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## Chick-fil-A expects February opening

**DOWNEY** - By this time next year, south Downey residents should be able to get their Chick-fil-A fix without crossing Firestone Boulevard.

The Planning Commission last week approved plans for the previously announced Chick-fil-A at the southwest corner of Lakewood Boulevard and Imperial Highway.

The 4,000 sq. ft. restaurant is projected to open by February 2020.

As part of the project, a 10,473 sq. ft. commercial building at the site will be remodeled, and a restaurant building - currently occupied by Tacos Baja - will be demolished.

When it opens, the restaurant will be Downey's second Chick-fil-A; the first opened on Firestone Boulevard near Downey High School in 2014.

"It would be wonderful to get a second Chick-fil-A, especially in this area," said Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco when news of the second Chick-fil-A became public in February.

"Residents will have more restaurant options, and this would also mean more development occurring along Imperial, which is one of the things I wanted to help my community with."

Councilmember Alex Saab expressed his appreciation to Chick-fil-A and said the new restaurant symbolizes the city's emphasis on bringing jobs to south Downey.

*Eric Pierce, editor*

## Metro considering bus lane on Florence

**DOWNEY** - Metro is considering a plan to create a bus-only lane along Florence Avenue in Downey.

The 4-mile lane would run from Lesterford Avenue westbound to Eastern Avenue in Bell Gardens.

The news site Urbanize L.A. was first to report the proposed lane.

Metro is also considering bus-only lanes along three other L.A. County corridors: Van Nuys Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley; Olympic Boulevard in Central Los Angeles; and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in South Los Angeles.

Last week, Metro's board was scheduled to consider implementing the bus-only lanes on a pilot basis, but the discussion was postponed to an unknown date.

Downey officials declined to comment.

*Eric Pierce, editor*

## Downey, Warren make list of nation's top high schools



Downey High School students at the annual Vikings Awards ceremony.

### U.S. News & World Report's list of the country's best high schools includes both Downey and Warren.

**DOWNEY** - Downey and Warren high schools have been named to U.S. News & World Report's list of the best high schools in the United States for 2019.

The ranking is based on data from more than 23,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Downey Unified's comprehensive high schools were in the top 15 percent of all high schools nationwide, ranking No. 3,586 (Downey High) and No. 3,192 (Warren High).

At the end of April, U.S. News & World Report, the global authority in education rankings, announced the 2019 Best High Schools - a new, revamped edition of the rankings, providing the most comprehensive evaluation of America's public high schools ever produced by U.S. News.

"Our mission with the Best High Schools ranking has always been to educate families about the schools in their district," said Anita Narayan, managing editor of Education at U.S. News, in a release published by U.S. News & World Report on April 30.

"By evaluating more schools than ever before, the new edition expands that focus so all communities can see which schools in their area are successfully serving their students - including historically underserved populations."

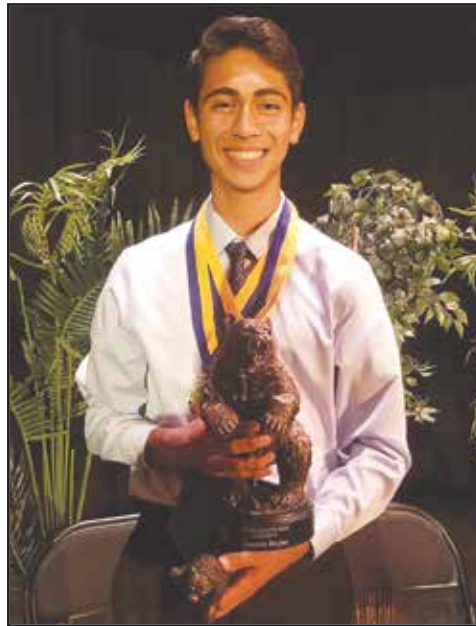
The 2019 Best High Schools ranking take a holistic approach to evaluating schools, looking at six factors: college readiness, reading and math proficiency, reading and math performance, underserved student performance, college curriculum breadth and graduation rates. Specifically, college readiness measures

participation and performance on AP and IB exams. Warren High School was ranked No. 469 and Downey High School No. 519 compared to approximately 1,350 regular/comprehensive public high schools and 259 public charter high schools in California.

"Our vision is to graduate all students with a 21st Century education that guarantees they are college and career ready," expressed Downey Unified Superintendent, Dr. John Garcia. "Having our two comprehensive high schools ranked in the top 15 percent nationally is a testament to the amazing work we are doing here in Downey Unified, not just at the high school level but district wide as well."

The Downey Unified School District has 13 elementary schools, four middle schools, three high schools and one adult school that are led by the district's vision. Students are taught 21st Century skills that implement technology, collaboration, communication and citizenship. The offerings that are available to Downey Unified students continue to increase each year due to various state allocated program specific budgets and grants, such as the LCAP and most recently the K12 Strong Workforce grant.

Some examples of offerings that can be found in Downey Unified that are unique from surrounding districts include: Kindergarten through 12th grade robotics; the Femineer program, an engineering program that focuses on engaging middle and high school female students; and over a dozen industry aligned pathways and courses that are available to high school students that provide them



Warren High School senior Fausto Miguel Rojas receiving the Grand Gold Bear Award at Warren's Golden Bear awards ceremony.

with real-world, hands-on work experience as well as third-party certifications.

Included in these pathways are state-of-the-art classrooms and facilities that allow students to practice these skills using the equipment and software that is currently being used by industry professionals.

For example, students enrolled in the automotive engineering pathway spend their time working under the hood of cars that are stationed in repair bays that are equipped with the latest automotive technology.

The Best High Schools ranking are available exclusively on usnews.com and include data on a variety of factors, such as enrollment, student diversity, participation in free and reduced-price lunch programs, graduation rates and the results of state assessments. U.S. News worked with RTI International, a global research firm, to implement the comprehensive ranking methodology.

Each of the schools were honored in a ceremony at USC

### Downey restaurant grades

**Guardsman Lounge**  
7850 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 5/17/19  
Grade: **A**

**CVS/Pharmacy**  
7915 E Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 5/17/19  
Grade: **A**

**McDonalds**  
9475 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/17/19  
Grade: **A**

**One Stop Bargain**  
7920 E Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 5/15/19  
Grade: **A**

**Uncle Henry's Deli**  
7400 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 5/15/19  
Grade: **A**

**LaBarca Grill and Cantina**  
11010 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/15/19  
Grade: **A**

**Ichiban Sushi**  
11020 New St.  
Date Inspected: 5/15/19  
Grade: **A**

**Downey Civic Theatre**  
8435 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/15/19  
Grade: **A**

**Vallarte Supermarkets**  
7900 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 5/15/19  
Grade: **A**

**Tacos El Grullo Inc.**  
8446 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 5/15/19  
Grade: **A**

**Pita GR**  
9905 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/15/19  
Grade: **A**

**La Pupuseria Del Pepetoo**  
7939 E Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 5/15/19  
Grade: **A**

**Walmart Bakery**  
12270 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/14/19  
Grade: **A**

**Walmart Deli**  
12270 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/14/19  
Grade: **A**

**McDonalds**  
10207 lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/14/19  
Grade: **A**

**Toyitos Chicken and Pizza**  
8510 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/14/19  
Grade: **A**

**Tropicana Bakery & Cafe**  
10218 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/14/19  
Grade: **A**

**Pupuseria El Carrisal**  
11851 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/14/19  
Grade: **A**

**Stater Bros (Meat)**  
7814 E Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/14/19  
Grade: **A**

**Stater Bros (Deli)**  
7814 E Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 5/14/19  
Grade: **A**

**Florida Restaurant**  
10025 Lakewood Blvd  
Date Inspected: 5/14/19  
Grade: **A**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 73° ☀️

Saturday 69° ☁️

Sunday 62° ☁️

### THINGS TO DO



#### The Mixtape Tour

**Sunday - Hollywood Bowl, 7 pm**  
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#### Soto the Band

**Sunday - Bruce's Lounge in Santa Fe Springs, 6 pm**  
A Memorial Day party featuring live music by Soto and Miriah Avila. Plus DJs playing Top 40 in two rooms. \$10 cover



#### Night of Destruction

**Saturday - Irwindale Speedway, 4-10 pm**  
Destruction derby, flag pole racing, jet car burndown, and automobile soccer. The night ends with a fireworks show. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$7 kids

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

#### BUS-ONLY LANE ON FLORENCE AVENUE PROPOSED BY METRO

**ERIC MARTIN:** The governments way of creating more congestion in order to try and force people out of their cars and onto public transportation.

**ROXANNE LOIS:** Terrible idea - should be no parking on Florence!

**ISRAEL ANGON:** If you pay attention to the inside of buses, even at peak times and busy areas they are not full, they are not even half full. We have big, slow, empty buses blocking & slowing down traffic. They should reduce the size of the buses to more compact sizes.

**JANE FRANCES:** This will make traffic even worse on Florence, where three already crowded lanes of traffic are pushed into two lanes.

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### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@DowneyLibrary: Join us as we celebrate the groundbreaking of the Downey City Library renovation on Thursday, May 30th @ 4pm

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## Low-income students get help in Downey

A USC study highlighted Downey elementary schools for their work with disadvantaged students.

**DOWNEY** - Eight Downey Unified elementary school campuses were highlighted in a study for closing the "achievement gap" for low-income African American and Latino youth.

The study, L.A. Top Public Schools for Underserved Students, was published earlier this month by the University of Southern California and Innovate

Public Schools, an educational non-profit.

Researchers looked at data from more than 2,000 schools and found that of these, 279 are closing the achievement gap.

The data also showed that of one million Black and Latino youth attending public schools in L.A. County, only two out of 10 students attend a high quality public school or "top public school."

Low-income Black and Latino students attending top public

schools have a better chance of getting into a college or university, according to the study.

"These top public schools -- traditional district, magnet and charter -- serving large numbers of low-income black and Latino students are beating the odds and helping kids succeed in spite of challenges such as limited funding and resources, poverty and much more," said Jeimee Estrada, regional vice president at Innovate Public Schools - Los Angeles. "We often hear this can't be done, but now we know that nearly 300 schools in L.A. County are making

it happen and that many more can do it too."

Eight Downey schools were singled out in the study for helping low-income students surpass statewide average scores in math and English Language Arts, and increasing college eligibility rates: Carpenter Elementary, Gallatin Elementary, Lewis Elementary, Maude Price Elementary, Rio San Gabriel Elementary, Unsworth Elementary, Ward Elementary, and Williams Elementary.

# L.A. County bans government travel to Alabama

Alabama's legislation against abortion draws retaliation from L.A. County's Board of Supervisors.

**LOS ANGELES** - In the wake of Alabama's recent decision to ban most forms of abortion, the L.A. County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted to prohibit official government travel to the state for one year.



Hilda Solis

Recommended by Supervisor Hilda Solis, the motion -- officially titled "Abortion is Healthcare" -- makes exception for travel related to emergencies and other times where the ban "would seriously harm" county interests.

Supervisor Janice Hahn, Downey's representative on the Board of Supervisors, voted in favor of the motion, which passed 4-0.

"Everyone knows that banning abortion won't stop women from accessing abortion services even when it puts them in unsafe medical situations," Supervisor Sheila Kuehl said.

"In Alabama, women who have the money will be able to safely access abortion, but women who are poor will not. Women across the country must resist legislation that will limit reproductive choices that are essential to every woman's

health."

Solis called Alabama's legislation against abortion "an act of aggression upon all of us."

"This challenge by Alabama and other states would overturn decades of precedent," said Solis. "It is an attack not only confined to the residents of those states, but an act of aggression upon all of us. We must stand in solidarity and in opposition against extremist and unconstitutional laws that put the health and well-being of families at risk."

Along with banning government travel, the supervisors also voted to send a letter opposing legislation that restricts access to abortion to the governors of Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Georgia and Utah.

"Los Angeles County will stand against all attempts to dismantle the protections afforded by Roe v. Wade and the U.S. Constitution," Solis said. "Today's vote sends a strong signal that infringing upon an individual's rights to reproductive health and privacy are not American values."

Alabama's abortion bill, which Gov. Kay Ivey (R) signed into law last week, is the strictest in the nation, making it a felony in the state for a doctor to perform an abortion in nearly all cases. It includes no exceptions for cases of rape or incest.

The law is set to take effect in six months but faces legal challenges.

# For the fourth time, Stauffer Middle School wins award for yearbook

The yearbook staff was awarded the "Gallery of Excellence" for being one of the nation's best annuals.

**DOWNEY** - Stauffer Middle School's 2019 yearbook was inducted into the Gallery of Excellence with Walsworth Publishing Company.

This is the fourth award of its kind that Stauffer has received, and the staff worked hard to come up with a book that accurately represents the students, staff and school culture.

"Our Gallery of Excellence is an annual collection comprised of the most distinguished yearbooks Walsworth prints," expressed Don Walsworth, President of Walsworth Publishing, in a note that accompanied the award.

"These yearbooks are chosen based on the quality examples of theme, coverage, design, photography and copy they provide. Only a select number of the yearbooks we print receive this honor."

Students designed the intricate cover and chose the theme, "A Spartan Mindset," which was derived from the idea of having a growth mindset in all that they do.

The theme was conveyed through the design and the surveys and stories that were featured in this year's yearbook.

The student publication is designed by Spartan students enrolled in the yearbook class. This class provides them with opportunities to utilize various



Stauffer Middle School's yearbook staff.

skills like writing, interviewing, photography, and graphic design in order to produce a snapshot of student life, the staff on campus and events that make up the 2019 Spartan community.

"I am so proud of all of the hard work that was put in to each page. It is so neat to see how the book becomes a reflection of the unique personalities of the yearbook staff," shared Diane Huff, yearbook advisor.

"This book and its award will always hold a special place in Stauffer history."



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## Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Everybody's talking about the measles outbreak. Why do we care so much?

When I was a child, measles was considered a mild disease that kept kids out of school for a week or two. Today, I know better. Measles is an acute viral illness with fevers rising to as high as 105 degrees, malaise, cough, runny nose, conjunctivitis, and a unique rash. Those with measles are contagious from four days prior to four days after the rash appears. Measles can come with serious complications, even for otherwise healthy children and adults, including:



- One out of every 1,000 measles cases will develop acute encephalitis, which often results in permanent brain damage.

- One or two out of every 1,000 children who become infected with measles will die from respiratory and neurologic complications.

- Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE) is a rare, but fatal degenerative disease of the central nervous system.

Measles is highly contagious, and extremely easy to spread. Since 1912, healthcare providers and labs in the United States have been required to report all measles cases. In 1963, a measles vaccine became available, and an improved version was

released in 1968. Since 1989, the current, highly effective, two-dose vaccination has been administered.

Prior to the vaccine, nearly all children got measles by the time they were 15 years old. This resulted in three to four million people infected each year, leading to roughly 500 deaths, 48,000 hospitalizations, and some 3,000 cases of encephalitis. Due to a highly effective vaccination program in the U.S. as well as in Canada and Mexico, measles was effectively eliminated from North America by the year 2000.

Many of us were vaccinated decades ago. Are we immune? Those of us born before 1963 may not have received any measles vaccine at all, but it's generally safe to assume that most of us either had the disease or were exposed and are immune.

The current MMR vaccine

actually protects against three diseases: measles, mumps, and rubella. It is a two-dose live attenuated (weakened) virus vaccine. The first dose is to be given at 12 to 15 months, and the second dose at four to six years. Its potential side effects are hugely outweighed by the benefits of preventing the diseases.

It's extremely important to note that numerous studies have searched for and failed to find a connection between the measles vaccine and autism. The only study linking the MMR vaccine to autism is over 20 years old, and has been proven to be not only bad science, but outright fraud. Of the 11 authors involved in the study (which looked at only 12 patients), 10 of the co-authors have openly admitted that the data was falsified.

On the other hand, a recent study from Denmark followed 657,461 children born to Danish-born mothers between 1999 and 2010. 6,517 of these children were diagnosed with autism, showing that there was no increased risk of developing autism in the vaccinated group. This was a very large and significant study, and joins numerous other studies that have reached the same conclusion.

Unfortunately, measles is still common in a number of developing countries, particularly in Africa and Asia. Worldwide, an estimated seven million people were affected by measles in 2017, which is a 30% increase from the previous year.

Unvaccinated U.S. residents are susceptible while traveling

abroad, and may bring the disease home and spread it to others, particularly to those who are unvaccinated.

We must once again eradicate measles. An effective and safe vaccine exists for us and for our children. If you aren't sure whether you are immune to measles, ask your doctor for a simple blood test to measure your measles antibody level.

If you do not have protection, I urge you to get vaccinated.

**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.**

## Commerce council members fight at conference

Councilman Leonard Mendoza was knocked out cold in an apparent fight with Mayor Pro Tem Ivan Altamirano.

**CITY OF COMMERCE** – The mayor of the City of Commerce said on Monday he plans to press charges against two people he said attacked him at a meeting of local government officials at the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort & Spa after two Commerce city councilmen got into a fight.

Mayor John Soria, who was in town to attend the annual California Contract Cities Association meeting, describes the brawl that took place at about 12:30 a.m. Saturday in an official statement.

Mayor Pro Tem Ivan Altamirano and Councilmember Leonard Mendoza were having a conversation that "became elevated and I went to the area to defuse any potential conflict," Soria said. "Upon arriving I witnessed Mr. Mendoza on the floor, apparently unconscious and Mr. Altamirano standing nearby with a facial injury."

Soria said he attempted to establish "a safe distance between people standing in the area and Mr. Altamirano" while others attempted to render aid to Mendoza.

"Within seconds Mr. Altamirano and I were attacked from behind by two individuals,"

Soria said. "Mr. Altamirano was knocked to the ground and I was further attacked by these two individuals, being punched several times on the head and face from which I sustained multiple injuries," he said.

"I know who the attackers are, but I will refrain from naming them at this time so that the Riverside County Sheriff's Department can conduct a thorough investigation," Soria said.

"I want to be clear in condemning the violent behavior from the individuals who initiated these assaults," he said. "Violence is never the answer, and as elected officials we are held to a higher standard. Such behavior is unacceptable and is an embarrassment to the people of Commerce and Southeast Los Angeles."

On Monday, the California Contract Cities Association's executive board voted unanimously to suspend the City of Commerce's membership "until further notice."

"The California Contract Cities Association condemns, in the strongest terms, the behavior of those involved in the incident," the organization said in a statement.

"While this incident took place on the property of the conference hotel outside of CCCA-sanctioned conference programming, violent behavior is unacceptable and

inconsistent with the values of our Association and members. The CCCA Executive Board calls upon all witnesses of the incident to cooperate with law enforcement investigating the matter.

"The Association has made clear – both in adopted policy and in related communications – the high expectations we have for our members. Violations of our Code of Conduct are taken seriously as evidenced by this action."

The City of Commerce declined to comment but issued a statement Monday.

"The city has been made aware of reports of a confrontation between some city officials that took place outside of the city's jurisdiction," the City of Commerce said in a statement.

"Given that, and the fact that the city is unclear on the specifics, the city has no further comment at this time."

## Boy Scouts hosting open house

**DOWNEY** – BSA Troop 351 is hosting an open house recruitment day this Saturday, May 25, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Downey First Baptist Church, 8348 3rd St.

Scouts can be boys or girls in grades 6–12. At the open house, there will be information about joining the troop or forming a new girls troop.

There will also be a rock climbing wall, static displays, and the Downey High First Robotic Team 5851.

## Downey CSULB students make Honor Society

**DOWNEY** – Several Downey residents were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

Kimberly Arzola, Itzel Contreras, Carter Elwood, Adrianna Gazcon, Abigail Martinez, Genesis Rivera, Vanessa Seanez, Elissa Valdez, and Elani Venegas were all initiated into Phi Kappa Phi at California State University Long Beach. They are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff, and alumni to be initiated into the organization each year.

Membership is by invitation only and requires a nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for nomination.

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# Dressbarn closing all stores, including in Downey

The clothing retailer is closing 650 stores, creating vacancies at malls and shopping centers across the country.

**DOWNEY** – Dressbarn, the women’s clothing chain founded in the 1960s as a place where women in need of career-wear “could find fashion at a value,” is closing all its stores.

Ascena Retail Group announced the closure of about 650 stores late Monday, saying the “wind-down” would help the company focus on its more profitable brands.

“This decision was difficult, but necessary, as the Dressbarn chain has not been operating at an acceptable level of profitability in today’s retail environment,” Steven Taylor, the company’s

chief financial officer, said in a statement.

In a separate statement, the company called the move “another significant step taken to advance Ascena’s ongoing transformation.”

The New Jersey-based women’s retailer also owns Ann Taylor, LOFT, Lane Bryant, Lou & Grey, Catherines, Cacique and Justice. The company sold its Maurice brand earlier this month.

The closures could be a blow for some malls across the country where vacancy rates have shot up in recent years, following the shuttering of anchor stores, including Sears, Kmart, and J.C. Penney. In 2018, approximately 9% of storefronts in regional malls remained empty, according to the latest figures from Reis, a real estate research firm.

The Westmoreland Mall in Hempfield, Pa., where a Dressbarn will be closing, has seen five key stores vanish since the start of 2019, including Sears, Charlotte Russe, Gymboree, Payless ShoeSource and Helzberg Diamonds.

A final Dressbarn shut down date has not been announced. Stores will remain open with no changes to return, refund or gift card policies. About 6,800 people are employed by the chain.

“It has been our pleasure to serve you, making it all the more difficult to let you know that the decision has been made to begin winding down the Dressbarn business,” Gary Muto, the chief executive of Ascena Retail Group Inc., wrote in a letter to customers. “This means that we will eventually be closing all of our stores.”

## STRIKING VIKINGS



The Downey High School Striking Vikings Robotics Team recently visited Mrs. Hoetker’s 4th Grade class at Rio San Gabriel Elementary and gave students the hands-on opportunity to learn about robotics.

Students were allowed to drive and control the robots with the supervision of Downey robotics teacher Glenn Yamaski.

The Striking Vikings had just returned from a competition in Las Vegas where they were given the Imagery Award. They finished ranked 13 out of 44 teams.

## Homeless in the hedges

By Lorine Parks  
Society Columnist

**DOWNEY** – In a cave hollowed out in the hedge behind the Knights of Columbus, where the shrubbery hides the railroad track on Burns Avenue from the Eco-Planet Redemption Booth, there lives another of Downey’s homeless.

“He’s young, in his late twenties, I think,” said hair stylist Yolanda, who reads the Patriot avidly and gave me this suggestion. Yolanda and Marina run a personal service boutique hair salon, Young Again, and they do awesome work.

“He has a bicycle, too,” said Yolanda. “He doesn’t ask for money. He just stands there.”

Following up on Yolanda’s tip, I turned off Rives into the entrance to Albertson’s parking lot, where I saw a man ahead of

me, pushing a loaded grocery cart and trudging toward the spacious greenery.

I did my marketing, but on my return, no sign of the man. His emptied cart stood in front of the flowering honeysuckle bushes that left ample space between that and the ivy-clad cinderblock wall, for a person to repose.

I was able to snap a few pictures. I would have asked his name, and how he became homeless, and I would have told him I had no money to give but hoped I could help him with my story. I’ll keep going back until we make some kind of contact.

Meanwhile back at the post office, I hear there’s another homeless too, another man. If readers know of other homeless persons and send the information to the Patriot, I’ll try to follow up. The more we can get to know these people, the better we may



A vagrant outside Albertson’s supermarket.

understand what to do.

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# Opinion

## HUD housing should put Americans first

BY MICHELLE MALKIN

We no longer live in a constitutional republic. We live in an idiocracy.

Only in modern-day America, under the Democratic-controlled U.S. House of Representatives, is the basic proposition that federally subsidized public housing should benefit American citizens and legal residents slammed as “despicable” and “damaging.”

Those are the hysterical words used by Democratic Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York City to condemn the proposal discussed by Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson on Tuesday to ban government aid to residents of HUD who shelter illegal immigrants. The rule change would end a Clinton-era regulation that allowed immigrants to obtain aid without having to disclose whether they were here legally. The Trump plan could free up an estimated 32,000 public housing slots, according to HUD, as 1.6 million applicants nationwide wait to be considered.

Democratic Rep. Juan Vargas of San Diego County couldn’t believe Carson could be so “mean-spirited” in prioritizing law-abiding people over law-breaking ones.

Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters of Los Angeles called the illegal alien prohibition “cruel.”

Only in America are American public servants, who are sworn to uphold American laws and the U.S. Constitution, hounded by open borders liberals about putting Americans first. Instead of being forced to defend their own twisted and treasonous priorities, Democrats got an assist from open borders tools in the media making hay of Carson’s unfamiliarity with some stupid real estate acronym. The squirrel-chasers at Newsweek sputtered: “Ben Carson doesn’t know what an REO property is, thinks he’s being asked about Oreos.” Politico clucked: “Ben Carson confuses a real-estate term and a cookie.”

Fake news narrative set: He’s dastardly, dumb and hates immigrants!

Carson had patiently explained at the House Financial Services Committee hearing that families with illegal immigrants would still have up to 18 months to defer eviction and find somewhere else to live or to move back to their home countries. But that (undeserved) generosity was met with still more unhinged cries of “What about the children?” from the “America Last” Democrats whose first allegiance is to thousands of anchor babies born here to irresponsible border-trespassers, visa overstayers and deportation fugitives. They put their own children at risk in the first place. Not us.

You want to engage in “What about-ism?” What about the native-born military veterans? What about the elderly? And what about the destitute citizens down on their luck waiting for public housing slots to open up?

In Maloney’s city, it reportedly takes an average of 99 months for a HUD applicant to secure an apartment.

In Waters’ city, the waiting list for low-income Americans seeking Section 8 vouchers is 40,000 people and up to 11 years long.

In Vargas’ county, the region now boasts the fourth-highest homeless population in the nation.

It is “only logical,” Carson pointed out, to put Americans ahead of the 32,000 HUD-housed residents deemed ineligible because of their immigration status. But logic is toxic to the Make America Disappear Lobby.

When I hear the impassioned paeans of Democrats on behalf of illegal immigrants fighting for their federal Section 8 vouchers, I am reminded of the most notorious deportation-evading denizen of government-subsidized housing: Zeituni Onyango, President Obama’s illegal immigrant aunt, who died of cancer in 2014.

Remember? Onyango was a beneficiary of the welfare state run amok, and a perfect symbol of open borders ingratitude and metastatic entitlement. She overstayed a temporary visa for 14 years, never going home to Kenya. Screw our rules. Onyango had no job skills, no special talent and no claim of persecution. She didn’t value the American dream. She was a dependency nightmare. She collected \$700 a month in welfare benefits and disability payments totaling \$51,000. Somehow, Onyango also drummed up money to apply for asylum and finagled her way into federal and state public housing in Boston.

She gamed the system under both Democratic and Republican administrations, dragged out her phony “asylum case” three times, dodged two deportation orders, illegally donated to her nephew’s presidential campaign along the way, and then eventually secured a green card in 2010. Such are the perks of illegal immigrant privilege.

In a raging interview she gave to a Boston TV station before she died, Onyango savaged and taunted her American hosts. “If I come as an immigrant, you have the obligation to make me a citizen,” she spouted. “I didn’t ask for it,” she retorted when asked about her public housing benefits. “They gave it to me. Ask your system. I didn’t create the system.”

Well, Obama’s ingrate aunt was right about that: She didn’t create the system. Idiocrats built it. Idiocrats are defending it. And idiocrats would rather mock Carson’s ignorance of a real estate acronym than own up to their own suicidal stupidity.

Here’s the only acronym you need to know if idiocrats prevail: R.I.P., America. R.I.P.

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## Congress must begin an impeachment inquiry

BY JOE CONASON

Donald Trump is no longer just a persistent object of national shame and revulsion. He has become a threat to the Constitution and the rule of law — and the question before the House, quite literally, is what to do about him.

For understandable reasons, the Democratic leadership in Congress has been reluctant to answer Trump’s lawless conduct with impeachment, as the founders clearly prescribed. Speaker Nancy Pelosi warns that attempting to remove a duly elected president, even one who lost the popular vote, will be inevitably divisive and politically unpopular. She worries that “overreaching” by Democrats will rebound on them politically, as the Clinton impeachment boomeranged on Republicans in the 1998 midterm election.

And Pelosi warns that the Senate, dominated by the president’s own party, almost certainly would refuse to convict Trump in an impeachment trial, no matter what damning evidence emerges against him. Unlike the Republicans of a bygone era, that party’s present leaders will do nothing to discipline a lawless president, so long as he advances their desire to maintain power. Senator Mitt Romney, R-Utah, who may understand the alarming truth in the Mueller Report but won’t stand up to Trump, is a perfect example. Highlighting Romney’s spineless servility by contrast is Rep. Justin Amash, R-Mich., a maverick conservative who has urged impeachment.

### Free speech at council meetings

Dear Editor:

We perceive the world differently and are affected to varying degrees by a multitude of factors; people do not develop in a vacuum, and each is a world unto himself. As such, respect for another’s opinion or truth should be the basis on which we coexist.

Society and its politics have a powerful way of pulling at one’s inherent sense of justice, but your definition of unfair treatment may not be mine. You may carefully express your concerns in writing or speech, but I may not. Are your grievances more worthy than mine? Do my concerns, then, become gibberish to you? Not because I am not making sense, but simply because my delivery is not to your liking?

A civilized society is to protect and preserve the freedom to speak up. Yes, free speech is often uncomfortable, but what is the alternative?

At May 14th’s city council meeting, it was apparent that as a citizen you run the risk of being singled out for expressing your concerns about the city. I applaud Mr. Eric Pierce, editor of The Downey Patriot newspaper, for standing up before the representative body and stating:

“I’ve actually never addressed the city council before in my 17 years with the Patriot, but free speech and addressing the council is something that I take very seriously...and with all due respect to the mayor, I think what one person considers gibberish is really important to another person. When we start judging what’s important and what isn’t, it’s really a slippery slope...I want to emphasize; I think giving the public the right to speak and to address their representatives on the city council is very important.”

To the mayor and council, exercise creativity to circumvent undesirable outcomes. Exercise leadership in de-escalating tension and conflict. Exhaust your options until you have to start again, but never silence a single person that you represent.

**Jay Ell Downey**

Neither Pelosi nor her concerns can be dismissed lightly. But the argument for opening an impeachment inquiry is more compelling every day, as Trump abrogates the constitutional order in an effort to conceal his crimes. A moment is rapidly coming when the failure to confront him will render Congress politically inert.

Trump’s strategy, carried out by political appointees in the White House Office of Legal Counsel and Justice Department, is to obstruct every congressional inquiry by refusing to provide any information or testimony, with blatant disregard for the separation of powers. According to him and his lawyers, the president is essentially beyond oversight and above the law, which means they can disregard every subpoena with authoritarian bravado. Appealing to courts to uphold the Constitution will take time, which is on Trump’s side.

Yet by officially opening an impeachment inquiry, Congress transforms itself from Trump’s beggar into an institution with enhanced authority to demand documents and summon witnesses immediately. It is Trump’s dictatorial misconduct that will force reluctant Democrats like Pelosi to use that power — their only chance to uphold the rule of law and constitutional order.

The political consequences of an impeachment inquiry — not a premature vote to remove Trump but a public inquest into his alleged offenses — may not be so dire anyway. In an “open memo” on impeachment published by JustSecurity.org, President Clinton’s former aide Sidney Blumenthal shows that the most apt comparison is not the botched impeachment of his old boss, but the process that brought down Richard Nixon.

With polling data from those periods, Blumenthal demonstrates

## House votes to effectively ban women’s sports

BY TERENCE P. JEFFREY

At the 2016 Olympic trials, sprinter Tori Bowie ran a lifetime best of 10.78 in the 100-meter dash.

But English Gardner edged her out, running 10.74.

A month later, at the Rio Olympics, Bowie won the bronze in the 200-meter dash, the silver in the 100-meter race dash, and — running with her USA teammates — the gold in the 4x100-meter relay.

All these races — in the Olympics and Olympic trials — featured women competing against women.

Even though she was one of the fastest women in the world, Bowie would not have won competing with males.

Doriane Lambelet Coleman, who as a student at Cornell in the 1980s was the U.S. National Collegiate Indoor Champion in the women’s 800-meter race, is now a law professor at Duke. Together with her colleague, Wickliffe Shreve, she has explained why Bowie would not win the male competition.

“If you know sport, you know this beyond a reasonable doubt: there is an average 10-12 percent performance gap between elite males and elite females,” Coleman and Shreve wrote in an analysis published online.

“The gap is smaller between elite females and non-elite males, but it’s still insurmountable and that’s ultimately what matters,” they wrote.

“Translating these statistics into real world results,” they wrote, “we see, for example, that: Just in the single year 2017, Olympic, World and U.S. Champion Tori Bowie’s 100 meters lifetime best of 10.78 was beaten 15,000 times by men and boys. (Yes, that’s the right number of zeros.)”

This brings us to Washington, D.C., where the legality of all-female athletic competition is now a matter of legislative debate.

Democratic House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler of New York has described the so-called Equality Act as a bill that “amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other core civil rights statutes to explicitly prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.”

In the Judiciary Committee report on the bill, published this month, dissenting Republicans quoted Coleman’s analysis at length.

Why?

“The new legislation would amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act by redefining ‘sex’ to include ‘gender identity,’” Republican Rep. Greg Steube of Florida explained in a House floor speech last week.

“Without an exception, the definition would apply to all amendments to the 1964 act, including Title IX,” he said. “Most schools, colleges, the NCAA, and the Olympic Committee would be affected because they receive federal funds and operate in interstate commerce.”

“For example,” he said, “a sports team couldn’t treat a transgender woman differently from a woman who is not transgender on the grounds that the former is male-bodied. Yet the reality is that putting male- and female-bodied athletes together is co-ed or open

his point: Before impeachment, Clinton’s approval rating stood at 66 percent; his public approval never wavered and still stood at 66 percent when the Senate acquitted him. Nixon’s approval rating, as a newly reelected president who had won 49 states, stood at 68 percent before the Watergate scandal blew up. But his ratings fell as the facts about his crimes emerged in congressional hearings, although he was still above water politically when that process began. Only after a year of devastating public exposure, in the spring and summer of 1974, did public support for impeaching Nixon rise to the current level of public support for the impeachment of Trump.

Remember, Donald Trump is consistently the most unpopular president since modern polling began, even though he has lately enjoyed a blip upward. The most recent reliable poll on impeachment, compiled by Reuters/Ipsos, shows 45 percent believe that Trump should be impeached now, with 42 percent opposed. Other polls show that a majority believes Trump has committed serious crimes, an opinion recently ratified by 900 former federal prosecutors who signed a letter saying that if the president were an ordinary citizen, he would have been indicted for obstruction of justice based on the findings of Robert Mueller’s investigation.

If the Democrats stand for anything, they must stand up for democracy against a would-be tyrant and his henchmen. The cost of doing the right thing may not be as high as they fear — and the risk of failing to do the right thing is already far too high and rising.

**Joe Conason is an author, journalist and political commentator.**

sport. And in open sport, females lose.”

“Requiring that biological females face competition from biological males will mean the end of women’s sports in any meaningful sense,” Steube said.

In the Judiciary Committee, Steube had made a straightforward effort to stop the Equality Act from effectively banning women’s sports. He offered an amendment that said: “Nothing in this act may be construed to require a biological female to face competition from a biological male in any sporting event.”

The committee rejected Steube’s amendment. No Democrat voted for it. No Republican voted against it.

When the Equality Act came up on the House floor last Friday, Steube tried again to amend it to protect women’s sports.

This time his motion would have added language to the bill that said: “Nothing in this Act or any amendment made by this Act may be construed to diminish any protection under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.”

Title IX says: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

The House rejected Steube’s proposal 181 to 228. One Democrat voted for it, and one Republican voted against it.

The House then passed the Equality Act 236 to 173.

The champions of this bill do not deny that it would allow biological males to compete in women’s sports.

Democratic Rep. Katie Hill of California took to the House floor to specifically champion this cause.

“State schools and athletic organizations across the country have found for many years that letting LGBTQ student athletes, including girls and women who are transgender, participate in sports does not harm women’s and girls’ sports in any way,” she said.

“As an athlete, athletic success is based on so many factors, like individual ability and strength, and those abilities vary widely for people who aren’t even trans,” she said. “It has nothing to do with whether someone is transgender or not.”

Nadler echoed that view. “Transgender individuals play sports, and sometimes they win and sometimes they lose, just like everyone else,” he said.

This bill will not pass the Republican Senate.

But it is another indicator of how the American left’s radical agenda forces it to deny objective facts. To justify their abortion agenda, they have long needed to argue that some human beings are not human beings.

To justify their transgender agenda, they now argue that not all boys are boys.

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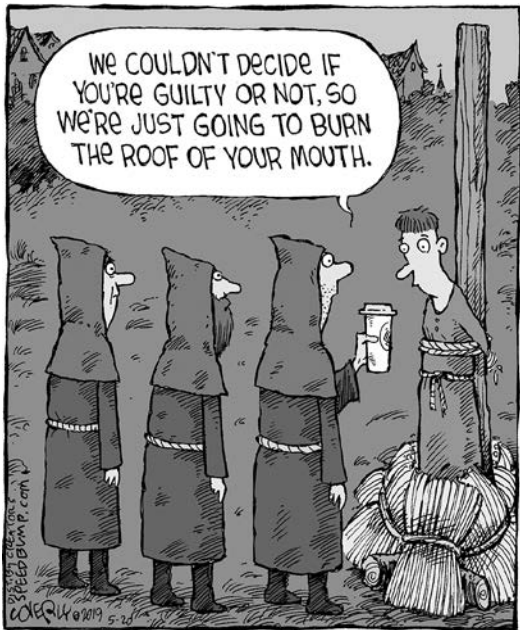
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# Downey Community Calendar

### 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: 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.

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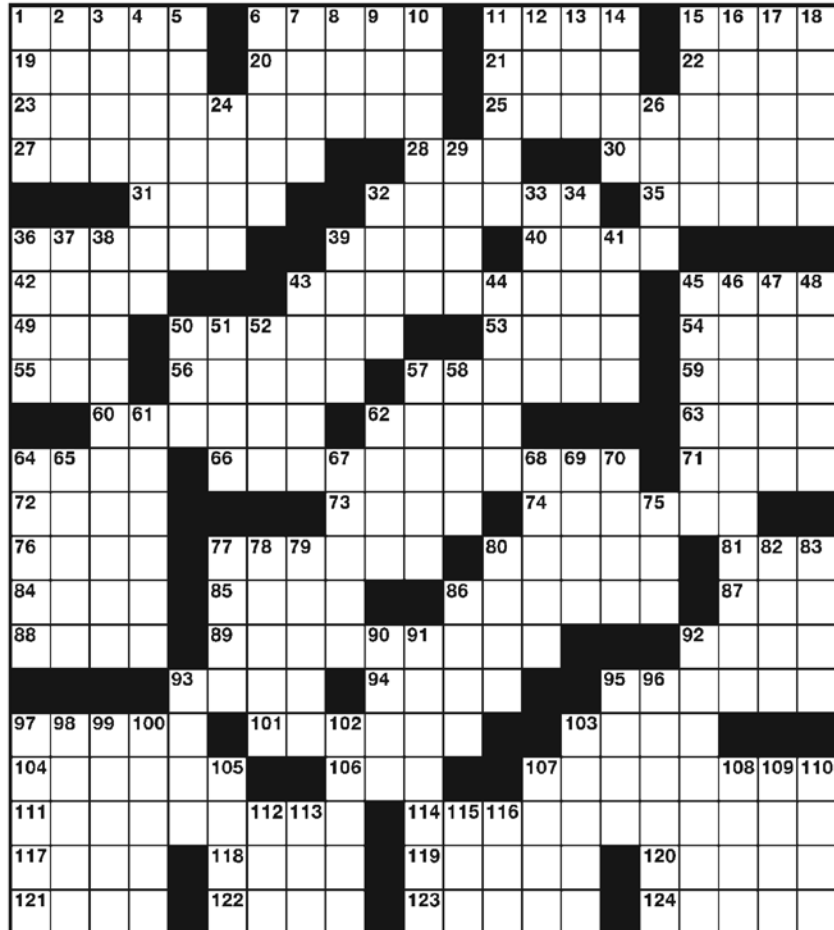
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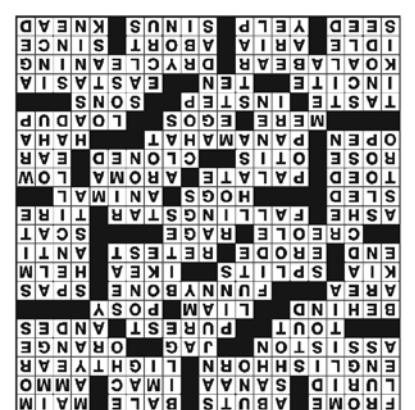
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# Woman leads police on wild chase after stealing RV from Downey

Authorities tried to stop the vehicle after it was stolen from Giant RV; the driver was arrested after she crashed.

**DOWNEY** – A DUI suspect who led police on a dangerous high-speed chase through the San Fernando Valley Tuesday in a stolen RV with two dogs on her lap has been identified.

The California Highway Patrol identified the suspect as Julie Ann Rainbird, 52, of Winnetka.

The chase started around 7 p.m. in the Santa Clarita area for failure to yield, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Authorities said the RV was stolen from Giant RV in Downey.

The owner of the RV, a Granada Hills woman, said not only was her RV stolen, her identity information was stolen as well. That information was used to

purchase a motorcycle in Simi Valley.

The theft victim was notified of that purchase on April 30, which is when she reported the crime to Simi Valley police.

The recreational vehicle smashed into at least six other cars during the chase, shredding the side of the vehicle's passenger side open.

In the middle of the pursuit, one of the dogs jumped out through the smashed front windshield and ran off as she continued driving.

The pursuit finally ended when the RV collided into a car in Tarzana and the woman jumped out and fled on foot. Officers quickly tackled her and took her into custody as she was trying to jump the fence of a home in the neighborhood.

The wild ending to the chase

stunned neighbors of the quiet neighborhood.

"These streets are narrow," said Tarzana resident Craig Friedman. "Sure, she was just evading police, but my God, you gotta stop. You know you're gonna get caught."

News choppers were over the pursuit as the suspect struck a palm tree in a shopping center before continuing. The front end and passenger's side of the RV had significant damage, with the windshield smashed in and the door missing.

At several points, the woman was driving up to 60 mph on surface streets. The driver also smashed into several vehicles, including a sedan in an intersection.

The man who was in that vehicle suffered six broken ribs and a punctured lung and was being treated at a local hospital.

Authorities were able to recover the first dog that jumped out of the vehicle. An animal control officer was able to loop the second dog, which appeared to be injured, at the scene. It was leaving bloody paw prints behind as it stayed by the woman's side.

The dog was later diagnosed with a fractured leg.

The driver crashed into a white Hyundai sedan in Tarzana and fled on foot with the second dog for a short time before being taken into custody around 7:30 p.m. near Tampa Avenue and Wells Street.

Two people inside the Hyundai were injured.

Rainbird also suffered unknown injuries and was treated by first responders at the scene. She is expected to face charges that include driving under the influence, felony evading and felony hit-and-run.

# Downey's historic rainfall of 1889

## Things You Didn't Know About Downey

By Bobbi Bruce  
Downey Historical Society

In the spring of 1889, 19 inches of rain fell in Downey. The rain continued for days until the ground was thoroughly soaked and the upgraded streets became almost impassable.

"Uncle Phil and Aunt Caroline Smith," colored people, lived on North Crawford where the home of Xelis Gephart is now located. Groceries were running low and Uncle Phil, not one to let Aunt Caroline suffer from the necessities of life, started to town.

The streets were bad; mud deep. Phil's shoes grew larger and larger with every step, until they finally became so heavy that he could not lift his feet. But it took more than a little mud to stop Uncle Phil.

Girding his loins, and aided by an invisible determination, he pressed on, shoving one foot after the other through the mud in a skating-like motion until he reached his destination.

Then, with bundles of groceries wedged under his arms, and with difficulties increasing at every step or slide, he fought his way back to Caroline.

The New San Gabriel River was now carrying a full capacity of water and the swift stream was cutting away many valuable acres of farmland. Just north of Telegraph Road on Pete Ralph's place, slab after slab was washed

away by the force of the stream and human bones were exposed. A number of skulls were saved by bystanders but as there were no archeologists to trace the lineage of this forgotten race the event was only of passing interest.

**The First Bakery:** Also in the year 1889, Downey's first bakery was built on First Street by Dave Smart. It's first proprietor was L. Cohen. Several men followed him in business, and then came Dan Hurley. Mrs. Hurley, now residing in Los Angeles, recalls an occasion when a visitor watching them in the process of making a pastry and kneading bread observed, in all seriousness, "So that's the way you knead bread! I thought you did it with your feet."

**Things early residents may remember:** Other items that early Downey residents may remember: W.W. Wright, pioneer well-driller, purchased the Ridehour place next to Dr. Kendrick's on Rives Avenue, C.W. Chamness, harness maker, located at a shop on Crawford Street, selling lap robes, whips and other articles, and the removal of the Wing Sing (Chinese) Laundry – because of unsanitary reasons – to a more remote location on East Third Street.

These stories came from the Easter Bangle L. Morrison Book, "History of Downey and Vicinity."

Bobbi Bruce is a docent with the Downey Historical Society.

# Montebello police searching for stolen patrol vehicle

Police didn't notice for several days that the SUV was missing; it was filled with several firearms.

**MONTEBELLO** – Montebello police are looking for a stolen patrol vehicle with a loaded AR-15 and other firearms that was missing for several days before the department was aware.

Police made the discovery on Tuesday around 3 p.m. after noticing the black and white

2018 Ford Explorer was not in its designated parking spot at the police facility. A loaded shotgun and loaded "less lethal" shotgun were also in the vehicle at the time of the theft. Police say all weapons were locked and secured in the vehicle, all keys were accounted for.

The vehicle, designated as Unit #9, has a California Exempt license plate of 1429238 with "Montebello Police" written on both sides and the rear.

Investigators determined

that the SUV was taken from the parking lot on May 17 around 2:23 a.m. A person was captured on video getting into the vehicle and driving away within 10 seconds, according to police.

The patrol car was last driven by an employee on May 16 around 5 p.m. and was supposed to be used again on Tuesday, when police discovered it was missing.

The department said in a written statement that all law enforcement agencies were notified "while investigators

contacted local repair shops and other vendors to ensure the vehicle was not being repaired. Investigators were also reviewing surveillance video before reporting the vehicle stolen."

Police are using GPS and other "investigative tools available to law enforcement" to locate the stolen vehicle.

Authorities are asking anyone with information to call the Montebello Police Department at 323 887-1313. Anyone who sees the vehicle is urged to call 911.

# 4 people killed in high-speed crash on 710 Freeway

The driver of a BMW lost control of the vehicle, slamming into a sign pole. There were no survivors.

**SOUTH GATE** – Four men were killed when a car slammed into a sign pole Wednesday morning on the 710 Freeway in South Gate, prompting the shutdown of multiple northbound lanes for hours, authorities said.

The high-speed crash was reported at 3:17 a.m. near the Firestone Boulevard exit, according to the California Highway Patrol. The driver and three passengers in a BMW sedan were pronounced dead at the scene.

The victims were identified as 20-year-old Hussein Ahmad Ghasham, 22-year-old Hussein Moussa Ayoub, 22-year-old Hussein Ali Saleh and 24-year-old Hussein Yasser Saab.

"The vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed, lost control, and crashed into the guardrail and the pole," CHP Sgt. Jason Lopez told reporters at the scene.

There were conflicting versions of what caused the crash. A witness told the CHP that the car's driver had been racing with another vehicle before the collision. Investigators said there was no evidence at the crash site that indicated another vehicle was involved in the collision.

A family member said there was a group of friends following in a separate car. The occupants in that vehicle said a piece of metal fell from the undercarriage of the victim's car and a short time later the driver began swerving out of control and hit a guard rail.

"What we do know, just based on the evidence that we have, is that the vehicle made some type of turning input which caused it to lose control," Lopez said.

Family members of the victims said the group had been fasting in observance of Ramadan and had

went to Anaheim for halal, which is the traditional breakfast after Ramadan.

Northbound traffic was backed up for miles as drivers inched past the crash site in the one northbound lane that remained open. Meanwhile, Los Angeles County firefighters had difficulty extricating the bodies from the BMW's mangled wreckage, which ended up wrapped around the sign pole.

The force of the impact so severe that the car's engine was ejected from the vehicle and ended

up in a nearby ditch.

All but one northbound lane was reopened as of 11 a.m.

The victims families were making arrangements for the men's bodies to be transported to Lebanon, where they will be buried.

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# Architect I.M. Pei, who designed many iconic structures, dies at 102

I.M. Pei, co-founder of the international architectural firm, Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, and the architect behind the famous glass pyramids at the Louvre in Paris, died May 16. He was 102.

In addition to the glass pyramids, some of Pei's notable works include an addition to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and the National Center of Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo. Two of his last major projects were the Museum of Islamic Art in 2008, located off the waterfront in Doha, Qatar, and the Macau Science Center, in China, which opened in 2009.



"I.M. Pei's prolific contribution to architecture spans the globe and two centuries. His life's work is represented across continents, gifting a series of modernist masterpieces to cities from Hong Kong and Paris to Colorado and latterly Suzhou, his childhood home," says Royal Institute of British Architects president Ben Derbyshire. "It is a rarity for one architect to have such a vast portfolio of exceptional international work, but he will be remembered for much more than the robust, geometrical yet elegantly civic architecture. He sought out Bauhaus émigrés Walter Gropius, and Marcel Breuer, who taught him at Harvard, and practiced a humane modernism that touched generations of architects and will continue to do so."

According to the Associated Press, "His buildings added elegance to landscapes worldwide with their powerful geometric shapes and grand spaces. Among them are the striking steel and glass Bank of China skyscraper in Hong Kong and the Fragrant Hill Hotel near Beijing."

Ieoh Ming Pei (YEE-oh ming) was born April 26, 1917, in Guangzhou, China. He came to the U.S. when he was 17 to study architecture. He received his bachelor's degree from MIT in 1940 and his master's from Harvard in 1946, where he remained as an assistant professor until 1948, when he became the director of architecture for Webb & Knapp, a New York real estate development company.

Pei established his own architectural firm, originally known as I.M. Pei & Associates, in 1955 (he became a U.S. citizen in 1954) with colleagues Henry Cobb and Eason Leonard. The firm eventually became Pei Cobb Freed & Partners in 1989.

According to the AP, "No challenge seemed to be too great for Pei, including the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, which sits on the shore of Lake Erie in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. Pei, who admitted he was just catching up with the Beatles, researched the roots of rock 'n' roll and came up with an array of contrasting shapes for the museum. He topped it off with a transparent tent-like structure, which was 'open — like the music,' he said."

He received the American Institute of Architects Gold Medal in 1979, and won the prestigious Pritzker Architecture Prize in 1983. In 1988 he received a National Medal of Arts, and in 1992 President George H.W. Bush awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

**ASHLEY MASSARO:** Former WWE superstar Ashley Massaro has died, the organization announced May 16. She was 39.

The cause of her death was not announced. However, it was later reported Massaro died by hanging.



Massaro, who has an 18-year-old daughter, Alexa, competed in WWE from 2005-08 after winning the Diva Search contest. She also competed on the show "Survivor" in 2007.

Massaro, who WWE describes as "beloved by her fellow superstars and fans around the world," received an outpouring of support on social media after the news of her death was announced.

WWE Hall of Famer Torrie Wilson tweeted, "I can't even begin to explain how devastated I am to hear about @ashleymassaro11 - legit

one of the sweetest people I've ever known. When we fall into a dark place it can seem like it will never change but if you are there PLEASE keep hope & reach out for help."

Mick Foley, also a Hall of Famer, tweeted, "This is just awful news — Ashley Massaro is gone. She was only 39. She lived in the same town as me...I loved seeing her around. She was always so nice...and now she's gone. #RIPAshleyMassaro"

Massaro sued WWE in 2016, according to the Boston Globe, alleging that she was sexually assaulted at a US military base in Kuwait during a WWE trip. She also joined dozens of other wrestlers to allege that WWE concealed the dangers of head injuries that have caused them neurological damage, according to the report.

The Globe also reported that Massaro said she underwent behavioral changes after leaving WWE, including developing a drug addiction, and alleged that she suffered from depression, memory loss and migraine headaches.

Massaro, who has a large social media following, tweeted about answering fan mail on Wednesday, a day before her death was announced.

**AUSTIN EUBANKS:** Austin Eubanks, a Columbine High School shooting survivor who traveled the country sharing his story of fighting addiction in order to help others especially after trauma, died in Colorado over the weekend, his family said.

He was 37.

Eubanks' family said in a statement Monday that they were "beyond shocked and saddened" and that the cause of death was unknown. There were no signs of foul play, The Associated Press reported.



Eubanks, then 17, was in the school library with his best friend, Corey DePooter, on April 20, 1999, when two students opened fire. He was shot in the hand and the knee and watched DePooter die beside him.

Twelve other people were killed and 20 injured before the gunmen killed themselves.

Eubanks overcame a decadelong addiction to drugs after getting hooked on the painkillers he was prescribed during his recovery from his injuries. He then used his story to share strategies for beating substance abuse, especially after trauma.

He also consulted on drug policy and addiction prevention, and worked at the Foundry addiction treatment center.

Eubanks, who had two sons, spoke to NBC News in February 2018 when students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, returned to school two weeks after a shooting there left 17 people dead.

**CHARLES BARKSDALE:** Charles Barksdale, a singer who was the bass vocalist of the doo-wop group The Dells, died Wednesday.

Barksdale's health had been failing in recent years, Marshall Thompson, of the Chi-Lites, told The Chicago Sun-Times. He was 84.



"All the 1970s bass singers learned a lot from Charles Barksdale," Thompson said. "We learned how to sing under them." Barksdale was a founding member of The Dells doo-wop vocal group that started in 1952 in the Chicago suburb of Harvey.

The group's hit song, "Oh What a Night," reached No. 3 on the charts, according to The Dells' website. Other hits included "There Is," "Always Together" and "Stay in My Corner." Between 1965 and 1992, The Dells produced 46 songs that made the

## In Memory of

### Alex Ambruso

October 10, 1932 - May 7, 2019



On Tuesday, May 7, 2019 Alex Ambruso peacefully passed away surrounded by family. He was born to Nichola and Gaetana Ambruso on October 13, 1932 in Brooklyn, New York. Alex, his parents and brother Dino spent many years living in New York before moving to California.

Alex was graduate of the prestigious Stevens Institute of Technology, located in Hoboken New Jersey. After completing his education Alex worked as an engineer in the Aerospace industry and on government projects for over 40 years.

Early on Alex exhibited a life-long passion for learning, that amazed all who knew him. He became an accomplished cook, a train enthusiast and was an eternal problem solver. At any time he could be found working on a variety of projects, whether it was building a bread/pizza oven in his backyard, developing a train system to deliver his baked items to his family and friends (waiting to enjoy his concoctions at the backyard table) or thinking about ways to improve a variety of inventions. He also enjoyed photography, being outdoors and tending to his garden.

In the 90's Alex met Adele Alexander, a long time Downey resident and he fell in love. They were married in 1995 and as a couple enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends. Together, they taught Italian Cooking and Travel at Rancho Santiago Community College, entered an Ice Skating Competition (Alex broke his shoulder), went skiing in Sun Valley, Idaho, did a lot of ballroom dancing, took painting classes, etc.

When diagnosed with Parkinson's, Alex initially did not let his disease slow him down. He continued to travel, work on projects and maintained his zest for life. In his later years, when forced to slow down he enjoyed spending time with family and friends and still managed to work on projects, but did not clean up his own mess!

Alex is survived by his wife, Adele Ambruso, Susan Luchay (Don Luchay), Diane Ambruso, Janet Basalone (Tim Basalone) and his five grandchildren. He was very fortunate to have been close to Adele's children, grandchildren and siblings who welcomed him into their family and always treated him so wonderfully.

"A life so beautifully lived, deserves to be remembered." The family and friends of Alex Ambruso will be celebrating his life privately on Sunday, May 26, 2019.

pop Top 40, according to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The group was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Vocal Group Hall of Fame in 2004.

Many credit The Dells, along with groups like the Stylistics, the Delfonics and the Dramatics, with laying the groundwork for other vocal groups like New Edition, Boyz II Men, Backstreet Boys and N'Sync, according to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

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19742	5-8	7pm - 8pm	M/W	July 1 - July 24
19694	9-13	7p - 8pm	M/W	June 3 - June 26
19695	9-13	7p - 8pm	M/W	July 1 - July 24

**SUMMER BASKETBALL D-LEAGUE**  
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League Jersey \$40 | **No Class July 4th**

CODE	AGES	TIME	DAY	DATES
19803	12-14	2pm - 3pm	M-Th	June 3 - July 25
19804	8-11	3pm - 4pm	M-Th	June 3 - July 25
19773	5-8	4pm - 5pm	M-Th	June 3 - July 25

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League Uniform: \$50.00 | **No Class July 4th**

CODE	AGES	TIME	DAY	DATES
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19806	7-8	5:30pm - 6:30pm	M/W	June 3 - July 24
19807	9-12	6:30pm - 7:30pm	M/W	June 3 - July 24

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CODE	AGES	TIME	DAY	DATES
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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## 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.

Palma St.

**Columbus High Graduation**, 6:30 pm. Columbus High's class of 2018 graduates. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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.

## 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.

## 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.

## MONDAY, JUNE 3

**Miss Downey Pageant Orientation**, 6:30 pm. Young women interested in running for the Miss Downey Pageant should attend this orientation meeting. Trinity Baptist Church, 8219 Florence Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

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

**The Local Group Show**, 7 pm. Stay

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.

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.

**Vendor-Rama Pop-Up Show**, 11 am to 4 pm. Thirty-plus vendors will be selling their goods and services, including food, clothing, home furnishings, sweets, toys, and more. St. Mark's Episcopal School, 10354 Downey Ave.

**Meet Juninho**, 2-3 pm. Meet L.A. Galaxy midfielder Juninho; first 50 people to spend at least \$50 also receive two tickets to a future Galaxy game. Macy's, 251 Stonewood St.

**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

## 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.

## 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

## FRIDAY, MAY 31

**Downey High Graduation**, 7 pm. Downey High's class of 2018 graduates. Long Beach City College, 5000 E. Lew Davis St.

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**Downey Greek Festival**, 11 am to 10 pm. The Downey Greek Festival

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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 27**

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 28**

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

**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.

**THURSDAY, JULY 25**

**Clothing & Textile Drive**, 12-1 pm. Help raise money for Downey High's girls volleyball team by donating your unwanted clothing, shoes, purses, belts, towels, and stuffed animals. Downey High, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

**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.

**MONDAY, JULY 29**

**Girls on Fire Workshop**, 8:30 am. The first day of a 3-day workshop for girls in grades 6-12, addressing the unique set of challenges facing young girls through interactive presentations, physical fitness activities, and team-building sessions. Register at downeyca.org. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

**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.

**Miss Downey Pageant**, 6 pm. Young women compete to become Downey royalty. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

**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*

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## My Little Yorkie

### Short Stories

By Maria Zeeman Contributor

One day, my beloved daughter brought me this little Yorkie. She didn't look very healthy, but she looked me in the eyes and I fell in love with her.

Loretta got her from an older lady that really never watched her well. She had a room for her with papers all around and two big bowls. One for water and one for food. She left her there for days and days.

We took her to a vet, who advised us not to take her in because she wouldn't live more than a few months. But I took her in. She became my sweetheart.

She had not felt grass before; she loved it. She got small plates with a little food that she liked. I

could see how happy she was and how healthier she became.

I took her everywhere with me, to the park, movies, restaurants, visiting family and nice places. She was so good. I had a small stroller for her and a sling if she wanted to be carried. She was my support dog. In many ways, I needed her as much as she needed me.

I had her for 10 1/2 years. She lost all her teeth, later her eyesight and then she couldn't hear anything anymore. Then she fell down the stairs on our vacation in Canada and she got worse.

One night she sat next to me on the couch. I held her and cried, but by morning she got a little better. After a few weeks, she was with me in my bed with a blanket over her and mine too. But she felt cold, so I held her close, praying and getting sad.

In the morning, I called my daughters and they both came over. All three of us were with her; she didn't leave my sight on the couch. She never licked much, but I felt her little tongue on my upper leg.

Oh God, let her stay with me

a little longer! But by 6 p.m. the girls went home and Honey was still barely alive. Two hours later, she felt so cold again and she almost stopped breathing. I was so immensely sad, I called the girls and they came back, but she had already died.

How can I feel so sad and grief-stricken? I lost my father, mother, three sisters and two brothers. I was with them and I was very sad, but I knew where they were going and that I will see them again some day.

But my Honey, she was as much my angel as I was for her. You might think, "But she's only a dog!" I know, so why am I so down and depressed? I had a very hard time with it. I cry for two days every time I think, see or here about her.

We buried her and prayed for her. I sat at her grave almost four hours and I'm still heart-broken. That's why I'm writing this, so my Honey knows how much she mended me.

*Maria Zeeman 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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## Park Groundbreakings

The city of Downey held groundbreaking ceremonies last week to mark the start of renovation projects at Dennis the Menace and Apollo parks.

Apollo is set to receive a synthetic field conversion, playground resurfacing, upgraded restrooms, field lights, turf renovation, parking lot improvements, and a new irrigation system.

Dennis the Menace is also receiving a new irrigation system, turf renovation, and parking lot upgrades, along with soil stabilization and grading. Both parks will also see ADA improvements.

Total cost of both projects is budgeted at \$7.9 million. Funding is coming from Measure S, the sales tax increased approved by Downey voters.

Construction is expected to be completed this November.

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# A Sense of Wonder

## Short Stories

By **Mina Anne Chudilowsky**  
Contributor

I have always loved working with young children because of their sense of wonder. I share this sense with them. Everything is so magical to children, and they are so inquisitive and anxious to learn about the world around them.

When walking across the yard, we might see billowing clouds, and our sense of wonder produces images in these fluffy sculptures. Wonder and imagination go hand in hand. The children enjoyed pointing out shapes, and they eagerly looked for the animals and other shapes that others saw in the cloud formations.

We'd see a bird catch a thermal and soar upward in the sky and the children would wonder how this was possible, and it would lead to a science talk about thermals, the lightness of bird bones, how the wings help, etc. It was also fun to watch birds as they tried to fly against a strong wind. This would lead to a wonder about what caused wind. Weather was a huge sense of wonder for the children—especially thunder and lightning. I'd answer their questions, and then get books on the subject and read them at story time.

Colors were a great source of wonder to the children. I'd put a prism in the window and create

a rainbow for them. They'd then play with the prism, creating their own rainbows for a long time afterwards.

The children colored with crayons, colored chalk, and painted a lot. They especially liked to wonder what would happen if they mixed the colors. Finger painting was a good way to mix the color, but hand pressing paint between folded paper, or two pieces of paper, or using a hot iron to melt shaved crayon pieces between two pieces of paper was a great way to mix colors and they were fascinated.

Melting the shaved crayons on waxed paper created wonderful colors, and if placed in a window, they resembled stained glass. The images from these sources were a lot like Rorschach tests and imaginations flowed as they named shapes. They loved how mixing colors created new colors.

We'd use baby bottles, water, eye droppers, and food coloring to also create new colors. This was fun, especially when looking through the bottles in the sunshine. I'd have the children help me mix the tempera paints to create different colors, like pastels in the spring time, and different shades of the basic colors.

My lesson plans were very flexible as they revolved around the children's interests. A walk in the park might end up with us sitting and watching the swallows buzz the grass,

or we might explore the yearly carnival as it was being set up, or we might sit down and watch a blimp pass over our heads.

Yard play would stop if a cocoon was discovered, or a spider, or a snail. We'd go out early and touch the hoar frost on the grass, and we'd stop and look at the mountains that were covered with snow.

If it were windy, we'd fly a kite and/or make our own kind with a tube of colored construction paper with crepe paper streamers tied to a "stick" made out of rolled up newspapers.

Bubbles were another source of wonder: how they could come out of any shape and always turn into a round shape, and they'd reflect iridescent colors and then pop all by themselves if they could escape the children's hands.

The children's sense of wonder was really aroused by music. Anyone who could play an instrument was magical. And when the children explored music with our musical instruments: cymbals, tambourines, rhythm sticks, bells, drums, etc., they didn't hear the discordant cacophony that the adults heard, they heard music.

You could see their sense of wonder as they played: building with the blocks and making tall structures that stayed up for a good long time, or digging in, and constructing with wet sand pumping water with a hand pump, or pouring water over a

waterwheel.

Lunch time was another time of wonder. Why couldn't you eat the dessert first? Why do you call my French fries potatoes? This would lead to discussions about nutrition, where our foods come from and how it changes.

We tried having a garden, but the yard men mowed it down. But those discussions led to more cooking projects involving potatoes. How does that hard, brown thing turn into white mashed potatoes? Cooking is full of wonder.

The activity that really opened their sense of wonder, and that I especially liked, was the introduction of library books at circle [rug] time. I'd show them the books one by one and tell them why I chose them. It may be for the illustrations, or because I read the first page or two and wanted to know what happened next. It might tell us what causes lightning and thunder.

The book may be an old friend that we liked to read over and over. It may be a picture book of a song that we sang, or wanted to learn. It could be a new book representing the ethnic background of some of the children, or a new book about Martin Luther King Jr. or Rosa Parks. It may be another book by an author we already knew and liked.

The children got to choose which area where they'd play, and on new book day, I've seen as many as 20 of my 26 children go to the book area to read these books.

As I said, my lesson plans were not static: they revolved around the children and their interests. And their interests came from their sense of wonder a great deal of the time.

**Mina Anne Chudilowsky is a member of the writing class offered through the Cerritos College Education Program. It is held off-campus at the Norwalk Senior Center.**

# March Happenings

By **Dora Silvers**  
Contributor

I was reading the newspaper front page. There was a picture of purple and yellow wildflowers in Lancaster.

On Sunday, we drove to Lancaster to see the colorful wildflowers. We could not find any. We stopped for lunch at a restaurant and I asked the waiter, "Where are the wildflowers?"

"There aren't any," he answered.

Monday morning I called the newspaper and asked where the wildflowers were.

"That picture was taken last year," the clerk said. What a

terrible thing.

The next week, we drove to Washington, D.C. to see the museums. Then we went looking for the cherry blossoms. No cherry blossoms.

The following week, we took the train from New Jersey to New York to see the Easter Parade. We got off the train and guess what? It snowed, no Easter Parade.

Next year in March, I'm looking forward to seeing wildflowers, cherry blossoms and the Easter Parade.

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

# The history of Memorial Day

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers.

During that first national commemoration, former Union Gen. and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there.

This event was inspired by local observances of the day that had taken place in several towns throughout America in the three years after the Civil War. In 1873, New York was the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday. By the late 1800s, many more cities and communities observed Memorial Day, and several states had declared it a legal holiday. After World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's wars and was then more widely established as a national holiday throughout the United States.

### When Is Memorial Day?

In 1971, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and established that Memorial Day was to be commemorated on the last Monday of May. Several southern states, however, officially commemorate an additional, separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead, sometimes referred to as a Confederate Memorial Day: January 19 in Texas; third Monday in Jan. in Arkansas; fourth Monday in Apr. in Alabama and Mississippi; April 26 in Florida and Georgia; May 10 in North and South Carolina; last Monday in May in Virginia; and June 3 in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Memorial Day is commemorated at Arlington National Cemetery each year with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Traditionally, the President or Vice President lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

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# Doty Middle School wins 5 titles at track & field meet

Doty Knights win five of the six championships up for grabs in the annual middle school tournament.

**By Mark Fetter  
Sportswriter**

**DOWNEY** – The city of Downey middle school track and field championships took place last Friday afternoon at Downey High School and six city championships were up for grabs.

Doty Middle School claimed 5/6 of the city championships and will hold on to the city champions trophy for the sixth straight year.

Doty won sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys as well as sixth and seventh grade girls. Sussman won eighth grade girls. Doty finished the year first with 13 championships, Griffiths finished second with 8.5 championships, Stauffer finished third with 4 championships and Sussman finished fourth with 3.5 championships, respectively.

Sussman’s victory in the 8th grade girls’ competition marked the first loss for Doty girls’ track and field since sports were brought back to the middle schools six years ago. In the past six years Doty girls’ track and field teams have accumulated an impressive record of 71-1 and have won 17/18 track and field championships, including dual meets and finals. Similarly, the Doty boys’ track and field teams have accumulated a record of 69-3 and have won 16/18 track and field championships, including dual meets and finals.

The 6th grade boys’

competition saw Doty finish first with 89 points, Stauffer finish second with 25 points, Sussman finish third with 22 points and Griffiths finish fourth with 18 points, respectively. Doty won 9/10 events to claim the city title.

Alex Leon of Doty won the 1600 in a time of 5:57, Philipos Pilikidis of Doty won the 110 hurdles in a time of 19.55, Jayden Garcia of Doty won the 100 in a time of 13.38, Daiveon Gayle-Woodley of Stauffer won the 400 in a time of 1:04, Jayden Garcia of Doty won the 200 in a time of 28.03, Alex Leon of Doty won the 800 in a time of 2:37, Konstadinos Politis of Doty won the shot put with a throw of 30’6, Alex Leon of Doty won the long jump with a jump of 14’5, Jayden Garcia of Doty won the high jump with a jump of 5’0 and the Doty 4 X 100 relay team claimed victory in a time of 54.44.

The 7th grade boys’ competition saw Doty finish first with 73 points, Stauffer finish second with 36 points, Sussman finish third with 32 points and Griffiths finish fourth with 13 points, respectively. Doty won 6/10 events to claim the city title.

Victor Casillas of Doty won the 1600 in a time of 5:20, Tommy Abundis of Doty won the 110 hurdles in a time of 18.49, Gregorio Magallanes of Sussman won the 100 in a time of 12.69, Dylan Velasquez of Doty won the 400 in a time of 1:02, Nathan Cerda of Stauffer won the 200 in a time 26.25, Victor Casillas of Doty won the 800 in a time of 2:20, Christopher Cuevas of Griffiths won the shot put with a throw of 40’5, Roman Sanson of Doty won the long jump with a jump of 15’1, Christopher Cuevas of Griffiths

won the high jump with a jump of 5’0 and the Doty 4 X 100 relay team claimed victory in a time of 50.08.

The 8th grade boys’ competition saw Doty finish first with 79 points, Stauffer finish second with 30 points, Sussman finish third with 26 points and Griffiths finish fourth with 19 points, respectively. Doty won 8/10 events to claim the city title.

Victor Anguiano of Stauffer won the 1600 in a time of 5:17, DaMarcus Parker of Doty won the 110 hurdles in a time of 17.66, Mario Covarrubias of Doty won the 100 in a time of 12.3, Nick Cuervo of Doty won the 400 in a time of 55.64, Mario Covarrubias won the 200 in a time of 25.02, Alan Diaz of Doty won the 800 in a time 2:21, Angel Garcia of Doty won the shot put with a throw of 38’3.5, Chris Almaguer of Stauffer won the long jump with a jump of 17’6, DaMarcus Parker of Doty won the high jump with a jump of 5’4 and the Doty 4 X 100 relay

team claimed victory in a time of 50.02.

The 6th grade girls’ competition saw Doty finish first with 69 points, Stauffer finish second with 38 points, Sussman finish third with 32 points and Griffiths finish fourth with 15 points, respectively. Doty won 6/10 events to claim the city title.

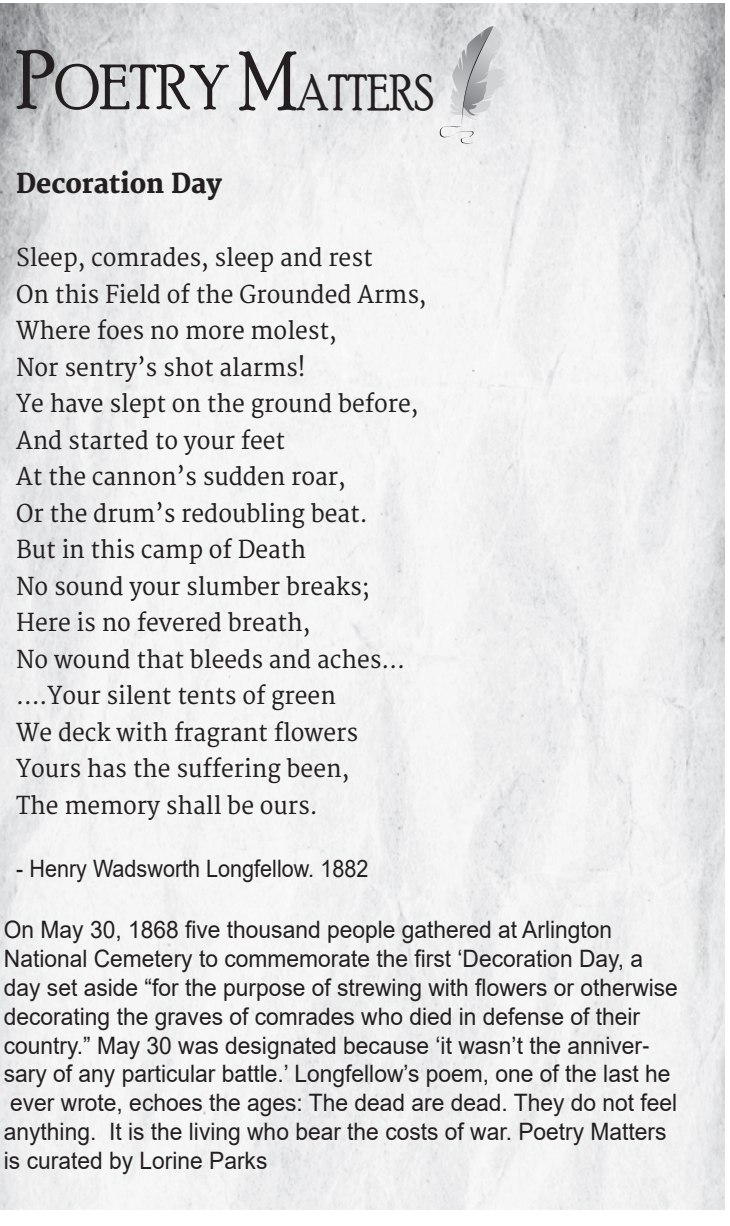
Stephanie Hernandez of Stauffer won the 1600 in a time of 5:49, Aliyah Gonzalez of Doty won the 100 hurdles in a time of 18.11, Nyla Nolan of Sussman won the 100 in a time of 13.97, Ariana Castagnola of Doty won the 400 in a time of 1:09, Nyla Nolan of Sussman won the 200 in a time of 28.89, Stephanie Hernandez of Stauffer won the 800 in a time of 2:39, Jasmine Smith of Doty won the shot put with a throw of 26’7, Ariana Castagnola of Doty won the long jump with a jump of 12’4, Aliyah Gonzalez of Doty won the high jump with a jump of 3’10 and the Doty 4 X 100 relay team claimed victory in a time of

58.54.

The 7th grade girls’ competition saw Doty finish first with 91 points, Stauffer finish second with 38 points, Sussman

finish third with 16 points and Griffiths finish fourth with nine points, respectively. Doty won 9/10 ten events to claim the city

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On May 30, 1868 five thousand people gathered at Arlington National Cemetery to commemorate the first 'Decoration Day, a day set aside "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country." May 30 was designated because 'it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.' Longfellow's poem, one of the last he ever wrote, echoes the ages: The dead are dead. They do not feel anything. It is the living who bear the costs of war. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

## 60 Words

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*Symphony archives and interview with Carolyn Osborn.*

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019100229

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MAI-MAINE'S FAMILY DAYCARE, 11719 SAMOLINE AVE., DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANDRA DENISE FAULKNER-MURRY, 11719 SAMOLINE AVE., DOWNEY CA 90241

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

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

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

S/SANDRA DENISE FAULKNER-MURRY, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 16, 2019

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**The Downey Patriot**  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019119209

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PERGES FAMILY CHILDCARE, 101 WEST CYPRESS ST, COMPTON CA 90220, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SHENAE M. PERGES, 101 WEST CYPRESS ST, COMPTON CA 90220

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

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

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

S/SHENAE M. PERGES, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 7, 2019

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**The Downey Patriot**  
5/16/19, 5/23/19, 5/30/19, 6/6/19

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019106119

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LUXURY VALET&SHUTTLE, 689 E 49 ST LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES CA 90011, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ABRAHAM PABLO MANUEL, 689 E 49 ST., LOS ANGELES CA 90011

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2019

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S/ABRAHAM PABLO MANUEL, OWNER

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019106119

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) UNICORNOR UPHOLSTERY, 715 1/5 AMALIA AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90022, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANDREA ESTEFANIA RODRIGUEZ, 11836 ARKANSAS ST., ARTESIA CA 90701

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2019

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S/LILIANA GUADALUPE CHAGOLLA BARRIGA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 3, 2019

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**The Downey Patriot**  
5/16/19, 5/23/19, 5/30/19, 6/6/19

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019116568

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GENERATIONS WOODWORKING INC, 10520 SELLYFIELD RD, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KENEDI MCDONALD, 5049 BELLFLOWER BLVD, LAKEWOOD CA 90713

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

Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ISAAC OCHOA ROCHA, 715 1/2 AMALIA AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90022

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2005

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

S/ISAAC OCHOA ROCHA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 22, 2019

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**The Downey Patriot**  
5/2/19, 5/9/19, 5/16/19, 5/23/19

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019116568

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KENEDI MCDONALD, 5049 BELLFLOWER BLVD, LAKEWOOD CA 90713

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

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

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S/GENERATIONS WOODWORKING, INC., PRESIDENT, ROGER CARBAJAL

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 2, 2019

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**The Downey Patriot**  
5/2/19, 5/9/19, 5/16/19, 5/23/19

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019138731

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LUXURY VALET&SHUTTLE, 689 E 49 ST LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES CA 90011, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ABRAHAM PABLO MANUEL, 689 E 49 ST., LOS ANGELES CA 90011

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2019

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S/ABRAHAM PABLO MANUEL, OWNER

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**The Downey Patriot**  
5/2/19, 5/9/19, 5/16/19, 5/23/19

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019116790

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AER SCRUBS, 11836 ARKANSAS ST., ARTESIA CA 90701, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANDREA ESTEFANIA RODRIGUEZ, 11836 ARKANSAS ST., ARTESIA CA 90701

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2019

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S/ANDREA ESTEFANIA RODRIGUEZ, OWNER

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**The Downey Patriot**  
5/16/19, 5/23/19, 5/30/19, 6/6/19

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019094518

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PRECISE PROCESSING SERVICES, 7330 BEQUETTE AVE, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MANUEL A FLORES, 7330 BEQUETTE AVE, PICO RIVERA CA 90660

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

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

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S/ANDREA ESTEFANIA RODRIGUEZ, OWNER

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**The Downey Patriot**  
5/9/19, 5/16/19, 5/23/19, 5/30/19

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019105023

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PROLIFIC JUICE, 5049 BELLFLOWER BLVD, LAKEWOOD CA 90713, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KENEDI MCDONALD, 5049 BELLFLOWER BLVD, LAKEWOOD CA 90713

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

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S/KENEDI MCDONALD, OWNER

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**The Downey Patriot**  
5/16/19, 5/23/19, 5/30/19, 6/6/19

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019094427

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TOTALLY BEAUTY, 11836 DOWNEY AVE STE UNIT 103, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LILIANA GUADALUPE CHAGOLLA BARRIGA, 728 S WOODS AVE, LOS ANGELES CA 90022

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

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

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

S/LILIANA GUADALUPE CHAGOLLA BARRIGA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 13, 2019

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

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
5/16/19, 5/23/19, 5/30/19, 6/6/19

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019094518

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PRECISE PROCESSING SERVICES, 7330 BEQUETTE AVE, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MANUEL A FLORES, 7330 BEQUETTE AVE, PICO RIVERA CA 90660

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2019

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

S/LILIANA GUADALUPE CHAGOLLA BARRIGA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 3, 2019

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

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

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019137309

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) R & TT AUTO REGISTRATION, 7380 NEO ST SUITE 16, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUIS LEVI RODRIGUEZ, 4802 SANTA ANA ST UNIT J, CUDAHY CA 90201

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

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

S/MANUEL A FLORES, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 9, 2019

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





the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 5th day of June, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

**Conditional Use Permit (PLN-18-00188)** - A request to allow the on-site consumption of beer and wine, under an Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Type 41 (On-site Beer & Wine - Eating Place) license. The license will be for a new restaurant (Mariscos Yandicris), on property located at 10244 Lakewood Boulevard, and zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

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

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

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

For more information contact Assistant Planner Madalyn Welch at (562) 904-7154, or at [mwelch@downeyca.org](mailto:mwelch@downeyca.org).

**The Downey Patriot**  
5/23/19

**CITY OF DOWNEY  
NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECT NO. 19-12  
FY 2018/19 SLURRY SEAL PROJECT  
DISTRICT 3**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, June 6, 2019, which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 19-12 - FY 2018/19 Slurry Seal Project District 3**.

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of the application of slurry seal to existing pavements on various residential streets throughout the northwest quadrant of the City. The work involves pavement surface preparation, crack sealing, applying emulsified slurry, replacing traffic striping and pavement markings and implementing traffic control. The work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 19-12.

**Plans and Specifications** on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Avenue Downey, California, where they may be examined, and copies obtained, at a cost of **\$25.00 per set**. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

**BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 19-12.** Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid **State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of C-32, "General Engineering Contractor, C-32, "Parking and Highway Improvement Contractor" or C-12, "Earthwork and Paving Contractor."**

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

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

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

The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge

of the merits of the respective bids received. The award of the Contract, if it is awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose bid complies with all the requirements prescribed.

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

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

**Mr. Desi Gutierrez,  
Principal Civil Engineer  
E-Mail: [dgutier@downeyca.org](mailto:dgutier@downeyca.org)  
Tel: (562) 904-7110  
Fax: (562) 904-7296**

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would not allow time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
5/16/19, 5/23/19

**CITY OF DOWNEY  
NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECT NO. 17-06**

**WOODRUFF AVENUE TRAFFIC  
SIGNAL FIBER OPTIC  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
AND UPGRADES PROJECT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project (CIP) No. 17-06 - Woodruff Avenue Traffic Signal Fiber Optic Communication System and Upgrades Project**.

The work to be performed under this contract generally consists of the installation of a signal communication system, including the installation of conduits, innerducts, pull boxes, various fiber-optic cables (48 Single Mode Fiber Optic (SMFO), 24 SMFO, 6 SMFO, etc.), communication equipment, communications hub cabinets, new traffic signal controllers, traffic signal modification, integration, and all equipment and appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the project. The work includes, but is not limited to, improvements in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 17-06.

**Plans and Specifications** for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$40.00 per set**. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

**BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 17-06.** Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bonds shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

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

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

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

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

The City of Downey reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in any bid received, and to be the sole judge

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

All requests for information (RFI) shall be in written form and shall be directed to:

**Mr. Edwin J. Norris,  
Deputy Director of Public Works  
E-Mail: [enorris@downeyca.org](mailto:enorris@downeyca.org)  
Tel: (562) 904-7110  
Fax: (562) 904-7296**

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would not allow time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
5/16/19, 5/23/19

**NOTICE OF BID**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education for the DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Downey, CA (Los Angeles County), will receive Bid Number #18/19-04 for the procurement of the following:

**CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES**

Sealed bids must be delivered to the Downey Unified School District, Purchasing Department, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Room 169, Downey, CA 90241 no later than 11:00 am on June 7, 2019

Companies interested in bidding should request appropriate bid documents from the Purchasing Department, (562) 469-6533

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Refer to the formal bid documents and specifications for additional information, terms, and conditions.

**Darren Purselglove, C.P.M.**  
Darren Purselglove  
Director of Purchasing and Warehouse

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5/23/19, 5/30/19

**CITY OF DOWNEY  
NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECT NO. 14-13  
CIVIC CENTER DRIVE AND 3RD  
STREET PAVEMENT  
REHABILITATION PROJECT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, June 6, 2019 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 14-13 - Civic Center Drive and 3rd Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project**.

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of pavement rehabilitation on Civic Center Drive and 3rd Street. This project includes reconstruction of pavement; cold milling of asphalt pavement; construction of asphalt base course, and construction of asphalt rubber hot mix (ARHM) overlay. Work also includes removal of concrete and metal signs, removal and reconstruction of damaged or substandard curb, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and ADA curb ramps; adjustments of utility valve covers to grade; replacement of traffic striping, pavement markings, removal of existing electrical items, adding new electrical system; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 14-13.

**Plans and Specifications** for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave. Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$25.00 per set**. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

**BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 14-13.** Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

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

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

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Deputy Director of Public Works  
E-Mail: [enorris@downeyca.org](mailto:enorris@downeyca.org)  
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CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA  
Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC  
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**The Downey Patriot**  
5/16/19, 5/23/19

**CITY OF DOWNEY  
NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of Downey until 11:00 am on Thursday, May 30, 2019, at which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 19-20 - City Library Modernization Project**.

The Scope of Work to be performed under this Contract includes seven (7) new accessible ADA parking stalls, code compliant path of travel from ADA stalls to entry, accessible pedestrian loading area at Main Entry, covered exterior bench seating at Main Entry, entry extended on West Elevation, new contemporary curtain wall at extended Main Entry, new colorful wayfinding canopy at Main Entry, remove and replace all interior walls, remove and replace all plumbing fixtures, provide four (4) additional plumbing fixtures for both Men & Women at the Main Public Restrooms, remove and replace all casework shelving and finishes, provide four (4) Quiet Zone Study Rooms, provide enlarged Literacy Room, provide three (3) electronic Book Check Out stations, provide descriptive Way Finding directional signage, flooring and wall colors, provide The Studio previously called the CoLab room with numerous data ports and collaborative white boards, provide The Cave previously called the Virtual Reality Lab, provide vibrant child friendly reading and activity area which includes a raised interactive platform and Quiet Time child reading area, provide family restroom with changing tables in the Children's Area, provide a new Cormack Room with raised telescoping bleacher seating, provide Starbucks-like Teen reading counter with data ports, provide two (2) All Gender toilet rooms and enhance break area for the staff, provide new ductwork to existing mechanical units, provide new concealed heads and lines to existing heating system, new fire alarm system, new electrical system and Café cabling, new opening and spread footings to be provided in existing shear wall, existing Server Room, Mechanical Room and Electrical Room to remain, and other miscellaneous related work in accordance with Plans and Specification entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 19-20 - City Library Modernization Project, dated 1/11/19**.

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

**Day / Date of Mandatory Bid Walk:**  
**Thursday / May 23, 2019**

**Location:** 11121 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241  
**West side of Library at the Main Entrance**

**Plans and Specifications** for this project are available on the City of Downey's Project Coordination and Communication on-line internet portal, PROCORE. To obtain free access to the Plans and Specifications via PROCORE, email Melanie Cazin [mcazin@edcinc.com](mailto:mcazin@edcinc.com) with the Subject Line: "CITY LIBRARY MODERNIZATION PROJECT".

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

Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

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

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

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

All Pre-Bid Requests for Information (RFI) shall be submitted **ONLY** from listed Mandatory Bid Walk Attendees who are qualified general contractors and shall be in written form only and emailed to:

**Melanie Cazin -  
Project Controls Manager  
Email: [mcazin@edcinc.com](mailto:mcazin@edcinc.com)**

Pre-Bid RFI's shall **NOT** be accepted later than 9:00 am on May 24, 2019 and shall **NOT** be responded to. Pre-Bid RFI's submitted from qualified general contractors not included on the Mandatory Bid Walk Attendee List shall not be responded to. Phone inquiries shall not be accepted. The City may issue a clarification Addendum responding to the appropriately submitted Pre-Bid RFI's.

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

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
5/16/19, 5/23/19

**CITY OF DOWNEY  
NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECT NO. 15-21A  
WILDERNESS PARK PONDS -  
WATER & SLUDGE REMOVAL  
PROJECT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of Downey until 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 30, 2019, at which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 1111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 15-21A - Wilderness Park Ponds - Water & Sludge Removal Project**.

The Scope of Work to be performed under this Contract includes removal of approximately two (2) million gallons of water; removal of approximately one (1) million gallons of sludge (animal feed plant by-products); working closely with the Wildlife Relocation Specialist Team to ensure animal, fish, and bird safety; all permits needed for above activities; proper disposal of water and sludge removed, and other miscellaneous related work in accordance with Plans and Specification entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 15-21A - Wilderness Park Ponds - Water & Sludge Removal, dated 5/16/19**.

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

**Day /Date of Mandatory Bid Walk:**  
**Thursday / May 23, 2019**

**Location:** Wilderness Park -  
10999 Little Lake Road, Downey CA  
(Community Building)

**Plans and Specifications** for this project are available on the City of Downey's Project Coordination and Communication on-line internet portal, PROCORE. To obtain free access to the Plans and Specifications via PROCORE, email Melanie Cazin [mcazin@edcinc.com](mailto:mcazin@edcinc.com) with the Subject Line: "WILDERNESS PONDS - WATER & SLUDGE REMOVAL".

**BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 15-21A.** Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the

amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract. All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid **State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A with a Hazardous Substances Removal Certification**.

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

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

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



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**FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 15-21B.** Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

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

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

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

Pre-Bid RFI's shall NOT be accepted later than 9:00 am on May 24, 2019 and shall NOT be responded to. Pre-Bid RFI's submitted from qualified general contractors not included on the Mandatory Bid Walk Attendee List shall not be responded to. Phone inquiries shall not be accepted. The City may issue a clarification Addendum responding to the appropriately submitted Pre-Bid RFI's.

The estimated construction cost is \$75,000.00

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA  
 Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC  
 City Clerk  
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**NOTICES**  
**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00171**  
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner GAGE DEAN LINDEMANN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
 Present name (1) GAGE DEAN LINDEMANN to Proposed name (1) GAGE DEAN GARCIA  
**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: JULY 10, 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**  
 MAY 07, 2019  
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**GAGE DEAN LINDEMANN**  
**12110 VALLEY VIEW AVE**  
**WHITTIER, CA 90604**  
**(562) 706-2380**  
**TINK825@HOTMAIL.COM**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00060**  
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LIZETH PADILLA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
 Present name (1) IRIS ALICIA MOJARRO RAMIREZ to Proposed name (1) IRIS ALICIA PADILLA  
**THE COURT ORDERS** that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
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 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 (562) 904-3668**  
 MAY 14, 2019  
 Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
 Judge Of The Superior Court  
 Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**LIZETH PADILLA**  
**9100 FLOWER ST.**  
**BELLFLOWER, CA 90706**  
**(562) 661-3017**  
**LIZETHMOJRAM15@GMAIL.COM**

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**5/16/19, 5/23/19, 5/30/19, 6/6/19**

**PROBATE**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANGELINA DE LA TORRE**  
**Case No. 18STPB07281**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ANGELINA DE LA TORRE  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by:  
 in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.  
**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that PATRICIA DELGADO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
**THE PETITION** requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
**THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The Independent Administration authority will be granted unless and interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on **JUNE 3, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.** in Dept. 4 Room N/A located at Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse-Probate.  
**IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the

petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
**IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR** or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
 Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.  
**YOU MAY EXAMINE** the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
 Attorney for petitioner:  
**JOSEPH A. RUND**  
**1068 E. MAIN STREET, SUITE 140C VENTURA, CA 93001**  
**(805) 653-1600 phone**  
**JOSEPH@JRUNDLAW.COM**

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**5/16/19, 5/23/19, 5/30/19**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JUAN HERNANDEZ SANCHEZ**  
**Case No. 19STPB04566**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JUAN HERNANDEZ SANCHEZ  
 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Paula Romero in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
**THE PETITION FOR PROBATE** requests that Paula Romero be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
**A HEARING** on the petition will be held on June 14, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.  
**IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
**IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR** or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
 Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
**YOU MAY EXAMINE** the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
 Attorney for petitioner:  
**DAVID A. XAVIER ESQ**  
**SBN 102045**  
**LAW OFFICES OF**  
**DAVID A. XAVIER**  
**401 S MISSION DR**  
**SAN GABRIEL CA 91776**  
**CN960703 SANCHEZ** May 23, 30, Jun 6, 2019

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**5/23/19, 5/30/19, 6/6/19**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARK W. BAKER**  
**ESTATE NO. 19STPB01611**  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, and contingent creditors of Mark W. Baker and persons who may be otherwise interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mark W. Baker  
 A petition has been filed by Stephanie A. Baker in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, requesting that Stephanie A. Baker be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of Mark W. Baker and for probate of the decedent's will, which is available for examination in the court file.  
**THE PETITION** requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. This will avoid the need to obtain court approval for many actions taken in connection with the estate. However, before taking certain actions, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or have consented to the proposed action. The petition will be granted unless good cause is shown why it should not be.  
**The petition** is set for hearing in Dept. No. 29 at 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 on July 30, 2019 at 8:30 AM.  
**IF YOU OBJECT** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
**IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR** or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the date of the hearing noticed above. (5953)  
**YOU MAY EXAMINE** the file kept by the court. If you are interested in the estate, you

may request special notice of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Section 1250 of the California Probate Code.  
 Oliver Law Offices  
 3431 Cerritos Ave.  
 Los Alamitos, CA 90720  
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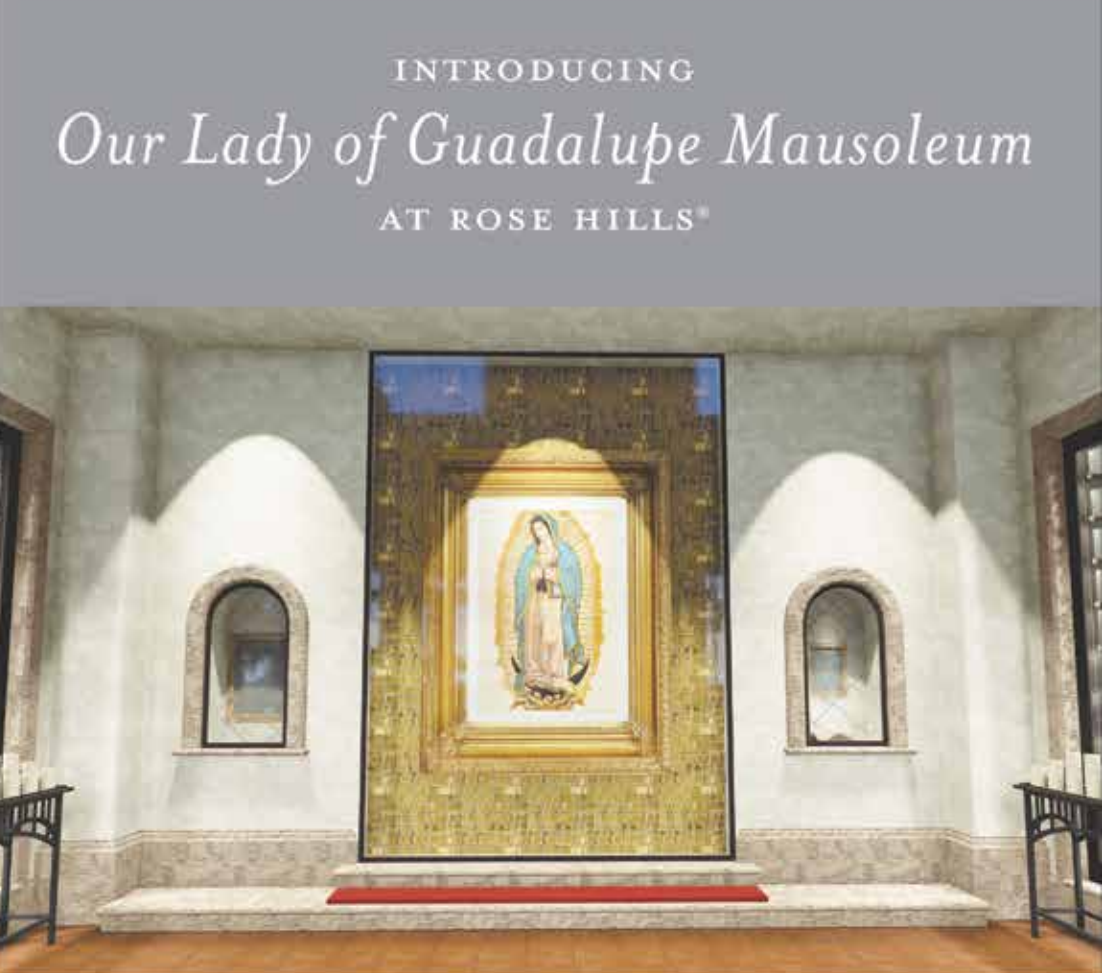
**TRUSTEE SALES**  
 T.S. No. 059150-CA APN: 6389-005-014 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 2/10/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 6/12/2019 at 10:30 AM. CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/7/2006, as Instrument No. 06 0484497., of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MARTIN CONSUEGRA AND CAROLE CONSUEGRA HUSBAND/WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK. A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER

PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: **AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST** The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9151 APPLEBY ST DOWNEY, CA 90240 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$210,474.96 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being

auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 059150-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117

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Doty Middle School was presented as a 2018-19 School to Watch Thursday morning. The program - sponsored by the California Department of Education, California League of Middle Schools, and the California Middle Grades Alliance - recognizes high-performing model schools that demonstrate academic excellence, social equity, and responsiveness to the needs of young adolescents.

In attendance at the award ceremony were DUSD Board members Nancy Swenson, Bobbi Samperi, D Mark Morris, and Martha Sodontani, Superintendent Dr. John Garcia, Mayor Rick Rodriguez, school administration, teachers, and students, and the school's namesake Dr. Wendy Doty.

Photo by Alex Dominguez



## Understanding post-traumatic stress disorder this Memorial Day

Contributed by Kaiser Permanente

As America pauses this Memorial Day to remember those who paid the ultimate price to preserve our freedom, it's important to shed some light on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a mental health condition affecting many veterans.

For men and women who return home following tours overseas, having endured traumatic events that include combat, terrorist attacks, accidents or sexual assault can lead them to experience nightmares or flashbacks caused by PTSD. Those who suffer from PTSD often relive events that become seared in their memories and negatively affect their mental health.

With PTSD affecting more than 13 million people in the U.S., including 8% of all veterans, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' National Center for PTSD notes it is common to have symptoms right after a traumatic event such as combat. However, if they last longer than a month, it may be PTSD.

"Veterans with PTSD are impacted in different ways," said Dr. Juan-Carlos Zuberbuhler with Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Medical Center. "What many have in common, however, is that PTSD can negatively affect how a person handles daily activities such as a job, going to school or having healthy relationships with your spouse, children, friends and loved ones. That can often lead to shame, social withdrawal, anxiety, sleep disorders, or even suicide."

Dr. Zuberbuhler noted the simplest triggers can make someone with PTSD feel like their nervous system becomes hijacked by a panic reaction, which can cause you to fight (get angry), flight (avoid), or freeze (feel numb).

"Certain factors increase the chances of someone developing PTSD, including having directly experienced or repeatedly witnessing the

aftermath of a very intense or long-lasting traumatic event," he added. "Thus, in addition to direct victims, many first responders or healthcare providers can be at risk for developing PTSD."

For those with PTSD, doing the following may improve a person's path to recovery:

- Always attend scheduled counseling sessions and doctor's appointments.
- In times of anxiety, reassure and comfort yourself by saying, and keep on going.
- Make sure you get sufficient rest.
- Avoid alcohol, caffeine, nicotine and illegal drug use, as they can raise your anxiety level and cause problems with sleeping.
- Exercise.
- Use proven relaxation techniques.
- Get involved in your community.

Because there are times when PTSD can cause severe anxiety and other mental health challenges,

Dr. Zuberbuhler emphasized it's important to know when to seek help.

"If you have thoughts of hurting yourself or others, then call 911," he said. "Also, contact your doctor if your symptoms get worse, or you feel your state of mental health isn't improving."

Kaiser Permanente offers valuable care instructions for those with PTSD.

## Former White House photographer to give commencement address

Eric Draper served as chief photographer for President George W. Bush.

**NORWALK** - Eric Draper, the former White House chief photographer for President George W. Bush, will give the commencement address at Cerritos College's graduation ceremonies today.

Draper is a graduate of Cerritos College. He served as President Bush's chief photographer for the entire eight years of his presidency, photographing him daily in his activities at the office, abroad and in his personal life.

Draper was named Special Assistant to the President, and is the first White House photographer to be named a commissioned officer to a U.S. president. During his tenure, Draper took nearly one million photos documenting the presidency.

His many assignments included the 1992 Los Angeles riots, the 1996 and 2000 presidential campaigns, the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, the Kosovo conflict in 1999 and the 1998 World Cup in France.

Draper will share his experience through community college and transfer, and his career journey from a Los Angeles newspaper photographer to an official presidential photographer with thousands of graduates and guests at the May 24 Commencement.

The college will present associate degrees and skills certificates earned during the 2018-2019 academic year. Approximately 5,000 students will be receiving degrees and certificates, making the fourth consecutive largest graduating class in the Cerritos College history.

Students graduating and transferring will be transitioning to some of the nation's top colleges and universities, including UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, California State Universities Northridge, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Fullerton, among others.

The ceremony is free, however, each guest will need a ticket to enter the stadium. For details, visit the college's website.

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# Open house tips for first-time homebuyers

While open houses seem pretty casual, savvy buyers know that checking out a home isn't just about aesthetics or a quick view. In today's hot market, you might not get another look before making an offer. If you're seriously interested in a home, get a feel for the things you can't change: the neighborhood & ongoing home maintenance needs. You should also get critical details such as when offers are due.

If you aren't totally sure about how the open-house process works, you aren't alone. Sometimes homebuyers visit an open house to window shop instead of taking full advantage of the opportunity to get important details about the home. When you visit an open house, you should have several questions prepared for the seller's agent and you should have already conducted some research, too. You want to leave this process feeling that you have enough information to make a well-informed decision.

Here's what you need to know about the open-house process:

## Open house etiquette

It may not be a fashion show, but it's important to leave a good impression on the listing agent. Bringing your business casual A-game will help you look like a serious buyer. Don't rush - make sure you get a chance to visit each room and get a feel for the look and smell of the place. Be courteous to the agent and don't be afraid to ask questions.

## What to look for

If allowed, you should take pictures of the inside and outside of the house. On the interior of the home, you should be looking for uneven floors, water stains, signs of cracks in the ceilings or walls, and mold. On the exterior, you'll want to see if there's any damage to outer walls, or if the roof has any tiles missing. If you can easily spot damage to the home, then it might not be worth your time. It's important to consider that there may be repairs you'll need to factor into your budget if you decide to make an offer on the home.

## How to take the pulse of the competition

Are other prospective homebuyers at the open house? How serious do they seem about the process? Are they asking questions? Do they have a checklist? Be on the lookout when you enter the home. These are potential homebuyers who might also make an offer on the property.

## Make sure you are memorable

You want to try and ensure that the agent remembers you. Building a good relationship with the agent can be key if you decide to make an offer on the home. Tell a short story about yourself, or ask the agent about their family or how they got started in the real estate business. Make a genuine effort to get to know them in the short period of time you spend at the home. Agents are people too, and people remember those who make an effort.

## Know which questions to ask

By now, you know that an open house isn't just a casual

gathering of interested buyers, sellers and real estate agents. It is a major opportunity for you to feel out the home while also getting critical information.

You are probably still wondering what to ask at an open house. You should have several questions prepared, as the open house might be the only chance you get to ask them. If the home is a hot commodity, then other potential buyers might be looking to put in an offer soon. You want to get as much information as possible during the open house so that you can make an informed decision on whether or not you want to go forward with an offer of your own.

Here is a helpful checklist of questions to get answered on your open house tour:

1. How many offers have been made?

You should always ask the real estate agent if any offers have already been made. If there are multiple offers on the home, it could indicate that the property might sell quickly.

2. Why are the sellers moving?

The sellers could be moving because one of the owners got a new job across the country. Or they could be moving because the home's maintenance is unaffordable and the repairs are getting more burdensome.

3. How long has the property

been on the market? Why?

4. When was the house built? Has it ever gotten any updates?

5. What are the costs of utilities?

6. How eager is the seller to sell the property? Is it an urgent sale or can it happen at any time?

7. What are the neighbors like? Have there ever been any issues?

8. What/where are the schools? How are they rated?

9. What other homes should you check out in the neighborhood? Why?

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# Doty Knights win 5 championships

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title.

Mikaela Holguin of Stauffer won the 1600 in a time of 6:23, Alanna Bince of Doty won the 100 hurdles in a time of 19.16, Elayna Garcia of Doty won the 100 in a time of 13.25, Sarah Barboza of Doty won the 400 in a time of 1:05, Elayna Garcia of Doty won the 200 in a time of 27.83, Nevaeh Arvizu won the 800 in a time of 2:47, Nevaeh Arvizu of Doty won the shot put with a throw of 29'6, Elayna Garcia of Doty won the long jump with a jump of 14'8, Sarah Barboza of Doty won the high jump with a

jump of 4'8 and the Doty 4 X 100 relay team claimed victory in a time of 54.33.

The 8th grade girls' competition saw Sussman finish first with 61 points, Doty finish second with 59 points, Stauffer finish third with 19 points and Griffiths finish fourth with 15 points, respectively. Sussman won 6/10 events to claim the city title.

Mayah Mount of Doty won the 1600 in a time of 6:04, Mikaela Cruz of Doty won the 100 hurdles in a time of 18.39, Aniyah

Johnson of Sussman won the 100 in a time of 13.84, Danielle Alali of Sussman won the 400 in a time of 1:05, Aniyah Johnson of Sussman won the 200 in a time of 29.01, Danielle Alali of Sussman won the 800 in a time of 2:42, Arabella Hidalgo of Doty won the shot put with a throw of 32'0, Mia Troncoso of Doty won the long jump with a jump of 14'3, Kaylen Berry of Sussman won the high jump with a jump of 4'10 and the Sussman 4 X 100 relay team claimed victory in a time of 55.49.

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