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Proposed daycare draws resistance

The facility would have operated out of a single-family home on Suva Street. The Planning Commission denied the application after complaints from neighbors.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The Downey Planning Commission denied an appeal to allow the operation of a large family daycare in a residential property at their meeting on Tuesday.

Downey resident Sandra P Castro Magallon submitted an application on April 16 to run a daycare for up to 14 children at her single-family residence from the proposed hours of 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week.

This was denied by the city, citing potential nuisance to neighboring properties and traffic concerns.

The 6,022 sq. ft. property is located at 7542 Suva Street, on the south side between Guatemala and Wiley Burke avenues.

Tuesday brought Magallon - who was joined by her legal representation - an opportunity to convince the commission to reverse the city's initial decision. Several community members - many of which are Magallon's neighbors - also came out to speak on the issue, mostly in opposition.

Magallon's attorney, who primarily addressed the commission in her client's stead, argued that any concerns on the basis of concentration, traffic, parking, and noise were hypothetical and not based on an actual study, and that Magallon's proposal met all ordinances in terms of a large family daycare.

She also added that Magallon is already running a smaller daycare, and that it would only be adding a few more children.

Magallon and her corner were unable to sway the commission, however, who voted 3-0 in favor of the city's initial denial.

Commissioner Jimmy Spathopoulos said that it was "pretty clear" that the needs of the four essential elements of the plan - concentration, traffic, parking, and noise - were not met.

"Those other items I think are really big items," said Spathopoulos. "I think we need to focus on traffic. I think we need to focus on spacing. I think we need to focus on noise, not only when it comes to daycare, but when it comes to everything."

"As planning commissioners, it's our job to listen to what [staff] is telling us, and understand if they're telling us this then it has to be that way. If those four items are not met - with just one being an opportunity to deny - we have to take that in consideration. I think there's overwhelming support from council to strongly take that position."

Vice Chair Miguel Duarte and Commissioner Patrick Owens were absent from Tuesday's meeting.

Cecilia Goñez takes the fight to sex trafficking

After learning of the girls sold and re-sold in modern day slavery, Cecilia Goñez found it impossible to do nothing.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

While gangs, violence, and drugs linger as some of the more obvious local crime issues, another, just as sinister epidemic continues to spread in the background.

Local resident Cecilia Goñez is an outspoken advocate against sex trafficking.

"The first time I heard about human trafficking was probably 15 years ago," said Goñez. "Me belonging to a club in the city, I was introduced again to human trafficking. Soroptimist International globally, they do a lot of advocacy for human trafficking because right now it's the number one epidemic issue, and it's growing."

According to a recent article published by Business Insider, the United States was ranked one of the world's worst places for human trafficking in 2018, along with Mexico and the Philippines. While there is no official number of victims in the US, it is estimated that it is in the hundreds of thousands.

The National Human Trafficking Hotline receives an average of 150 calls a day, resulting in 49,000 cases reported since 2007.

"It's growing so much because of the gangs and the cartels," said Goñez. "If they're selling a gun or a drug, they can only sell it one time. But, if they get women, men, children, transgender, gay people, they can sell them over and over again."

A mother and domestic abuse survivor herself, Goñez was moved to help fight back.

"I said we have to do something, I have to get involved," said Goñez. "People believe that this happens overseas, that it happens in third-world countries...it's



PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ

happening here."

In fact, Goñez says that the epidemic's four main areas are in Texas, New York, Florida, and California.

While she says she hasn't heard of any cases in Downey, there have been local cases.

"California has the three main cities where we have a lot of child sex trafficking - San Diego, San Francisco, and Los Angeles," said Goñez. "Within Los Angeles, the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) have identified 17 cities where it happens."

Goñez says that it is important to learn the signs that may identify a potential trafficking victim.

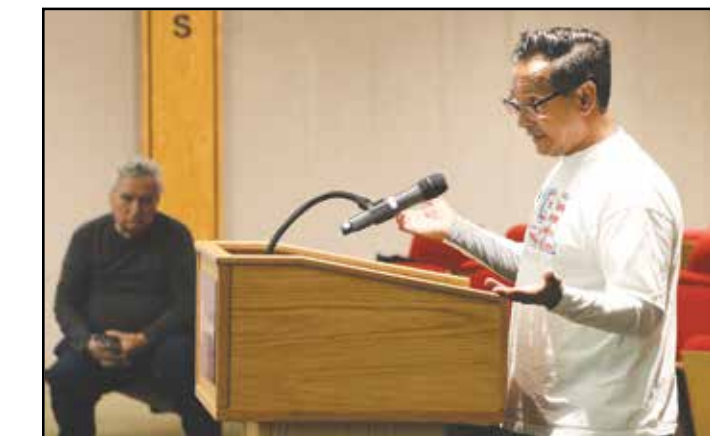
"There's two types of trafficking. The 'Romeo pimps,' they do take care of the girls; they take them to get their nails done, their hair done. From that, we have just the sex traffickers where they

treat the women like trash."

Potential signs to look for include women wearing minimal clothing where weather might suggest otherwise, or hotel / motel patrons who seem to stay in their room at all times, constantly asking for fresh sheets and towels as other visitors cycle through, who only pay with cash.

Having dedicated so much time to the cause herself, Goñez says that "there is no way to walk away" once you begin the fight against sex trafficking.

"There is no way that you can walk away, there is no way that you're just going to sit down and do nothing," said Goñez. "There is no way that you're gonna not say, do something to make a difference. That's what I'm trying to do."



subtleties, but passable none-the-less.

But when he enters his chosen arena, the villain comes out. Herman becomes the Joker to the City Council's Batman. If Superman can leap tall buildings in a single bound, Herman can single-handedly extend a public hearing by an hour or more without so much as batting an eye.

Call him what you want - be it a nuisance, gadfly, or something more obscene - Herman is probably one of the most recognizable faces at a city council meeting, second only to the mayor and council members themselves. If nothing else, he's likely one of the most notorious men currently in the city of Downey.

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Downey restaurant grades

R J Southern Cooking
8852 Rosecrans Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/21/19
Grade: **B**

Jack in the Box
8140 Telegraph Rd.
Date Inspected: 8/20/19
Grade: **A**

Granny's Donut
8534 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/20/19
Grade: **A**

Walmart Deli
12270 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/16/19
Grade: **A**

Walmart Bakery
12270 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/16/19
Grade: **A**

El Chymal
10815 Studebaker Rd.
Date Inspected: 8/15/19
Grade: **A**

Boba Loca
10033 Paramount Blvd. Ste A
Date Inspected: 8/15/19
Grade: **A**

Florida Restaurant
10025 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/15/19
Grade: **A**

Nelly's Mexican Food
10811 Studebaker Rd.
Date Inspected: 8/15/19
Grade: **A**

Myra's Salvadorean Cuisine
7324 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/15/19
Grade: **A**

Tacos El Gavilan
7947 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/14/19
Grade: **A**

Blizz Frozen Yogurt
10033 Paramount Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/14/19
Grade: **A**

China Wok Express
7932 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/14/19
Grade: **A**

Tacos Estilo Guadalajara
13121 Lakewood Blvd.
Date Inspected: 8/14/19
Grade: **A**

Luis' Butcher Shop Deli
9071 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 8/14/19
Grade: **A**

Luis' Butcher Shop
9071 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 8/14/19
Grade: **A**

My Home Chinese Restaurant
8716 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 8/14/19
Grade: **A**

Oasis Water & Bionicos
9061 Imperial Hwy
Date Inspected: 8/13/19
Grade: **A**

Black Bear Diner
7900 Florence Ave.
Date Inspected: 8/13/19
Grade: **A**

Shuttle Inn
9067 E Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 8/13/19
Grade: **A**

Veracruz
9085 Imperial Hwy.
Date Inspected: 8/13/19
Grade: **A**

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 79°

Saturday 87°

Sunday 89°

THINGS TO DO



Proud Festival

All Weekend - Pershing Square
Celebrating the culture, history, and diversity of the growing LGBTQ+ community in Downtown Los Angeles and beyond. \$10 admission per day



Taste of Brews Long Beach

Saturday - Shoreline Aquatic Park, 12-5 pm
Dozens of craft breweries and select hard ciders, seltzers and kombucha along with mobile eateries. \$32-\$42



OC Zine Fest

Saturday - Anaheim Public Library, 11 am to 4 pm
Over 100 zine vendors, panel discussions, author meet and greets, and food by Chicana Vegana. Free admission.



Toy-Zilla Swap Meet

Saturday - 201 E. Bay St. in Alhambra, 10 am to 3 pm
Shop from dozens of vendors selling collectible toys, games, comic books, art, pop culture items, and more. Free.



Elvis Festival

Sunday - Historic Main Street in Garden Grove, 10 am to 6 pm
A tribute to the king of rock and roll with live musical performances, Cadillac car show, food trucks, vendors, dunk tanks, and family fun. Free.

TWEET OF THE WEEK

@DowneyUnified: In partnership with @DowneyRoseFloat, we are so proud & honored to be the 1st location to have the 1st 1,000 origami cranes displayed in our district office. We want to thank them for the 300 special cranes that were made in loving memory of our own Sarah Jamison.

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On Race, Class, and a New Millennium: A Conclusion

Part VII of VII

By Aron Ramirez
Contributor

The 1990s in Downey were fraught with uncertainty. A rapidly changing demographic profile, a national recession, racial tensions, and fluctuating property values preoccupied leaders and residents alike. The incoming middle-class Mexican Americans were no longer seeking to affirm their place in the formerly-restricted suburb, but were rather looking to uphold the middle-class reputation that attracted them to it in the first place.

As I discussed last week, the middle-class Mexican Americans took to the assimilated civic identity to do just that—even in the absence of a white demographic majority. The civic identity of the 1990s prioritized the “high-property-values” framework that reflected the home-owning practices and customs of the white demographic majority. The neighbors’ last names changed, but much else remained the same.

A pair of electoral propositions underlined this point. Waves of immigration from Mexico and Central America stoked fear among residents in Downey and metropolitan Los Angeles. This was due, in part, to rapid demographic change. In 1980, only fourteen percent of Downey residents were foreign-born, including naturalized citizens, guest workers, and non-Latino/a/x immigrants. Those numbers changed quickly.

In 1990, twenty-six percent of Downey residents were born outside of the United States; seventeen percent of all residents were not naturalized, meaning they held a visa or were undocumented. Of the foreign-born population, nearly 40 percent immigrated to the United States between 1980 and 1990. Immigration increased throughout the 1990s and by 2000, nearly 1 in every 5 residents was an unnaturalized immigrant.

These immigrants lived

different lives from their middle-class co-ethnics. The neighborhoods with the highest concentrations of undocumented immigrants resembled the 1950s Mexican-origin population of Downey, with lower median incomes and more high-density housing. Like Mexican Americans in the barrio, these immigrants lived in Downey and benefited from public resources, but scarcely lived the middle-class lives of their neighbors.

The greatest difference between immigrants in the 1990s and the barrio of the 1950s, though, was that the middle-class neighbors in the 1990s were not white but Mexican American. A common descent from la patria linda did not preclude prejudice and hostility. In fact, some middle-class Mexican Americans worried how the presence of undocumented immigrants might threaten their economic gains.

In addition, immigration occurred at the same time that middle-class Mexican Americans fended off the criticism and racism from the remaining white residents like Kay Williams. Therefore middle-class Mexican Americans very carefully showed themselves to be different from the immigrants. Over the course of the 1990s, undocumented immigrants became civic issues, and civic issues were dealt with by a civic identity.

A surprising number of Mexican Americans in Downey took to the polls to defend their community on two occasions, Prop 187 (1994) and Prop 227 (1998). Proposition 187 sought to make alleged violations of federal immigration law—unauthorized entry or overstaying a visa—sufficient grounds to deny an immigrant the use of most publicly funded resources like non-emergency medical care and public education.

The proposition grew out of anti-immigrant sentiment strewing in California’s conservative hotbed, Orange County. Before Prop 187, no immigration-restriction measure had appeared on California ballots since the 1920 proposition restricting Japanese immigrants

from owning property. Public policy polls as late as the early 1990s found that Californians generally viewed immigration as a relatively minor problem in comparison to other public policy concerns. No statewide poll between 1991 and 1993 had more than five percent of respondents identify immigration as the most pressing issue; crime, the economy, and education were the top choices.

Renewed immigration spurred by political instability and ecological disaster coincided with the early 1990s recession. California governor Pete Wilson and the California Republican Party took up the issue. Wilson’s campaign identified the “Save our State” (SOS) initiative as an ideal issue to exploit and manipulate votes for the Republican Party. Wilson and other pro-Prop-187 groups staged a relentless and coordinated assault on immigrants through campaign literature, talk shows, and rousing speeches.

Wilson linked the 1990s recession to undocumented immigration and argued that the proposition would save the state \$5 billion in costs from welfare, education, and healthcare for undocumented immigrants. The Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) framed the issue as one of protecting sovereignty and curbing “illegal” immigrants. These narratives of law-and-order turned the immigrants into “illegal” beings marked by their method of entry, irrespective of motivation to leave their home country. Although few voters considered immigration a pressing issue before 1994, Wilson, FAIR, and others propelled awareness of immigrants to the forefront of voters’ minds by Election Day.

In Downey, these arguments found ardent proponents in Mexican Americans who did and did not identify with their Mexican heritage. Some Mexican Americans aligned with the whites who saw their economic positions injured by Mexican immigrants. But the middle-class Mexican Americans and the undocumented immigrants worked different jobs; there was little, if any, competition

between the two groups. Some Mexican Americans also supported Proposition 187 with a discourse of legality. Some maintained that because they or (in most cases) their ancestors immigrated legally, the new immigrants should have, also.

Citizenship for immigrant families generally came from one of two programs. Second and third generation Mexican Americans could have been born to parents or grandparents who worked in the United States through labor agreements like the Bracero Program (1942-1964). Though not a means for citizenship—and often a vehicle for overstaying a work visa—the Bracero Program offered the first pathway for Mexican workers to establish roots in the United States; birthright then created the first-or-second-generation Mexican Americans who embraced the language of citizenship. The other program was the Immigration Reform and Control Act (1986). The Reagan Administration’s law granted a pathway to citizenship for immigrants—even those who crossed the border without inspection—if they entered before 1982 and remained in the United States continuously for at least one year.

Citizenship provided residents relief from deportation fears, access to federal university aid, and other forms of economic and social capital that they then parlayed into middle-class incomes. Some immigrants made the leap to the middle-class without citizenship, but they were few and far between. In any case, this discourse suggested a division between residents and noncitizens about the “proper” ways to secure economic prosperity. Thus Mexican Americans’ arguments for Prop 187 reflected a perceived separation of economic rights from civil rights.

The campaigns in favor of Prop 187 drowned out the opposition in Downey. On October 16, 1994, Latinos/as/xs in Los Angeles staged an anti-187 protest march that united immigrants and descendants of Mexicans and Central Americans. Over 100,000 marched in the streets

of Los Angeles, the largest political rally organized by Angeleno Latinos/as/xs to date.

The response was, by comparison, muted in Downey, where students from Warren High School staged a smaller walkout. Forty-nine students walked out of class and down Downey Avenue; upon returning to campus, some students were suspended by the principal. Some families may have privately lamented the vilification of their co-ethnics, but the walkout was the most significant pushback in the community.

This could be for reasons similar to the Spanish-language theater incident. Mexican Americans carefully cultivated and maintained their civic identity. In this case, opposition to Proposition 187 could have amounted to ethnic solidarity at the literal expense of the civic community—and few were comfortable making that expense.

The results at the ballot were no less assertive in favor of Prop 187. In a time when Latinos/as/xs hovered around 42 percent of the Downey’s total population, wholly 13,740 (66 percent) votes submitted in Downey were in favor of Prop 187. (By comparison, Prop 187 passed at the state level with 58 percent of the vote.) This meant that, at the very least, one-third of Downey’s Latinos/as/xs voted for the SOS initiative, exceeding both the state and county averages among Latinos/as/xs.

Less than one week after the initiative passed, San Francisco Superior Court Judge Stuart Pollak struck down crucial components that were unconstitutional. DUSD superintendent Edward Sussman affirmed that the district would obey the mandate and await further instruction from the state. A few years later, though, another initiative would have quicker



In Downey, there were few public supporters of the undocumented immigrants. This political cartoon from the Downey Eagle jokes that some supporters did exist, albeit for less-compassionate reasons. Courtesy of the Downey Historical Society.

effects on DUSD.

Proposition 227 addressed concerns over pedagogical practices for students classified as having Limited English Proficiency (LEP). Before 1998, the Downey Unified School District taught LEP students in bilingual courses, which contemporary pedagogical practices viewed as best to teach immigrant students. DUSD demographics made LEP programs especially crucial.

As early as 1994, DUSD ranked in the top eight percent of California public school districts in total number of LEP students. Despite strong anti-immigrant sentiment in the voting public, as shown by the passage of Prop 187, many in the community supported bilingual education before 1998. In fact, the DUSD board members and teachers crafted innovative bilingual education curricula and the district had a sufficient LEP infrastructure.

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DOWNY HIGH SCHOOL



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Haidy Aiead, Eddiel Alcantara, Catalina Alvarez, Daniel Appel, Gabriella Arciga, Amy Arevalo, Natalie Barboza, Deonie Barrera, Ashley Beach, Anna Borisova, Arlene Bustamante, Ashley Cajero, Jennifer Camacho, Jakob Campos, Anthony Caropresi, Michael Chavez, Noah Chopin, Eric Contreras, Celeste Cruz, Robert De Luna, Natalie Diaz, Alyssa Durazo, Melanie Esquivias, Sarah Garcia, Andy Garcia, Brandon Garcia, Jessica Garcia, Karina Garcia, Lisette Garcia, Naxiely Garcia, Jeremiah Gomez, Alexis Gonzalez, Blessing Im, Benjamin Lopez, Fatima Martinez, Jakob Martinez, Melanie Mejia, Angel Mendez, Valerie Menjivar, Magnolia Mordecai, Carl Moreno, Jeremy Nuñez, Joshua Padilla, Noah Palacios, Isabella Ramirez, Isabel Rivera, Itzel Silerio, Lily Solis, Katherine Trujillo, Adriana Valdez

\$100 Junior Cumulative 4.0 GPA Merit Award (87)

Haidy Aiead, Eddiel Alcantara, Catalina Alvarez, Daniel Appel, Gabriella Arciga, Amy Arevalo, Natalie Barboza, Deonie Barrera, Ashley Beach, Anna Borisova, Arlene Bustamante, Ashley Cajero, Jennifer Camacho, Jakob Campos, Anthony Caropresi, Michael Chavez, Noah Chopin, Eric Contreras, Celeste Cruz, Robert De Luna, Natalie Diaz, Alyssa Durazo, Melanie Esquivias, Sarah Garcia, Andy Garcia, Brandon Garcia, Jessica Garcia, Karina Garcia, Lisette Garcia, Naxiely Garcia, Jeremiah Gomez, Alexis Gonzalez, Blessing Im, Benjamin Lopez, Fatima Martinez, Jakob Martinez, Melanie Mejia, Angel Mendez, Valerie Menjivar, Magnolia Mordecai, Carl Moreno, Jeremy Nuñez, Joshua Padilla, Noah Palacios, Isabella Ramirez, Isabel Rivera, Itzel Silerio, Lily Solis, Katherine Trujillo, Adriana Valdez, Roxanna Mexicano, Briana Morales, Luna Nechochea, Sade Neri, Mia Neuman, Marie Olmedo, Jazmin Orozco, Judy Ung, Jesenia Pale, Alice Park, Anna Park, Jiya Patel, Chance Perkins, Itzel Piña-Gutiérrez, Panagia Politis, Amy Portillo, Sofia Rodriguez, Andres Ruiz, Brittany Sanchez, Henessie Sanchez, Xavier Sanchez, Annabelle Cardona Sandoval, Diego Santana, Karla Sarabia, Sabrina Sarmiento, Darren Seng, Hao Tia, David Tonne, Demetrio Torres, Izak Ueman, Stephanie Vaca, Samantha Valencia, Zebas Van Der Mostvanspijk, Jesus Villanueva, Kaylor Wragg, Julian Yepez, Victoria Yu

\$100 Scholar-Athlete Merit (GPA 3.5/Lettered in sport) 9th Grade (20)

Siara Avila, Emily Barrera, Kacey Bates, Kassandra Corral, Isaiah Fernandez, David Garcia, Mariana Garcia, Olivia Garcia, Noah Gonzalez, Jaeneen Martinez, Maya Mercado-Garcia, Alejandra Perez, Amanda Perez, Daiana Quintero, Alyssa Tapanes, Kamryn Tomas, Aniston Velasquez, Emma Vitela, Elias Zamora, Katie Zelaya,

10th Grade (30)

Kayla Ahl, Zoheret Beltran, Samantha Bonilla, Josh Burtle, Frida Camacho, Kaitlyn Castillo, Andrew Chan, Xavier Corona, Juliana

Cuevas, Isabella Diaz, Christine Duarte, Gabriel Esparza, Armando Flores, Elizabeth Frias, Jordan Galindo, Chloe Gonzales, Hailey Harris, Alyssa Hernandez, Ugonna Ikejiofor, Marley Iueffredo, Alyson Paik, Valeria Perez, Alyssa Porras, Julian Ruelas, Kristopher Sandoval, Warner Serrano, Rachel Spinosa, Maximiliano Swoboda, Andrew Teagle, Monica Ulloa

11th Grade (59)

Karla Acuna, Nicole Aguilera, Nektaria Anagnostou, Nikolettta Anagnostou, Katia Arriaga, Devin Ayala, Destiny Belonio, Adrian Caballero, Jessica Calderon, Allyssa Chan, Gibson Colchado, Kaitlyn Corona, Justin Covarrubias, Andrea Diaz, Hao Duong, Janelly Durazo, Mikala Fletcher, Ariana Garcia, Destiny Garcia, Alfonso Gonzalez, Sara Gonzalez, Jason Gov, Cyrus Gutierrez, Mia Gutierrez, Ayana Hernandez, Molly Houts, Brian Jimenez, Kaylie Lara, Alec Lucatero, Alexis Macias, Jazmine Maravilla, Brianna Zuniga Medina, Matthew Mendoza, Liliana Navarro, Mia Neuman, Yalaxis Nevarez, Maritza Ochoa, Marie Olmedo, Jazmine Orozco, Alice Park, Anna Park, Terrell Placide, Klarabel Ramos, Andrea Reynoso, Madeline Reynoso, Mason Rhodes, Juliana Rincon, Manuel Rodriguez, Savanna Rosales, Kristen Salguero, Justin Sanchez, Sabrina Sarmiento, Jennifer Soto, Keyvin Sung, David Tonne, Stephanie Turcios, Alex Urzua, Serena Urzua, Carla Vente

12th Grade (51)

Kaylee Aburto, Camila Aguilar, Sebastian Aguirre, Daniel Appel, Samantha Avila, Brian Barajas, Melani Bello, Christopher Benitez, Daniel Bravo, Jasmine Briones, Jason Camacho, Rebekah Camejo, Diego Casillas, Diana Chan, Brianna Chavez, Simon Choo, Isaiah Cortez, Sebastian Diaz, Alberto Flores, Natalie Flores, Dominic Gallardo, Ramiro Garcia, Christian Gonzalez, Carine Gordillo, Alice Hernandez, Andrew Laporte, Connie Lee, Angelene Leija, Jacob Lizalde, Destiny Lopez, Isabel Lopez, Fransisco Martinez, Justine Martinez, Brianna Mora, Aimee Nunez, Dhafni Prillwitz Ochoa, Sahayra Ortiz, Ninfa Penaloza, Neo Preciado, Michael Reyes, Ariana Rodriguez, Kassandra Rodriguez, Manuel Macias Rodriguez, Manuel Macias Rodriguez, Derick Roque, Aldo Ruiz, Nicholas Solorzano, Daniel Valdez, Mckayla Varela, Kaila Vasquez, Tremaine Willis, Gunner Zessau,

\$500 to \$125 (\$25 increments) Outstanding Senior Scholar-Athletes (16)

Alyssa Nevarez, Jacob Guerrero, Arriyon White, Chiamaka Ikejiofor, Richard Casillas, Jose Cisneros, Isaac Medina, Sara Reid, Valeria Gomez, John Guerra, Roxanne Victoria, Francisco Banuelos, Matthew Enriquez, Jillian Ramirez, Celestial Ropati, Michael Pasaye

WARREN HIGH SCHOOL



\$2,500 Community College Scholarships (33)

Angelica Abanto, David Alvarado, Brissa Arevalo, Ashley Balboa, Manuel Bebelagua, Megan Bronenberg, Isabel Casillas, Christopher Cobian, Amanda Cordova, Ericka Curiel, Kate Escobar, Cheyla Farias, Britney Gonzalez, Valeria Guerra, Ashley Guzman, Briana Hernandez, Adam Ibarra, Tianna Jove, Brandon Juarez, Leslie Leon, Jeselle Morfin, Mathew Mosaad, Juliana Padilla, Janeli Pedregal, Roberto Ponce, Jack Robalino, Destiny Rodriguez, Jahir Lira Rojas, Catherine Saldivar, Richard Torres, Daniela Vilorio-Walters, Tsion Woldsemayat, Ricardo Zepeda

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Sandra Abundio, Kathryn Aispuro, Dylan Alejandro, Ruby Aleman, Cecilia Allen, Brianna Angulo, Michael Antonyan, Luciana Aragon, Jazlyn Arevalo, Leslie Gomez Arevalo, Albert Atalla, Michael Atalla, Johan Ayala, Janna Mae Bantilan, Anagloria Barreto, Natalie Battiest, Hector Briseno, Blake Brossmer, Andrew Bulnes, Amy Cabrales, Mayte Camacho, Daniel Carrillo, Carson Cartagena, Dylan Casasola, Matthew Cervantes, Parmveer Chaihah, Diego Cid, Yvette Cobian, Maredythe Cooper, Citlaly Corrales, Jeffrey De Lira, Maya Dzib-Diaz, Ashley Emmert, Gema Olvera Gomez, Heidi Greilach, Yasha Haque, Daniel Hidalgo, Emelie Hidalgo, Hailey Huaman, Jasmine Jovel, lantha Khan, Sena Kott, Isabella Leach, Alicia Liera Jauregui, David Lim, Marisela Lopez, Joseph Lorenzetti, Kiara Macias, Daniel Marquez, Heidi Martell, Rebecca Mejia, Ann Mellonig, Daniela Mendez, David Meneses, Maya Mireles, Nathalia Morales, Oswaldo Moreno, Anahi Muniz, Delilah Ngayan, Jasen Nicolas, Wendy Obispo, Desorie Olvera, Zoelli Ortiz, Victoria Pena, Andrea Perdomo, Jorge Perez, Monserrat Perez, Valerie Preciado, Isabella Quezada, Briana Rodriguez, Daniela Rodriguez, Gelsy Rodriguez, Paulette Romero, Yohana Samayo, Destiny Sanchez, Christian Valadez, Balam Velazquez, Macielle Villasenor, Ali Zaidi

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Christina Ceballos, Daynara Cendejas, Natalie Esparza, Xamarion Gorelon, Drew Gutierrez, Erianna Munoz, Lauren Narvaez, Krystal Nuyen, Krystal Nuyen, Sylvia Quintero, Carisia Raygoza, Leilani Rios, Linda Rodas, Deziree Toscano

10th Grade (24)

Sandra Abundio, Katelyn Aguirre, Faitalia Ah-fook, Jazlyn Arevalo, Johan Ayala, Anagloria Barreto, Natalie Battiest, Gerardo Camacho, Mayte Camacho, Monique Cervantes, Owen Franco, Fabian Gomez, Luis Gonzalez, Heidi Greilach, Erik Hernandez, Jasmine Jovel, Isabella Leach, Alicia Liera, Siouxsie Luna, Giselle Magana, Leslie Martinez, Michelle Palacios, Kassandra Ruiz, Daniel Salcedo

11th Grade (48)

Amir Abboud, Luis Alvarez, Idalis Amezcua, Daniel Arenas, Nayeli Carcamo, Arianna Cervantes, Ruben Chaidez, Christian Crosbie, Brianna Cruz, Peter De Las Alas, Yosef Dweik, Seth Edge, Cesar Espinoza, Artleth Estrada, Eryn Felix, Connor Freire, Emily Galindo, Sengum Gankhuyag, Erin Garcia, Andres Gomez, Stephanie Gonzalez, Valeria Guerra, Thomas Gutierrez, Diego Jimenez, Jesse Jovel, Megan Lawler, Arnold Lopez, Kailyn Lorberter, Brian Magdaleno, Izak Martinez, Lauren Martinez, Alexis Mendez, Adrian Nevarez, Jasmine Nuyen, Alex Ortiz, Ruby Padilla, Madison Pellerin, Ahir Prit, Daisy Rodriguez, Diana Rojas, Fausto Rojas, Anai Rosales, Yanko Salguero, Claudia Santos, Brianna Soriano, Lauren Urias, Rahul Vanmil, Christopher Venegas

12th Grade (18)

Amir Abboud, Haley Clifton, Yosef Dweik, Eryn Felix, Lesly Gonzalez, Destiny Ibanez, Diego Jimenez, Megan Lawler, Lauren Martinez, Alex Ortiz, Madison Pellerin, Ximena Ramos, Diana Rojas, Karina Sanchez, Andres Serna, Brianna Soriano, Lauren Urias, Daylene Villa,

\$500 to \$125 (in \$25 increments) Outstanding Senior Scholar-Athletes (16),

Sengum Gankhyag, Fausto Rojas, Kailyn Lorberter, Arianna Cervantes, Christopher Venegas, Nayeli Carcamo, Brianna Cruz, Marissa Padilla, Andres Gomez, Connor Freire, Valeria Guerra, Antonio

Munoz, Emily Galindo, Peter De Las Alas, Angelica Ruiz, Anai Rosales

DOTY MIDDLE SCHOOL



COLLEGE SAVINGS AWARDS \$500 Stauffer-Scholar of the Year 2018

Charlotte De Buhr, 7th Grade Sofia I Hammond-Mota, 8th Grade

\$150 Stauffer-Scholar Merit (83)

6th/7th grade core subjects 4.0 GPA

Thomas Max Abundis, Layla Afify, Gio Antonio Aguirre, Saira Alam, Sol Alvarez, Eduardo Anaya Jr, Melanie Lisette Aparicio, Angelica Therese Aragon, Ethan Peyton Arguelles, Julianna Arias, Elianna Sofia Arredondo, Erika Avila, Emily Ayesstas, Sophia Berger, Dilsi Jignesh Bhagat, Annaleise Caballero, Maya Carmen Calderon, Matthew Jesse Canchola, Valerie Ann Carlos, Alicia Casillas, Kaiden Angel Chacon, Mikaela Lauren Cruz, Jordan Michael Curiel, Charlotte Rose De Buhr, Kaitlyn Mia De La Cruz, Samantha Rose De Leon, Hannah Rebecca Drow, Andrew Lucas Escobedo, Elayna Marlene Garcia, Mia Alexis Garcia, Jose Anotnio Gonzalez Macias, Alexy Gonzalez, Onay Heshmat Gouda, Andres Guerrero, Nathaniel Eleazar Guevara, Sofia Isabel Hammond-Mota, Alejandro Hernandez, Yarezi Marie Hernandez, Haajarah Hossain, Susan Kang, Brenna Nicole Kaufmann, Terry Kim, Willie Leon, Karmelyn Macias, Kimberly Macias, Lianna Elisa Martinez, Isabel Mercado, Victoria Lizelle Miranda, Valerie Rebecca Mora, Camila Victoria Neuman, Mia Michel Nguyen, Emily Lourdes Nunez, Isabel Park, Jorge Miguel Pena, David Joseph Perez, Louis Jayden Perez, Sofia Esther Ponce, Steffani Claudia Ponio, Maria Josephine Posada, Mia Christina Poveda, Bianca Beroglyph Pulido, Ava Liesel Rangel, Fredy Antonio Rauda, Elyse Isabella Reyes, Julia Guadalupe Rodriguez, Micah Antonette Lava Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Angela Rojas, Julian Trinidad Solas, Ateka Shakir, Diana Isabella Solis, Celine Joy Taguibao, Daisys Torres, Stephanie Aileen Torres, Katelyn Tran, Stephanie Vallejo, Nathan Daniel Vasquez, Christian Alexander Vega, Desteni Ruby Vega, Victoria Marie Vera, Camryn Leah Witkin, Praise Daniela Yu, Daniel Zebarjedi Merit Award only (7) Angelina Galvan, Ryan Tyler Gov, Giselle Alyssa Gutierrez, Kevin Alexis Lopez, Brielle Alexis Madrigal, Giselle Gabriela Martell, Mathew Martinez

Merit Award only (8)

Maya Antonyan, Kamila Calzada-Santos, Zyad Hesham Elbialy, Nicole Eon Lee, Lyanna Martin, Gyannah Martinez, Natalie Vanessa Martinez, Lizbeth Isabel Molina

STAUFFER MIDDLE SCHOOL



COLLEGE SAVINGS AWARDS \$500 Stauffer-Scholar of the Year 2018

Madison L Brent, 7th Grade Oliver J Palafox, 8th Grade,

\$150 Stauffer-Scholar Merit (89)

6th/7th grade core subjects 4.0 GPA

Danniella Yusemy Aguilar, Noah Jesus Aispuro, Joel Atticus Alfaro, Christopher Keith Almaguer, Victor Abel Anguiano, Engel John Agaton Apostol, Andres Alfredo Aviles, Rosario Beltran, Jean Carlos Bermudez, Katie Bettis, Kaylee Nicole Borje, Julianne Richere Breault, Madison Lynne Brent, Melanie Briseno, Jessica Brooks, Amy Victoria Brown, Bailey Elena Canham, Edson Daniel Castro, Hannah Marie Cervera, Haleigh Chacon, Jaquelin Chanquin, Giselle Chavarin, Brianna Jackelline Chavez, Jaydee Cortes Cruz, Sergio Bryan Curiel, De'anthony Lamont Curtis, Zoey Joiz C De Las Alas, Draven J Delgado-Ferfes, Gael Arath Delgado, Brian Nathan Diaz, Abigail Duran, Sebastian Gerardo Duran, Gloria Carroll Falach, Andy Gallardo, Raul De Jesus Gallardo, Alexa Lisbeth Gamez, Arianna Aramari Garcia, Ethan Devean Garcia, Madonna Markous Ghaly, Joseph Humberto Gomez, Mia Josefina Gomez, Desiree Aixa Gonzalez, Natalie Isabelle Gonzalez, Charlie Richer Gosselin, Jasmine Ali Hariri, Jada Esperanza Hernandez, Nathan Ibanez, Jynx M Jimenez-Jones, Miguel Angel Jimenez, David Joshua Jones, Mia Alexis Kim, Bianca

Merit Award only (17)

Lorena Largo, Ezekiel Alonso Leyva, Adolfo Jeremiah Lopez, Freddie Lopez, Jamileh Itzell Lopez, Xitlaly Lopez, Mia Nicole Martinez, Toni Marie Martinez, Evelyn Mendoza, Nicolas Daniel Morales, Rafael Murro, Abby Claire Vivian Newman, Cesar Chris Nunez, Michelle Crystal Ochoa, Aulanie Analise Olivares, Emily Nicole Orozco, Miguel Jesse Padilla, Oliver James Palafox, Viviana Unique Perez, Sarah Jacqueline Pineda, Leah Quintero, Costas Alberto Rios, Robert Jr. Rojas-Blancarte, Samantha Natalia Roman, Miguel Rosales, Joanna Sandoval, Esmeralda Santamaria, Daniel Saucedo, Noah Saucedo, Lucas Mateo Sosa, Xzavier Mario Urzua, Carl Daniel Vaca, Evelyn Angela Vaca, Javier Jose Vargas, Sebastian Vela, Desiree Velasco, Mario Steven Velasquez, Angel Hailyyn Villalobos

Merit Award only (2),

Dominique Ibarra, Enya Miroslaua Velazquez,

SUSSMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL



COLLEGE SAVINGS AWARDS \$500 Stauffer-Scholar of the Year 2018

Jasmine S May, 7th Grade Karina I Marquez, 8th Grade,

\$150 Stauffer-Scholar Merit (88)

6th/7th grade core subjects 4.0 GPA

Daniel Esteban Aguilera, Vanessa E Alegria, Melanie Sophia Aleman, David Andrade, Cindy Giselle Arriaga, Amy Nena Barrios, Nicholas Alberto Belloso, Brianna Benitez, Thy Ngoc Bui, Mayte Caballero, Itzel Cabrales, Citlali Del Mar Caro, Juan Pablo Cervantes, Brianna Melissa Chavez, Fatima Chavez, Alejandro Luis Diaz, Madeline Elizabeth Diaz, Ryan Diaz, Adrian Duarte, Jared Isaac Eva-Ramirez, Julia Florentina Gallardo, Miranda Faith Gamboa, Juan Omar Garcia, Adan G Gomez-Pruneda, Samantha Junelle Graves, Mariabellen Hernandez, Zahid Rene Hernandez, Danielle Elizabeth Herrera, Madeline Brianna Hidalgo, Chiazoka Jackie Ikejiofor, Dailyn Leon-Diaz, Isabel Samantha Lizarraga, Brianna Vianney Lopez, Karina Iseli Marquez, Maya Marquez, Isabel Martinez, Maya I Martinez, Mya Rose Martinez, Jasmine Savannah May, Vivian Monique Mejia, Jocelyn Maria Menjivar, Ricardo Michel, Anet Michelle Morales, Angie Gabriela Morales, Emily Justine Munguia, Kaylee Palacios, Jaedyn Iwee Parker, Adrian Angel Perez, Valeria Abigail Ramirez, Valerie Iliana Rosa, Michelle Angelina Rubio, Kaitlyn Emily Ruiz, Genieffer Bautista Sales, Matthew Ryan Sandoval, Alia Bean Corral Schneider, Brooke Dora C Schneider, Aaron Eduardo Serrano, Benito Manuel Sevilla, Matthew Allen Solano, Ximena A Solorzano, Jazmin D M Strickland, David Alexander Tejada, Adrian Lorn Thu, Ivy Jean Tobar, Ashley S Ventura-Alvarez, Dan H Concepcion Villegas, Esmeralda Yareli Villegas, Sofia Marie Castro, Adrian Ibarra

Samantha M Aguilar, Andrea Mariah Banegas, Omar Cisneros, Erik Mamwell Damadian, Samuel Fernandez De Lara, Wendy Sarai Figueroa, Mirela Ruby Guzman, Lorelei Jessica Hart, Lialexie Lanae Kartchner, Camila Lemus, Emily Melendrez, Faizan Najmee, Juan Manuel Nieto, Giselle Guadalupe Reyes, Victoria Denise Soto, Andy Dorien R Velazquez, Desteny E Villegas



Dr. Mary Stauffer Birthday Party

Help celebrate Dr. Mary Stauffer's 102nd birthday with free admission to the Columbia Memorial Space Center. A reception is planned at 11 am.

- SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
- COLUMBIA MEMORIAL SPACE CENTER
12400 COLUMBIA WAY, DOWNEY 90242

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Dr. Stauffer's Birthday Party, 11 am. Help celebrate Dr. Mary Stauffer's 102nd birthday with free admission to the Columbia Memorial Space Center. A reception is planned at 11 am. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

MONDAY, AUGUST 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.

Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities Open House, 5-7 pm. Learn about the programs offered by DFEQ, meet program directors and instructors, register for programs, purchase class materials, request a violin loan, and more. DUSD District Office, 10627 Brookshire Ave.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

City Affairs Meeting, 12 pm. Fire Chief Mark Gillaspie is the guest speaker at the Downey Chamber of Commerce's monthly City Affairs meeting. Chamber of Commerce, 11131 Brookshire Ave.

Wilderness Park Groundbreaking, 4 pm. A groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate planned renovations at Wilderness Park. Wilderness Park, 10999 Little Lake Rd.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Golden Park Groundbreaking, 4 pm. A groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate renovations at Golden Park.

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, AUGUST 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, SEPTEMBER 5

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

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

New Bruin Send-Off, 11 am. Join other Downey families and supporters as they send-off their students to UCLA. Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

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, SEPTEMBER 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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

September 11 Remembrance, 10 am. A public ceremony to remember the victims lost in the 9-11 terrorist attacks. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

Gateway Cities Economic Forum, 11:30 am. Economist Christopher Thornberg returns as keynote speaker at the annual economic forum presented by Financial Partners Credit Union. RSVP at EconomicForum@fpcu.org. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

Back to School Night, 5 pm. Tour classrooms, visit with teachers, and sign up for PTA. Warren High School, 8141 De Palma St.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Rain Barrel Distribution, 9 am. An opportunity to purchase a rain barrel for \$20, maximum 2 barrels per household. Liberty Utilities Park Water, 9750 Washburn Rd.

College Recruiting Workshop, 9 am. This workshop is for parents interested in learning about the college athlete recruitment process and to stress the importance of academics. Triple Play Batting Cages, 12434 Bellflower Blvd.

Crane-Making Day, 10 am. Join the Downey Rose Float Association as they attempt to reach their goal of folding 10,000 origami cranes. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

Vendorama, 11 am to 4 pm. Shop from 30-plus local vendors, including food, clothing, home goods, toys, and more. St. Mark's Episcopal School, 10354 Downey Ave.

SATURDAY, SEPT.EMBER 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: Family Paint Day, 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.

Low-Cost Vaccines, 11 am to 3 pm. Low cost pet vaccinations, deworming, microchips, and flea and tick treatments. Iglesia del Nazareno, 9520 Telegraph Rd.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Downey Symphony Garden Party, 3 pm to 7 pm. Price tba. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 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.

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

Classic Rock Tribute, 7 pm to 2 am. Rolling Stones, Led Zepellin, Beatles and The Doors tribute bands perform live. Epic Lounge, 8239 2nd St.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

State of the Schools, 7 am. The Downey Unified School District's seventh annual State of the Schools summit, featuring a keynote address by superintendent Dr. John Garcia. Los Angeles County Office of Education, 9300 Imperial Hwy.

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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

LivingHelp Center Golf Tournament, 11 am. 31st annual golf tournament in support of the LivingHelp Center. Cost is \$140 per golfer. Los Amigos Golf Course, 7295 Quill Dr.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

Spooky Science Night, 5-9 pm. Food trucks, games, a costume parade, and children's activities. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

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.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

Latina Empowerment Day, 8:30 am to 3 pm. A one day intensive workshop series created to empower Latinas to increase their community impact and strengthen their skills and knowledge on a variety of issues. So Cal Gas Energy Resource Center, 9240 Firestone 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, NOVEMBER 3

Nani in Concert, 6 pm. International singer, composer, pianist and trombonist Nani performs live. Temple Ner Tamid, 10629 Lakewood Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Elf the Musical, 12 pm and 3 pm. Get in the Christmas spirit early this year with the beloved TV classic "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical" as it soars off the screen and onto the Downey Theatre stage. Come see all your favorite characters from the special including Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, the Abominable Show Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius and, of course, Rudolph, as they come to life.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day Ceremony, 10 am. A public ceremony paying tribute to those who have served our country. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

SUNDAY, DEC. 1

5K Elf Run, 9 am. Dress in your favorite elf attire for this fun 5K run/walk through Downey. Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Tree Lighting Ceremony, 6 pm. The City of Downey hosts its annual "tree-lighting" event. Downey Civic Center, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

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

POETRY MATTERS

Discovery

6:48 a.m., and leaden
 little jokes about what heroes
 we are for getting up at this
 hour.
 Quiet. The surf and sandpipers
 running.
 T minus ten and counting, the sun
 mounting over Canaveral
 a swollen coral, a color
 bright as camera lights. We're blind-
 sided by a flash:
 shot from the unseen
 launching pad, and so from
 nowhere,
 a flame-tipped arrow—no, an
 airborne
 pen on fire, its ink a plume
 of smoke which, even while
 zooming
 upward, stays as oddly solid
 as the braided tail of a tornado,
 and lingers there as lightning
 would
 if it could steal its own
 thunder.
Mary Jo Salter, "Open Shutters" (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2003)
August has brought memories of Downey's place in aerospace history. We didn't launch the capsules here, but we built them. And we saw Salter's "braided tail of a tornado" in the satellites launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base. She is visualizing poetry in motion. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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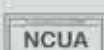
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Gun ownership

Dear Editor:

Recently your papers, Norwalk and Downey, have printed several letters to the editor demeaning gun ownership and the use thereof. I would like to try and counter some of those opinions.

Yes, I am the owner of several guns and have been since my first 22 rifle was given to me on my 8th birthday. I have never injured anyone with a weapon except for my time in Vietnam while serving my country. Let me also say I am opposed to any form of violence whether it be gun violence, domestic violence, parental or child violence, etc.

Now the reason for this letter. According to noted gun expert on gun laws and statistics John Lott, University of Chicago, there are 30,000 gun-related deaths every year in the United States, this among a population of 324,059,091 as of June 2016. This amounts to 0.00925% deaths from gun-related actions.

Let us break those 30,000 deaths down into categories:

65% are by suicides unstoppable by gun laws

17% are by gangs and are drug-related, proven unstoppable by gun laws

15% are by law enforcement and justified

3% are by accidental discharge

This leaves approximately 5,100 -- still too many -- so let's see where those occurred: 480 (9.4%) in Chicago, 344 (6.7%) in Baltimore, 333 (6.5%) in Detroit, 119 (2.3%) in Washington, D.C. Therefore, 25% occurred in four cities all having strict gun laws.

This leaves 3,825 gun-related deaths for the rest of the nation or an average of 75 per state. This is only an average as Alabama had one gun-related death (the lowest) and California the highest at 1,169 deaths.

Can you guess, of all the states, which has the strictest gun laws in the nation? That's right, it's California.

Admittedly all death is sad but how does the rate of gun deaths compare to other forms of dying? I show this only to demonstrate that guns should not be our most pressing concern.

Examples for the same year are:

Over 40,000 die from drug overdoses, absolutely no excuse for this

Over 36,000 die from the flu, some preventable by simply getting a flu shot

Over 34,000 die in automobile accidents, but we're not screaming to get rid of cars

Over 200,000 die from preventable medical errors. Why are these doctors still practicing?

Approximately 700,000 die from heart disease.

Would more gun laws stop gun deaths? No. Would taking my guns away stop gun deaths? No. We need to leave the honest, law-abiding gun owners alone and abide by the 2nd Amendment.

Armando Ruiz Norwalk

Dear Editor:

"Enough is enough! Do something!"

These are just two examples of growing chants across the nation as increased attempts are made to deal with the ongoing issues of gun violence. When will Congress act to protect the nation's population from the horror of suicide by gun, mass shootings and the associated deaths and injuries caused by firearm incidents?

According to statistics from the Gun Violence Archive (gunviolencearchive.org), from January 1, 2014 to August 14, 2019 there have been 257,556 incidents of gun violence resulting in 67,140 deaths (9,168 so far this year). Additionally, there have been 1,547 mass shootings (257 this year). Mass shootings involve four or more being killed or injured. Sadly, 24 percent of total deaths since 2014 have been children (ages 0 to 17). Also, 1,311 law enforcement officers have been shot or killed (six recently in Philadelphia).

What can be done? An overwhelming majority of citizens would like at least the following addressed by Congress and the President:

Universal background checks

Waiting period of 14 days to purchase/own a gun

Raise the age to purchase/own a gun to 21

Must have gun safety training and a permit/license to purchase/own a gun

All guns must have trigger safety locks

Ban on military grade assault rifles

Limit the bullet capacity of gun magazines.

Increase funds to deal with mental health issues.

The bottom line is simple: Enough is enough! Do Something! Everytown, USA is vulnerable to gun violence and No Town, USA is no longer safe. It's up to the people as Congress has so far failed to adequately address the items above.

Please let your congressman/woman know you support reasonable gun safety measures and despise the increase in gun violence.

Jim Weidner Downey

Dear Editor:

As I read about a third mass shooting in the last two weeks, and the second in less than fourteen hours, I pondered how do we stop the madness?

We cannot change the Second Amendment: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

So what do we do? The answer is regulate ammunition. Guns don't kill people, bullets do, so if we remove the bullets then we solve the problem.

I am not proposing that we take away the bullets, or that no one ever gets any. I am saying that we regulate them, allow people to only have so many, and track those bullets so that the person who has them really has to be held accountable for where their bullets are.

The counter argument here is that having a gun without bullets is like having a car without gas. However, driving a car is not a right, it is a privilege offered to us by the federal government and regulated by the states. This is why when you break a traffic law you lose your privilege to drive. As you see in the quoted Second Amendment, it does not say anywhere that you have the right to own ammunition. It says you have the right to bear arms. What is arms any way?

Websters says that "arms" includes ammunition, but I say that is a poor definition, Arms could be swords, spears, plow shears, baseball bats, basically anything that could be used to fight with; yes this does include guns, however, it should not include ammunition.

We don't go around saying, "Hey, that guy is armed with ammunition." We assume that when we say gun it includes ammunition, but it is not specifically spelled out in the constitution.

So, here is my proposal. The federal government sets up a system to regulate ammunition, they let the states run this system. Every person that owns ammunition will need to turn over the ammunition to the ammunition regulatory system. You will be given credit for your ammo, and as long as you are a law abiding person, you may take out of your ammo credits at the agency some number of bullets. However, you will have to maintain control of your ammunition and will need to prove on a monthly basis that you have not lost control of that ammo.

This new agency will need to mark all ammunition in a way that law enforcement can tell if a person has authorized ammunition or unauthorized ammunition, and laws will need to be made punishing people that possess or use unauthorized ammo.

How this is done, I am not sure, but I am just laying out the groundwork. Once you have used up all the ammunition credits from when you turned in your ammo, you then can buy new ammunition, but this will be at a very steep price.

Now this does not stop true criminal from buying illegal ammunition, but they are for the most part not the ones doing the mass killings, and criminals tend to get caught more often than not, and by making the penalties for unauthorized ammunition very steep, we can make this a very unpalatable thing to do. We can make the punishments harsher than drugs, and see if this works out better for us.

What I know is that in these three shootings, I am sure we are going to find out that all three of the shooters purchased and owned their weapons legally, so if we could have removed the ammunition from the equation, we might have more of the 32 people killed in the last two weeks alive.

Christopher Angulo-Bertram Downey

Trump gets an A+

Dear Editor:

Regarding President Trump as a big spender, Joe Walsh should know that President Obama's administration doubled the national debt. His administration incurred more debt than all the previous presidents combined.

Trump did not want to sign the omnibus spending bill but did so because he did not want the country to endure another government shutdown, and in the bill there was money designated to helping the military, which he strongly supports.

When our country went to war in Iraq under the Bushes, Trump and many others agreed we should not have done so. However, Obama and many in Congress approved of the war. My thought was we should have gone into Afghanistan, destroyed the Al-Qaeda training camps, apprehended Osama bin Laden, and gotten the hell out of the Middle East quagmire.

Trump is attempting to get out of this mess and has been very effective in reducing the ISIS territory and bringing home many in our military. He is doing his best to negotiate with the Taliban in Afghanistan but this is not easy when dealing with a barbaric entity, but he has greatly reduced the number of American military there.

Additionally, Trump is doing his best to talk with the leader of North Korea in hopes of reducing the threat of war in that area. Trump, unlike other presidents and members of Congress, does not want to be in war or change regimes in other countries. He is for peace and bringing home our endangered military.

Obama handed over \$150 billion to Iran, which I would imagine had to be approved by Congress, who won't even approve a measly \$5 billion to secure our southern border.

Regarding the "squad," how would you like it as a sitting president to be called a "mf-er" in public and not be rebuked for it? If you were a Jew, how would you like it if you were insulted by anti-Semitic remarks? If you were the leader of Israel, would you want these supporters of boycotting Israel to be in your country? The "squad" may speak for their districts, but thankfully, they don't speak for all Americans.

Trump is not perfect but with an obstructionist, do-nothing House of Representatives, he gets a big A+ for his efforts in bringing justice, civility and safety for all Americans. If you, as a so-called Republican, think you can do any better, go for it.

Martha Morrissy Downey

School construction

Dear Editor:

I am inquiring about the fact that the schools have no restrictions or guidelines with construction.

The school board has tacitly allowed the contractors to do whatever they want to do. School started and children and their teachers are having to go to school in a dangerous, highly toxic environment.

They started work in June and have uncovered dirt, opened trenches, and brought in heavy equipment, which they operate before 8 a.m., not respecting the neighborhood in any way.

I would like to see some semblance of order over at Griffiths and Maude Price. I called the city of Downey Planning Department and the inspector said there is nothing they can do.

Joseph Serrano Downey

Downey fumbled the tree project

Dear Editor:

A letter to the editor last week mentioned the TreePeople.org project coming to Downey. My own attempts to find out more information, in particular with regards to deferring or adjusting tree-planting, since we intend to plant trees of our own, yielded the following:

1. I spoke with Juan Solomon from TreePeople.org. We had a nice conversation during which he indicated his only latitude was to review requests for moving the tree from side to side along the city easement, with no option for deferment.

2. Juan also alluded to a target planting period starting in early September, when we would be further informed about tree type and final locations. Not all currently designated spots will necessarily get a tree.

3. I then called the city, speaking first with Public Works, who indicated this tree-planting effort is not a city project, but rather one that comes through Caltrans. (That seemed odd, but I wrote it down.)

4. Upon further inquiry, I spoke with the Maintenance Department, who apparently is most linked with the tree-planting project. I explained my situation (planning to plant one to two trees of my own, close to where TreePeople.org marked for planting). They took my number and called back within the hour: short-short, nothing they can do, not a City of Downey project, comes through a grant, and talk to Juan Solomon.

Unlike the previous letter writer, I welcome the addition of trees. Though I appreciate how a tree may not fit well in given property's configuration, watering demands, irrigation line placement, and other constraints, I also recognize the many benefits a tree offers. These include improved aesthetics for your property and your street, shading for your house (thus lowering summer energy costs), and maybe even a tree swing a few years down the line.

However, it is reasonable for residents to select our own kind of tree(s) and also to exercise reasonable flexibility with the location of those trees. Most selected spots I saw while walking around the neighborhood land more or less smack in the middle of a property (and of course, on the easement, right by the street), with little consideration for overall aesthetics, alignment with front doors and walkways, other vegetation, and so on. And by the way, if you have a hedge or a concrete sidewalk on the easement, you don't get a tree, even if your front yard is tree deficient.

To address this, a more resident-friendly process for contacting the city to communicate and coordinate alternative arrangements seems in order. The notice we received, lacking a city number, and featuring a take-it-gladly or take-it-angry choice doesn't strike the right note, especially considering residents are most likely paying for these trees with our tax dollars (the "grant") and will be paying for the tree's impact on our properties for years to come. And how is it that the city has no say or scope in this project, when the trees will go in the city's easement?

Trees are good. But if you want us to embrace them, a little more customer service, please.

Eduardo Suastegui Downey

Dear Editor:

We live in Downey and just received a notice that we are getting a tree. Well that's great, but what about a street light since our streets are so dark.

Let's prevent crime from happening since it's so dark. I'd rather pay extra taxes on street lights than a tree that will not be watered when we have a drought. The city of Downey has not thought this out.

We do not need any more trees since most of the trees in Downey that are located on Lakewood Boulevard have broken the cement, overgrown and are useless. The lights that were placed on Lakewood were to light up the street, but these trees have overtaken the street and caused more work for city workers since they have cracked the cement.

I realize that someone has already written something about this and is also opposed to this. Why does the city do these things without asking residents? Not everyone has the time or availability to go to every City Council meeting. We all have different lives, jobs, children, and elderly to care for.

When is this suppose to happen? There no date or time given when this is suppose to occur. Also, I would like to advise the City of Downey that the people who delivered these flyers just threw them on the floor like trash. They were just on the floor or on the shrubs. Why didn't the City of Downey send letters to each property owner/resident who it would effect? This way we could have participated in the voting.

Really is the City of Downey doing whatever they want? Aren't we already having this being done from other government agencies?

Maria Romero Contreras Downey

Dear Editor:

This is in response to the letter by by Suzanne Dodd. In the last sentence, she wrote, "I do think trees can add to the environment but this is the wrong way to go about it."

I agree with her wholeheartedly. Trees help the environment. In fact, trees allow us to live. A tree gives oxygen. This oxygen is what gives us life.

In exchange, we give the trees carbon dioxide (CO2). The tree takes the CO2 and through a process called photosynthesis, it returns oxygen to us. Free. How beautiful!

They get CO2. We get oxygen. This process continues indefinitely while trees are available; if there are no trees then the CO2 goes up into the atmosphere and along with methane, water vapor and other gases it warms up the planet and produces climate change (please see Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act at CitizensClimateLobby.org).

A tree can absorb as much as 48 pounds of CO2 per year. A person produces 2 pounds of CO2 per day. So we produce 40 times more CO2 than a tree absorbs. We need a lot more trees to make up the difference.

Regarding the point that the City is not doing this the right way; please get involved and help people plant more trees. We need more trees. They give us life.

For my life, the life of our children and grandchildren, we need trees.

Guido Rivero Downey

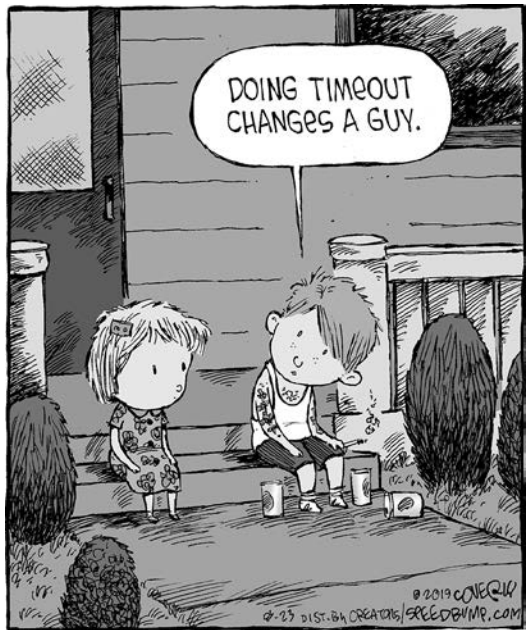
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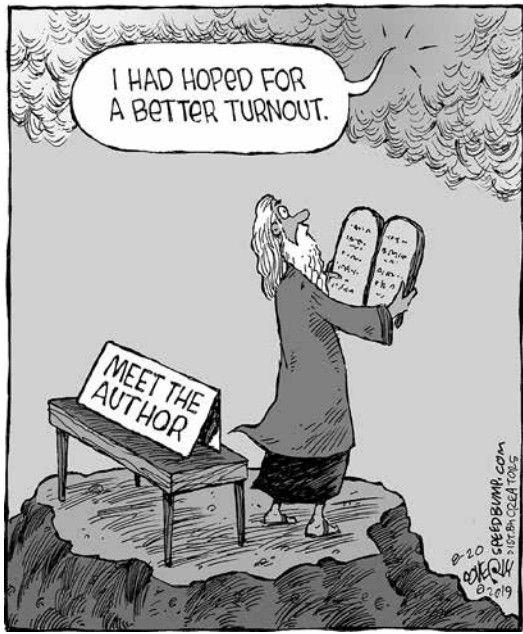
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Nate Mahoney 416-1826.
 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 Cites 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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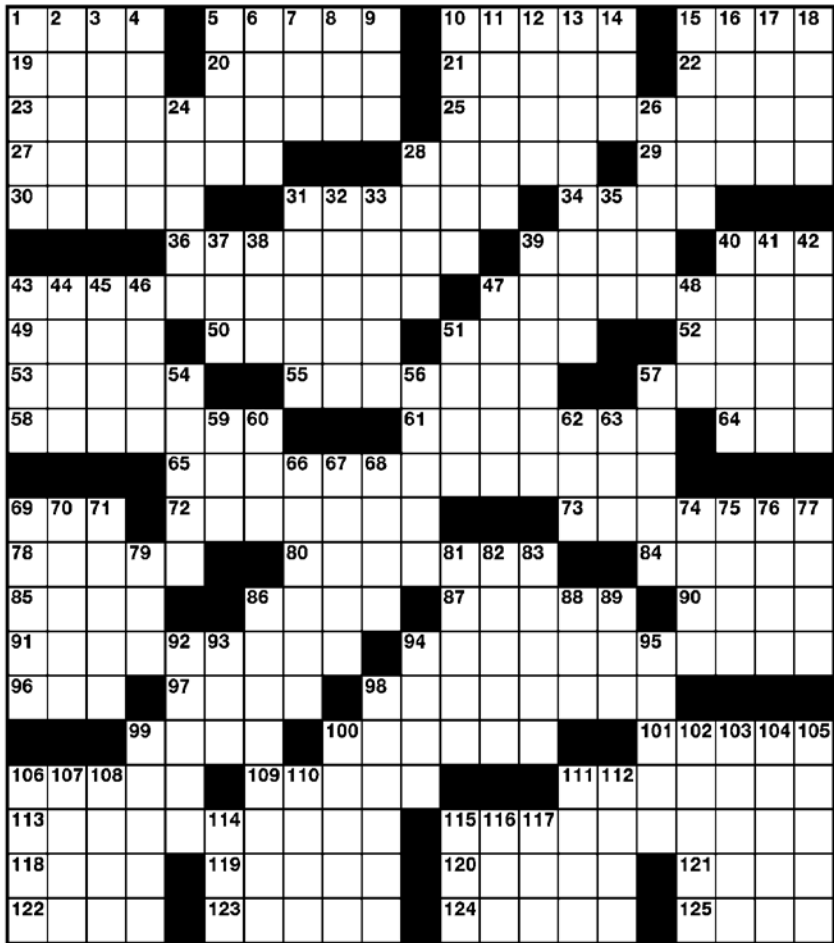
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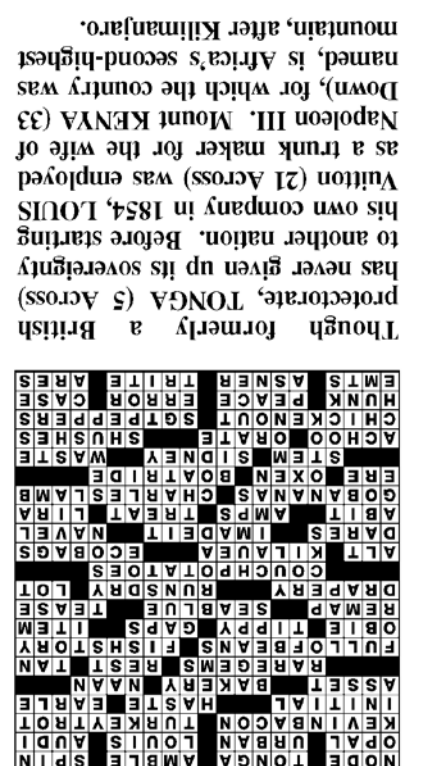
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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

Did you know that endometriosis affects about 200 million women worldwide? Here in the United States, more than 11% of women aged 15-44 have this chronic condition.



Endometriosis can cause significant pain. Endometrial tissue normally lines the uterus and is shed each month during menstruation. However, with endometriosis there is tissue growing outside of the uterus: on the ovaries, the Fallopian tubes, the surface of the uterus, the bowel, or on the lining of the pelvic cavity. (Quite rarely, it's even found outside of the pelvis: in the liver, brain, lung, or on old surgical scars.)

Still, most women who have endometriosis have no symptoms at all. When there are symptoms, the most common are: pain before menstruation, painful sexual intercourse, cramping during bowel movements or urination, and infertility. Symptoms can vary from month to month. Although pain is the clue that most often leads to the discovery and diagnosis of endometriosis, sometimes nodules can be felt during a vaginal exam. An ultrasound or laparoscopy with tissue biopsy will usually be done in order to confirm the diagnosis.

While the cause is unclear, there are several factors that place a woman at greater risk for endometriosis. These include: never having given birth, starting menstruation at an early age, going through menopause at an older age, short menstrual cycles (fewer than 27 days), heavy menstruation that lasts longer than seven days, higher levels of estrogen, low body mass index, having one or more relatives with endometriosis, having any medical condition that prevents normal passage of menstrual flow, and reproductive tract abnormalities.

Endometriosis treatments usually involve medication and/or surgery. The goals are to relieve symptoms and (if pertinent) treat infertility. Anti-inflammatory medications may help to relieve pain. Other medications can be used to suppress or stop menstrual cycles, which trigger pain, or to reduce the size of the endometrial tissue.

Surgery (usually laparoscopic) may be considered when the symptoms are severe, medications are not effective, or if scarring and inflammation interfere with the pelvic organs, bowels or urinary tract. Unfortunately, endometriosis often returns, so medication is usually continued as well.

If you suffer from chronic pelvic pain, I urge you to seek medical care. Treatment can make an enormous difference. And of course, the cause of the pain may not be endometriosis - other possibilities include interstitial cystitis, irritable bowel disease, pelvic floor dysfunction, or neuropathy.

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.

Downey water contaminated with chemicals, says Assemblymember

Assemblymember Cristina Garcia says Downey water tested positive for contaminants, some of which have been linked to cancer.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) will provide a legislative report to inform the public about the dangers of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water next week, including an update in recent legislation established to combat the issue.

PFAS Chemicals - also known as "forever chemicals" - are good at repelling oil and water, making them useful in products such as non-stick cookware, fast food wrappers, pizza boxes, water-repellant fabrics, and fire fighting foam.

However, they are also extremely resistant to breaking down naturally in the environment.

According to Garcia, a cluster of contaminated sites was located all throughout

the 58th Assembly District, including in Downey.

"When you look at where there was testing and detections in LA County, almost every single detection popped up in my district," said Garcia. "We can't say for sure it's aerospace, but we have feelings that's probably what it is."

Garcia added that the contamination is often found around air ports, military bases, aerospace, and medical plating.

It is currently unknown

how severe or widespread the contamination exists.

Garcia introduced legislation - AB 756 - that requires all public water systems to monitor the class of PFAS chemicals found in their systems and subsequently inform consumers. It was signed by California Gov. Gavin Newsom late last month.

The Assemblywoman will update constituents on the issue at Bell Garden's High School next Thursday, Aug. 29 from 5:30 to 8:30 at Bell Gardens High School.

For questions, contact Rida

Hamida at (562) 861-5803 or Rida.hamida@asm.ca.gov

In Memory of

Christopher Valle

March 3, 1962 - August 4, 2019

Christopher Valle, a long time Downey resident has passed away. Chris attended Downey Unified Schools, was a member of ARC and Southeast Partnership. Chris' love of sports led him to volunteer at Cerritos College. He offered his service to the football and soft teams for many years. Chris fulfilled his life long dream, living independently the past five years.

Christopher is survived by his father Sal, siblings Sal Jr., Nickolas and Celeste as well as nieces and nephews Jacqueline, Francesca, Natalia, Ryan, Stephan and Marcus.

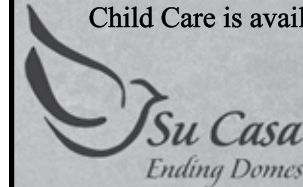
Memorial is Friday, August 23, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. At Miller Mies Mortuary and Chapel in Downey.

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Child Care is available for the evening groups.



More information: Su Casa -
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'Princess for a Day' taking early sign-ups

DOWNEY - Miss Downey and her royal court are inviting girls ages 4-10 to experience the royal treatment at their "A Day in the Life of a Princess" event.

Attending ladies will participate in arts and crafts, dance routine, hair, photos, and more. They will also attend lunch with the Miss, Miss Teen, Junior Miss, and Little Miss Downey 2019 royalty, and will receive a tiara, as well as a royalty t-shirt to take home.

Girls are also encouraged to wear their favorite princess dress or shade of pink.

The event will take place on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Harriet Paine Event Center at Downey Adult School. Pre Registration shall be at Trinity Baptist Church on Aug. 26, Sept. 3, and Sept. 9 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a fee of \$20.

Fee on or after Sept. 10 is \$30.

Space is limited. For more information, please call Mariah Lora at (562) 202-1026 or Reggie Donahue at (562) 756-2427.

Veterans fair returning to Rose Hills

WHITTIER - Rose Hills will host its ninth annual Veterans Resource Fair on Sunday, Sept. 15, from 2:30-5 p.m., with nearly 50 businesses and nonprofits providing information and resources to veterans and their families.

This year's theme is honoring women in the military.

In addition to the resource fair, the event will include a classic car and truck show, featuring classic pre-1980 muscle, vintage and performance vehicles.

Additional events include live music by The Killer West Band, food vendors such as El Tepeyac and Mr. Dog, a flag retirement ceremony, and face-painting.

State Sen. Bob Archuleta will serve as master of ceremonies.

Downey's Larry Zowada inducted into college's Hall of Fame

DOWNEY - Downey native Larry Zowada, a former physical education teacher and coach at South Middle School, has been inducted into the University of Wyoming Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame.

Zowada was part of the 2019 class inducted into the Hall of Fame this past spring. He attended the University of Wyoming from 1955-57, where he was a member of the football team.

An All-Skyline Conference quarterback during 1956 and 1957, Zowada was initially pressed into action in the 1956 Sun Bowl after starting quarterback Joe Mastrogiovanni suffered a knee injury in the last regular season game.

In his debut, Zowada completed six of 10 passes for 112 yards and two touchdowns as Wyoming defeated Texas Tech, 21-14.

In his first season as a starter in 1956, Zowada led the nation in yards per completion while leading the Cowboys to a perfect 10-0 record. That year he completed 41 of 96 passes for 878 yards and seven touchdowns.

During the 1957 season, Zowada completed 63 of 123 passes for 862 yards and three touchdowns.

A versatile athlete, he also served as the team's punter.

Nonprofit screening short film

DOWNEY - Drumming for Your Life, a nonprofit that uses drumming and rhythm to help children and adults develop their emotional, academic and social skills, will host multiple showings of the short film "The Great Connector" on Sept. 23 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Studio Movie Grill.

There will also be raffles and prizes, with proceeds benefiting the organization.

Drumming for Your Life has developed a series of programs that help students and adults increase literacy, fluency and comprehension, and also cope with trauma.

For more details, visit the organization's website at dfyl.org.

Lions making overnight trip to Laughlin

DOWNEY - Downey Lions Club is hosting a trip to the Edgewater Hotel in Laughlin.

The bus will depart at 7:30 a.m. on Sept. 21 and returns the following day at approximately 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$120 which includes bus transportation, room accommodations and a buffet voucher.

To reserve a seat, contact any Downey Lions member or call Maria Fernandez at (562) 577-1104.

Green Salon wrapping up summer season

SANTA FE SPRINGS - The final evening of The Green Salon Short Film Festival 2019 is Saturday, Aug. 24, beginning at 6 pm at the painting studio of Roy Anthony Shabla in Santa Fe Springs.

The Green Salon is the longest-running monthly cultural event in the area and happens on the fourth Saturday of the month. It always includes an artist fair, live music, and an open mic.

The Short Film Festival happens during the months of June, July, and August.

This month, films by David R. Youel, Elizabeth Rath, and Dustin Michael Krapes will be featured. Each local filmmaker has a distinctive style.

The open mic will feature Dylan Douglas Guenther, Clifton Snider, and Michael Bril. All are invited to participate. Last month, besides original work, people read Shakespeare, T. S. Elliot, and Robert Frost.

Live music will be provided by Bunny and the Echomen with special guests. Bunny is a local favorite.

The art fair will feature Scotty Salmon and buddies, Terry Walker, and Roy Anthony Shabla. Dustin Michael Krapes will offer vintage music, art, and poetry tee-shirts. He will also feature The Green Salon Short Film Festival on his radio show, The Cosmic Shrug, Tuesday from 8 to 10 pm, KSPC Claremont 88.7 fm.

This month, The Green Salon will also feature Dave the Cowboy Award-Winning Home Brew. This chili beer is a blue ribbon winner and Green Salon favorite.

The Green Salon is always a free event and all are welcome. Tolerance and kindness are expected, conversation is encouraged.

Masonic Lodge hosting open house

DOWNEY - The Masons of Downey United Lodge #220 invite the community to their open house Saturday, Sept. 28, from 1-5 p.m.

Members of the public can tour the lodge and learn more about the Masons.

The lodge is located at 8244 3rd St. on the second floor. For questions or more information, call Raj Champaneri at (562) 927-0339.

Downey United Masonic Lodge was founded in 1871 on the site which is now occupied by Downey Fire Station No. 1. Most all members are or have been residents of Downey and the surrounding communities.

Prank causes brief panic at Walmart

DOWNEY - The Walmart store in Downey was evacuated last week after a teenage prank created panic inside the store.

Police officers responded to the store at around 9 p.m. last Friday after shoppers reported loud "popping noises" inside the store. Others reported seeing a man running through aisles while carrying a large knife.

Shoppers fled through various exits as police officers swarmed the store.

Authorities later blamed a group of teenagers who were reportedly filming a prank for YouTube.

"Upon arrival, officers checked the store and were able to confirm that there was no threat," the Downey Police Department said in a statement posted on Facebook. "Several patrons reported that a group of teenagers were running through the store yelling and videotaping each other which caused the commotion."

No injuries were reported. Police did not announce any arrests.

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Shared Stories

School Sirens

By Gail Earl
Contributor

I have vivid memories of my kindergarten class in Detroit, Michigan. Most were wonderful memories of a time of excitement, adventure and stimulation.

One memory that was none of the above was being rushed into a dark basement, guided by teachers. Every student was walking as fast as possible while keeping our ears covered tightly with our hands.

We were positioned along the floorboards and instructed

to cover our heads. The siren screamed louder than anything we had ever heard, and all the children were quite frightened. I remember several children crying and teachers trying to calm them.

We stayed in that position awaiting an all clear. This was something very difficult for 5-year-olds to understand.

While thinking back on that memory, I wanted to know more about that siren so I did a little research.

During World War II, Bell Telephone Laboratories invented

a Cold War model air raid siren, manufactured between 1942-1957. This siren was used for test-only purposes during the 50s and 60s.

It was a three-ton, 12 ft by 6 ft., 300,000-watt machine that warned of incoming enemy missiles. This unit was so loud that it could produce fires from just the sound vibrations it made. It had an advertised effective range of four miles in every direction.

These drills came to be known as the "duck and cover" drills. Because of the extreme sound power emitted and the desire to cover as much area as possible, the units were mounted on high steel towers with metal grating around them so they were always heard but rarely seen. They were the size of an automobile and contained the same Hemi Fire Power engine that Chrysler used in its first V8

engine in 1951.

Newer versions of this siren used to warn of enemy attacks are still used today. They led to the development of our warning systems that warn of tsunami, tornado, and nuclear attack.

When I stop to think about all of this, I wonder who was more frightened, that 5-year-old girl covering her ears and waiting for a bomb to drop by the communists or the 69-year-old woman she became, knowing how the world has evolved since then.

I think the five-year-olds' fear was only what she might imagine, whereas the 69-year-old actually knows she should be scared.

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Miles of Smiles

By Maria L. Garcia
Contributor

Who would ever think that one can experience a life changing moment by merely sitting on a couch?

Watching the 2018 movie, "Pope Francis Man of His Word," gave me such an experience. It was at the movie's end when Pope Francis declares his true confession: "I pray every day for two things: To smile and to have a sense of humor."

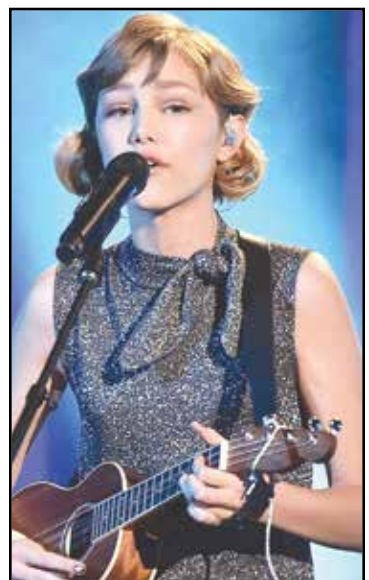
Smile — it can cost from nothing to millions of dollars. Either way, it's a win-win fashion statement if one chooses to wear it.

I got a recent email from Darlene, daughter of Phillip Lucas, our very first friend whom I met together with his wife, Lumen, in 1982 as a new immigrant. She had attached two photos of her dad marking his death at age 105. Interestingly, one picture was labeled "Dad's Classic Smile" and the other, "Dad's Million Dollar Smile" Though Philip's smile was worth its weight in gold, it must not have cost him a single dime.

School pictures require payment with the pro photographer making profit out of the student's free smile, with just a click. So much so with investors who set up photo booths at events for guests to pose, smile and stare at the dot within five second countdowns.

The unfading enigmatic smile of Mona Lisa is classic. Currently costs \$837 million in insurance value though, in reality, this Leonardo da Vinci masterpiece is un-insurable as it is irreplaceable. Mona Lisa is the inescapable Renaissance painting on the course outline I had taught for 12 years. Not until 1985 did I see the painting before my very eyes at the Louvre Museum in Paris.

In 1958, transcending into the world of music, was the popular song, "A Certain Smile." Lifetime Grammy Achievement awardee, Johnny Mathis, became a household name with many impersonators imitating



Tickets starting at \$50 are still available to see Grace VanderWall at the Orange County Observatory this Sunday as part of her "Ur So Beautiful" tour.

VanderWall, 15, rose to fame after winning the 11th season of "America's Got Talent" at age 12. She will also perform at the El Rey Theatre in Los Angeles on Tuesday.

his Certain Smile. I was one lucky fan who made it to his sold out concert at the Araneta Coliseum in Manila, Philippines in 1960.

"Suddenly you know why your heart sings — when a certain face leads an unsuspecting heart on a merry chase." Six years later, the lyrics resonated in my nostalgic mind when I met the boy in college whom I eventually married.

Icon singer Nat King Cole, of over a hundred songs, popular for his song, "Smile." "that even through fear and sorrow when you smile, you'll find that life is still worthwhile."

I, too, was one of hundreds of fans who would not miss Nat King Cole for the world when he performed live at the same venue in Manila in 1961.

A smile can be attractive, infectious...or non infectious to one's health. Studies show a smile can lower one's blood pressure, lessen pain, strengthen one's immune system, and relieve stress.

Even the dentist uses images of healthy teeth through a smile to advertise a dental product.

With apologies to those who have lost their teeth for one reason or another, my best friend, Victoria from Virginia battling with cancer, had lost her tooth from chemo treatment; nonetheless, she smiles and bears it. She says, "My smile has generated virtues of love and compassion from others who attend to me during my 48-hour infusion and more."

Myself, while pregnant with my youngest child, partially dislodged my front tooth from a fall on the driveway after the rain. Pushing back the displaced tooth, I managed smiling with it for several years until the doctor prescribed a root canal to save it. To this date, I can smile with it, unconscious of its history.

My mom smiled through 11 years of confinement in a rehabilitation hospital at Laguna Honda in San Francisco from 1987 to 1999. Her massive stroke resulted in aphasia, but smiles and laughter became her signature form of communication.

I would drive or fly from LA to visit Mom. In one of those

visits, unaware that I had a smile on my face as I walked eagerly through rows of beds in Mom's ward, a voice from one of the patients, called out: "Your smile erases a multitude of sins!" I was astounded and puzzled by the remark but it was like finding a treasure in a smile.

What children would do at school to earn a smiley sticker as a reward. The yellow emoticon in the 80's has evolved into a myriad of emojis displaying reactions on FB, in texting, posting positivity or negativity.

Smiles have existed through generations way back in the time of King David. In Psalm 39:13, "Turn Your gaze away from me, that I may smile again Before I depart and am no more." David asks God to look away from his sin and forgive him, for strength that he may be prepared for the next life.

Mindful of King David's pearls of wisdom, I too plead for God's mercy that I may have miles of smiles before I sleep.

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Memories of Little League

By Sharon Benson Smith
Contributor

It now seems like a lifetime ago but as soon as our children were eligible (two sons and one daughter), my husband and I signed them up in North Whittier's Keenan-Avocado Heights Little League.

The most memorable season to me was when Ray managed the Pirates, the team that our son, Steve, was on. Two of the players were somewhat physically challenged in that one wore an appliance on his foot and the other wore a brace on his calf. Each of the two always struck out or walked to first base and then couldn't run fast enough to make it to second base.

But Ray wasn't in-it to win-it. He was in it so that every boy who signed up could play ball. This taught them the sportsmanship aspect of the game, camaraderie, loyalty, timeliness, and the importance of getting to practice. And, just as important, so that parents who paid and showed up for the games could see their sons in action.

The bases could be loaded with a possible homerun in sight, but under no circumstances did Ray ever change the lineup. If you were on deck, you were next, and that was that. There was no "warming the bench" or substituting a batter for a "pinch hitter" at a crucial time in the game, and that's the way the "ball bounced." And that, in my opinion, should be the very premise or foundation of all youth sports leagues.

Of course, there was the

usual gossip and murmurs from the disgruntled, super competitive parents to whom winning meant everything. On the other hand, there were those grateful parents whose sons played the entire game... win or lose.

This is not meant to diminish the joy, thrill, or sense of pride in winning... there is that; however, I feel that the qualities Ray tried to instill in his team far outweighed always being on the winning team.

And at season's end what a surprise we had in store! Ray and his team, The Pirates, were the real winners when he was awarded the much-deserved Manager of the Year plaque presented by the league! Our entire family, the team members and their families were so proud of him on that unforgettable, most pleasant Little League day.

The following, to me, is the most befitting quote from a famous sports figure, manager or coach and it is further proof that, (and I'm paraphrasing now) "It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game."

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How Downey's demographics continue to evolve

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Wendy Lopour, director of curriculum and instruction development, lobbied United States Congressman Steve Horn to secure federal money to boost bilingual education in 1993. In early 1994, the United States Department of Education awarded DUSD \$480,000 to improve bilingual education for more than 700 students at the middle-school level, a group which encompassed seventeen primary language groups. But debates over public resources dampened the community's support for bilingual education.

By mid-1994, anti-immigrant populism weakened bilingual education efforts in DUSD. The changes in nomenclature and coverage were telling. In early 1994, the Eagle reported on students with "limited English proficiency," the technical but otherwise neutral term. By June 1994, those students had become "English deficient," a pejorative term that connoted something lacking or incomplete.

From April 1 to November 1 of 1994, 674 new students entered the district; 83 percent of those new students had limited English proficiency, most of whom were Spanish-speaking children of recent immigrants. In the face of a "soaring" population of "deficient students," the newspaper reported, DUSD began "fighting a desperate battle to maintain a tradition of academic excellence." The newspaper warned of schools "sapped by [the] language gap," a "weight, as every teacher knows," threatened DUSD's academic excellence. Thus opposition to LEP students and bilingual education really represented a defense of the DUSD—and, by extension, of the quality of life. Pedagogical orthodoxy lost favor as the Mexican Americans prioritized English-speaking.

In fact, LEP students did not hinder educational achievement. At Downey High and Warren High, where LEP students made up 21 and 22 percent of the students, respectively, standardized test scores improved over the school years in 1992 and 1993. By 1995, dropouts fell from 2.3 to 1.3 percent—irrespective

of total population growth. (This also matched a statewide trend in dropout reduction due to alternative educational paths like the General Education Development program, but the change nonetheless shows that LEP students did not harm the reputation and efficacy of DUSD instruction.)

DUSD maintained high levels of achievement despite having so many LEP students, so much so, that the Los Angeles Times recognized the district for sending high numbers of LEP students to the California State University and the University of California. And not every teacher felt the "sapping weight" of LEP students: Dolores Neria, one of only two Spanish-speaking teachers at Downey High in 1994, taught the first English Learner course. Though most teachers sent Neria their "rough" students—the Spanish-speaking students, primarily—she had no problems with them.

But again, campaigns for Prop 227 mobilized voters in Downey and throughout the state. Proponents advertised Prop 227 as improving education for LEP students. Political ads portrayed bilingual education as preventing immigrants from learning English and limiting their academic achievement. One ad by the publisher of the Downey Eagle posited that Spanish-language media was the only source of support for bilingual education so that its consumers would not learn English and keep the network ratings high. In an anti-immigrant and pro-assimilation atmosphere, these ads were muted and neutral. Anti-227 groups only weakly opposed the proposition.

President Bill Clinton remained noncommittal on the measure before officially opposing it only one month before the election. Even ads on Spanish-language television offered no defense of bilingual education programs like that in DUSD. Leaders from the district, including the superintendent, officially opposed Proposition 227 on the grounds that it "denied local governing bodies any option on how to best serve the linguistic and academic needs of their English language learners." But

patience for English learners ran thin among voters.

Downey residents used their vote to protect the school district. In 1998, Latinos/as/xs surpassed fifty percent of Downey's population (and Mexican Americans made up close to forty percent of all residents), but 61 percent of voters in Downey cast a ballot in favor of Prop 227. The vote for Prop 227 suggested a pro-American, pro-assimilation stance on Mexican and Central American immigrants in Downey. The vote required immigrants, even very recent ones, to learn English with little room for error. Educational studies have since then suggested that language immersion improves acquisition, but proponents in Downey framed their support in other terms. An article in the Eagle called Prop 227 a "noble cause" to "break immigrant children out of a poverty mold by giving them the language to compete in the job market."

But others voted for Prop 227 to protect their community. As many events and habits in Downey's history shows, including those which I've described in this series, the middle-class Mexican Americans invariably spoke English in public. Indeed, it formed a core component of the civic identity before and after the demographic change. But Prop 227 found an especially receptive audience in Downey's Mexican Americans. They had a new set of economic interests as middle-class homeowners that they were anxious to protect. LEP students not only violated the civic identity with their limited English abilities, but were a "'sapping weight" that threatened the quality of education—a resource that separated Downey from the other southeast Los Angeles suburbs. They saw their votes for Prop 187 and Prop 227 as votes to protect their community in the face of dramatic changes.

There was, to a certain extent, little surprising about these final episodes. The votes (and, in the case of Prop 187, silence) were natural expressions of the civic identity. In the 1990s, the civic identity governed how middle-class residents carried themselves in the absence of the

white demographic majority. More importantly, it was how middle-class Mexican Americans believed they could steward their community through demographic change.

But the city has a different feel in the twenty-first century. Though less than ten years after the events I described in this series, the Downey of my childhood was very much a Mexican American suburb. I grew up hearing Spanish in Downey as often as I did in Bell. "Race-neutral" entrepreneurship and metropolitan Mexicanness are no longer the norms; Vallarta Supermarkets, Tacos Gavilan, and countless family-owned panaderías are all staples of my childhood. Even the sizable Cuban minority partook in the expansion of ethnic-themed entrepreneurship when Porto's opened its bakery that, architecturally and socially, anchored the revitalization of Downtown Downey after the Great Recession of 2008.

In line with the larger community-wide acceptance of demographic change, many downtown Downey businesses cater to Latino/a/x consumers, are owned by Latinos/as/xs, or both. Through it all, Downey has remained an affluent "move-up" community.

But, as in other parts of the United States, affluence has not benefited all residents evenly. North Downey neighborhoods conjure the familiar tropes of "Mexican Beverly Hills" with their large lot sizes and fantastic homes, but the southern neighborhoods of Downey have higher concentrations of rental housing, lower median incomes, and higher rates of first-generation immigrants. Whereas the median income in one north Downey neighborhood was \$103,500 in 2010, in a south Downey neighborhood it was \$40,427. Rising property values in Downey benefit homeowners, but in areas like south Downey, where rental housing is common, the booming development spells no profit, only displacement. The proximity to cities like Paramount and South Gate still prompts the same suspicion that residents identified during the Neighborhood Preservation

Program meetings that I discussed in an earlier issue. Police officers patrol the area on higher alert than in, say, north Downey.

On October 22, 2011, Downey police officers shot and killed 31-year-old Michael Nida. Nida, while his wife pumped gas at a south Downey gas station, jaywalked across a main street to purchase cigarettes when officers stopped him on the grounds that he "looked like a gang member." He attempted to flee and, despite being unarmed, was shot in the back four times. That is to say, residents, police officers, and city councilmembers still might not think of south Downey as an obvious "Mexican Beverly Hills."

The greatest pushback to the Los Angeles Times article on the "Mexican Beverly Hills" came from a south-Downey-born-and-raised writer, Tina Vasquez, who noted the wealth and privilege inequalities between north and south Downey. It is my hope that this series has encouraged residents to consider this too.

I have written and ordered the stories of this series to logically and clearly make a difficult point: as uncomfortable as it may be, we benefit from and perpetuate a legacy of racial ideology. Downey homeownership, as in middle-class suburbs across the United States, was defined by practices that meant to minimize integration. This began with the underwriting of the Homeowners Loan Corporation and subsequent race-restrictive covenants before shifting to "property-values"-restrictive covenants. We ended with a set of home-owning norms, customs, and practices meant to maximize property values that, in many ways, reified the stereotypes that first defined "good" and "bad" home-owning along racial lines. But racial ideology shifted its shape without losing its grip.

The difference in Downey—indeed, the principal anomaly that I sought to clarify—is that the same practices transferred to a new, previously restricted homeownership in middle-class Mexican Americans. This was not always intentional or malicious. At first, middle-class Mexican Americans continued these

practices to blend into white-majority neighborhoods, avoid race-based tensions, and secure access to a higher quality of life. But after demographic change reached Downey and Mexican Americans became the plurality, these home-owning practices were continued to preserve the "good" home-owning practices, norms, and customs—all to maximize investments, to protect their spot in the American middle class, and to safeguard newfound economic gains. The middle-class Mexican Americans stewarded the community through questions of undocumented immigration, fluctuating property values, and other perceived threats in surprising ways.

Ethnic minorities, then as now, suffered from low access to economic and social capital like that of Downey's middle-class Mexican Americans. In the process of acquiring and defending that capital, though, they unwittingly perpetuated the very ideas about race that first restricted them, the ideas of "good" and "bad" home-owning practices that stemmed from HOLC practices. For the middle-class Mexican Americans, race and class were no longer one and the same. They were Mexican Americans—with the full diversity of that term that I have shown in this series—but they were also independently members of the American middle class.

On the one hand, this may appear to be the end of race in the United States. But on the other hand, the way we think about property values in this community, as everywhere in the country, still bears the mark of racist ideology. As much as it may be uncomfortable to think, race is still a part of the fabric with which we think about our homes today. To some, race may not be dead, and to others it lives. But above all, the history of demographic change in Downey shows how in the modern United States, the nexus of race and class has changed.

We must keep thinking about—as I titled this series—race, housing, and confronting history.

Armando Herman is a thorn in the side of politicians

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For those who haven't seen him in action, Herman is known for utilizing every second of every opportunity to address the city council, and it's never done nicely.

Expletives fly. Names are called. As one former mayor put it, "Democracy is mocked."

It's taxing to sit through, to say the least.

I suppose I owe him some manner of gratitude; he is in part responsible for my recent 3rd place achievement at the Los Angeles Press Club. But other than that, I can't say I'm the biggest fan of Herman myself. If anything, if I'm not annoyed with him for drawing out a council meeting assignment I'm covering, I feel embarrassed for the others in attendance who may not be as prepared for his onslaught.

It took me nearly a year to punch Herman's contact information into my phone, for fear of what might happen next.

For starters, I didn't want to get sucked into a political rant or tirade; that would be a waste of both of our times (not to mention I get enough of that at every meeting I attend).

Secondly, I don't wish to glorify, champion, or enable him; let me make it abundantly clear that I do not condone or approve of his methods.

When the meeting finally came, I was almost bewildered at how calm, cool and collected he seemed. We took seats opposite one another, and as I explained why I called for the meeting, he leaned over to his service dog and offered her some water out of a plastic water bottle. Maybe it's just because I'm naturally a dog person, but I was touched at the gentleness and affection shared between the two; it took me a few brief moments to snap back to reality and remember who exactly I had across the table from me.

Herman didn't want to disclose his age, to which I wasn't surprised at all. I wasn't after the

general journalism pleasantries anyways.

Downey's "resident gadfly" says that he has been attending various public hearings consistently for the last six to 10 years, although regulars at Downey meetings might say that he's become a consistent face locally over the last two to three.

He is also a regular in Cerritos, Pasadena, Norwalk, and Bellflower, just to name a few.

"Pretty much wherever there's an agenda meeting," said Herman. "It's just based on my energy level, my frame or state of mind, and my condition of health, because getting around from maybe five meetings in a day, maybe three high-profile meetings, it's a lot of work."

When he approaches Downey's podium every other Tuesday, you can expect what I've described before as a "fireball," language and rhetoric that would make even the saltiest of sailor's blush.

Why?

"I say what we're trying to do – it's not just me – it's individuals have realized that local government has become, within itself a gang of political power," said Herman. "They use that power to suppress people, because...they do not understand the First Amendment, let alone understand city ordinances let alone learn about them."

"Their approach is passive aggressive; they come in, they make their statement, they get pulled to the side, their told what's going to happen. Sometimes it works, sometimes it don't work at all."

In some strange, convoluted way, I will concede that Herman has a point about one thing: there is a lack of community involvement in city politics.

It's not just Downey's problem; it's everywhere, in every type of public hearing setting. It is not uncommon for a full council chamber to empty out

after presentations and awards are distributed. Very rarely does a crowd actually maintain itself through the actual "meat and potatoes" of a meeting; if they do, it's usually for a single high-profile, extremely controversial item.

But this still didn't answer the question of why each and every one of Herman's allotted five minutes needed to be so venom-laced and vulgar.

"I try to stir people up," said Herman. "If you don't stir things up, then you become a very small, minute, faint voice. Because I've been doing this for so long, I learned a different strategy: very controversial, very direct, and yes, I use a lot of intensifiers to color my point across to get a reaction."

"I'm trying to get people to understand that sometimes you're holding back from what your real feelings are, or your emotions..."

Herman seems to draw the strongest reaction when there are children – sometimes as young as toddlers – in the audience.

Herman, obviously, is unphased by their presence.

"It's a public meeting, and in a public meeting the forum is a business," said Herman. "It has nothing to do with children, it has nothing to do with anyone in particular. It has to do with a person's opinion and thought, and sometimes children will be exposed to that, the same way at home their exposed to what daddy and mommy say, who think little Johnny or little Jill aren't listening."

"As responsible, professional parents that we want to be or claim that we are, we have to start sometimes explaining more to our children why people say things."

If a parent doesn't wish for their child to hear these things, Herman says they should be proactive and take them out of the council chambers and reenter when a speaker has finished.

I asked Herman if he thought his methods might be counter-

productive to his cause. His response didn't exactly answer my question. Instead, Herman basically shared that he believes his actions will one day lead him to being "in a ditch...face down somewhere."

"I've been threatened, I've been intimidated," said Herman. "I am a very non violent person unless I have to protect myself."

His answer also included claims that bodily harm had been threatened against him by government officials via proxy, although I took these claims with a grain of salt. Nonetheless, I did my due diligence and reached out to these entities, and found no reason to pursue the issue any further.

Herman has been accused – in most recent personal memory, by Downey's City Attorney Yvette M Abich Garcia – of trying to bait the city council into actions that would provoke Herman to file a lawsuit against the city; the result being a payday for Herman at the taxpayers' expense.

If this is in fact true, and the "public hearing vigilante" gimmick is merely to mask a greedier cash-grab, then Herman did so successfully back in July of 2017, when he was tossed out by then Mayor Fernando Vasquez – who has since termed out of his council seat – after repeated warnings to tone down his expletive language.

Herman did end up taking the city to court, to which they settled out. While it is seemingly impossible to get someone to go on record about how much it cost the city, a reputable source has told me that the sum was somewhere in the territory of \$5,000. In theory, that's only a drop in the bucket as far as overall city spending goes, but it's taxpayer dollars nonetheless.

Still, Herman says that "nobody wants to take that step."

"It's very emotional; that's your last step," said Herman. "I always try to refer to mediation, or at least a process of effective

communication so that it doesn't become a liability on any party... you have to push and show them that you're not afraid of the steps you have to go through to present the allegation or the formalities of what the liability is about.

"In my mind, I'm not winning it just for me; I'm winning it for the general public...the accusation that [the city attorney and mayor] that they brought up that I'm trying to bait them so I can sue them, no, that is not my intention; it's never been that. If that was my intent, I had Mr. Vasquez in a very tight place between a hard rock. I would have won that if I had taken it to the Ninth Circuit Courts under the First Amendment."

Ironically, Herman is likely one of a few individuals who was the catalyst to a controversial change in procedure at Los Angeles City Council meetings that was unanimously passed late last year, which can ban individuals who are disruptive during meetings for up to six business days. The change became effective in January.

Downey also made changes to their public comment protocol within the last few weeks, which could severely limit Herman's usual tirades from an aggregate of an hour or more to just a few minutes.

Herman isn't exactly worried about these or similar circumstances. In fact, he feels he may have "opened up the ears of the higher court...to protect the right of free speech."

"To no surprise, it actually has gotten a better response from other members of the public, because they're finding out how offensive it is because they're denied the same public time that they should be granted," said Herman. "The council members are now interrupting their public time by butting into their one minute of comment, or multiple item comments."

"When an elected official bumps into your time, they're not going to give you time back, so you lose time.... this doesn't look good

from a council's perspective."

In a way, Downey should be considered lucky; Herman's antics are significantly dialed down in Downey. In other meetings, such as in LA and Pasadena, Herman has dressed up in everything from Batman to Swastikas.

"It's part of your free speech," says Herman. "Some characters represent evil characters, sometimes they represent good characters...What does Batman represent? What does the Dark Knight represent? Evil? Or does he represent justice for all, and to find the core source of corruption of evil in the city?"

Thankfully, Downey hasn't warranted a visit from any member of Herman's Justice League, yet.

"The City of Downey hasn't done anything offensive or really bad towards me," said Herman. "Just like the people say, or the councilmen will say, or the mayor will say, 'we're like family.' Sure, we are. Families have their little quarrels...then we come back together to an understanding."

"I don't have to put on a costume or dress a particular way to make a point to [Downey Council]. I do respect my elected officials...Downey is still a good city, but if it would be more proactive to meet all our needs as residents, I think it would have a better relationship with the community."

The bi-weekly Tuesday crusades that Downey has come to expect from Herman are – at the bare minimum – uncomfortable, and the man himself is an anomaly in every sense of the word. It's not easy to understand the antics of Armando Herman, and even more difficult is it to understand – or worse, sympathize with – his process.

But such is life for Downey's most infamous gadfly.

residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019159590
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) D'REYES INVESTMENTS, 2023 E EL SEGUNDO BLVD, COMPTON CA 90222, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSEFINA DIAZ QUINTERO, 2023 E EL SEGUNDO BLVD, COMPTON CA 90222
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: 06/2019
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/JOSEFINA DIAZ QUINTERO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 17, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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8/1/19, 8/8/19, 8/15/19, 8/22/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019220961
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) "EL PANZON" PARRY RESTAURANTS, "TACOS EL PANZON", 9331 MALLISON AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CLAUDIA B MOYA MENDOZA, 9331 MALLISON AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/CLAUDIA B MOYA MENDOZA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 14, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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8/22/19, 8/29/19, 9/5/19, 9/12/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019219039
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ENTERPRISE ELITE, 12708 S ATLANTIC AVE., LYNNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDGAR IVAN RODRIGUEZ, 12032 HARRIS AVE., LYNNWOOD CA 90262
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/EDGAR IVAN RODRIGUEZ, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 12, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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8/15/19, 8/22/19, 8/29/19, 9/5/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019213152
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SCD TINY HOMES, 11807 AVON WAY APT 5, LOS ANGELES CA 90066, COUNTY OF 1964, 11807 AVON WAY APT 5, LOS ANGELES CA 90066
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SERGIO CAMPA, 11807 AVON WAY APT 5, LOS ANGELES CA 90066
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an individual
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2019
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/SERGIO CAMPA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 5, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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8/8/19, 8/15/19, 8/22/19, 8/29/19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019207335
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ROAD DOG CUSTOMS, 11791 S LAUSON AVE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RAMIRO CASILLAS JR, 8352 BIRCHCREST RD, DOWNEY CA 90240 (2) EMMAJEAN DONLUCAS, 8352 BIRCHCREST RD., DOWNEY CA 90240
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/RAMIRO CASILLAS JR, HUSBAND
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 30, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2019203255
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) FATHER & SON CONSTRUCTION, 3602 CHAPELLE AVE, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, LA COUNTY
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TORREZ & SON'S CONSTRUCTION, INC., 3602 CHAPELLE AVE, PICO RIVERA CA 90660
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a corporation
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2019
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/TORREZ & SON'S CONSTRUCTION, INC. PRESIDENT, ANGEL TORRES
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 25, 2019 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
8/1/19, 8/8/19, 8/15/19, 8/22/19

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON REVISION TO A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (PLN-12-00267) PLN-19-00054

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 4th day of September, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

Conditional Use Permit Modification (PLN-19-00054) - A request by Mambo Grill, to modify the existing Conditional Use Permit (PLN-12-00267), to allow the expansion of the existing bar area and extension of current hours of operation for live entertainment, on property located at 11018 Downey Avenue, zoned Downtown Downey Specific Plan (DDSP).

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

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

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

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

The Downey Patriot
8/22/19

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT NO. 19-09 FIRESTONE BOULEVARD PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 12, 2019 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 19-09 - Firestone Boulevard Pavement Rehabilitation Project.**

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of pavement rehabilitation on 3rd lane of west bound of Firestone Boulevard from Myrtle Street to Downey Avenue in the City of Downey. This project includes reconstruction of failed pavement areas, including cold milling of asphalt pavement; remove and re-construction of roadway structural section, place asphalt concrete leveling course, and asphalt rubber hot mix (ARRHM) overlay. Work also includes the remove and re-construction of damaged curb and gutter, and local depression; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 19-09.**

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

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 19-09. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check, or corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.31. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Desi Gutierrez,
Principal Civil Engineer
E-Mail: dgutierre@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

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

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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

The Downey Patriot
8/15/19, 8/22/19

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED PLANNED SIGN PROGRAM PLN-19-00086

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 4th day of September, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the City of Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

(PLN-19-00086) Planned Sign Program: A request for a Planned Sign Program which will approve the size, location, and appearance of signs on an existing multi-tenant commercial building as well as a monument sign, on property located at 8019 Stewart and Gray Road and zoned C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial).

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

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15311 (Class 11, Accessory Structures).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, ADACoordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

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

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

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NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE NATIONAL COMMERCIAL RECOV VS LA PERRA BRAVA PRODUCE

CASE NO: VC051782 R Under a writ of Execution on 01/31/19. Out of the LA SUPERIOR COURT, NORWALK, of the SOUTHEAST DISTRICT, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on a judgment entered on 04/26/10.
In favor of NATIONAL COMMERCIAL RECOVERY, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION D/B/A BLAIR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES and against LOZA, ARTURO A/K/A ARTURO LOZA SANCHEZ A/K/A ARTURO SANCHEZ, AN INDIVIDUAL showing a net balance of \$54,028.76 actually due on said judgment. (Amount subject to revision)
I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of said judgment debtor(s) in the property in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows:
LOT 37 TRACT NO 16785, CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 432, PAGE(S) 23 AND 24 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.
APN: 9019-031-006
Commonly known as: 11248 QUINN STREET, DOWNEY, CA 90241
Public notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States all the right, title and interest of the debtor(s) in the above described property or so much as will be sufficient to satisfy said writ or warrant with interest and all costs on 09/11/19, 10:00 AM at the following location. STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE 111 N. HILL STREET, ROOM 125B
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
(X) This sale is subject to a minimum bid which must exceed \$224,847.70, CCP 704.800(a) and a minimum bid of \$472,500.00, CCP 704.800(b). (Subject to revision)
Prospective bidders should refer to sections 701.510 to 701.680, inclusive, of the Code of Civil Procedure for provisions governing the terms, conditions and effect of the sale and the liability of defaulting bidders.
Creditor's Attorney: GLENN A. BERNAL, ATTORNEY AT LAW 750 N. DIAMOND BAR BLVD STE 220 DIAMOND BAR, CA 91785
Dated: 07/31/19
Branch: Los Angeles
ALEX VILLANUEVA, Sheriff
By: LISA MOJARRO, Deputy
Operator id: E229646
Para obtener esta informacion-traducion en Espanol llame a este numero: (213) 972-3950
NOTE: IS AN MISEANOR TO TAKE DOWN OR DEFACE A POSTED NOTICE BEFORE THE DATE OF SALE. (Penal Code section 616)
CN962868 VC051782 R Aug 8, 15, 22, 2019

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00275
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LAURIE ZUNIGA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) BRIANNA MICAELA ZUNIGA MEDINA to Proposed name (1) BRIANNA MICHAEL ZUNIGA
Present name (2) JOSHUA STEPHEN MEDINA to Proposed name (1) JOSHUA STEVEN ZUNIGA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: SEPTEMBER 25, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: N/A Room: N/A
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT JULY 26, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per LAURIE ZUNIGA
8324 DINDSALT ST. DOWNEY, CA 90240 (562) 449-5425

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00290
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOHEL ERNESTO MORAN AREVALO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JOHEL ERNESTO MORAN AREVALO to Proposed name (1) JOHEL ERNESTO MORAN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: OCTOBER 9, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT AUGUST 6, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per JOHEL ERNESTO MORAN AREVALO 7966 CLETA ST DOWNEY, CA 90241 (562) 449-5425
JMORAN9861@YAHOO.COM

changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JOHEL ERNESTO MORAN AREVALO to Proposed name (1) JOHEL ERNESTO MORAN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 19NWCP00298
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner NAZARETH LIJIAM filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) NAZARETH LIJIAM to Proposed name (1) NAZARETH LIJIAM SENGAL
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: OCTOBER 16, 2019, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C Room: N/A
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT AUGUST 9, 2019
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge Of The Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per NAZARETH LIJIAM
11509 E. 216TH ST., APT. #120 LAKEWOOD, CA, 90715 (562) 865-2239
NAZARETH.LIJIAM@GMAIL.COM

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARTIN THOMAS FUERST
Case No. 19STPB07722
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARTIN THOMAS FUERST:
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Hortencia Maldonado in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Hortencia Maldonado be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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 party 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 Sept. 16, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 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. Any 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: G MARK SANTA ANNA ESQ SBN 165416 GMSA LEGAL 1055 W 7TH STREET 33RD FLR-PH LOS ANGELES CA 90017 CN963218 FUERST Aug 22, 29, Sep 5, 2019

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abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): SAMANTHA K. WALLER, SBN 256393, 12749 NORWALK BOULEVARD, SUITE 100, NORWALK, CA 90650
PHONE: 562-929-2627
SHERRI R. CARTER
Date (Fecha): APRIL 25, 2019 Clerk, by (Secretario, por) CLAUDIA GARCIA, Deputy (Asistente)

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso):
19NWCV00604

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): SONJA LINDA VALENZUELA, an individual; NuVISION FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, a federal credit union; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEM, INC., a Delaware corporation; ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO; and DOES 1-100, inclusive **YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):** DESALYN MARIE STEVENSON, as Trustee, and the Subsequent Trustees, of the Desalyn Marie Stevenson Trust, Dated May 20, 2004

NOTE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la

información a continuación. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso un la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a relamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desestimar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 12720 NORWALK BOULEVARD, NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650
The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):
LAW OFFICE OF HENRY B. LATORRACA
400 OCEANGATE, SUITE 700
LONG BEACH, CA 90802
PHONE: 562-216-2942

Date (Fecha): 07/29/2019
SHERRI R. CARTER EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ CLERK OF COURT, Clerk, by (Secretario), EDUARDO CHANES Deputy (Adjunto)

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TRUSTEE SALES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No.:


19-2116 Loan No.: **6647 APN: 6390-014-078 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/28/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: CRISTINA MAGANA, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Duly Appointed Trustee; PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES Recorded 1/3/2005 as Instrument No. 05 00049711 in book , page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, Date of Sale: 9/6/2019 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$364,938.02 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9227 Florence Avenue #15 Downey, CA 90240 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance

company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. All checks payable to Prestige Default Services. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made

available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site <https://www.servicelinkasap.com/default.aspx>, using the file number assigned to this case 19-2116. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone

information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 8/7/2019 PRESTIGE DEFAULT SERVICES 1920 Old Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, California 92705 Sale Line: (714) 730-2727 Michelle R. Ghidotti-Gonsalves, President A-4701799 08/15/2019, 08/22/2019, 08/29/2019

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A message from Nancy Swenson, Downey Unified school board president

Eyes on our Schools

By Nancy Swenson
DUSD School Board President

Hi everyone! I hope our Downey Unified friends and families had an opportunity to rest up over the summer. Vacation is over, school is back in session and I can hear the sound of "Growth Mindset" churning away for our 22,000+ students. Let's please remember to slow down when driving by the schools.

I'm so excited to see that we currently have 167 students enrolled in our new Dual Language Immersion, Global Education program at Carpenter Elementary School which is called the Global Language Academies of Downey (GLAD). As this new program expands each year, it will bring so much growth and opportunities to our students. Finishing out their 5th grade year at Carpenter are 174 students who will be transitioning to middle school next year.

I'm sure most of you know that during the summer, students can lose academic ground, but here in Downey Unified we're doing our best to combat that issue for as many students as we possibly can. Summer Enrichment programs are offered across the district for students from kindergarten through high school. Summer 101 is a 5-week program that is offered to kindergarten through 8th grade students.

STEAMworks, which focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math, is offered for select elementary and middle school students. There were a total of 1,200 elementary students and 600 middle school students who participated in this summer's STEAMworks.

We also provide Extended School Year (ESY) programs for special needs students at the elementary, middle and high school levels with nearly 1,100 students attending these classes. All three of our high schools offered enrichment classes for the incoming 9th graders and credit recovery for all students who need to make up credits to get back on track to graduate.

Enrolled over the summer were 1,747 Downey High students, 1,151 Warren High students and 235 Columbus High students. That's a total of over 3,130 high school students who had this opportunity! I am proud to say that of those students, we had 37 finish credits to achieve their high school diploma and officially graduate. PLUS, Downey Unified also participated in the Seamless Summer Meal program over the summer so we fed our students and members of our community for free. I'd say

summer school was a hit!!!

Have you heard of or do you know anything about the MADE Work Experience program? Well if you don't, this is a program offered to our high school juniors which provides them with an opportunity to apply for paid internships at various vetted businesses throughout Downey over the summer.

This program has grown over the last few years and I am proud to say that this year we had 55 businesses within the community participate in this program and 151 students placed in internships. This is a once in a lifetime experience that will stay with these students for years to come.

An annual exhibition is held at the end of the internship period and I always make it a point to attend so I can talk to our students about their experiences. I like to hear what they think of the program and find out what they learned during their internship. When I ask about what they learned, I'm happy to say that quite often I get the response, "I learned how to deal with different personalities."

These job experiences give our students the opportunity to learn real life-skills like handling an upset customer and how to adapt and make them happy before they leave.

In my opinion, the skill of customer service/satisfaction

is something you needed in almost any job field and is not something you can learn by reading a book. It takes personal interaction and experience to solidify this skill.

The MADE Work Experience program, within our Career Technical Education (CTE) curriculum, provides amazing opportunities for our students to have a hands-on education that allows them to be college and career ready upon graduation.

I am so proud to announce that last year the district submitted a grant proposal for our CTE programs and we were awarded \$4.3 million to support and expand our programs. Because of the remarkable things currently happening within our CTE programs, Downey Unified was selected and awarded the single largest grant of any school district across the state of California.

These funds will strengthen our existing programs and develop new CTE pathways such as Welding and Game Design... Oh Happy Days!

Just a couple more items before I close out this month's article.

We had over 100 people retire last year from the district and a couple weeks ago I was able to attend the New Teacher Orientation where we welcomed the newest members of our Downey Unified family. It was so much fun to meet our new teachers and hear about how they came to Downey Unified. Some had already been working with the district part-time, but it was nice to get everyone

together to meet face-to-face.

It makes my heart smile to meet these new teachers who are so excited to influence the lives of our incredible students.

Our annual State of the School is on Friday, October 4, and I invite our parents and the community to attend this breakfast to learn what's happening within our school district. Feel free to call the district office at (562) 469-6500 for more information. Also Gangs Out Of Downey (GOOD), an organization made up of a wonderful group of citizens who do so much for the city and our schools, is hosting their annual Golf Tournament on the same day.

If you are interested in participating in this, their website is gangsofdowney.org. As I would like to sign up to play a round of golf, I will be a little busy that particular morning because I will be attending and speaking at our district event. So, whether it's breakfast or golf, you can't go wrong attending either community event.

Before I go, I want to invite



everyone to our high schools' back-to-school nights that will be coming up next month. It's a fantastic opportunity to see what's available for your students as they grow through Downey Unified because it's never too early to start looking into what our high schools have to offer!

Columbus High School will be holding their back-to-school night on September 20 at 8 a.m.

and Downey High and Warren High will be holding theirs on September 11 at 6 p.m.

I hope you enjoyed my brief synopsis of activities this summer and I'll be chatting with you again next month.

Nancy A. Swenson
President, Downey Unified Board of Education

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