaven compared to the dying factory that I had left.

That night I slept like I was really dead, but I missed being able to raid the dinner cart of the left-overs that I could pilfer from the hospital.

I am unofficially five years old on my second re-born day (second chance)!

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

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Rotary Club honors outstanding student readers

Downey Doings

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

What wonderful table companions Rotary had April 16. Fifth grade readers, and a few third-graders from K-3 schools only, and their principals, shared lunch with us at the Rotary Club of Downey meeting. We met to honor their outstanding achievements in reading improvement.

One child was chosen to represent each of Downey's 13 elementary schools. And what stories their principals had to tell when award time came.

At our table sat 10-year old Melanie Silva, with her Rio Hondo Principal Lisa Rawlings, quietly but elegantly dressed in black with pearl-embroidered sleeves. Young Melanie wore a pink and gray-striped top, and when asked, said her current favorite reading is "The Dork Diaries." The series uses drawings, doodles, and comic strips to chronicle its middle school protagonist.

So glad that Melanie has progressed from serious "have to read" to reading for fun. Melanie has worked all year to raise her level four grades, despite having dyslexia, something she is an

advocate for. Her writing, spelling and grammar have all also improved, due to her progress in reading.

Each child received a packet of new books tied with a blue bow, and Dr. Dan Fox stood by to take a picture to give each child, of themselves with their principal and Dr. John Garcia, superintendent of the Downey Unified School District.

It's hands-on attention from Dr. John and everyone in the administration that makes this district so outstanding. The pride and self-esteem from an event like this will motivate these boys and girls for a long time to come.

"Joanna has moved up four reading levels, and embodies all the pillars of Character Counts," said Principal David Cid of Rio San Gabriel about Joanna Diaz. "She asks thought-provoking questions and goes beyond what is expected."

"Natazareth Ochoa has gone up nine levels in two years," said her principal, Katherine Estevez of Gallatin. "That's three grade levels. We know great things lie ahead for Natazareth."

"Devon's favorite thing is exploring non-fiction books," said Williams Principal Gary Calvo. "At first he could not read well enough so he would listen on Epic. But

eventually he got interested in topics that did not have 'listening' books. That motivated him to persevere and practice reading at a level that gave him new books to explore. Now he discusses the new things he's read with his friends."

"She's a Lewis All-Star," principal Allison Box said of Jessica Fodiles Sanchez. "Through her hard work, motivation and perseverance, she has made progress in academic and content abilities and raised her reading levels. Keep shining bright, Jessica."

The boys wore fleecy jackets or sweaters because the day started out as a cool morning, and the girls wore jackets over their shirts. Teachers wore bright pastel sweaters or jackets, robin's egg blue, lemon yellow, strawberry pink, dusty rose. One wore burgundy velvet with jeans.

Gone were the formal suits and almost party-dresses the children wore almost 30 years ago to this same Rotary event. We're getting more informal as a society. Still, many girls had long brushed curls, and one boy had what might be described as a tall stand-up mullet - I'm a little behind on these terms. A few girls did wear dresses - a nice blue one with pink roses and a big sparkly pink bow in her hair.

All of the children were poised



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and enjoyed their visit, and Rio Hondo had set up a special buffet table for their lunch, chicken nuggets and crispy fries. Cookies were dessert for everyone.

Yahir Hipolito had a Rotary-assisted story, though he didn't know it.

"Yahir had an amazing year in reading," said his principal at Alameda, Charlene Shimada. "He began the year struggling academically. A new world opened up to him on receiving eyeglasses

through the NuSkin Foundation."

That's the Nu Skin Force for Good Foundation, partnered with CharityVision International Foundation, which provides vision care and eye glasses to needy school children through organizations like Downey's TLC Family Resource Center, the recipient of Rotary's gala fundraiser. That's where our Rotary dollars go.

Said Darlene, "Yahir began to jump leaps and bounds in the

areas of reading and math, and he went up 9 levels in reading. In one year. That's awesome."

"Thanks to Rotary," said Dr. Garcia, who emceed the program, "for a day like this. We at the DUSD appreciate your constant support."

Checking in with Jennifer and Julie

Downey Doings

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

"From now on, I'm only going to be here on Friday and Saturday," said Jennifer, one of the two homeless women who take turns standing by the cinderblock wall outside the Downey main post office.

"The people of Downey have been so nice to me," Jennifer said.

"I don't want to burn them out. On other days, I'll go to another post office."

In her late 50s with her severely mannish haircut, Jennifer was holding a large fawn-colored parasol, to protect her fine-featured face, already weathered and tan, from the cancerous properties of the May sun. While she spoke, several people stopped to give her some folded green bills, and one asked if she had had lunch. She said she had.

Where does Jennifer see herself in two years?

"I hope I'll get a job," she said. "I can do office work, filing, and cleaning. I ask for work because I know I have to help myself. No one is going to do it for me. If they ask me to work, I'll come."

"The other woman who stands here" - she meant Julie, the white-haired one who is nearly blind from macular degeneration - "if she needs the money, she can come here. It's God's will. God sees everything. So be it."

Another person stopped to give Jennifer some money and she said as she did to each one,

"Thank you, God bless you. And have a nice weekend."

"I live in my car," said Jennifer, "and I give rides to people who need them."

The story here is that there is no new story. The truth is, nothing appears to be happening in Downey on the homeless front.

I checked in with 64-year-old Julie on another day. She was wearing a baggy new plaid flannel shirt that she had been given, in a pink that matched the rims of her eyes. But that's not the kind of color coordination any woman

wants to have.

"Maybe next month," Julie said when I asked about the Social Security disability insurance checks she expects to receive. She has completed all the paperwork with a social worker, including a recent exam verifying her eye condition. Julie needs to have someone read these Patriot clippings to her. "They said it's been delayed again."

A light breeze ruffled the trees and moved the leaves on the shrubbery around the long government building. Cars on

Firestone bustled by. "What would you wish for," I asked Julie, "if the city of Downey could help? A community shelter, bathrooms, showers?"

"You mean, for all of us, like me?" she said. "Maybe the city could give motel vouchers, for a few nights' rest."



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NOTICES

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

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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 FAKHRI 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
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DOWNEY, CA 90240
(562) 261-3363
PEACEONERTH7070@GMAIL.COM
REEM NAIM AND YASMEEN OMAR

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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 RAMUS GABALDON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) MAX RAMUS GABALDON (ON COLORADO BIRTH CERTIFICATE) TO Proposed name (1) MAX RAMUS 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 RAMUS GABALDON
7602 SUVA STREET
DOWNEY, CA 90240
(562) 928-1851

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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
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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

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!** Le han 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 DÍAS 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. Una carta o una llamada telefónica 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 presen 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 o 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 SINCLITICO & 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 David H. Yamasaki, Clerk of the Court, Mary Johnson, Deputy Clerk**

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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
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Pathfinders 2019

Thirty-eight students from Downey, Warren, St. John Bosco and St. Pius X-St. Matthias high schools spent this past weekend at a leadership retreat at Camp Whittle in Big Bear.

Students spent three days completing physical challenges, learning about different personality traits, and overcoming fears.

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Downey's Melissa Moreno wins congressional student art competition

The Downey High senior takes home the top prize in Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard's annual competition.

DOWNEY – A Downey High School senior captured first place in Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's student art competition.

Melissa Moreno won for her gel pen and gold leaf artwork titled "Golden Pirouette." Her instructor is Darrelle Nikaj.

Erika Rivas, a senior at St. Piux X - St. Matthias Academy, won second place for "Modern Mary and Jesus," created with acrylic paint. Her instructor is Gabriela Arreola.

Fatima Luna, a senior at Nava College Preparatory Academy,

won Third Place for her mixed media piece titled "Nobody Knows." Fatima's instructor is Luis Garcia.

Aylene Negrete, a Huntington Park High School senior, won an Honorable Mention for her color pencil and water color artwork titled "Vivid Dreams." Aylene's instructor is Blanca Espinoza.

Karina Lozano, a Bellflower High School junior, also won an Honorable Mention for her photograph "No one sees what I see." Karina's instructor is Haidé Gamboa.

The People's Choice Award winner was Ashley Beach, a Downey High School senior, for her acrylic paint piece titled "The Voyage." Ashley's instructor is Darrelle Nikaj.

The 147 entries submitted for

the art competition were judged on originality, technical skill, artistic presentation, and use of color and contrast.

For winning First Place, Melissa Moreno receives a \$1,000 scholarship, \$200 for art supplies, a trip to Washington, DC, for herself and a parent to attend the national exhibit opening, and \$500 for travel expenses.

Melissa will have her entry displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year, while the remaining winning students will have their artwork displayed in Roybal-Allard's district office in Commerce.

In addition, 1,000 posters featuring Melissa's artwork have been printed, and copies will be distributed to schools and community organizations

throughout the 40th Congressional District to inspire other young artists to participate in next year's competition.

Erika Rivas will receive a \$750 scholarship and \$175 for art supplies. Fatima Luna will receive a \$500 scholarship and \$150 for art supplies. Aylene Negrete, Karina Lozano, and Ashley Beach will each receive a \$250 scholarship and \$125 for art supplies.

Each winner's school is eligible to receive a gift card to purchase supplies to advance their art program. In addition, schools with five or more entries are eligible to receive \$100 for art supplies.



First place winner Melissa Moreno (left), a senior at Downey High School, poses with her gel pen and gold leaf artwork titled "Golden Pirouette" with Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard.

Army veteran John Bell finds an outlet in art

John Bell uses painting as a tool in his battle against PTSD; next week, he'll get his own exhibit at Stay Gallery.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – Like so many other veterans, John Bell didn't know how to deal with the demons that followed him from foreign battlefields.

While he "never engaged the enemy" during his two tours – one hardship tour in Korea and one deployment to Kuwait as part of Operation Desert Shield – Bell endured enough incidents to leave an impression.

"At some point I believed that PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) was for people that had either engaged the enemy or been engaged," said 40-year-old Bell. "That's false. For years I couldn't accept; I was just ignorant about the facts."

These issues, understandably, have proven complex for Bell.

"I've been challenged by those things," said Bell. "And because I didn't understand those challenges or how to cope with them properly, I had some difficulties. I've used drugs, and I understand primarily to relieve myself of those physical and mental difficulties or challenges that I've had."

"I was trying to find answers for years; I thought I was a bad person."

In fact, his post-military state cost him nearly everything, including his family.

Despite having left the army in 1997, Bell still suffers from several conditions and symptoms, including a shoulder injury obtained from a tank accident.

Worse though is the ringing in his ears.

"That drives me nuts," said Bell. "...The ringing in my ears is

constant."

However, with the help of programs at the Department of Veteran's Affairs, Bell has started to make a turn around.

"I've been educating myself about how to live differently, or how to tackle my challenges in a different way," said Bell. "It's been a learning experience in terms of learning what my disabilities are and coming to terms with those disabilities."

"Because of those difficulties I've been divorced, I haven't been able to raise my own kids, I've been on drugs, I've been homeless. Looking back, I'm just glad to have an answer."

Part of that answer is art.

Adorned on the walls of his home, Bell has hung several art pieces.

He's always had an interest in art.

"When I was a teenager, I

participated in some street art stuff," said Bell. "We used to go to the graffiti yards in the late 80's and we were doing some of that stuff."

Describing his style as "Pop / realism / still life," Bell manages to use colored pencils in a way that makes his work resemble oil paintings.

While he never really considered pursuing art more as a pastime, Bell is now preparing for his first ever art show next week.

"I don't really want money with it. I just want to use it as therapy," said Bell. "I went into Stay Gallery; it was Gabriel [Enamorado] who I met. Gabriel was very helpful in answering some of my questions because I brought up a little bit of my story and what I was doing...it was a very positive experience for me to speak to Gabriel at that time, because I felt like I overcame something."

Bell's showcase is entitled



Color Light Shadow: Past and Present. While maybe not obvious on first glance, Bell says that this is a bit of the story of his life.

"There has to be a contrast between light and shadow," said Bell. "The two things that have to be constant in something, there has to be light and shadow."

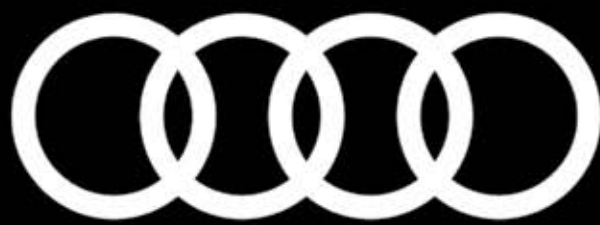
"I hope that [my audience] take something positive from it.

I hope it's a positive experience for people, or that it inspires to some degree. Whatever people's challenges are, hopefully I can bring the message that there are certain things we can do to alleviate whatever difficulties we may be having in life."

Color Light Shadow: Past and Present will open at Stay Gallery on Wednesday, May 15.



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The real estate market is changing - read the fine print

More homeowners are turning to auction houses to sell their properties, but not everyone is thrilled with the results.

By Dr. David Gonzalez

The real estate market in California and across the country is seeing a radical shift. From a continual decrease in real estate brokers to a newer trend showing the decrease in the number of active agents, it is clear the market is changing.

Part of what we are seeing is a transition away from traditional real estate sales, to an online, auction format. According to the National Association of Realtors, "The majority of auctions today don't result from foreclosure of distress situations, but rather are the result of a seller choosing a cost-effective, accelerate method to sell a property."

Gone are the days of auctions being the last resort for selling property.

The auction process often results in the sellers obtaining the funds from the sale much sooner, and buyers are able to take advantage of a competitive bidding process. The internet especially is making the auction process easier than ever before.

The real estate auction industry is being spearheaded, in part, by a company called Concierge Auctions. Concierge labels themselves as a "smart way to buy and sell luxury properties."

Next week, Concierge Auctions is actually holding an auction right here in California, in Palm Desert. The property boasts "astounding mountain, canyon, and course views greet you each and every day from your expansive patio and

your vast open floor plan."

Despite the slick marketing material and the benefits of having a "Shark" from Shark Tank as an advisor, once you look into the record of Concierge Auctions and the lawsuits that have been filed against them, they become a cautionary tale to anyone considering using an auction company to buy or sell property.

The Real Deal reported earlier this year about a lawsuit filed by Joanne Brown, who detailed how Concierge Auctions had not informed her of the two lowest bids on her property. Without those key pieces of information, Joanne was provided a false impression of what she could expect from using Concierge.

The winning bid ended up being nearly half of what the executives at Concierge indicated they would be.

And it is not just sellers who are unsatisfied with Concierge Auctions' record. Howard Appel, along with his partner, sued Concierge for having them bid on a property that the owners had already told Concierge wasn't for sale- which clearly went against their agreement with the company.

According to the Wall Street Journal, not only has Concierge Auctions been sued far more often than similar companies, half of the lawsuits filed against Concierge are for "using some form of dummy or fake bidder, either to artificially drive up the price of homes, or to make it appear to sellers that there was more interest in their homes than there was in reality."

There is even an account from someone who admits that Concierge paid them to be a shill bidder.

In 2015, Robert May sued Concierge Auctions, claiming that

it had recruited him to place a fake bid on one of their properties in Idaho. Despite Concierge executives repeatedly stating that May would not win the auction, he did.

A new lawsuit filed against Concierge Auctions earlier this year detailed the horrible experience of sellers right in our area. These sellers, out of neighboring Sonoma County, used Concierge to put two of their properties up for auction.

Throughout the entire process, according to the lawsuit, Concierge provided the sellers with bad advice that resulted in the properties being sold for a much lower value than expected. Concierge didn't even keep up their end of the most basic parts of the agreement- like how long to keep the auction open for and that there should be an attempt to sell the properties as a package deal.

And if the other lawsuits weren't warning enough, one of Concierge Auctions African-American real estate agents sued Concierge for the company's discriminatory practices. Ms. Hicks explained that "as a result of defendant's discriminatory practices, she has lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in commissions."

New technology has provided incredible opportunities for buyers and sellers of real estate to reach new markets and turn a profit quickly. Despite these advancements, it still remains critical for anyone attempting to buy or sell property to read the fine print and do your research on the company, before you get scammed out of house and home.

Dr. David Gonzalez is an assistant professor of public administration and organizational leadership with Brandman University's School of Business & Professional Studies.

Friends of Library to vote on new 2019-20 officers

DOWNNEY - The Friends of the Downey City Library will host its annual meeting and installation of officers ceremony Friday, June 14, at 10 a.m. at the Barbara J. Riley Center.

Members of Friends of the Downey City Library will vote on the following slate of officers for the 2019-20 year:

Virginia Yoshiyama - President

Marie Koering - 1st Vice President, Program Chair

Vivian Abrego - 2nd Vice President, Membership

Veronica Arce-Hernandez - Secretary

Susan Bouris - Treasurer
Nancy Krusbe - Newsletter Editor

Sergio Medrano - Fundraising Director

Ramie Johnson - Bookstore Director

Toni Stewart - Publicity Director

Nominations can be made to members of the nominating committee or from the floor at the meeting.

Library kicking off summer reading program

DOWNNEY - The Downey City Library will host a summer reading kick-off event Monday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

Families can sign up for summer reading and enjoy crafts, games, face painting, and more.

Kids can also experience Bubblemania, a show about the science of bubbles with shimmering waves of soap.

The Downey Library is closed for a 15-month renovation but programs are still operating at off-site locations.

Poetry, music and art at the Green Salon

SANTA FE SPRINGS - The next gathering of the Green Salon, the longest running and privately-funded monthly cultural event in the Downey area, returns May 25 at 6 p.m. to Santa Fe Springs.

The free event will feature music by Richard Torres, Angel Gonzales and Los Toros de Miercoles.

There will also be poetry by J. Grass, poet laureate of Saint Helens, Ore.; art by Alexandra Cabri; an artist fair; an open mic; and more.

The event address is 11210 Greenstone Ave. in Santa Fe Springs. For more details, find the Green Salon on Facebook.

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*Music Director Sharon Lavery and symphony archives.
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Get Your Home ready for Summer

Spring into action and complete maintenance work this spring, so come summer, you can sit back, relax and enjoy a hot dog on the grill at your perfect barbecue. Use this checklist to give your home a smooth transition with the change in seasons.

- Wash your home's exterior**
Depending on the siding you have, power-washing can potentially do harm. In most cases, a garden hose and a cleaning wand attachment is all you need. Remember to tarp your plants and shrubs!
- Clean your deck or patio**
After cleaning a wooden deck, remember to treat the wood, stain and seal it once everything is dry. Most patio furniture can be freshened up with an all-purpose cleaner. On furniture cushions, you can use soap, water and a soft bristle brush.
- Tend the garden**
Lay down mulch to protect your plants from a drought, boost their growth and give a finished look to your yard.

- Air out your home's interior**
Open all the windows and run the air conditioning on low to rid your home of any winter mustiness.
- Swap out wintery decor**
Swap out your dark linens for a lighter look. Make the inside of your home look and feel like it's ready for summer!
- Add a fresh coat of paint**
Notice any chipping or peeling exterior paint? Consider a touch-up. If you hire a professional, you'll want the work done in the spring so it's ready by mid-summer.



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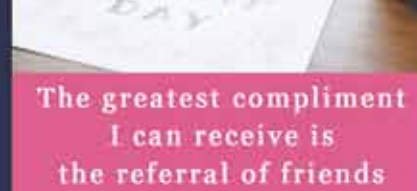
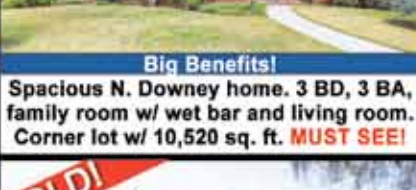
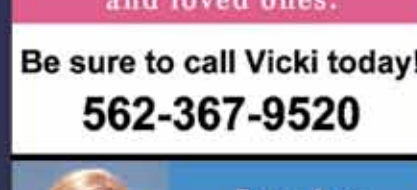


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