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Demographic Change: The Primacy of “Americanness” in Public Spaces

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As Mexican Americans began buying property and enjoying success in Downey, they also struggled with their own cultural identity.

By Aron Ramirez
Contributor

To become suburban, middle-class Mexican Americans in Downey grappled with their status as the overwhelming demographic minority. Last week’s installment showed how the city’s autonomy—in fire, school, legislative, and safety services—afforded white residents impressive local control and thus gave families few reasons to move in the face of sweeping demographic changes.

The first Mexican American families moved in with the help of sympathetic Spanish-speaking realtors who took them seriously as homebuyers. Once Mexican Americans moved into middle-class neighborhoods, they had to affirm their status as rightful residents of Downey. They did so, I suggest in this week’s essay, by asserting their “Americanness” in three public arenas: language, business, and politics.

I must first preface this discussion of “Americanness” with one about “Mexicaness.” In fact, the way middle-class Mexican Americans presented themselves speaks to larger trends in American immigrant integration. “Americanness” was a very public performance, one that can be captured by newspaper records, histories, and other documentary media.

But my emphasis on public “Americanness” should not obscure the private negotiations between “Americanness” and “Mexicaness” that comprise an individual’s Mexican American identity. Indeed, public reckonings with “Americanness” impelled middle-class Mexican Americans to privately reckon with what “Mexicaness” meant

in the last twenty years of the twentieth century.

To some of Downey’s middle-class Mexican Americans (then and now), public expressions of “Americanness” were unintentional, as they had begun to see themselves no longer as “Mexican American,” but rather just as “American.” Their Mexican heritage became symbolic or optional as they moved on a linear path from the “immigrant generation” toward assimilation into a larger “American” middle class. (For comparison, think of how Anglo Americans with an Irish descendant might consider and carry themselves as “just white” every day except Saint Patrick’s Day.)

Other Mexican Americans identified with their Mexican heritage by speaking Spanish, practicing Mexican customs, and retaining ties to poorer co-ethnics, among other actions. (How Downey’s Mexican Americans did that without sacrificing their assimilated civic identity will be the subject of next week’s essay.)

Ultimately, though, these were private negotiations of ethnic identity, questions that my source material is unequipped to responsibly answer. But the civic identity—the public expressions of “Americanness”—draws both groups of Mexican Americans into this narrative; both groups portrayed themselves as members of the same civic community. Perhaps the most important way to resemble their white neighbors was by speaking the same language.

Speaking Spanish in public created problems for Mexican Americans in Downey, as it did in the rest of the United States. Historically, the use of Spanish has invited prejudice against Mexican Americans and other Spanish speakers. It invoked suspicion by Anglo residents and English-speaking minorities. The public act of speaking Spanish cast speakers as unassimilable and markedly foreign, even in the eyes of political progressives.

For example, public school administrators in Westminster, Orange County, used “language

heritage” as a means to segregate Mexican Americans from Anglo children. The countersuit culminated in the landmark California Supreme Court decision in *Mendez v. Westminster* (1947) which found segregated “Mexican schools” to be unconstitutional and unlawful. (This case set the precedent for the 1957 decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*.)

But even the judge’s opinion suggested that Spanish speakers were perpetually different from white students. Ninth District Court judge Paul McCormick acknowledged that Mexican American students could become competent in English rhetoric and grammar, but would still have an accent and bear the mark of foreignness. McCormick’s decision brought about school integration but belied his belief that ethnic Mexicans would remain “perpetually foreign” and different from white Americans.

Both middle-class Mexican Americans who did and did not embrace their Mexican heritage shared these sentiments. Joseph Arcello, whose mother was of Mexican ancestry, grew up in Downey in the 1970s. Arcello’s father emigrated from Hungary, so the only extended family Arcello visited was his mother’s Mexican family.

Arcello and his siblings embraced their Mexican heritage by speaking Spanish, going to family parties, and owning a Mexican spice-packaging business—all primarily in East Los Angeles. In Downey, the family embraced a more subdued “American” identity. They made a concerted effort to speak only English and embrace upward mobility through education in Downey. Their civic identity



The Avenue Theater shortly before its February 1981 opening. The sign read “Coming soon: Mexican movies.” Courtesy of the Downey Historical Society

prioritized these customs to not alienate themselves from English-speaking residents in Downey.

Similarly, businessman and first-generation Mexican American Pedro Martin consciously divided his private and civic identities to help his children succeed. Privately, he and his wife taught their children Spanish and decorated their home with Mexican art. Publicly, though, he ensured that they spoke fluent English, and even went by the anglicized nickname “Pete.”

Some Mexican American families did not teach their children Spanish because English was the language of commerce and public instruction in the United States. For others, the decision to avoid Spanish was more personal. One woman who grew up in a nearby Orange County suburb recalled never being taught Spanish by her Mexican American mother and being encouraged to assimilate. The mother made these parental decisions with the memories of constant discrimination her immigrant parents endured.

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Mayor’s Corner: Downey loves its pets

By Rick Rodriguez
Mayor

The City of Downey was recently awarded the designation of “Better City for Pets.” This is given to cities that implement city planning and policies to make cities more pet-friendly. Since its opening, the David R. Gafin Dog Park inside the Rio San Gabriel Park has become one of the most visited parks in the area. Dogs can roam freely and interact with new furry friends in a 200-foot by 200-foot fenced dog run with two different sections.

Additionally, the city has continued to work closely with SEAACA to create programs that will benefit our residents. Pets 4 Troops is a pet adoption program where fees are waived for active duty and/or honorably discharged. Along with the adoption, they receive a bag of food for their pet and complimentary pet training at Petco.

The Mayor’s Choice program is another free adoption program where the featured pet of the month can be adopted free of charge. To view the pet of the month, please visit my Facebook page at facebook.com/MayorRickRodriguez. Designations such as these highlights the great things Downey is doing.

Summer is winding down but there are still many events

planned for you and your family to attend. The Summer Music & Movie event will take place on August 3 at Golden Park with music from Tease the Band covering the best of R&B and Old School. There will also be a children’s movie “Sing” displayed on an outdoor screen for the kiddos to enjoy. The Annual Gangs Out Of Downey (G.O.O.D) Backpack Giveaway will also take place at Golden Park on the same night. Children will receive backpacks and school supplies for the upcoming year. The first day of class for the Downey Unified School District is August 14.

National Night Out is scheduled for August 6 at 5:30 pm outside of City Hall. This event enhances the relationship between neighbors and our police department while bringing back a true sense of community. It helps provide an opportunity to bring officers and neighbors together while enjoying a great night filled with summer fun. There will be games, food giveaways and police demonstrations. For more information please visit the Downey Police Department’s Facebook page at facebook.com/DowneyPoliceDepartment.

The Columbia Memorial Space Center will be celebrating their annual Rocket Fever event on August 17. Rocket Fever presents STEM programming to the community of Downey, engaging the diverse audiences in the city and its surrounding communities. This event celebrates the City

of Downey’s rich historic association with science, technology, engineering and math as well as its investment in the future of STEM. Guests are invited to build their own rockets and watch them launch. Live music and food trucks will be available throughout the day. As always admission will be free on the date of the event.

The Space Center will also be hosting the first ever “Movie Night with the Mayor” on August 10. Join me on the lawn in front of the Space Center to watch the original Star Wars movie at 7 pm. There will be food trucks, music and tons of fun. Also special award will be given to the most authentic Star Wars costume!

August means back to school time for our local schools and with that comes traffic congestion. Our Downey Police Department is charged with the task of patrolling our streets to keep our children safe. As parents, grandparents and residents we need to do our part to keep them safe as well. In today’s world there are no greater distractions than our cell phones. When entering a school zone, please be sure to slow down, obey



all traffic laws and please put the phone down! If you happen to see a distracted driver please contact our police department immediately. Together we can keep our city streets safe for all.

In the event you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me or call the council office.

God Bless,

Rick Rodriguez
Mayor

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9809 Imperial Hwy.
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Grade: **A**

Time Out Burger
9841 Imperial Hwy
Date Inspected: 7/22/19
Grade: **A**

Sansai Japanese Grill
8428 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/18/19
Grade: **A**

Panda Express
8510 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/18/19
Grade: **A**

Arthurs
8813 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/18/19
Grade: **A**

Tacos Don Goyo
8502 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 7/18/19
Grade: **A**

El Pollo Loco
14329 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/18/19
Grade: **A**

Chipotle Mexican Grill
8500 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/18/19
Grade: **A**

Downey Arco
10030 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/18/19
Grade: **A**

The Hummus Factory
8266 firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/17/19
Grade: **A**

Burger City Grill
8260 Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/17/19
Grade: **A**

Hong Kong Chef
10311 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/17/19
Grade: **A**

Yogurtland
8250 Firestone Blvd
Date Inspected: 7/17/19
Grade: **A**

Mr Pete’s Patio
7811 E Firestone Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/17/19
Grade: **A**

Pizza Hut
9111 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 7/16/19
Grade: **A**

Nexx Burger
7414 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 7/16/19
Grade: **A**

Aloha Liquor
11837 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 7/16/19
Grade: **A**

Gloria’s Cocina Mexicana
7401 E Florence Ave.
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Grade: **A**

McDonalds
8855 Rosecrans Ave.
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Fresh Griller
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Friday 90°

Saturday 88°

Sunday 88°

THINGS TO DO



Rock Tributes

Saturday - Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, 6 pm

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Super Peruvian Festival

Sunday - Industry Hills Expo Center, 10 am to 11 pm

A celebration of Peruvian culture with a dozen bands and singers scheduled to perform. \$30 admission.



Dragon Boat Festival

Saturday - Long Beach Marine Stadium, 9 am to 6 pm

Watch as over 200 teams compete in dragon boat races. Plus cultural performances, Chinese art demonstrations, vendors and food.



Love Long Beach Festival

All Weekend - Shoreline Park

50-plus DJs and live musicians, yoga sessions, arts and crafts, face and body painting, food court, vendor shopping, and more. \$15 admission



Mural Unveiling

Saturday - Norwalk Town Square, 11 am
Celebrate the official unveiling of the new “Spread Your Wings” mural.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@MayorRRodriguez: 50 years ago the impossible happened, a man landed on the moon!

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DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

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.

Training Camp. The Downey Razorbacks open training camp, signaling the official start of the 2019 Downey Youth Football season. Rio San Gabriel Park, 9612 Ardine St.

SATURDAY, AUG. 3

Backpack Giveaway, 2-4 pm. Free backpacks for school children, courtesy of Gangs Out of Downey. Golden Park, 8840 Golden St.

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. 10

Fitness Fair, 8 am to 12 pm. A community event to encourage healthy lifestyles, with 15-plus challenges to test your fitness, yoga sessions, dance party, food, vendors, raffles, and DJ music. Hosted by TLF Fitness Center. Warren High School football field, 8141 De Palma St.

TUESDAY, AUG. 13

Flower Arrangement Workshop, 6 pm. Learn about the different scents and types of flowers while creating a real / live flower arrangement. All skill levels welcome. Michael's, 12100 Lakewood Blvd.

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.

THURSDAY, AUG. 29

Empower Hour, 6-8 pm. A women's empowerment networking event with special guest Judge Shelly Baron Torrealba, and "Breaking Barriers Award" recipient Dr. Sandra Salazar. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

FRIDAY, AUG. 30

Stars & Stripes Golf Tournament, 11 am. Eighteen holes of golf, plus lunch and an awards dinner. Benefiting the Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals. Rio Hondo Golf Club, 10627 Old River School Rd.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

Bon Fire. The Downey Razorbacks hold their annual bon fire, pep rally and raffle in advance of their season-opener.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

Season Opener. The Downey Razorbacks kick off their 2019 football season with games at Downey and Warren high schools.

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.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 13

Sublime Tribute, 8 pm. Sublime tribute band Doin' Time performs live. 21 and older, \$5 cover charge. Bastards Canteen, 11045 Downey 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.

KidsCreate, 10:30 am. Bring your little one and create a work of art. \$35 fee includes guided workshop, two seats (parent and child), two take-home canvases, paint supplies, snacks and refreshments. \$12 each additional child. Stay Gallery, 11140 Downey Ave.

International Food & Music Festival, 4-10 pm. Live music from six bands, face painting, henna artists, photo booth, and food from local restaurants and food trucks. Downey Avenue between 2nd and 4th Streets

Miss Downey Pageant, 5 pm. Young women compete to become Downey royalty. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

Emergency Preparedness Fair, 10 am to 2 pm. Learn hands-only CPR, put out small fires, and learn how to properly prepare for an emergency.

Calvary Chapel Downey, 12808 Woodruff Ave.

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.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Passport to Passion," this concert features a solo by violinist Strauss Shi. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, OCT. 20

Princess Trunk or Treat, 1-4 pm. Pumpkin carving, a spooky dance party, costume contest, vendors, and trick-or-treat with princesses. \$5-\$25. Belle's Enchantment Princess Parties, 12830 Paramount Blvd.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

Wheelchair Seminar, 7:30 am to 5 pm. This two day course provides participants with basic concepts of seating and positioning, wheelchair mobility, and assistive technology for every day use. Rancho Los Amigos

National Rehabilitation Center, 7601 Imperial Hwy.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

Dia de los Muertos Taco Festival, 12-6 pm. 30+ vegan taco vendors, plus live music, costume contests, and more. \$20 admission includes one taco from each vendor. Los Amigos Golf Club, 7295 Quill Dr.

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

Christmas Parade, 1 pm. Downey's annual Christmas Parade, put on by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. Downey Avenue, between Florence and 5th Street.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Happy 250th, Beethoven!," this concert features a solo by pianist Sung Chang. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, FEB. 29

Downey TLC 5K, 9 am. A 5K run/walk to benefit the TLC Family Resource Center. Apollo Park, 12544 Rives Ave.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. Titled "Sounds of America," this concert features a solo by percussionist Eric Guinivan. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

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

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Ricardo Lara

Ricardo Lara faces scrutiny for campaign donations

The insurance commissioner accepted \$53,000 for his 2022 re-election campaign from the insurance industry.

By Eric Pierce Editor

SACRAMENTO - It only took eight months, but insurance commissioner Ricardo Lara is officially embroiled in a scandal.

The former local state Assembly member and state senator accepted more than \$53,000 in campaign donations for his 2022 re-election from people linked to the insurance industry (the industry he regulates and oversees).

"This week Lara said it was just a mistake attributable to insufficient campaign controls, and promised once again to return the money," the L.A. Times wrote in an editorial.

"But that's not good enough. He must explain how these donations were made and what he knew about them. It's very difficult to believe that Lara, who was acting as his own campaign

treasurer, didn't know the provenance of the contributions, given that they represented most of the donations to his campaign fund."

Lara pledged to return the money but has refused to release his public calendars, which "might indicate whether Lara personally met with the insurance industry executives who found creative ways to funnel money to his campaign."

"This scandal has legs, and it raises serious questions about Lara's behavior in office," the Sacramento Bee wrote in its own op-ed. "To answer those questions and restore public trust, Lara must embrace transparency and stop hiding his calendars. Resisting full disclosure will only intensify the cloud of suspicion currently hanging over his office."

Lara previously served in the California State Senate from 2012 to 2019 representing the 33rd Senate District, which encompasses Bell Gardens, Huntington Park, South Gate, Lakewood, and other nearby communities.

Police searching for missing teen

DOWNEY - The Downey Police Department is asking the public's help in finding 15-year-old Anneliese Hanna, who disappeared earlier this month.

Anneliese suffers from mental illness and requires medication. She walked away from a care facility in Downey on July 17 and was seen as recently as July 21 at The Pike in Long Beach.

Police do not suspect foul play.

Anneliese is 5 ft. 7 inches tall, 175 lbs., with brown eyes and black hair. She was last seen wearing a black sweatshirt, black leggings, pink shoes, and carrying a brown purse.

If you see her, please call police.



Report names Kaiser as major source of state's opioids

The Downey clearinghouse shipped out more than 175 million pain pills in a six-year span.

By Eric Pierce Editor

DOWNEY - Kaiser Permanente has responded to a Washington Post story that identified Kaiser's Downey facility as the single largest distributor of opioids in Los Angeles County, and the second largest distributor in California.

The Washington Post received its data from the Drug Enforcement Agency, which recently made its database of drug distributors public.

According to the article, Kaiser prescribed 175.5 million pain pills from its Downey location between 2006 and 2012.

That amount of pills was the second most prescribed in all of California behind only Kaiser's Livermore facility.

The 175 million opioids was far more than any other pharmacy in L.A. County prescribed during the same time period. Coming in second was Modern Health Pharmacy of Monrovia, which prescribed 7.2 million pills.

In a statement, Kaiser said the numbers are skewed because the Downey hospital acted as a pharmacy distribution center.

Below is Kaiser's statement in its entirety:

"The Downey facility is a pharmacy distribution center, not a hospital or drug manufacturer, nor retail pharmacy. It distributes medications to hundreds of Kaiser Permanente pharmacies in Southern California, serving 4.6 million members.

"The high count for Downey would be due to the fact that it is Kaiser Permanente's central fill and mail order facility for all of Southern California, thus, this location would have received all of the region's controlled substances that were to be filled at a central location or were allowed by law to be delivered by mail.

"After November 2015, Kaiser Permanente transitioned the distribution of all controlled substances to an outside distributor. This third-party distributor currently distributes controlled substances directly to our local pharmacies.

"Kaiser Permanente is a leader in the national effort to reduce the prescribing of opioids. From 2011-2017,



Kaiser Permanente reduced the prescription of opioids by nearly 40%.

"Our integrated care delivery system and coordination among care providers is reducing the risk of opioid dependency with initiatives designed to: limit opioid prescriptions overall, prescribing them only when it's safe and appropriate; provide effective, nonopioid pain management alternatives; prescribe lower doses and shorter courses when opioids are medically necessary; help patients who take opioid medications taper down to safer, lower doses — or discontinue use altogether."

The Washington Post published its data on opioid consumption Sunday after receiving its data from the DEA.

"The Washington Post sifted through nearly 380 million transactions from 2006 through 2012 that are detailed in the DEA's database and analyzed shipments of oxycodone and hydrocodone pills, which account for three-quarters of the total opioid pill shipments to pharmacies," the newspaper reported.

"The Post is making this data available at the county and state levels in order to help the public understand the impact of years of prescription pill shipments on their communities."

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Eyes turn towards Mars at Apollo anniversary celebration

Apollo marks its 50th anniversary of the moon landing and Downey leads the celebration.

By Jocelyn Arceo
Contributor

DOWNEY - Over the course of a month, the Columbia Memorial Space Center held various events leading up to an all-day celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing on Saturday.

The space center sits on the site where all of the Apollo Command and Service Modules were built for the rocket that landed Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin on the moon for the first time in human history back in 1969.

To help celebrate, various engineers who once worked at the site to help build the necessary parts were present at the event, as well as several local elected officials.

"Fifty years ago, I was a 9-year-old little boy that watched the moon landing," said Mayor Rick Rodriguez. "That was a promise to us little guys back then that space was real. You guys made it real for little kids to dream, to look at the stars and say 'one day.'"

Hundreds of guests gathered on the front lawn of the space center for an opening ceremony, followed by a day full of educational activities, family-friendly events and a newly installed Apollo 11 exhibit featuring rare mission artifacts.

During opening statements, Doug Bradley, chief engineer of Aerojet Rocketdyne, addressed the audience by first recalling a quote made by Tom Hanks in the 1995 film, "Apollo 13," where Hanks could be heard asking when we would be returning to



Photo by Jocelyn Arceo

the moon again, to which Bradley told the audience it "would be soon."

"We're not going to the moon to go to the moon, we're going to the moon to get there as a stepping stone," Bradley said. "I get it, it's the biggest stepping stone in the history of stepping stones, but our goal is Mars. We're going to Mars, that little red dot in the sky."

Bradley told the audience that Aerojet Rocketdyne made 63 engines for the Apollo 11 mission, something of which he said they were very proud of. He added that the company is once again busy making rocket parts, however, this time for the future.

Altogether, a mission to Mars would take about a year and a half; six months to get there, six months waiting for orbit and then six months to return back, he said. Right now, they are currently practicing in a space station, however, he said the most logical next step would be

the moon.

"I'm not speaking in the abstract here... our engines are ready," Bradley said. "They're not on the drawing board, they're down in Louisiana waiting to get installed... This isn't just an idea or a plan, this is happening. We're going to land on the moon in 2024... that's exciting stuff, and then we're off to Mars."

Sen. Bob Archuleta honored the city with a certificate acknowledging the role Downey had played in the making of history. In addition, assemblywoman Christina Garcia helped the Columbia Memorial Space Center receive \$5.8 million from the state of California to fund an expansion of STEM education throughout their program.

"The Columbia Memorial Space Center is a tribute to the devoted men and women who built the command module in Downey, CA, that took America's astronauts to the moon and

brought them back home safely," Archuleta said. "On behalf of the 32nd senate district, I congratulate you... continue the good work Downey because you are part of the fighting 32nd."

As the day went on, kids and their families could be seen engaging in many different STEM and Apollo themed activities, from creating their own footprint on the moon to learning how to move objects with robotic arms.

Downey residents Brandon Chatman and Angela Harris brought along 6-year-old Braydon Chatman to the celebration, something Brandon Chatman had said was exciting because it is an honor that is in his own city and not another.

"We have something in our city that people from across the world are looking at, it's really a pivotal point in time," Harris said.

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

I recently spent time with a longtime friend who is now actively dying. It was a stark reminder that this gift called "life" is short and precious.

I am in a profession where I am reminded of this every day. I truly understand my patients, family, and friends when they express how difficult it is to lose a loved one. I want to make it clear to you all that, despite my years of experience, I have no secret methods for coping. My style is to get sad and teary-eyed.



What particularly inspired me about my friend is that he stated, with great conviction, that he was ready to go. Throughout his life, he had built a solid community around him, and had spiritual faith, a strong family, and helped others whenever he was able.

He reminded me that one day, when it is my time, I will also go. So let me pass along that very reminder to all of you: one day you will also go. The last I heard, none of us are getting out of here alive.

Wonderful people visit my office regularly with illnesses that can be quite serious. They also see me with more mundane personal, work and family issues. We all tend to get lost in coping with day-to-day life. Meanwhile, that simple, precious gift of life can slip by.

Please stop and take a moment to ask yourself what it is you want out of life. If that isn't the path you are on, I urge you to do your best to actively make changes. Whatever direction you take, life is filled with constant growth that includes major failures, triumphs, joys, frustrations, disappointments, hope, and love.

Let me pass along another suggestion; one that I heard long ago, and still feel is brilliant: write your eulogy today. How will people think about you after you go? How do you want them to remember you? Did you actively participate in your family and in your community to make them a better place? Did you gain the respect of young and old? Did you reach out and help the less fortunate when you could? Did you learn your own lessons of patience, tolerance, and love? Did you spend a lifetime continuing to learn new knowledge and skills? In the end, did you find plenty of things that brought you joy and happiness?

I want to thank my old friend for being a teacher to me during his final chapter of life. It is worth remembering why we are here. Let's make a promise, today, that life is meaningful and worth the sometimes impossible journeys that face us. Let's make our world and our life a better and more joyous place in which to live.

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

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Retirement shouldn't mean poverty

BY KATHERINE NEWMAN

Vivian Majors spent her life cleaning houses while her husband, Martin, worked as a carpenter.

Their bodies broke down in their 60s. Martin now lives in a nursing home and has Parkinson's disease. Vivian, now 71, lives on her own and ekes by on \$960 in social security, plus \$50 in food stamps.

Hardened by years of physically taxing work that left her hovering around the poverty line, Majors, now retired, is girding herself for more years of financial hardship.

Social Security supposedly wiped out the scourge of old-age poverty. But inequality has widened the gap between the secure and insecure in all age groups, exposing American seniors to financial distress in ways that often go unnoticed.

According to research from the University of Massachusetts Boston, material hardship bedevils millions of Americans like Majors.

Opelousas, Louisiana, where Majors and her husband grew up and raised their own children, has the highest rate of elderly poverty in the United States. Opelousas is home to men and women who have worked all their lives. But in 2017, the average per-capita income in the town was only \$15,266 a year, and 45 percent of its population lived in poverty.

Few Opelousas retirees received sick leave or health care coverage while they were working, and virtually none can count on a pension. A lifetime of poverty rarely translates into what the rest of the country defines as true retirement. Instead, the working poor often stay on the job past retirement age.

Social Security has played a crucial role in bringing down poverty rates for Americans over 65. But the lives of older Americans are a natural extension of their experiences in their prime working years.

As inequality impacts more working-age Americans, the poverty they experience throughout life follows them into old age. The Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston found in 2016 that a majority of American seniors lacked "the financial resources required to pay for basic needs."

The numbers are higher for those living alone than those in two-senior households, but overall the material hardship of the elderly is significant — especially for the large population living just a little above the official poverty line.

These households miss out on benefits — from food stamps to housing grants to Medicaid — designed to assist those in need. They're on their own and yet facing significant shortfalls in the resources needed to survive at a minimally acceptable level.



The institute found that gaps were particularly problematic for women who, on average, received \$4,500 less per year in Social Security benefits than men because they had lower lifetime earnings and worked fewer quarters to take time out for caregiving.

In this sense, elder poverty isn't really about elders; it's about whole lifetimes of economic marginality.

Poorer seniors are likely to have been poor, or among the working poor, most of their lives. They've held jobs that paid low wages, were often involuntarily part-time, provided for no sick leave or health insurance, and provided nothing at all in the way of pensions.

Majors is a frugal woman. She shuts down the air conditioner during humid Louisiana summers rather than see her electricity bill rise. Even in her old age, with such limited resources, she lends a hand to her grown children when they need it.

"A lot of people sometimes wonder how you're making it," she says. "But you manage, you know. You're going to survive."

That is no doubt true. Yet we can ask ourselves why merely being able to "manage" is the best that can be expected for a hardworking woman like Majors. Retirement shouldn't mean hardship in the 21st century.

Katherine Newman is the interim chancellor of the University of Massachusetts, Boston. This piece was produced by the Economic Hardship Reporting Project and first published by The Guardian.

In support of medians

Dear Editor:

I was surprised to read the two negative letters in the Thursday, July 4, 2019 Downey Patriot regarding a median and street tree planting project on Paramount Boulevard, north of Imperial Highway.

One correspondent suggested in their opinion that "serviceability overrides beauty" and the other opined that it is "a terrible idea."

My question is how does beautifying a major route through our city by adding a tree canopy, to what has largely been an ignored corridor, translate so poorly? Personally, I've always felt the noise pollution, air pollution, light pollution, lack of a tree canopy, and downright visual ugliness in some instances, have been major negative issues for all the years we have lived in Downey adjacent to the Paramount Blvd. corridor.

For all our time living here we have looked forward to a project such as the one being currently undertaken. Civic projects like this increase pride for (nearly) all residents, enhance ambience, filter road and vehicle emission pollution, provide shade, increase property values, and make our neighborhoods better places to live.

The amount of traffic around us is going to continue to grow, we live in the most populous state in the U. S. and no amount of planning is going to stop the growth or stop the traffic. Forgoing an investment in our community so that people can make a faster left hand turn or speed through more easily is not going to stop population growth or abate growing traffic issues.

Personally, I have waited decades for this project. I don't know what tide changed to make this project possible but I'd rather know my City cared enough about where I live to make it a better place. This project is the first highly visible indication that the City of Downey cares about this corridor, and the people who live in it, in all the 46 years we have lived here.

They and the project have my full support.

**Catherine Pannell
Downey**

The U.S. has no official language

Dear Editor:

There has been a lot of news stories lately relating to people speaking Spanish in public; the most recent ones being the gas station employee in Illinois, the Burger King manager in Florida, and the story involving a Border Patrol agent in Montana earlier this year.

All these stories usually begin the same way, two people speaking Spanish in public and a bystander overhearing them and criticizing them for speaking Spanish and suspecting them of being here illegally.

The bystanders make it sound like a crime for speaking Spanish in public, and unfortunately this is becoming the norm, especially in the current political climate. What people need to realize is that speaking Spanish, or any other language in public, is not a crime and they should mind their own business. The US population is made up of different people that come from various countries and speak different languages, not to mention Americans who are born here and learn another language growing up.

The US has no official language, English is the de facto language. English is the number one spoken language in the US, and guess which language is the second most spoken language? Spanish! Yeah, you read that right. In addition, according to the Cervantes Institute, Spanish will become the most spoken language in the US by 2050. On the international level, English is the third most spoken language; Chinese is the most spoken language and Spanish is the second most spoken language.

If you're one of those people who believe English should be the only spoken language in public, don't be ignorant. Learn to respect others, regardless of the language they speak, their culture, their race, their religion, etc. America is a melting pot with the population made up of people from all over the world.

**Guillermo Vazquez
Downey**

Fed up with Democrats

Dear Editor:

Well, we've heard from the 20 Democratic presidential hopefuls. So far it seems they all agree that killing babies is OK.

I assume they think free healthcare should be given not only to citizens, but also to illegals, and most want to tear down our border walls and let all come who want to. Most think the "undocumented" are from Central America and Mexico. The facts are that people from 100 different countries have crossed our borders illegally. I showed Assemblymember Cristina Garcia a document from Kaiser showing they must have translators for 13 different languages - same at PIH and other hospitals.

But when Democrats pass free healthcare, it won't matter. A.) No one will need money if everything is free. After all, California taxpayers are paying \$600,000 to destroy a mural at a San Francisco high school because it is of George Washington. What would it cost us to destroy the numbskulls in Washington, D.C.? B.) I'm still waiting for a total amount the free things will cost taxpayers. C.) What is their plan?

Sen. Kamala Harris and some others want reparations. Someone had to play the race card and she did it well. Maybe she is the one who is racist.

Don't you feel sorry for her; she has only been district attorney in San Francisco, attorney general in California, and now is a U.S. senator. Wonder if San Francisco cleaned the streets of the urine, feces, and rats when she walked in the gay pride march there? When one doesn't have to work if they don't want to, why go to college, even if it's free, just to demonstrate?

The Democrats supported the KKK for a long time, now apparently they support Antifa. They don't get arrested when they demolish Santa Barbara University or when they attack other groups; the police are told to "stand down." The colleges, which are supported largely by government or through gifts or money loaned to students, allow only leftists to speak.

If anyone is dumb enough to believe that elected officials represent us, the People, think again. It's the hatred of President Trump that is the only thing the Democrats have in mind. The Democrats are hoping the President won't make progress with China, North Korea or Iran. Remember, Bill Clinton gave North Korea the money to develop nuclear power and President Obama and John Kerry gave the money to Iran to do it.

One last thought. I wish Colin Kaepernick would pick up his toys and bank account and exit the U.S. to a country that pleases him and take Nike with him and all the wealthy athletes that have been so mistreated, but leave our National Anthem and flag alone.

**Elsa Van Leuven
Downey**

Note to tech companies: please read history

BY ALISSA QUART

America's tech giants are accused of many sins, including invading our privacy and even degrading our democracy. But one other commonality among these masters of the code universe is rarely discussed: Virtually no tech CEOs have a background in the humanities, such as literature and history.

What does it mean to be human? What does it mean to be a citizen? And what are our responsibilities to one another? If their behavior is any guide, tech titans have never thought deeply about any of these questions.

Instead, major social platforms like Facebook simply build fines for privacy violations into their budgeting. Ridesharing services like Uber underpay their hardworking drivers and offer no benefits. And hate speech runs rampant on all social networks.

If our tech overlords had studied the humanities — rather than just business or computer science — they might have been less likely to treat our data as a commodity to be used for their own purposes. Facebook might not have blithely violated its 2011 privacy consent decree, or stood back when hate speech consumed its platform.

I'm not alone in believing that arts and humanities training could create much better technologists. In a 2018 study, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine called for an integration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with these less numerical disciplines.

In designing technology, empathy and other human-scale values are now being championed as well. After all, how can you sell good "user experience" if you know little about the users? And when the robots come for our jobs, human creative intelligence may be one of the only things still needed in the labor market.

One might ask: What are the chances of building a tech unicorn if you studied Chaucer or Weber rather than computer science?

But my argument isn't that only English majors should run tech incubators, but that our digital masters should find a place in their lives and minds for Plato and Margaret Mead. As a study by psychologists David Comer Kidd and Emanuele Castano shows, literature makes us better at comprehending other people's feelings — a useful skill in both a leader and an employee.

If Uber and other gig economy "winners" had studied Dickens or labor history, would they have fought so nastily to maintain that their drivers are "side hustling," concierge-like contractors with few employment rights?

If executives at Lyft had read Jane Addams' 20 Years At Hull House, or even a textbook on the basics of maternal biology, would they have celebrated the fact that a driver had to pick up riders after she went into labor, and then Lyft herself to the hospital to give birth?

And if those who insist on creepily long hours from their employees had at least read Marx, they might not snicker so affectionately at the T-shirt slogan "9 to 5 is for the weak."

Today's tech jobs — with "nap pods" and campus environments that make it so their workers almost never leave work — evoke Marx's account of how long work days rob people of their "normal, moral, and physical conditions of development."

This is part of a broader problem, of course. In 1971, there were fewer than two business majors for every English major in American colleges. As of 2016, it's more than 8 to 1 and growing.

As T.S. Eliot wrote: "Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?"

Studying the humanities means engaging with what the Romantics called "the sympathetic imagination" — an idea that tech overlords would hopefully direct not just at themselves but also toward other people.

Alissa Quart is executive director of the Economic Hardship Reporting Project, which produced this piece. It ran first at the San Francisco Chronicle.

Fly me to the moon

Dear Editor:

A crooner of my youth eloquently sang what everybody in the world wanted to do. "Fly me to the moon..."

Our biggest nemeses, Russia and China, have crash landed robots in the moon. We have landed and recovered successfully 12 astronauts, a feat that has been acknowledged by our aforementioned adversaries.

I think that it is reasonable to assume that if there were any facts that disputed the statement "the moon landing was the most significant event of the 20th century" (Arthur Schlesinger Jr., historian) the Russians and the Chinese would use them to discredit our country politically.

Some 400,000 people contributed to this effort. I, myself, as a young engineer had a modest role in testing for radiation hardness the electronic circuits of the antenna for the lunar module as a member of the circuit analysis team of the Autonetics division of North American Aviation the prime contractor for the space capsule.

Periodically we hear from conspiracy theorists that dispute the veracity of our moon landing. Ash Covarrubius is a recent one (The Downey Patriot, 7/18/19). I respectfully suggest that they have been misinformed by social media.

They would be better off by visiting the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in La Cañada (they have open houses several times during the year) and attending the von Karman lectures at Cal Tech. The most recent one was on July 12 about the Apollo 50th anniversary.

Armed with solid scientific information, Mr. Covarrubius et al will learn that they live in the greatest country in the world and that we are the technological leaders of the universe, that we have been to the moon and back, and that we'll do it again soon.

In spite of what they may have watched on Fox News, we are a great country and our scientific accomplishments prove it.

**Jorge Montero
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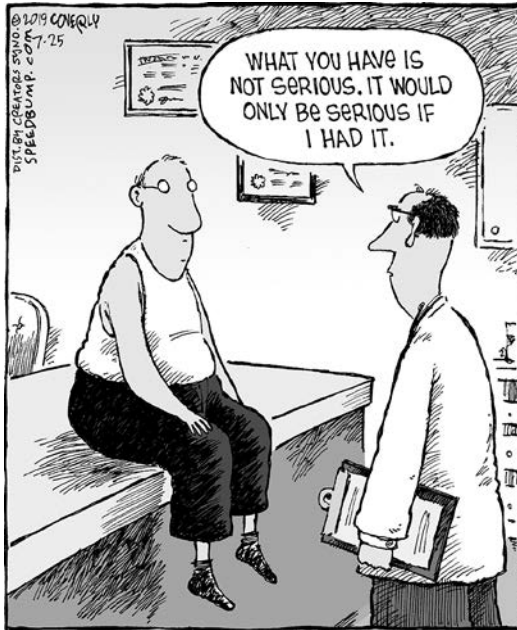
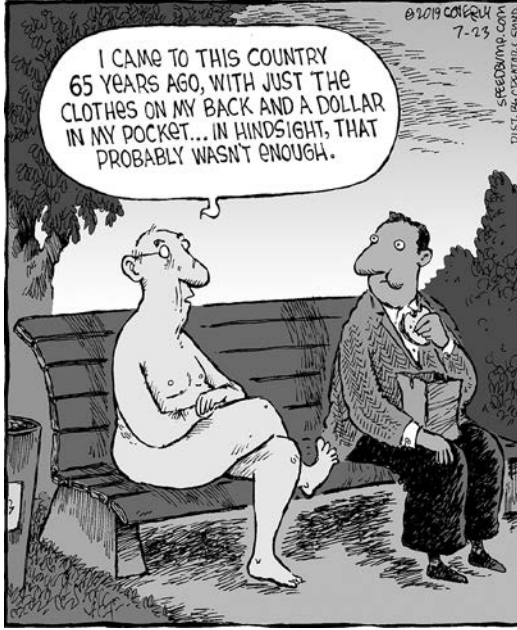
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CITY MEETINGS

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

FRIDAYS

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

SATURDAYS

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

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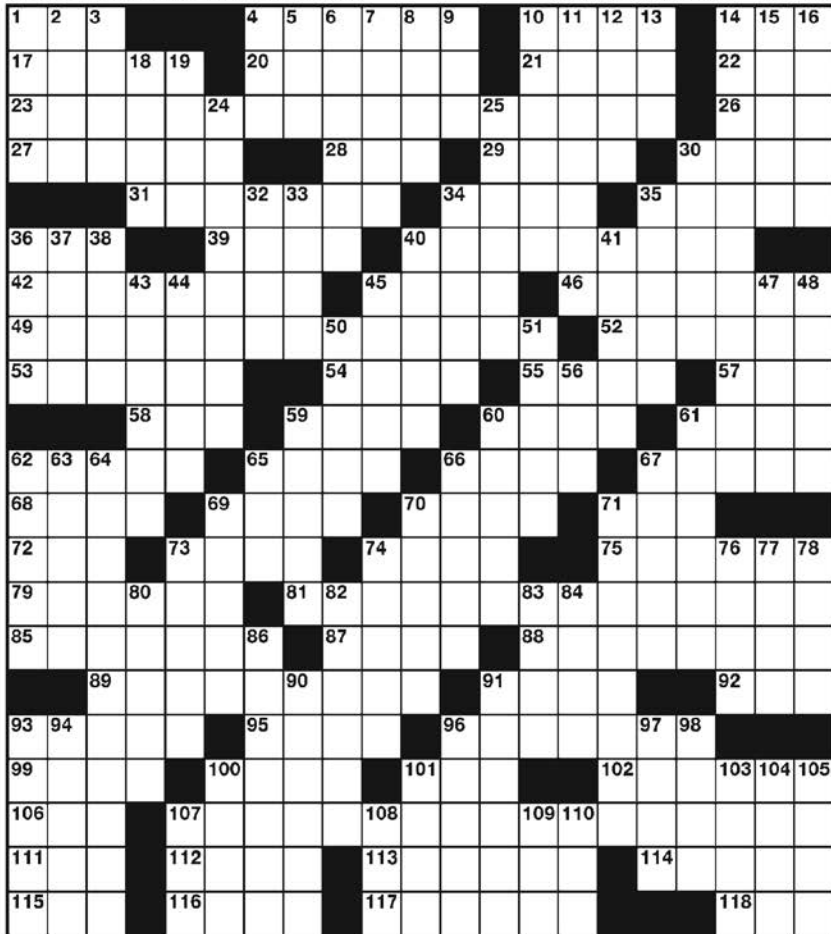
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- 1943:** Italian Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini was overthrown in a coup.
- 1946:** The U.S. detonated an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the Pacific. It was the first underwater test of the device.
- 1978:** Louise Joy Brown, the first test-tube baby, was born in Oldham, England. She had been conceived through in-vitro fertilization.
- 2010:** WikiLeaks leaked to the public more than 90,000 internal reports involving the U.S.-led War in Afghanistan from 2004-2010.

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A portrait of Belgian Surrealist RENE MAGRITTE (39 Across) appeared on his country's 500 franc banknote first issued in 1998. (German geologist Friedrich MOHS hardness scale in 1812, while he was employed by an Austrian architect's science academy, Designer STELLA McCartney. (79 Across), daughter of Sir Paul, designed the wedding reception dress for Meghan Markle.



Downey, Warren in final stretch of preparations before fall season

By Mark Fetter
Sportswriter

DOWNEY - The Warren High School campus is buzzing with teams getting ready for the start of their respective sports seasons this fall. Summer school concluded last Thursday and many student-athletes are now finding their way(s) back to their sport of choice.

The fall sports season consists of seven team sports. Those sports include: boys' and girls' cross country, football, boys' water polo, girls' golf, girls' tennis and girls' volleyball. While many athletes are investing their time and effort in preparation for their sport of choosing, many coaches have also invested their time and

effort in the coaching of these student-athletes.

Samantha Miyahara is the Athletic Director at Warren High School. Ramon Miranda is the coach of the boys' cross country team and Jay Waldron is the coach of the girls' cross country team. Kevin Pearson is the new head coach of the football team. Pearson replaced Raul Lara, the head football coach for the past five seasons. Tina Schmid is the coach of the girls' golf team and Mary Starksen is the coach of the girls' tennis team. Scotty Lane is the coach for the girls' volleyball team and Edgar Villa is the coach of the boys' water polo team.

The fall semester will begin in just over two weeks and games, matches and tournaments will follow shortly thereafter. Best of

luck to all Downey and Warren athletic teams competing in the 2019-20 academic school year.

Los Angeles Dodgers - The Los Angeles Dodgers are currently in first place in the National League West with a record of 67-36. The Dodgers are currently 31 games over .500 and are in first place by 14.5 games over the San Francisco Giants. The Giants are currently 52-50. The Diamondbacks are currently in third place with a record of 51-51 and are 15.5 games back. The Colorado Rockies and San Diego Padres are both 47-53 and 18.5 games back, respectfully.

The Dodgers have won seven of their last ten games, the Giants have won nine of their last ten games, the Diamondbacks have won five of their last ten games and the Rockies and Padres have won two of their last ten games. The Giants are not only the hottest team in the National League West but are also the hottest team in Major League Baseball right now. The Giants, however, still find themselves 14.5 games behind the Dodgers.

The Dodgers have been led by outstanding pitching this season. Hyun-Jin Ryu is currently 11-2 and has an ERA of 1.76. Ryu had such a strong first half of the season he was selected as the starting pitcher for the National League's All-Star team. Clayton Kershaw is currently 8-2 and has an ERA of 2.84 and Walker Buehler is currently 9-1 and has an ERA of 3.23. Kershaw and Buehler were both selected to the National League All-Star team as well.

Cody Bellinger and Max Muncy have been having excellent seasons as well and were both selected to the National League All-Star team. Bellinger is currently hitting .332 and has 34 home runs with 77 RBI. Muncy is currently hitting .268 and has 26 home runs with 68 RBI. Justin Turner is another Dodger having a solid season and is currently hitting .292 with 13 home runs and 40 RBI. Although Turner was not selected to the All-Star team this season, he continues to be one of the most consistent Dodgers.

The Dodgers hosted the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim in a brief two-game freeway series at Dodger Stadium on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The Angels won the opener 5-4 on Tuesday night and Wednesday's result was not available at press time.

Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim - The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim are currently in third place in the American League West with a record of 53-49. The Angels are currently four games over .500 and are 11.5 games behind the first-place Houston Astros. The Houston Astros are currently atop the American League West standings with a record of 65-38.

The Oakland Athletics are currently in second place with a record of 58-44 and are 6.5 games back. The Rangers are currently in fourth place with a record of 51-50 and are 13 games back. The Mariners are currently in fifth place with a

record of 41-63 and are 24.5 games back.

The Angels have won seven of their last ten games and are playing good baseball. The Astros have won seven of their last ten games, the Athletics have won seven of their last ten games and the Rangers and Mariners have won two of their last ten games, respectfully.

The Angels have been led this season by their only all-star Mike Trout. Trout is currently hitting .298 with 33 home runs and 80 RBI. Other Angels having solid seasons are: Tommy La Stella, Shohei Ohtani, David Fletcher, Brian Goodwin and Andrelton Simmons. La Stella is hitting .300 with 16 home runs and 44 RBI. Ohtani is also hitting .300 with 14 home runs and 41 RBI. Fletcher is hitting .291 with five home runs and 34 RBI. Goodwin is hitting .285 with eight home runs and 27 RBI and Andrelton Simmons is hitting .281 with five home runs and 27 RBI.

The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim traveled to the Los Angeles Dodgers for a brief two-game freeway series on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The Angels won the opener 5-4 on Tuesday night, and completed the sweep with a 3-2 victory the following evening.

Norwalk man with Alzheimer's found

NORWALK - An elderly Norwalk man suffering from Alzheimer's went missing Tuesday afternoon but was found within minutes.

The 71-year-old man, identified only as Richard, wandered away from his Norwalk home shortly after 3 p.m. His family contacted authorities who launched a search.

Richard was wearing a trackable bracelet which sheriff's deputies used to find him less than an hour later. He was in good health.

The bracelet was provided by L.A. County and is part of the county's L.A. Found program, which helps locate people with Alzheimer's, dementia, autism or other impairments which could cause people to wander away and go missing.

The bracelet sends out a signal on a radio frequency which can be tracked to its location by sheriff's deputies using a special receiver.

"Richard was found quickly and safely thanks to LA Found and the good work of our Sheriff's Department MET [Mental Evaluation Team]," said Supervisor Janice Hahn.

This is the ninth successful save for the LA Found program since it began in September. To learn more about the program and how to enroll a family member, visit LAfound.com.

In Memory of

Sidney Elicks

January 29, 1924 - June 21, 2019



Sidney Elicks was born and raised in Sacramento, California to immigrant parents. He became a Naval Officer, served in the Korean Conflict, and retired after 20 years of service. He earned his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the California Institute of Technology in 1945 and continued on to the University of Southern California where he earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1957.

Sidney married Geraldine Faltesek of St. Paul, Minnesota June 27, 1949. They moved to Downey, California where they lived for 50 years. Geraldine, "Jerry" owned and operated the Elicks Clinical Laboratory in Downey for more than 25 years. Sidney worked for the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) for 41 years as a senior project manager/director for many key Southern California highway projects, as well as serving on many California and Federal task forces on policies, practices and standards. After his retirement from CalTrans, Sidney moved to a private engineering firm, working as Principal-in-Charge on many transportation projects.

In 2002, Sid and Jerry moved to La Costa Glen in Carlsbad, California where they enjoyed additional travel, and the many activities offered in their retirement community. Sid was married 67 years until the death of his wife, Jerry, June 7, 2016.

Sidney is survived by his daughters, Suzanne Elicks Riessen and Lorraine Navarro, and his four grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

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Downey students chosen to attend water crisis summit at Pepperdine University

Downey High students attend a two-day conference where they learned about the global water crisis.

DOWNEY – The Thirst Project hosted its first ever Legacy Summit at Pepperdine University in Malibu from July 19-21.

One part summer camp, one part United Nations General Assembly and one part Beyonce concert, the summit celebrated and honored the impact made by the student and teacher leaders on the global water crisis.

Over 150 inspiring young activists from all over the United States were selected to attend; among them were three students from Downey High School.

Actor Casey Simpson awarded Diana Mae Baliscao, incoming senior at Downey High School, with the Kick-Start Award for going above and beyond with her dedication to raising funds and awareness to end the global water crisis.

The City of Downey and Downey High School were very well represented in pictures of the Walk for Water that the Downey

High School KIWIN'S hosted back in February of this year.

Powerful and inspirational All-Summit Plenary Sessions featuring world-class speakers, leaders, celebrities, musicians, and artists were presented to students who attended.

"It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life, I learned so much and I can't wait to go back home and get started on planning our next Walk for Water in the City of Downey," said Wendy Galvan, a senior at Downey High School.

What makes this organization so vital and important is the focus on the high school and college students that are learning about the serious need for clean, safe water, and mobilizing them to be part of the solution. This is a movement of young people raising millions of dollars to build wells in 13 countries, while currently working on 5 more.

These wells are as much as 250-300 feet deep and can provide up to 300-500 people water.

Diana Mae Baliscao plans on starting a Thirst Project Club at Downey High to bring awareness

and education on the global water crisis.

"I think the most impactful thing I learned at the Legacy Summit is that although there are many causes out there we can focus on, we must not be naive as to say that just because we don't have a water crisis here in the United States that we shouldn't help others in developing countries," said Diana.

"I mean, if you really think about it, none of us chooses our place of birth right? We have been blessed to be born in the United States of America so why not help those who need water to survive?"

The Thirst Project Legacy Summit came to a close with a speech by Njabulis Gwebu, Eswatini Ambassador to the United States. She expressed her gratitude on behalf of her nation for bringing safe drinking water to the many people who do not have access to clean water.

She encouraged student leaders to continue in their mission to end the global water crisis and student leaders went back home inspired and ready to change the world.



Three Downey High School students were chosen to attend the Legacy Summit at Pepperdine University.

The story behind 'On the Wings of Hope'

By Carrie Redfox Contributor

DOWNEY – When the Tournament of Roses announced the 2020 parade theme, "The Power of Hope", I knew I had the perfect design idea for a float.

In 2012, at East Middle School, now Doty Middle School, I proposed an opportunity for the students to show compassion to those in need -- especially children. An ancient Japanese legend promises that anyone who folds a thousand origami cranes

will be granted a wish, such as long life or recovery from illness or injury. The crane is recognized as the bird of happiness and wisdom and also represents a form of healing and hope.

The thousand origami cranes were popularized through the story of Sadako Sasaki, a Japanese girl who was exposed to radiation from the atomic bombing of Hiroshima during WWII. She developed leukemia and, inspired by the Japanese legend, began making origami cranes with the goal of making one thousand.

In the tradition of Sadako's story, the students were able to involve themselves in a charitable experience by participating in the "Wings of Hope" program. They were each given an opportunity to purchase a paper crane for \$1. In the form of a "gram", each participant sent a message of hope or dedication to a friend or loved one on the wings of the crane. The goal was to collect a total of \$1,000 and this would be donated to Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

The cranes were strung on strings, hung on a crane tree, and eventually delivered along with the collected money to CLHA to "inspire hope in its patients so they will know their recovery is being wished."

More than two-thirds of the student population took part in the project, as well as staff and parents. Students attended crane-making classes and in the end, created a beautiful tree with hundreds of colorful origami cranes of all sizes.

The Wings of Hope project acted as a symbol of happiness, healing and hope. The cranes represented the words that are sometimes hard to say. It was a positive way to channel energy into something that made others happy.

To have had the opportunity to bring this idea to the Downey Rose Float Association was amazing. This will take a beautiful idea and offer it to the world!

As Laura Farber, the Pasadena Tournament of Roses president

shared, "With hope, anything, in fact everything, is possible. Hope is more than simply the possibility of fulfillment. Hope is the dignity and respect, joy and happiness, aspiration and achievement. Hope never, ever quits. Through hope, we can aspire to be our best and in turn inspire those around us to reach higher."

"On the Wings of Hope" will encompass this belief and share it with others in an astounding way!



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Mexican-Americans find success in Downey but not without pushback

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To this day, many Mexican-origin parents do not teach their children Spanish to remove the associations with a heritage that has historically had little social and economic mobility. These families shaped their childrearing to prioritize English, and “Americanness” writ large, in the public eye.

The case study of a Spanish-language theater underscores how Mexican Americans avoided the Spanish language. The Downey Avenue Theater was erected nearly thirty years before Downey’s incorporation. Across the street from the civic center and the city hall, the Avenue Theater’s owners looked for a seller. They found one in Javier Bueno, president of the J. Bueno Corporation, a small chain of entertainment venues. Bueno announced his intention to open a Spanish-language theater in early 1981.

Throughout the 1970s, though, a newer movie theater in the Stonewood Center siphoned revenue from the Avenue Theater. By 1981, the Avenue Theater’s owners looked for a seller. They found one in Javier Bueno, president of the J. Bueno Corporation, a small chain of entertainment venues. Bueno announced his intention to open a Spanish-language theater in early 1981.

To make a Spanish-language theater palatable to the white community, Bueno framed his business as one that would attract “respectable” nuclear families. He issued comments to several of the media outlets in anticipation of anti-Mexican pushback. He insisted that he intended to attract second- and third-generation Mexican Americans—not Mexican immigrants—who “still like Spanish-speaking films.”

Elsewhere, Bueno assured that the other two theaters were only frequented by “respectable” people who sought “safe” forms of recreation with their spouses and children. Bueno stressed this point to portray his clients as nuclear families like those throughout American middle-class suburbs. Bueno implied that his movie theaters would serve the families, not the singles, youths, and unmarried women. The community’s reception to his “family-friendly” strategy was mixed.

White residents feared that the theater would decrease their quality of life. Many took to anonymous op-eds to voice their concerns. One writer warned that the theater would allow Mexican-origin residents to live in the United States without learning English, which would lead to unspecified “adverse effects on the city of Downey.” Another warned that services provided to those outside the English-speaking majority would lead to the “rape of our beautiful Downey.” A third letter vaguely warned of the “precedent the movie theater would set.”

Each writer imagined the moviegoer as invariably foreign and unassimilated despite Bueno’s target demographics. The opposition principally applied to public communications in a language other than English. This is because a Spanish-language theater represented the threat of demographic change. The Watts Riots scarcely affected Downey, as last week’s essay showed, but Bueno’s theater would have attracted Spanish-speakers to the heart of Downey.

Those who defended the theater emphasized the familiarity of Bueno’s target demographic. Supporters compared themselves to the movie-goers as nuclear families and American citizens of middle-class means. The editor of the Southeast News urged readers to “stay calm” and welcome the family-oriented recreation:

[Bueno] plans to show movies which will attract respectable Spanish-speaking people who are willing to drive some distance with their families because they like Spanish-speaking films...How about giving Bueno a chance to show that he can run a theater where nobody else could make it go? The Avenue has been as good as dead for several years. Maybe he can breathe some life back into it. He’s not going to show porno films, for goodness sake: he’s pitching his whole effort at families with some money to spend for a night at the movies.

On February 5 of that year, the city council officially addressed the issue, with many of the same arguments. Only two councilmen voiced support for the theater, but did so by reassuring citizens that the theater’s success hinged on doing business “the wholesome way.” A policeman from Buena Park spoke and told citizens that Bueno’s Spanish-language theater there did not attract any crime, and “shows mostly cowboy and family type films—not porno.” White supporters of the Spanish-language theater argued that their community needed to welcome those with similar “wholesome” interests.

Supporters’ arguments on the whole showed an affinity (or at least tolerance) for Mexican Americans who acted differently from what racial ideology predicted. Bueno’s target demographic spoke Spanish, as stereotypical Mexican neighbors would have. But Bueno’s audience also spoke English, belonged to a nuclear family, and portrayed a civic identity that otherwise resembled the other white residents.

The theater failed to attract sufficient visitors and closed soon after it opened. On its February opening night, the Downey Police Department reported no disruptions, but the next night, a passerby fired a pellet from an air rifle and put a hole in the theater’s glass door as an act of intimidation. (This went unreported in Downey newspapers and was only picked up by the Los Angeles Times.)

Neither the Mexican Americans of Downey nor their counterparts from metropolitan Los Angeles watched the Spanish-language films, and by June, Bueno sold the theater to an Anglo owner. That theater failed, too, and the property has been unowned for most years since then.

But the overwhelming pushback to the Spanish-language theater showed the middle-class Mexican Americans the dangers of subverting assimilated norms. In many ways, the Spanish-

language theater incident underscored the expectations outlined by realtors (which I discussed last week). To frequent the Spanish-language theater would have been to publicly embrace an ethnic Mexican identity. The community response suggested how whites would have viewed Mexican Americans as “foreign” or different if they spoke Spanish. Such an association threatened middle-class Mexican Americans’ economic gains and position in the suburb. The community pushback to Bueno’s theater was but one episode that affirmed the importance of speaking English in Downey—and the primacy of public “Americanness” more broadly.

Mexican American entrepreneurs likewise espoused “Americanness” in public. This was not due to a dearth of entrepreneurs who embraced their Mexican heritage, as next week’s issue will show. Rather, “Americanness” in business formed a core component of the civic identity. Many prominent civic leaders got their start as businesspeople in Downey.

For example, Raul Lopez opened his own firm, Lopez Insurance Agency, in the early 1980s. Pete Martin, mentioned earlier, managed Martin Metal Finishing, a company that put coatings on airplanes and other aerospace products in nearby Lakewood. Countless other Mexican Americans—and other Latinos/as/xs—opened businesses throughout metropolitan Los Angeles to earn a middle-class income without necessarily having a college education. This especially helped first-generation immigrants, but Mexican Americans have historically had among the lowest levels of postsecondary achievement among American ethnic groups. (Take, for example, the immigrant-owned businesses that line Pacific Avenue in nearby Huntington Park.)

But unlike many minority entrepreneurs throughout Los Angeles, business owners in Downey did not sell products or services that reinforced an ethnic identity. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, most entrepreneurs avoided goods or services specifically for Mexican clientele such as tortillerías, panaderías, supermercados, Mexican restaurants, and the like. (I do not claim that all businesses in Downey refrained from this—as that is false—but rather that “race-neutral” entrepreneurship was the norm and not the exception.) Instead, Downey business owners worked with Anglo partners and nearly always conducted their transactions in English, even if selling a product to another Mexican American.

This style of “race-neutral” entrepreneurship formed a core component of the assimilated civic identity. Entrepreneurship both gave middle-class Mexican Americans a vested stake in the civic community’s maintenance and emphasized their “Americanness” to Anglo neighbors. These businesses reinforced a civic—not ethnic—identity and helped Mexican Americans secure their place in suburbia before 1988.

Some Mexican Americans in Downey also avoided identity politics in the public sphere. This was especially useful for homeowners—rights issues and other popular conservative or middle-class suburbanite concerns.

Politician Robert Davila, the first mayor of Mexican ancestry, typified the civic identity portrayed by some middle-class Mexican Americans. Before entering local politics, Davila worked as a juvenile court liaison with the Los Angeles Police Department. Davila won his first foray into local politics in 1982 when he ran as a Republican Party candidate for a city council seat. He omitted any mentions of ethnicity and instead ran a grassroots low-taxes and anti-development platform. Davila won the election.

As councilman, Davila repeatedly voted against retail taxes proposed to fund revitalization projects throughout the city. Davila was the sole dissenting vote against a \$1.7 million city grant in 1978 to redevelop four acres near downtown Downey into a senior retirement facility because he thought the cost was too high and the project was unnecessary for the city’s civic functions. His anti-development proclivities earned support from the Downey Citizens Against Redevelopment Excesses (CAREs), a fifty-member citizens’ group dedicated to keeping taxes low by limiting city involvement in infrastructural redevelopment projects. While contemporary Chicanos proudly embraced a politicized ethnic identity, Davila avoided ethnicity altogether in favor of homeowner politics.

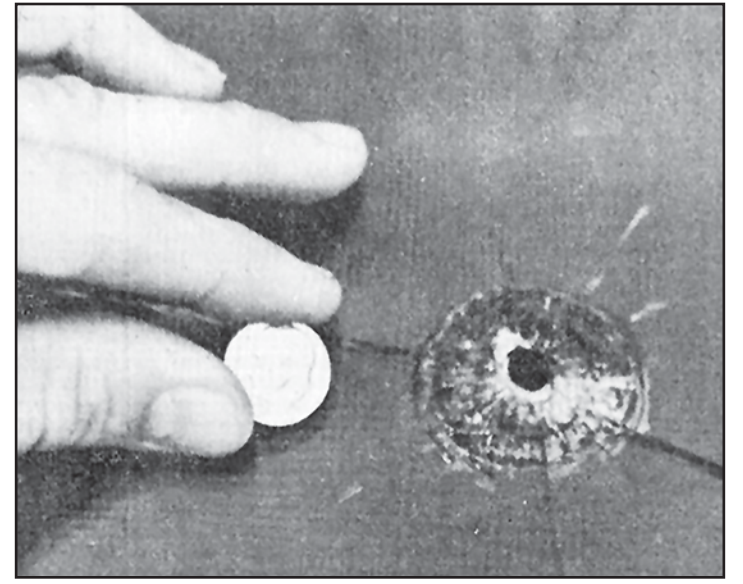
In fact, Davila’s tenure as mayor suggests he may have been too conservative even for white voters. Davila served two consecutive one-year terms as mayor from 1984 to 1986. At his mayoral inauguration, he acknowledged being the city’s first Mexican American mayor, but wished to not be remembered as the “Mexican mayor.” The next two years of his tenure ensured that wish would be true.

The four other city council members turned on Davila in 1984 because his anti-development voting impeded city council efforts to revitalize the aging downtown Downey shopping district. In 1985, a 36-year-old challenger, Roy Paul, announced his candidacy for the incumbent mayor’s council seat, which was up for reelection in 1986. Three of the council members openly endorsed Paul’s candidacy, despite reporting to mayor Davila.

As Election Day neared, Paul carried the momentum. To derail his challenger, Davila began a smear-tactic campaign against Paul, claiming that he was actually a Democrat and would betray the political preferences of the residents. (Paul had switched his official affiliation from Democrat to Republican soon before, citing “philosophical differences.”)

The Friends of Bob Davila, the mayor’s re-election campaign, then sent out flyers that highlighted Paul’s work as a divorce lawyer and alleged that he had strong gambling habits. These tactics painted Davila’s challenger as an amoral political who did not share the Judeo-Christian family ethics of the voters in Downey. Essentially, Davila suggested that his civic identity more closely matched the residents’.

As a last-ditch effort, the Friends of Bob Davila mailed flyers to residents with a White House return address that falsely implied an



Opening week damage at the Downey Avenue Theater. Courtesy of the Downey Historical Society.

endorsement from President Ronald Reagan—complete with a letter from the President thanking Davila for his support of Republican politics. Davila later admitted that President Reagan did not endorse his campaign. Despite his best efforts, Davila lost the election to Roy Paul and left public office in 1987.

Robert Davila may be an extreme example, but many other Mexican Americans in Downey avoided a public espousal of identity politics, broadly defined, in the public sphere. Suburban life in Downey brought with it numerous benefits, from safer schools to stronger investments. Before 1988, Mexican Americans were the overwhelming demographic minority, and their access to Downey’s resources depended on avoiding conflicts with their white neighbors. They did so by emphasizing their similarities—indeed, their “Americanness”—in the public sphere.

Surprisingly, this scarcely changed after 1988, when demographic change finally reached Downey. What facilitated this demographic shift is my subject for the next installment.

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Volunteering: A different way to do Homegrown talent premieres original play at Warren High

When attending the annual pop culture mega event seemed near impossible, Gordon Sodetani found a new way in.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO – Thousands upon thousands of collectors, geeks, nerds, and pop culture enthusiasts returned home this week after the conclusion of this year's installment of the phenomenon known as San Diego Comic Con.

With another successful con under his belt, one of those making the trek back was 23-year-old Downey resident Gordon Sodetani.

A lifelong enthusiast of science fiction, Sodetani had long wanted to step into the pop culture mecca known as San Diego Comic Con. However, roaming the sacred halls of the San Diego Convention Center is easier said than done.

"I tried for many years to get passes, and the general sale for comic con passes is extremely difficult," said Sodetani.

Difficult is an understatement. In what many "geeks" and "nerds" alike find to be an increasingly difficult, exhausting, and often times frustrating process, hopeful con attendees are held in an online holding area on the day of sale opening. When tickets go live, they are then randomly slotted into a virtual queue.

For the lucky ones, a golden ticket awaits. But for many – if not most – they can do nothing but desparately watch as weekend and single day passes disappear one by one, taunted by a continuously refreshing computer screen.

It is not uncommon for tickets to completely sell out in less than an hour, if not within minutes.

"I kind of gave up on that," said Sodetani.

Fortunately for him, his sister

Kimberly offered up an alternative route.

"She told me about one of her good friends Linda Haines... She said 'try volunteering,'" said Gordon. "She emailed me some information, and I said 'Okay, I'll give this a shot. Who knows, it might increase my luck.'"

After several unsuccessful attempts at general sale badges, Sodetani was able to get a volunteer badge on his first try.

"I kind of lost my mind when I realized I was finally going to this convention," said Sodetani. "That was in 2016."

And it may not have had anything to do with luck. Sodetani says it usually takes one to three days for volunteer positions to fill up as opposed to the almost instantaneous general sale sellout.

"I tell people who really want to experience [the con], I really recommend they [volunteer]," said Sodetani. "Some people have a negative idea about volunteering at Comic Con...I think the thing people say is 'I might not be able to see everything I want to see...' The nice thing about it is they are very flexible; you can choose when you want to work. It takes a little more planning on your part, but as long as you look through the schedule...then you can figure out blocks of time and when you want to volunteer."

As a volunteer, Gordon is required to work one three-hour shift per day. Once that shift is completed, the rest of the day is his to spend however he sees fit. Usually for him, that means sitting in on a panel or two.

Better yet, Sodetani's badge is complementary, free from the hundreds of dollars' worth of fees that other con-goers have paid before even stepping into the building. Volunteers also have access to all the same benefits and opportunities that regular badge holders possess, including the hotel lottery.

Returning volunteers also have priority access to the next year's volunteer opportunities.

Volunteering also doesn't



necessarily mean getting stuck with a boring job either.

"There's some volunteer shifts that put you in Hall H," said Sodetani. "My first year I got to work in the Marvel booth, and it was when Stan Lee was still alive and he was doing an autograph signing. I was helping manage the line...so I got to be within 20 feet of legendary Stan Lee, which is really cool."

"Cool stuff like that happens."

Having worked several years as a volunteer, Sodetani was invited to be a "full-fledged staff member" in the volunteer's department.

However, more than the perks, Sodetani says that working as a volunteer "gives you an appreciation for what goes on behind the scenes of Comic Con."

"Someone once told me that Comic Con runs on volunteers; that Con would not happen without volunteers," said Sodetani. "There's probably 4-5000 just general volunteers, and they help out with lines, crowd control, they help out with panels, every job at the convention would not be possible without the volunteers."

"It gave me a really amazing appreciation for what it takes to put on a massive event like Comic Con," said Sodetani.

The original show, written by and starring Warren High School teacher Greg Elsasser, explores serious themes and contains some mature language.

By Carol Kearns
Contributor

DOWNEY – Despite its image of a sedate suburban community, the City of Downey never ceases to surprise. The muses of Comedy and Tragedy are active once again, and this time it is three well-known educators at Downey Unified School District who will work their magic on a theater stage.

Greg Elsasser, chair of the English department at Warren High, will be premiering his new play, *The Games People Play*, for a seven-night run beginning Friday, Aug. 2, at the Emerson Theater on the Warren High campus.

Elsasser describes the play as a two-act drama/comedy that explores ethical and philosophical questions raised by developments in science—in this case, how far should someone go to keep a loved one from experiencing pain and loss? The dilemma centers on a "well-intentioned husband and his painfully deluded wife."

When he is not teaching, Elsasser is a prolific writer in multiple genres. In his own words, he has "written countless short stories, and even a novel." He has also authored a pilot TV series with four episodes for Christian television. *Games* will be his seventh published play.

For Downey residents and DUSD students/graduates, the six-member cast of this morality tale will be especially fun to watch. The talent is all homegrown.

Joining Elsasser, who plays the lead role of Evan Brooks, are Daniela Keeler, assistant principal at Downey High, and Justin



Muller, teacher at Warren High.

Keeler, who has been with DUSD for ten years, first met Elsasser when he was her drama teacher in eighth grade at Griffiths Middle School. An acting class last spring at My Acting Studio renewed her interest in performing. Keeler, who plays Allison, Evan's wife, says she enjoys the challenge of bringing the complex character to life.

She describes her approach to acting as "taking bits and pieces of your own experiences and putting a spotlight on it." Keeler also describes the different demands of stage acting versus on-camera acting.

"On stage, you have a distance from the audience that you need to bridge, so instead of just utilizing the trauma, I sprinkle in a little depression and a little aggression," she elaborates, "and Allison is born. It is similar to how you would feel if you were a victim of gaslighting—so many confusing emotions."

Muller, who plays the role of psychiatrist Zane Morgan, graduated from Warren in 2000, and eventually returned in 2009 to teach history and serve as ASB Director. Muller used to do stand-up comedy before he and his wife had their first child.

"Theater is just something I wanted to try at some point," he explains. "Luckily, I'm friends

with the writer."

Muller describes his character Zane, who is best friends with Evan, as "the driving force behind the 'moral dilemma' of the story."

Two other cast members are Warren High graduates, Linda Isai (1998), and Alfredo Villa (2013). The sixth cast member, Bill Blush, is a Downey resident who has written and performed in one-act plays at the Epic Lounge on 2nd Street. Elsasser and Blush met as students at the theater department of Cerritos Community College.

Elsasser, father of three children who are also Downey students, says the idea for the play began several years ago when he considered the moral question of sparing loved ones pain. As he wrote, he said the play took shape with the focus on the relationship of two male friends, rather than the relationship between the husband and wife.

Elsasser would give the play a PG-13 rating for its serious theme and "two F-bombs."

Tickets can be purchased online for \$20 at <https://thegamespeopleplay.ticketleap.com>. Performances are at the Emerson Theater, Warren High, De Palma Ave., Downey. Show times are Aug. 2, 3, 8, 9, 10 at 7:00 PM, and Aug. 4 and 11 at 3 PM.

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Norwalk to debut first art mural this Saturday

NORWALK - Norwalk's first public art mural will be officially unveiled this Saturday during a community celebration at Norwalk Town Square.

The mural, titled "Spread Your Wings," was painted on an exterior wall of the soon-to-open Grocery Outlet, one of the new anchors of Norwalk Town Square.

NewMark Merrill Companies Inc., which manages Norwalk Town Square, commissioned the original design from Beautify Earth, a non-profit organization dedicated to beautifying neighborhoods and communities.

The mural will "serve as an artistic gathering place for the people of Norwalk to reflect on the vision for their community," officials said.

"We are proud to commission the 'Spread Your Wings' mural as an artistic focal point and inspiration for our community," said Sandy Sigal, president and chief executive officer of NewMark Merrill Companies. "The store wall provides a perfect canvas for the giant mural design which blends the history and cultural transformation underway in Norwalk."

Norwalk Mayor Margarita Rios said Norwalk Town Square "provided the ideal location for the installation of this beautiful art project."

"The City of Norwalk is a community that embraces the beauty in art and culture, and the addition of the art mural truly captures the message of connectedness, inspiration, and hope we want to share with residents and visitors alike," said Rios. "I want to thank the artists and NewMark Merrill for their help in transforming a plain wall into a vision many will be able to enjoy for years to come."

"Spread Your Wings" was created by artists Ruben Rojas and Cloe Hakakian.

A Los Angeles native, Rojas has painted in France and in cities across the United States,

including for the cities of Santa Monica and West Hollywood. His work has been commissioned by the Los Angeles Zoo, along with corporations such as American Express and Reebok.

Hakakian is also a Los Angeles native whose media ranges from spray paints, oil paints, acrylics, and watercolors, and everything in between. She graduated from UC San Diego with a B.S. in Neuroscience, and her field of study is evident in the fine detail and fascination with anatomy in her artwork.

Hakakian's art commissions range from murals to traditional canvas work to tattoos, logo designs, and urban street art.

Saturday's public celebration begins at 11 a.m.

American Legion hosting dinner and dance

NORWALK - A dinner/dance fundraiser in support of American Legion Post 359 is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 3, at the legion's hall at 11986 Front St.

The dinner starts at 6 p.m. with Skyline Blues Band playing music from the 70s and 80s. Admission is \$20 and includes dinner and a romantic table for two next to the dance floor.

Dinner includes baked chicken

Louks brings Greek dessert to Downey

DOWNEY - Looking to bring a modern take on an old tradition, Louks Greek Baby Donuts has officially opened its doors.

Konstantine "Dino" Marougas is the brains behind Downey's newest donut fix.

After growing up in the restaurant business and attending culinary school, Marougas knew that his future was in a culinary culture that was close to his heart.

"I knew that I wanted to do Greek concepts," said Marougas. "Greek has always been my niche."

Louks is located at 9232 Lakewood Blvd., in what Marougas calls the "gateway to North Downey."

"There was a void in this area

leg quarters, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, and dessert.

Live music will run about two hours. Dress is casual.

Proceeds will help support the Legion Post with proposed activities such as a veterans-only coffee and donuts with newspapers, card games, board games, and veterans informational meetings.

for dessert," said Marougas. "We discussed with our partners and decided 'hey, a loukoumades shop could be really cool and trendy.'"

Louks's donuts are a colorful combination of different fillings, sauces, toppings, and ice cream that are photo-ready.

"This is Instagramable. Not only is it boutique, gourmet, it's also that fun and trendy kind of culture that we're trying to build here," said Marougas. "I'm big on presentation, being that I have a culinary background. We eat with our eyes first; I want to present it to you so you say 'wow.'"

Those wanting a more traditional Greek treat not need to worry though; the standard roll call of honey, cinnamon, and toasted walnuts are also available.

Floyd Parks, retired surgeon, passes away at 89



Troop 121, and an Eagle Scout. He graduated from Los Angeles High School, Dartmouth College and Johns Hopkins Medical School.

He was a descendant of Eleazar Wheelock, founder of Dartmouth, and completed his surgical residency at UCLA under Dr. William Longmire. He was a Board Certified General and Cardio-Vascular Surgeon and practiced in Downey as a member of the Gallatin Medical Group.

He climbed Mt Whitney three times, the last when he was 75, with his daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren.

His older brother John predeceased him. He is survived by wife Maureen; brother William Stacy and sister Jeanne Werrell (Kenneth); son Jeffrey Floyd and daughter Carrie Parks Wylie (David), grandchildren Lawren Jill Wylie and David Parks Wylie (Melissa), great-granddaughter Everly Marie Wylie, and many nieces and nephews.

Also survived by Lorine Anderson Parks of Downey.

DOWNEY - Floyd Roswell Parks, Jr., 89, born on December 30, 1929, in Los Angeles, CA, passed away July 16, 2019.

He resided in Laguna Niguel, CA at the time of his passing. Arrangements are under the direction of Forest Lawn, Glendale, California.

Son of Dr. Floyd R. Parks Sr. and Marian (Hulbert), he was a member of Los Angeles Boy Scout

Kaiser hospital in Downey ranks high for social media

DOWNEY - Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center has been named one of the top social media-friendly cancer hospitals in the United States.

The Downey hospital was ranked No. 4 in the list of top 50 cancer hospitals that excel with social media. The rankings were compiled by MesotheliomaTreatmentCenters.org.

"Social media is perhaps the most effective tool cancer hospitals can use to get the word out and build their reputation," the website said.

Nearly 400 cancer hospitals

were evaluated for the rankings, with hospitals critiqued on their major social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest and Instagram.

Cleveland Clinic, with more than 2 million likes on Facebook, grabbed the number one spot, followed by the Mayo Clinic and Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center came in at No. 4, ahead of other hospitals such as UCLA Medical Center (No. 6), University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (No. 5), UC Davis Medical Center (No. 9), and City of Hope (No. 12).

POETRY MATTERS

The River

Yes, we'll gather by the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river.
They say it runs by the throne of God.
This is where God invented fish.
Wherever, but then God's throne is as wide
as the universe. If you're attentive you'll
see the throne's borders in the stars. We're on this side
and when you get to the other side we don't know
what will happen if anything. If nothing happens
we won't know it, I said once. Is that cynical?
No, nothing is nothing, not upsetting just
nothing. Then again maybe we'll be cast
at the speed of light through the universe
to God's throne. His hair is bounteous.
All the 5,000 birds on earth were created there.
The firstborn cranes, herons, hawks, at the back
so as not to frighten the little ones.
Even now they remember this divine habitat.
Shall we gather at the river, this beautiful river?
We'll sing with the warblers perched on his eyelashes.

Jim Harrison, *Dead Man's Float* (Copper Canyon Press, 2016)

Born in Grayling, Michigan, Harrison is an American original. "Some people hear their own inner voices," he says, "with great clearness. And they live by what they hear. Such people become crazy... or they become legend." One of his last poems, this is a tribute to all originals. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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The Downey Patriot 7/25/19, 8/1/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2019195384
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
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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: 07/2011
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/ADRIAN MONTENEGRO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 16, 2019

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONALD LEE SESSIONS Case No. 19STPB06457

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DONALD LEE SESSIONS

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Minja Park Lee in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Minja Park Lee 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 an 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 August 12, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 2D 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: EMMANUEL HAN ESQ SBN 275843 HAN & PARK LAW GROUP INC 3550 WILSHIRE BLVD LOS ANGELES CA 90010

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TRUSTEE SALES

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Pops concert brings together the Downey community

Downey Doings

By Lorine Parks
Society Columnist

What a nostalgic treat to see Concert Master Carolyn Osborn don the red, white and blue stovepipe hat her dad, Tom Osborn, always wore to conduct the Sousa marches. Sousa gets close to Dr. Seuss with this confection.

In a tradition Dr. Tom, our music director for 20 years, started in the '80's, children take turns at leading the Orchestra in the family finale for the Downey Symphony Orchestra's annual visit to the City of Downey's Twilight Concert Series.

It was clear skies, green grass, a gentle breeze and the fifth longest day of the year, as the Downey Symphony came to Furman Park. Tiara-crowned Miss Downey and her court greeted everyone, and the Downey Rose Float Association grilled their juicy hot dogs and sold home-made berry pies a la mode to the thousand or so who come to relax, listen and applaud.

This free concert is the gift of the Downey Symphonic Society to the people of Downey. The Board and the Symphony Guild raise the money to put it on, as they do for the three subscription concerts in the Downey Theatre. As President Don Marshall told the audience ranged out on the grass in front of the bandstand, "These symphony concerts are where Downey comes together and enjoys themselves together."

"This year," said Don, "we will celebrate Happy 250th Birthday Beethoven in January. We will hear the thrilling Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony in October, and exciting 21st Century composers in April."

"As always," added Don, "with your contributions, we will continue our mission to bring music to the schools in Downey, with a live concert in the theatre for third-graders and another for fifth grade. Our quintet will visit each K-5 and Middle school with a fun and educational program, in the spring."

With a thunderous drum roll, a snappy snare drum's rat-a-tat-tat, and a booming set of timpani, the National Anthem always quickens the blood. There's nothing like a symphony orchestra's percussion section for starting off a concert right.

"We're going to celebrate Christmas six months early," said Sharon Lavery, Music Director of the Downey Symphony Orchestra. "We're starting with an Irving Berlin Tribute, beginning with Alexander's Ragtime band. And we'll end with I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas."

An elaborate tower of chimes played throughout the piece, climaxing, as Sharon warned us, with Berlin's, "May all your Christmases be white."



Joanne and Bob Earl. Photo by Lorine Parks

The Orchestra did their best to sound like chicken and geese and ducks, scurrying out of the way as "The Surry with The Fringe On the Top" came clip-clopping along, to introduce a tribute to Roger and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma." Top-hatted Carolyn Osborn and her violin shone in LeRoy Anderson's "Fiddle Faddle."

Symphonic Society Board member Ryan Keene brought his whippet, Eliot, who is normally laid back even in crowds. But Ryan says Eliot got agitated when he heard the piccolos, placed right beside a microphone. Do dogs hear siren songs at high frequencies, that we mere human will never know?

The Armed Forces Medley always brings a thrill and a rueful shake of the head as active and former service members, and anyone with a service person in the family, stand during the tribute to the Armed Forces medley. The man sitting in front of me with the walker decorated with the American flag and a bicycle bell, stood for his service song.

"He was in the Navy," said his companion. His hat read,

"World War II Vet," and when I applauded him, he saluted me.

On the other side, a man was helped to rise by his daughter. "Army, World War II," she said.

Board member Joanne Gronly also stood for the Army's "Caissons Go Marching Along." After the Marines and the Coast Guard got their due, the last song was the Navy's Anchor's Aweigh, and Symphony President Don Marshall stood for that.

For all those who stood, there were no smiles, no bows. Just a silent moment of memory, till the music changed.

For the traditional finale, Maestro Sharon called for all the children in the audience to "come and help me conduct. I'm so tired I can't raise my arms," she said. "I need some help."

At least 50 tiny and not-so-tiny tots ran to the side of the stage, for their 30 seconds with the baton. Even a dog (not Eliot) conducted, held in Sharon's not-really-tired arms.

The fife whistled, trumpets sang their martial siren song, drums rattled, and the Orchestra played on.

My Favorite Sister

Shared Stories

By Gail Earl
Contributor

I was born into a family that had three girls and one boy. We were and still are a very close-knit family that I suspect went through all the usual rivalries that siblings go through in a lifetime.

As young children, I remember many debates covering the topic of which child was mom and dad's favorite. When one sibling would receive what the others viewed as unfair advantage, it would always end in someone declaring that it was because that other child was mom and dad's favorite. It could have been an argument settled or just the fact that someone noticed that the other got a larger portion of ice cream or something equally earth shattering.

We were all very loved and I'm sure none of us were "the favorite" but that was how we children explained our resolution at the time.

Fast forward some 50 or so years. Every time my whole family gets together, we always greet each other with big hugs and kisses. When my brother enters and kisses each of us girls, he says, "Oh, my favorite sister, it's so good to see you", and we usually respond, "My favorite



brother, it's good to see you too."

Usually getting into the house and greeting everyone is quite a large line of kisses and hellos so usually not too much is said at that time about the favorite comments. After our day of celebrating with family and it's time for the goodbyes, it seems that our childhood rivalries return.

As my brother Don kisses and hugs each of us in preparation to leave, he once again hugs and says, "Goodbye my favorite sister." Always one of the other girls overhear him say that and the debate is on.

We girls each take our turn at pretending that we are hurt and saddened that he would say the other was his favorite. It always turns into, "I thought I was your favorite. No, I'm his favorite. You told me I was your favorite. She's always the favorite."

Don always takes the time to go back up to each of us girls and re-hugs us. In each of our ears he whispers very softly, "You really are my favorite."

Even though we know that he has said the same thing to each of us, we always smile and gloat a little and pretend that we were just privately informed on our superior status.

I'm not sure why this game still fascinates us as much as it does, but it still seems to fill a space in our hearts that we take joy in. I never really analyzed it but perhaps for each of us it might remind us of how memorable it was to be mom or dad's favorite.

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

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Updated 3 BD 2 BA NW Downey home with pool and patios in backyard, perfect for summer BBQs. The home has a remodeled kitchen with large pantry and center island, combination of hardwood floors and tile throughout, central air and heat, and freshly painted inside and out.

<p>Northeast Downey Pool Home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 bedrooms 4 bathrooms • 3,004 sq. ft. living space • 10,850 sq. ft. lot • 2 car garage • Pool & spa <p>LIST PRICE \$1,099,950</p>	<p>Every Day Can Be Staycation!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 bedrooms 4 bathrooms • 4,280 sq. ft. 8,617 sq. ft. lot • Spacious master bedroom & bathroom • Large family room w/ custom fireplace • Resort-like backyard with rock pool/spa, covered patio & cabana <p>LIST PRICE \$1,649,000</p>	<p>Fresh New Look</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms • 1,772 sq. ft. 7,849 sq. ft. lot • Updated kitchen • Living room and den • Large master bedroom • Near Rio Hondo Golf Course <p>LIST PRICE: \$645,000</p>
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