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## Boosters paid for Hawaii trip, DUSD says

**DOWNEY** - The Downey High football team's recent trip to Hawaii for a scrimmage game against Kapolei was entirely booster paid, said an official at Downey Unified School District.

According to Public Relations Coordinator Ashley Greaney, the football program's boosters had two years to raise \$130,000, which covered expenses for the team, coaching staff, and all other team personnel.

Anyone else who wished to attend were required to pay their own way, officials said.

According to Greaney, Superintendent Dr. John Garcia and school board member Donald La Plante attended the game, with Garcia paying for himself and La Plante in the area for a separate event.

The scrimmage was part of an agreement with Kapolei, which saw their team travel to Downey last year.

Along with the game, the trip included educational excursions, including a visit to Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona memorials.

*Alex Dominguez, staff writer*

## Students urged to learn about service academies

**By Carol Kearns Contributor**

**DOWNEY** - High school students interested in attending one of the five U.S. military service academies will have an opportunity to ask questions from Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard on Saturday, Sept. 28, at City Hall, 9 -10:30 a.m.

Family members are encouraged to attend as well. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. No RSVP is required.

The application process is rigorous for students seeking to attend the four-year academies of West Point, Annapolis, the Air Force, Merchant Marine, or the Coast Guard. These academies are ranked among the top colleges in the country and have highly selective acceptance rates.

Roybal-Allard explains that she hosts this annual workshop for her constituents because "I think this is really, really important. It's an incredible opportunity for young people who want to go into the military."

Admission to one of the academies is the equivalent of receiving a four-year college scholarship that covers tuition, room and board, and even provides a small stipend. Roybal-Allard estimates the full value of this free education to be in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

Cadets and midshipmen graduate as commissioned officers with a Bachelor of Science degree.

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**Ben Dickow, left, and Assemblymember Cristina Garcia celebrate \$5.8 million in funding recently approved for the Columbia Memorial Space Center.**

## Downey's space center is poised for expansion

Flush with \$5 million in state funding, the science museum is starting a capital campaign to fund a major expansion.

**By Eric Pierce Editor**

**DOWNEY** - When Nader Moghaddam first arrived in Downey in January 2005, he wasn't initially impressed.

He had just been hired as CEO of Financial Partners Credit Union and Imperial Highway, with its six wide lanes and zero landscaping, resembled a landing strip. There were few good restaurant options.

"My first day in Downey I had lunch at Norm's," he recently recalled. "It was the only place that I recognized."

A lot has changed in those 14 years. Retail centers and restaurants have opened at a torrent pace over the past decade, and Downey invested millions of dollars in the construction of the Columbia Memorial Space Center. It's a nod to Downey's cemented place in aerospace history and serves as the nation's official memorial to the Space Shuttle Columbia, the orbiter lost in 2003, killing seven crew members.

The space center is celebrating its 10th birthday this year and it just received a heck of a present: \$5.8 million, courtesy of Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, Gov. Gavin Newsom, and California taxpayers.



**PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ**

**The Columbia Memorial Space Center is expected to draw nearly 100,000 visitors this year, a record for the 10-year-old facility.**

Of that money, \$800,000 is earmarked for programming and the purchase of a 3D printer and audio/visual system. The remaining funds are allocated for an expansion of the 20,000 sq. ft. space center facility.

Construction is not imminent, however. Officials plan to use the \$5 million as seed money as part of a larger capital campaign.

"The biggest question is how we leverage the \$5 million to ultimately a different number," said Moghaddam, who chairs the space center's board of directors. "Because if you're just doing a \$5 million improvement, it will be very limited. And as much as it would make the center more expansive, it would not be an expansion that is awe-inspiring."

The board will spend the next 3-4 months evaluating their fundraising options. Possibilities include a mix of private donations and corporate sponsorships, grants, collaborations with local aerospace companies, and an appeal to former aerospace workers.

"If we can get the type of funding we think we can get, two or three times what we got here, then we can do something really spectacular," Moghaddam said.

Ben Dickow, president of the space center, said the expansion could house the full-size space shuttle mock-up in the city's possession. The wooden structure was built by North American Rockwell in 1972 and later gifted to Downey when

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## Alpha Omega Con promotes harmony between Christian and non-Christian "geeks"

Alpha Omega Con takes place Saturday at First Baptist Church of Downey. "We are Christians who are just geeks."

**By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer**

**DOWNEY** - Alpha Omega Con, the self-proclaimed first and longest running Christian comic book/pop culture convention in the United States, will be held this Saturday at Downey's First Baptist Church.

Now in its sixth year,

Alpha Omega Con provides a pop culture experience with an intimate, family-friendly setting, complete with vendors, professional cosplay, and panels.

Attendees will find many of the heroes they know and love like Thor, Spiderman, and Batman. While some religious themes do run throughout the convention, event organizer Ralph Miley says that the convention itself is more about enjoying comic book and pop culture genre while sparking dialogue.

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**Comic book writer Buzz Dixon is scheduled to appear at Alpha Omega Con this Saturday.**

## Downey restaurant grades

**Yoly's Mexican Kitchen**  
9009 Gallatin Rd.  
Date Inspected: 9/17/19  
Grade: **A**

**Kaowok Chinese Kitchen**  
12002 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/16/19  
Grade: **A**

**Jimmy John's**  
12018 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/16/19  
Grade: **A**

**Tacos El Grullo**  
8446 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 9/12/19  
Grade: **A**

**Chris's Best**  
9180 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 9/12/19  
Grade: **A**

**Jack in the Box**  
8140 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 9/12/19  
Grade: **A**

**Rancho Works Cafe and Gift Shop**  
7601 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 9/12/19  
Grade: **A**

**Jim's Burgers**  
7322 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/11/19  
Grade: **A**

**Puruvian Kitchen**  
11408 Old River School Rd.  
Date Inspected: 9/11/19  
Grade: **A**

**Los Cabos Mexican Seafood Grill and Cantina**  
11402 Old River School Rd.  
Date Inspected: 9/11/19  
Grade: **A**

**Carl's Jr**  
9110 Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 9/10/19  
Grade: **A**

**The Boys Burgers**  
9090 E Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 9/10/19  
Grade: **A**

**Kaiser Cafe**  
12254 Bellflower Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/9/19  
Grade: **A**

**El Chilito Restaurant**  
12812 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/9/19  
Grade: **A**

**Captain Don's Liquor**  
12818 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/9/19  
Grade: **A**

**La Pupuseria Del Pepetoo**  
7939 E Imperial Hwy.  
Date Inspected: 9/9/19  
Grade: **A**

**Ralph's Deli**  
8626 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/6/19  
Grade: **A**

**Ralph's Meat Dept.**  
8626 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/6/19  
Grade: **A**

**Southern California Gas Co.**  
9240 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/5/19  
Grade: **A**

**Granny's Donut**  
8534 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/4/19  
Grade: **A**

**Gloria's Country Butcher**  
12161 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 9/3/19  
Grade: **A**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 82°

Saturday 89°

Sunday 89°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Keep Downey Beautiful Clean-Up

**Saturday - Rio San Gabriel Park, 9 am**  
Spend one hour with other volunteers cleaning up the San Gabriel River. Meet in the park's north parking lot.



#### International Food & Music Festival

**Saturday - Downtown Downey, 4-10 pm**  
Six live bands, food trucks, beer and wine garden, festival attractions, face painters, henna artists, caricature artists, and more fun.



#### Montebello Art Fest

**Saturday - Montebello Park, 12-6 pm**  
100-plus vendors, live music, live art demonstrations, car show, workshops, food trucks, and celebrity guests.



#### Harvest Festival

**All Weekend - OC Fair & Event Center**  
Shop from hundreds of vendors selling handmade fine jewelry, food, blown glass, wood art, metalwork, and more.



#### Latin Music Festival

**Saturday - MainPlace Mall in Santa Ana, 1-6 pm**  
A pop-up festival featuring live music, ballet folklorico performances, food vendors, a margarita truck, photo booth, lawn games, and more.

### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@CityofDowney: Don't miss your chance to meet author Gary Soto on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

For more information please call 562-904-7363.

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# Hispanic Americans: A history of serving our nation

Hispanics have a long history of service in the United States military. The Army celebrates its diversity.

By Mario Guerra Contributor

National Hispanic Heritage Month is a great opportunity to pause and reflect on our shared history as Americans, and to celebrate the rich mosaic of people and cultures who, together, built and strengthened our Army and our nation.

This year's national theme – "Hispanic Americans: A History of Serving our Nation" – aptly captures that spirit as we come together to celebrate the contributions of Hispanic Americans to our nation and Army. Through hard work, devotion to family, loyalty to community and country, Hispanic Americans pursue the American dream and contribute to the strength, protection and diversity of our nation. Their culture, talent and passion shaped our past and will certainly shape our future. Hispanic Americans also enjoy a unique and storied history in our Army – serving and fighting in every war since the nation's birth.

Today, more than 142 thousand Hispanic Americans make up more than fourteen percent of the Army's Total Force.

Each year during Hispanic Heritage Month, we celebrate the soldiers, Army civilians, and family members who have contributed – and continue to contribute – to our Army. Like many commemorations, this is a month-long observance, but it's unique because it begins in the middle of one month – September 15 – and ends in the middle of another, on October 15.

The reason for the mid-

month celebration is because September 15 is the day Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua celebrate their Independence Day. Mexico celebrates its independence shortly afterwards on September 16, and Chile September 18. October 12 is significant, too, as it's celebrated across Spain and Latin America as the Day of Hispanic Heritage.

As we celebrate these rich cultures, I'll share with you some of the contributions of Hispanic Americans throughout American history, and how they helped shape – and continue to enrich – our diverse Army. Spain officially entered the American Revolutionary War in 1779. Under the command of Spanish General Bernardo de Gálvez the colonial governor of Spanish Louisiana, volunteers from Cuba, Puerto Rico and Mexico defeated the British at Natchez and Baton Rouge, clearing the Mississippi River of British forces and putting the lower part of the river under Spanish control.

Baton Rouge remained in Spanish hands for the rest of the war, and Britain ceded both West and East Florida to Spain in 1783 under the Treaty of Paris.

During the Civil War, Hispanics lived in all parts of the country and some could trace their families back several generations before the English settlers. Many lived in the South and Southwestern states, but Northern states also had a significant population of Hispanics, many of whom supported the Union. Most came from big cities like Philadelphia, New York and Boston, which attracted immigrants from Spain, Portugal, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Mexico. Many of these individuals wanted to integrate into American society but faced racial prejudice.

They thought becoming a U.S. soldier was the quickest and best way to be accepted as

an American. Hispanics fought on both sides in the Civil War. They came from all socio-economic levels, from well-established wealthy farmers to poor laborers trying to improve their fortunes.

Now, let's fast-forward to the present. More than a decade ago, Congress directed a review of military records to ensure that leadership had not overlooked or rejected acts of heroism deserving of the Medal of Honor because of prejudice or discrimination. After years of review of thousands of records, the Army identified twenty-four Army veterans -- seventeen of Hispanic descent -- who should have been awarded the Medal of Honor. Evidence showed that these heroes fought for, and sometimes died for, a country that did not always regard them as equal. But that wrong was addressed in 2014. In a Medal of Honor awards ceremony that was one of the largest in history, President Obama presented our nation's highest award for valor to three of those twenty-four men, and family members for the twenty-one receiving the award posthumously.

One of the stories of one of these heroes is about Master Sergeant Leroy Petry. That tradition of valor and selfless service continues today. In 2011, Hispanic American Master Sergeant Leroy Petry received the Medal of Honor for his service with the 75th Ranger Regiment during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

As a Weapons Squad Leader, Staff Sergeant Petry moved to clear the courtyard of a house that contained high-value combatants. While crossing the courtyard, automatic weapons fire from enemy fighters wounded Staff Sergeant Petry and another Ranger.

Still under enemy fire, and wounded in both legs, Sergeant Petry led the other Ranger to

cover, only to have an enemy grenade land a few feet away. Without hesitating, Sergeant Petry moved forward, picked up the grenade, and threw it away from his eight fellow Rangers.

As he was releasing the grenade, it detonated, blowing off his right hand at the wrist and further injuring him with multiple shrapnel wounds. This heroic act saved his fellow Rangers and prevented the enemy from severely wounding or killing them.

Despite losing his hand, Leroy Petry was one of several Soldiers who returned to active duty after an amputation, where he continued to serve with distinction until retiring in 2014.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Master Sergeant Leroy Petry both in Washington and when we named the Camp San Luis Obispo AUSA Chapter after him. He is an amazing individual who continues to serve as an example to us all.

From the American Revolution through Iraq and Afghanistan, Hispanic Americans have fought bravely for our nation. But their contribution to our Army goes beyond their time in service.

You see, our Soldiers – both past and present -- are our connection to communities across the nation and to the Soldiers of the future. Most young people in our country do not know anyone who has served in the Army. They get their impression of Army service through movies and social media.



Medal of Honor recipient Master Sergeant Leroy Petry and Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army Mario A. Guerra each standing in front of their respective flags.

Consequently, this lack of connection to someone with Army service can be a factor in young people not being inclined to consider joining the Army. We need our Soldiers to go back to their communities and tell them about their service. After all, the stories of our Soldiers are the stories of our country, not limited or defined by race, religion or gender. America's diversity has always been one of our greatest strengths, as people of different backgrounds and cultures share their unique experiences and perspective to benefit all.

Our Army is much stronger because of its diversity, and we must continue to ensure that every member of the force has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential. Together, we must continue to strive for equality and treat everyone with dignity and respect, no matter where they come from, what they look like, or how they practice their faith. This teamwork and unity contributes to Army readiness, which is the cornerstone that enables the Army to accomplish a full range of military operations in defense of our nation.

It is fitting that we pause during this time to honor Hispanic Heritage Month and focus on how Hispanic Americans have served with distinction and how they have strengthened our Army team. This observance also gives us the opportunity to recognize and appreciate the contributions of each of our Hispanic American Soldiers, Army Civilians and family members, who live by our core Army values each and every day. These core Army values of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage continue to serve as a guide for the force, and in our celebration of diversity, provide a sense of common unity. Thank you for your contributions to our country.

**Mario A. Guerra is the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army and former Mayor of Downey. He immigrated to the United States as a boy and is co-author of *Embracing Change; An Immigrant Saga*. He can be reached at [www.marioaguerra.com](http://www.marioaguerra.com)**

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# DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 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 Rd.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**Author Gary Soto**, 7 pm. Meet author Gary Soto, who has written more than 40 books for children and adults, including "Too Many Tamales" and "Baseball in April." Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**U.S. Service Academies Workshop**, 9 am. Learn about our country's five service academies, which offer students a fully-funded bachelor's degree program in exchange for five

years of military service as a commissioned officer. City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Ave.

**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.

**Spinal Injury Games**, 10 am. Athletes participate in a wide variety of wheelchair sports. Games are free and designed for both beginning and advanced wheelchair athletes. Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, 7601 Imperial Hwy.

**Masonic Lodge Open House**, 1-5 pm. Tour Downey's United Masonic Lodge #220 and see what the Masons are all about. Masonic Lodge, 8244 3rd St. (second floor)

**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.

**Rockabilly Night**, 9 pm. Live music by The Ripkatz, Pope Paul & The Illegals,

Caroshi. \$5 cover. Stardust Club, 7643 Firestone Blvd.

## 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.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

**Car Wash Fundraiser**, 8 am to 4 pm. Downey High's Theater Department is washing cars as it raises money for its winter musical, "Beauty and the Beast." Downey High School, 10040 Brookshire Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

**Measure S Open House**, 6 pm. City representatives and project team members will be available to answer questions regarding Measure S construction projects. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

**Havana Nights**, 6-9:30 pm. La Charanga performs at this rooftop concert. Food vendors, arts and crafts for kids, artist exhibits, and festival seating (bring your own chair). Downtown Parking Structure, 2nd St. and New St.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

**DHS Class of 1979 40th Reunion**, 6 pm. Downey High's class of 1979 is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Cocktail reception starts at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and program at 7. Tickets are \$79 and can be purchased at downey1979reunions.org. The class also has a Facebook page. Embassy Suites, 8425 Firestone Blvd.

**Little Willie G**, 6:30 pm. Singer Little Willie G, best known as the voice of Thee Midnites, performs live. Plus comedy by Brian Swinehart and friends. Purchase tickets by calling Rowena at (562) 319-9883. First Baptist Church of Downey, 8348 3rd 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, OCTOBER 19

**150th Anniversary Celebration**, 3 pm. Join Downey First Christian Church as they celebrate their 150th year with festivities all weekend long. Downey First Christian Church, 10909 New St.

**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, OCTOBER 20

**Parade of Winners**, 1 pm. The Downey Rose Float Association presents its 42nd annual Parade of Winners fundraiser, where one person is guaranteed to win \$10,000. Tickets are \$120. Rio Hondo Event Center, 10627 Old River School Rd.

**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.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

**Art of Rancho Exhibit**, 6-9 pm. The 22nd Art of Rancho Exhibit features artwork created by nearly 40 patients of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Rancho Los Amigos, 7601 Imperial Hwy.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 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, OCTOBER 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.

**One Day of Service**, 9 am. Join Downey residents, businesses and service clubs in volunteer projects across Downey. The event begins with a kick-off celebration at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, 7601 Imperial Hwy.

**Drug Take-Back**, 10 am to 2 pm. Drop off your unused, expired or unwanted prescription medication for proper disposal. Downey Police Department, 10911 Brookshire Ave.

**Fiesta De Las Calaveras**, 2-10 pm. Musical entertainment, beer garden, food trucks, facepainting, vendors, and more. Presented by Downey Rotary and Courage Forward. Stonewood Center, 251 Stonewood St.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 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.

## THURSDAY, OCT. 31

**Halloween Pumpkin Patch**, 5 pm. A family-friendly night full of tricks, treats and costume fun. Costume contests, free refreshments, and more. Downey Adult School, 12340 Woodruff Ave.

## 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, Hermy 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. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

**Citizenship Clinic**, 10 am. Free help with the N400 citizenship application, plus free eligibility consultations with immigration lawyers. Barbara J. Riley Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

## 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, DECEMBER 7

**Christmas Boutique**, 10 am to 4 pm. Shop from a large selection of vendors selling candles, handmade gifts, vintage items, homemade slime, Lipsense, Scentsy, and more. Knights of Columbus, 11231 Rives Ave.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

**Shake, Rattle & Rock**, 9 pm to 12 am. Ring in the New Year with entertainer Dean Z and music from Elvis Presley, The Beatles, Buddy Holly, Michael

Jackson, and others. Downey Civic Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 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, FEBRUARY 29

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

## SATURDAY, MARCH 7

**Walk for Water**, 9 am to 1 pm. Join Downey High School's Thirst Project Club as they raise money and awareness regarding the global water crisis. Downey High football stadium, 11040 Brookshire 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.

## SATURDAY, MAY 9

**Relay for Life**, 10 am. Downey Relay for Life celebrates the 20th anniversary of its fight against cancer. This 24-hour event raises money for the American Cancer Society.

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



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# Alpha Omega Con celebrates comics and pop culture

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"We are Christians who are just geeks," said Miley. "Our objective for us is to spread the good news of Christ, but within a comic book setting. We try to strike relationships with the people at the convention, and some of the vendors there."

Miley says that there is a "stigma" that arises around Christianity that the Alpha Omega Con hopes to break down.

"The key to what we're doing is 'let's dialogue,'" said Miley.

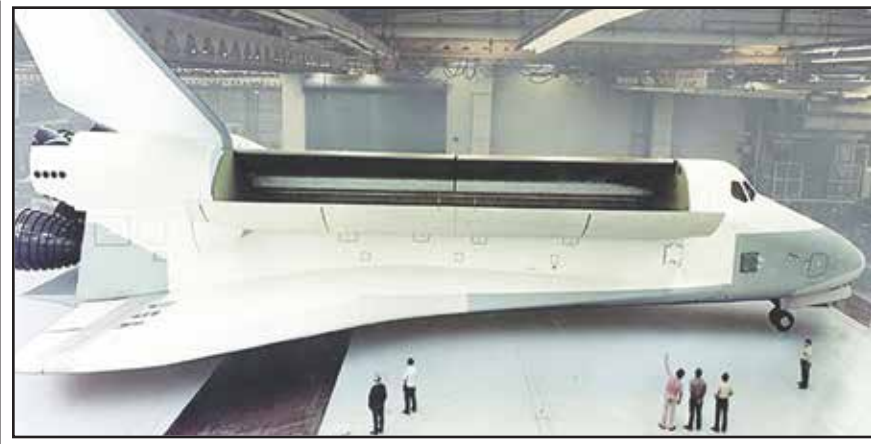
"We're not going to agree on everything, but can we dialogue, and can we talk? If we can do that, then we can start breaking down some of the perceived walls or even misconception of what we might have."

Miley added that many - Christian or not - are surprised when they discover how knowledgeable some Christians are about different shows, comics, and other pop culture phenomenon. Miley himself is a fan of the Walking Dead.

"We can love comic books, we

can love Christ," said Miley. "If the people engage in conversations about religion, that's fine. But our objective is to have a convention in which Christians are welcome, but people outside can see that 'I can enjoy certain things and not feel that I'm judged by it'... That is why we're there, because we do enjoy the media."

Tickets for Alpha Omega Con are \$5 pre-sale, or \$10 at the door, with children 12 and under free with purchase of an adult ticket. The convention will be open from 10 am to 6 pm.



The shuttle mock-up in 1974 inside the original Rockwell plant in Downey.

Currently disassembled, the mock-up could be housed in an expansion of the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

# Expansion could house shuttle mock-up

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Rockwell closed; the mock-up currently sits disassembled in a city maintenance yard.

Dickow, however, would only commit to showcasing the mock-up under the right circumstances.

"With the shuttle in particular, it has to be an experience. It can't just be a display object," he said. "We also have to be really conscious of the fact that the shuttle is going to turn 40 in a year or so; we don't want to use this once in a career opportunity to just build a beautiful box around an old object. It has to push the space center forward; it has to use the shuttle as a springboard for the future."

Moghaddam agreed.

"We still have that original wood structure, my question is, is there a way we can use that not as a static exhibit but possibly as a way kids can go inside," he said. "If we can do that, it would take some resources, but it would be the kind of thing to foster attention."

Dickow said the \$5.8 million commitment from legislators happened "almost literally overnight." Garcia, a math teacher before going into politics, included the funding request as part of the

governor's 2019-20 spending plan. The budget was approved by the Assembly and later signed by Newsom.

"The space center is a great treasure of the 58th district, and I look forward to seeing how much more they can expand their services to the district and the greater Los Angeles area," Garcia said.

"To Cristina Garcia's credit, she really threw a Hail Mary on this one," Moghaddam said. "She did the impossible and we're eternally thankful for her."

Groundbreaking on any expansion is still at least a couple of years away, officials said.

"There's a lot of homework we still have to do," Dickow acknowledged.

The expansion, Moghaddam said, fits into the space center's transition from a quaint city facility to a regional draw that has attracted nearly 100,000 visitors this year alone.

"All the credit goes to the city council members who, more than 10 years ago, had the vision of creating a center that would celebrate the legacy of Downey in space exploration and avionics," Moghaddam said. "Over time, since Ben's been there, and I've

had the pleasure of being involved peripherally and seeing it, Ben has taken the center out of its original footprint, which for a long time was just viewed as Downey. He has expanded it into a regional view, which brings more eyeballs to Downey."

Downey mayor Rick Rodriguez called the space center "a special place in Downey."

"It is a place where our youth learn about the history of space exploration, the present and the future," he said. "It teaches and inspires the new generation of explorers, engineers, robotics and technicians that will continue to explore planet earth and the rest of the solar system."

News of the space center's expansion coincides with a massive overhaul of Downey's public infrastructure, including renovations to Downey parks, streets, fire stations, library and theater. The city is poised to look dramatically different in the next 12-18 months.

"There is something really dynamic that is going on in this city -- it has its own unique energy," Moghaddam said. "And I hope more of us can appreciate it. It's exciting to be in Downey."

# City of Downey redesigns its website

DOWNEY - The city of Downey revealed a redesigned website Wednesday, incorporating a modern design that prioritizes increased access to information, city officials said.

The homepage features a centralized base of resources and information, directing the public to the information they need.

The website is organized to prioritize the city's most visited pages and access to online services, such as online water bill pay and registration for recreation classes.

"Our new city website caters directly to the needs of our

community members," said Mayor Rick Rodriguez.

"The website is a vital platform that ensures we continue to bring government services to our residents in a transparent and innovative way by making our website easier to navigate."

City officials said they recognize the evolution of streamlined information "and strives to be adaptable to technological changes and trends."

"The goal was to enhance customer experience, all while maintaining the integrity of city

services in a platform that is accessible and user-friendly," officials said in a press release.

"I would like to thank my fellow council colleagues for their support of our newly redesigned website, specifically Councilmembers Claudia Frometa and Sean Ashton who serve on the city's website subcommittee and were directly involved in the process," said Rodriguez.

Downey's website can be viewed at [downeyca.org](http://downeyca.org).

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## Canada cannot be America's pharmacy

BY PETER J. PITTS

Drug importation is no longer a pipe dream. Now it's a pipe bomb.

The Department of Health and Human Services recently floated a proposal, dubbed the "Safe Importation Action Plan," to allow Americans to use Canada as their personal pharmacy.

The FDA has stated over and over again that our government cannot vouch for the safety and efficacy of Canadian medicines. Pushing this policy through would needlessly threaten patient health and well-being. And, it's infeasible -- Canada simply doesn't have enough drugs to share with the United States.

The Safe Importation Action Plan offers two paths forward for drug importation. First, states, wholesalers, or pharmacists could submit plans for demonstration projects for HHS to review outlining how they would import Health-Canada approved drugs. Second, manufacturers could import versions of existing FDA-approved drugs into the United States.

The plan sounds reasonable enough, but neither the Trump administration or any state that's been pondering drug importation has ever consulted the Canadian government. Had they done so, they'd see that our neighbors to the north have some serious concerns with the proposal.

Canadian officials have already stated that "Canada does not support actions that could adversely affect the supply of prescription drugs in Canada and potentially raise costs of prescription drugs for Canadians." These concerns are justified.

Canada is just one-tenth the size of the United States with a mere 37 million people. Given the sheer magnitude of the U.S. population -- a whopping 329 million people -- there's no way Canada could cover drugs for all Americans.

The strain on the Canadian medicine supply would likely lead to

shortages and increased costs for Canadian patients. If Canada filled 10 percent of U.S. prescriptions, Canada's drug supply would run out in less than eight months, according to one study.

Even if Canada had an endless supply of treatments, drug importation is dangerous. Though the Trump administration's new plan states that the drugs would be verified before importation, the Canadian government has stated that it cannot guarantee a drug's effectiveness.

Counterfeit drugs are very common in foreign markets. In fact, one out of ten medications is fake, according to a 2017 report by the World Health Organization. Nevertheless, counterfeit medicine sales add up to billions of dollars a year.

There are two types of counterfeit medicines. The first are cheap copies of commonly sold drugs masquerading as the real thing. They contain few if any active ingredients and have no quality control. Patients who purchase these medications may not realize they're taking ineffective drugs until their health condition fails to improve.

Other counterfeit drugs are composed of potentially deadly substances. Investigators have found counterfeit medicines that contain everything from paint thinner and antifreeze to arsenic and uranium. From April 2016 to March 2017 alone, Health Canada seized close to 5,500 packages of counterfeit drugs.

Access to high-quality medicines is a crucial issue, but drug importation is not the answer. The Trump administration's drug importation plan would create more problems than it would solve by jeopardizing Canada's drug supply and exposing Americans to deadly counterfeits.

**Peter J. Pitts, a former FDA Associate Commissioner, is president of the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest.**

## Who cares what the government thinks?

BY JUDGE ANDREW NAPOLITANO

In 1791, when Congressman James Madison was drafting the first 10 amendments to the Constitution — which would become known as the Bill of Rights — he insisted that the most prominent amendment among them restrain the government from interfering with the freedom of speech. After various versions of the First Amendment had been drafted and debated, the committee that he chaired settled on the iconic language: "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech."

Madison insisted upon referring to speech as the freedom of speech, not for linguistic or stylistic reasons, but to reflect its pre-political existence. Stated differently, according to Madison — who drafted the Constitution as well as the Bill of Rights — because the freedom of speech pre-existed the government, it does not have its origins in government. The use of the article the reflects that pre-existence.

The First Amendment also reflects the framers' collective belief that the freedom of speech is a natural right. It has its origins in our human nature. We all yearn to speak free from restraint, and we all understand that we can use our speech to express any idea we want to express without fear or hesitation. Those yearnings and understandings are universal — hence, natural.

The framers wrote the First Amendment to codify negative rights. That is, the First Amendment recognizes the existence of the freedom of speech for every person, and it negates the ability and the power of Congress — after the Civil War amendments, of all governments — to infringe upon it. The First Amendment does not command Congress to grant the freedom of speech (it is not Congress' to grant); rather, it commands that Congress shall not interfere with it.

Nearly all of the rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights are negative rights. Their essence is not a grant of liberty. Their essence is a restraint on the government from interfering with pre-existing liberty.

I articulate this brief understanding of the freedom of speech in our constitutional form of government as an introduction to a discussion of the dangers of government exercising free speech. We know from the plain language in and the history of the First Amendment that all persons have the freedom of speech. But what about the government? Does government have the freedom of speech?

That is not an academic question. The short answer to it is: Under the theory of the Declaration of Independence — that our rights come to us from the Creator and are inalienable — and consistent with Madison's understanding, the government has no freedom of speech. Government only can exercise the powers we have given it. Nowhere in the Constitution did the states give such powers to the feds, and nowhere did the people give such powers to the states. We don't elect government to identify ideas it loves or hates. We elect it to protect our freedoms.

Stated differently, who cares what the government thinks?

In San Francisco, one needs to care. Last week, the city government there condemned the National Rifle Association, labeled it a domestic terrorist organization and prohibited city agencies from interacting with it or with those with whom it interacts, because of the NRA's robust defense of the Second Amendment. Can any government in America constitutionally do that? In a word: No.

Surely, the folks who work in government have the same free speech rights as do the rest of us, and they are free to exercise them. However, they cannot commandeer the government — local, state or federal — and use it as an instrument to advance their own personal free speech.

Why not? Because when the government speaks, it chills the rights of others to speak who disagree with it, and that chilling constitutes the very infringement that the First Amendment was written to prohibit.

Chilling occurs when the government makes it easier for some to speak freely or more difficult for others to do so. Government does that when it expresses favoritism or hatred in the marketplace of ideas.

Whatever one thinks of the NRA, the government has no business condemning it. Can it condemn McDonald's as a health menace for selling fatty foods? Can it condemn pro-life groups as domestic terrorists for publicly attempting to dissuade young women from having abortions? Can it condemn young socialists for demanding confiscation and redistribution of property? Can it condemn the free press as a public enemy when the press criticizes it? The answer to all these hypotheticals (the last is not so hypothetical today) is: No. The First Amendment was written to keep the government out of the business of influencing the free market of ideas.

The whole purpose of the First Amendment is to encourage and foment open, wide, robust, unbridled speech about the government. Speech without fear or favor from the government. Speech without government interference. Speech without government challenge or reward.

In the most liberal city in America — where free speech was once sacrosanct — it is now subject to official government disapproval. That is, until the courts do their job of protecting the free speech of an unpopular minority so that individuals can decide for themselves what to hear and believe, free from government interference.

In America, thanks to the First Amendment, no one should hesitate to express any opinion publicly for fear of incurring the wrath of the government. And no government can punish or isolate any person or group because of their exercise of the freedom of speech. Any government officials not faithful to those first principles have violated their oaths to uphold the Constitution and are unworthy of holding public office.

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

## Shane Gillis and the privilege of comedy

BY MAEVE HIGGINS

I've been doing standup comedy for 14 years, and at some point, I came to despise it. It made me feel bad about myself, mostly. The thing I find hardest is the bullying nature, the punching down. I've heard comics onstage mock women and gay people and black people in a variety of ways that still manage to say nothing new. I've sat in grimy green rooms and witnessed the ego bloat that comes with applause and money, the rewards that come from maintaining the status quo. It's gross. But I stay for the rare and magic flashes of connection.

Sometimes, the funniest thing about comedy is how seriously people take it. I try to avoid the teacup storms that sometimes spill and stain the table around us, but this past week has been messier than usual. A comic named Shane Gillis was hired by "Saturday Night Live," then fired shortly afterward when footage circulated of him being racist on his podcast, calling Chinese people a racial slur, and when Variety reported that he'd also made anti-gay comments and stereotyped Muslims on his show.

That's just a slice of classic standup, nothing strange or startling to any of us who are used to being the butt of jokes. The fact that he was fired, the fact that perhaps people are sick of hearing that particular shtick — that's the interesting part.

Many of my comedy colleagues are up in arms, at least digitally. They are calling Mr. Gillis's firing "cancel culture" and worrying about what it means for freedom of speech. I'm laughing.

These anxious comedians are worrying about the wrong problem. Here's where the real silencing happens in the comedy world: So many would-be comics — women, people of color, other marginalized groups — are silenced from the beginnings of their careers. Despite their talent and work ethic, they leave the industry and take their brilliance elsewhere, or perhaps nowhere. Reaching a level in their career where they could even get canceled remains a dream for most.

Comedy, like so many of our cultural institutions, remains dominated by men, usually straight and white men. I've seen countless versions of Shane Gillis and his material truly spread all over the world, and I'm not about to wrestle the mic from them. I have no problem with anybody speaking their piece, even when it's lazy and xenophobic. I'm not going to listen, but please, get that off your chest, son! If the most absorbing and insightful thing Mr. Gillis and his buddies have to sound off on is that they find Chinatown to be ugly, then by all means, go right on ahead.

The problem is when Mr. Gillis — and the others like him — frame their words as bold and boundary pushing and brave. What would really be shocking, what would really be exciting and edgy to watch, would be a person climbing down from their safe height and fighting the

## Scooters

Dear Editor:

If the goal is to cull the human herd to enhance the survival of the fittest, then scooters might be a good idea for our fine City of Downey. But before we embark on a new adventure that impacts so many people in negative ways, ie., safety, liability issues etc., perhaps we should conduct a diligent study of the matter and let us decide.

I'd sure like to know what other cities have learned and to see real statistics of accidents, injuries, citizen's complaints, and so on. Certainly, the whim of a council member is not sufficient to set a policy that potentially impacts so many of us and our neighbors

**Gary Castagnola Downey**

## Blame game

Dear Editor:

In response to Elsa Van Leuven letter to the editor, "Blame the Democrats," I feel she presents a weak argument.

First, she mocks the Democrats for trying to take steps in protecting our planet. Sure, plastic straws may seem like something to mock on Fox News. Nevertheless, maybe Ms. Van Leuven should care that plastic has been found in 30% of turtles' stomachs and in 71% of seabirds' stomachs. Moreover, that by the year 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish.

Ms. Van Leuven then complains about India and China being worse polluters. Well, in 2016 it was the United States under the Obama administration that was able to get China and India to comply with the rest of the world under the Paris Climate Agreement in regard to global warming. However, it was President Trump who pulled the United States out that agreement; I guess the U.S. no longer honors its commitments?

Speaking of pollution, it is the Trump administration that has rolled back regulations that protect our air and water, allowing pesticides that harm children's brains to be used on crops. As she states she is a pro-lifer, I have to ask Ms. Van Lueven, does it make any sense to leave those babies with a planet that is unlivable?

As for background checks on guns, that is never going to happen as long as the NRA is in the pockets of President Trump and Mitch McConnell. In fact, it was President Trump who rolled back a law preventing the mentally ill from buying guns. Then he goes on and on about how the mentally ill is to blame for the violence not the gun. That argument is nonsensical.

Ms. Van Leuven's argument about the border wall is totally incorrect. Republicans were in control of the House and Senate for two years and failed to allocate money. In 2018, there was even a bi-partisan bill that President Trump agreed to which allocated \$25 million for the wall. However, he backed out of that deal, too.

Now the wall, the one Mexico was going to pay for, is now being paid for by our military and their families. I find this ironic since it was President Trump who pulled the United States out the Iran Nuclear Deal, leaving major instability in the region. With no new deal in place, it leaves our country at risk. Iran was non-compliant, but it had President Obama's name on the agreement so it had to go.

As far as North Korea, it seems despite two meetings with Kim Jong-Un no deals, but Trump has a new friend. North Korea continues to launch missiles. In addition, Russia -- despite sanctions -- continues to interfere in our elections and President Trump does nothing but embrace Putin. In fact, Moscow Mitch won't even bring a bill to the floor to protect our democracy from Russia attacking our elections again in 2020.

Sure, both sides of the political spectrum are to blame for many things. But right now, it is President Trump who should be taking responsibility for his own actions that matter to our country's national security and welfare of its citizens. It is what real leaders do.

**Joanne Gallo Downey**

Dear Editor:

Elsa Van Leuven, a frequent commentator to the Downey Patriot, sounds a lot like our President. When something goes wrong, it's always "blame the Democrats."

She made the ridiculous statement that Democrats are not concerned with the bombs of North Korea and Iran. She complains about the homeless. And what solution does she have for homeless people sleeping in the streets? None. Our homeless problem first mushroomed under Republican Governor Reagan, who took money away from mental health hospitals and left those people in the streets.

She complains that countries like China pollute far more than the U.S. Does she know that China recently decided to stop taking our contaminated recycling mess and now we don't know what to do with it? China has a population three times the size of ours so of course they have more pollution.

She insinuates that healthcare (meaning Obamacare) is a "stupid program." I would say that providing healthcare to all Americans is not stupid at all. And if she is concerned about wasting trillions of dollars, it is under President Trump that our national deficit this year will top one trillion dollars for the first time ever.

**Anita Rivero Downey**

powerful in a situation where there's a chance they will lose more than a role on a show. I'm not saying comics need to get into fistfights. We're too out of shape and anxiety-ridden for that. But a little real bravery wouldn't hurt.

When anyone disagrees with something a comic says, or there are repercussions for their behavior, the comic too often seems genuinely shocked. Your words have consequences. Imagine! What these men need to learn is that just because you want a job on "Saturday Night Live" doesn't mean you deserve one.

Expressing myself through comedy has saved my life. Connecting to others by trying to say what's happening inside my head — and make them laugh while doing it — is a beautiful thing. But when you do express yourself into a mic to a room full of strangers, or into a camera to a country full of strangers, you might want to consider them, too.

My relationship with standup comedy has improved, especially since it started working on itself and trying to be a better partner. I don't fully trust it not to revert to being a bully, but when it's good, it's amazing. I'm glad I hung on.

I host a show every Monday in Brooklyn with two of my friends. Our producer makes sure the lineup isn't just straight white people, and that makes the show a lot better than most of the ones I've been part of for the past 14 years. I don't mean that any one type of person is funnier or more insightful than another. What I mean is that when just one voice is heard, that voice quickly becomes boring.

Roy Wood Jr., a correspondent for "The Daily Show" and a hilarious standup, closed the show last night, by workshopping some new stuff, playing with a routine about the civil rights movement and peanut allergies. Backstage he was checking notes, writing on his phone, running lines. His set was just joyful, and his care for the craft made the craft disappear. What happened was simply a funny person talking, telling his best stories, making a couple hundred people rock back with laughter and forget they had to go to work in the morning. A beautiful thing, isn't it? A privilege to be a part of.

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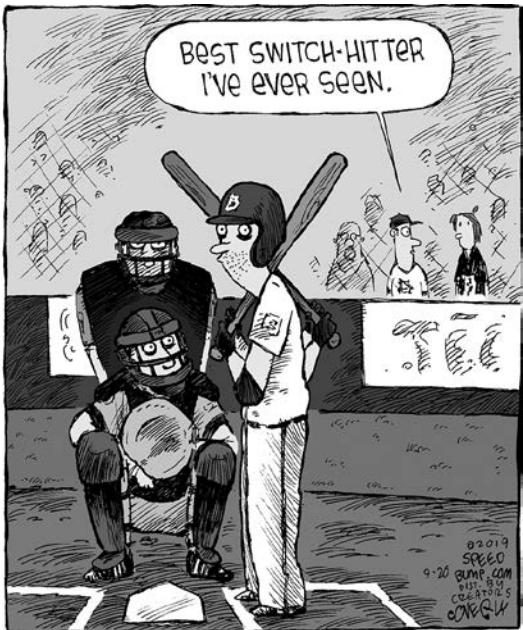
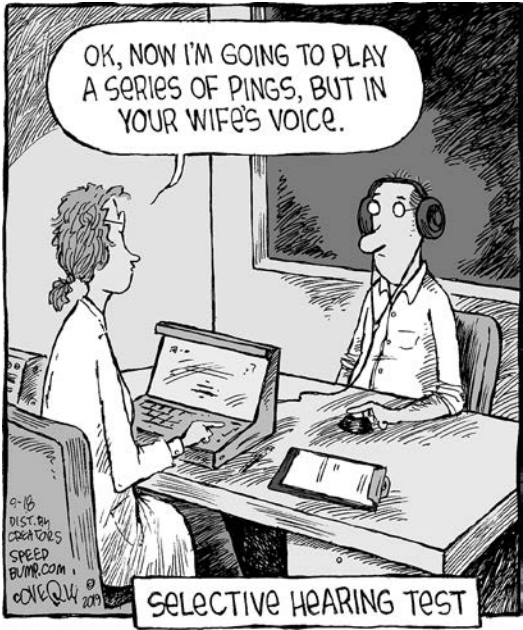
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# Downey Community Calendar

### 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 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.
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- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

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- 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

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- 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.
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- 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.
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- 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.
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- 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.
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- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
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- 7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.
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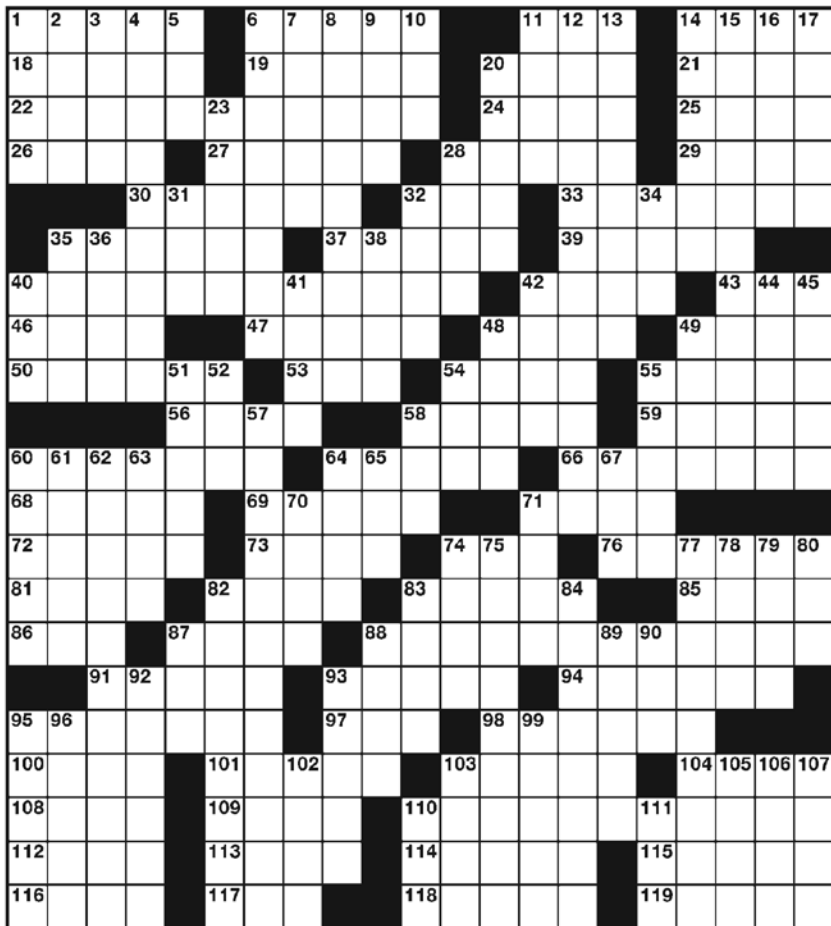
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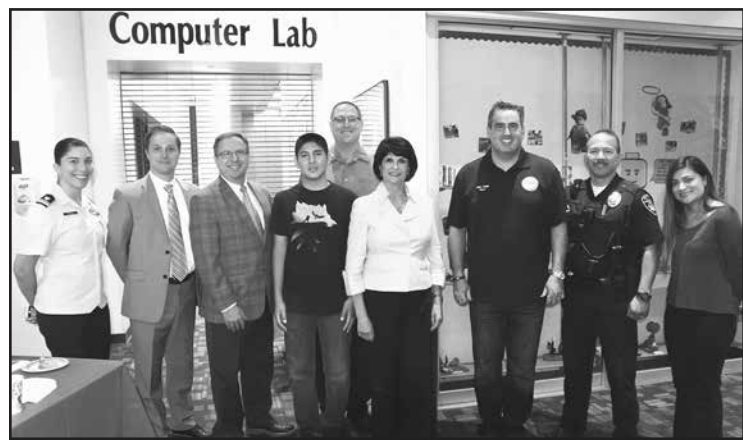
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# Congresswoman will attend workshop on military academies



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The Annapolis website stresses that academic majors are designed to provide preparation for graduate level work.

While the majority of degrees earned are in the fields of science and technology, coursework also includes a liberal arts foundation.

The Air Force website, for example, says that the academy "balances STEM with the arts and humanities." The Coast Guard website describes a liberal arts based-core curriculum. Recognizing the importance of communication across all disciplines, West Point offers a writing program.

Students begin active military status when they enroll in an academy, but their rank is that of cadet or midshipman. During their four years of college, Roybal-Allard explains, "the focus is on academics and leadership skills."

In exchange, cadets and midshipmen agree to serve in the military for a minimum of five years after graduation. Some officers elect to remain in the service longer.

For those who wish to enter the private sector after five years, Roybal-Allard says, "They are sought after by many companies."

She stresses that the Saturday event "is absolutely not a recruiting process. It is simply informational. This is for someone who wants to go into the military and will serve five years."

Besides learning about the nuts and bolts of the application process, there is a compelling additional reason for interested students to attend the workshop.

Along with the expected requirements of transcripts and test scores, etc., applicants to four of the academies must also be nominated by a government official, such as a Congressional Representative, Senator, Vice President, or President. A nomination does not guarantee admission, but an application will not move forward without one.

As a member of Congress, Roybal-Allard is authorized to recommend students who live in the 40th Congressional District to fill five slots each for West Point, Annapolis, Air Force, and Merchant Marine. The U.S. Coast Guard Academy does not require a nomination.

The Saturday workshop is an opportunity to meet the Congresswoman in person and understand what qualities are valued in potential nominees.

The deadline for academy nominations is October 30. Applicants eligible for nomination by the Congresswoman must be U.S. citizens and live in her district, which includes residents of Downey, Bell Gardens, Huntington Park, Paramount,

City of Commerce, and East Los Angeles.

Applicants must also have first opened an application directly with their chosen academy.

Roybal-Allard says her selections are influenced by applicants' "written statement of why they want to go into an academy."

### Leadership Skills Valued

While the admissions process is selective, students should not assume that only those applicants with the highest GPAs and test scores will be admitted.

"The academies look for leadership skills, physical fitness, and whether a student holds some kind of leadership role in school or the community," Roybal-Allard elaborates. "They also look for community service and language skills. This gives them [applicants] a better chance of getting into the academy."

The website for West Point stresses the importance of critical thinking skills, physical fitness, character, "grit," and "a desire for challenge and to be part of something bigger than themselves."

In certain cases, the military offers additional academic assistance to students with lower marks who are otherwise viewed as desirable candidates.

"If they see someone who has a lot of potential in leadership and community service," says Roybal-Allard, "they may accept them in a prep academy. They will attend classes and bring up their grades, sharpen their grades. Then they may be moved to a 4-year academy."

Community college attendance is also a viable way for students to meet the academic requirements. The academies may consider

candidates, without dependents, up to the age of twenty-three.

Roybal-Allard thinks it is important for parents to attend the workshop as well because it provides an opportunity for them to voice their fears and concerns about a child going into the military. When possible, she tries to include a parent or grandparent of a graduate as a speaker.

"They talk about their fears and concerns that they had when their son or daughter wanted to go into the service. It is really helpful because it helps some of the parents understand that their concerns are valid, and that there is a support system in place for the cadet."

A few years ago a husband and wife, who were both graduates of the naval academy, spoke at the service academy workshop.

Roybal-Allard recalls that this nomination process for the service academies was new to her when she first entered the House of Representatives in 1993.

Realizing the significant opportunity offered by the military service academies, she says, "I started taking information to high schools, counselors, and principals. It took some time to help our schools understand that we were not trying to recruit."

Recruitment for enlistees is a big concern among residents of the 40th District which is predominantly Latino.

Local schools have since come to better understand the role and mission of service academies and the impact they can have on young lives.

"The various military service academies provide an outstanding university education that is tuition-free," says Downey Unified School District Superintendent Dr. John Garcia. "Military service academies are widely recognized as the best education value in the nation with the added opportunity of serving our country upon graduation."

"I'm hoping that more and more young people who are interested in going into the military would consider one of the academies," says Roybal-Allard. Students can learn more about admissions process on the Congresswoman's website:

<https://roybal-allard.house.gov/constituentservices/>

Students interested in attending any of the academies can also browse the specific websites:

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### In Memory of

## Robert Joseph Cormier

December 15, 1957 - August 8, 2019



Robert Joseph "BJ" Cormier of Downey, CA passed away peacefully at home at 61 years of age on Aug. 08, 2019 in Downey, CA after a long battle with cancer. Born December 15, 1957 in Fitchburg MA, he came to Calif in the early 1970's. He graduated Narbonne High School in Harbor City, CA and was a drummer in the marching band. Served in the US Army where he was training to be a medic. Retired in 2015 after 32 years-working for the Los Angeles MTA as an Equipment Records Specialist. He is survived by life long friend and companion Terrie Dawson of Buena Park, CA. His sons Robert Cormier of Harbor City, CA, Nicolas Cormier of Seal Beach, CA, Granddaughter Lexi Cormier of PA, and Cody Cormier of Downey, CA. Brothers and sisters, Jean and husband Kenneth of Illinois, Patricia Cormier of Fitchburg, MA, John Cormier of Florida, Gerald Cormier and his wife Linda of Pepperell, MA, Joan and her husband Raymond Martel of Lunenburg, MA, George Cormier of Washington, Judith and her husband Jon Buckmaster of Leominster and Richard Cormier and his wife Cathy of Texas, and numerous family members that he loved dearly.

A prayer service and inturnment will be held on Wednesday October 2, 2019 at 11:30am at St Joseph's cemetery in Fitchburg, MA.

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# At senior talent show, performers show age is nothing but a number

Downey's Senior Follies talent show sparks nostalgia as entertainers put on a five-star show.

By Lorine Parks Contributor

"The eleven o'clock morning show is the most popular one," said Angelina, the Parks and Rec young lady who gave me my ticket for the Senior Follies and Talent Show.

To have your dancing shoes on, and be in costume with make-up applied any time before noon, seems like a miracle to me. But then again, when one enters the golden years, the best hours of the days usually occur from late morning to late afternoon. So maybe this is peak time for a reason.

And these performers did represent the Golden Years. But then, so did the audience, who on average looked older than the entertainers. "How old is 'Senior' for performers?" I asked and Angelina said, "fifty-ish."

"Nobody here could have lived here longer than I have," said Rosalie Sciortino, age 96, as she settled down to await the show. Rosalie has put in many years volunteering for the Downey Symphony and the Downey Art League and she still draws a little and writes poetry. "I'm ready to go, anytime," she said, "but today we're here and having fun."

While waiting for the doors to open, several members of the audience did a little quick step and some hummed a bright tune. Dress-up casual was the order of the day. Sparkly necklaces with pretty silk blouses, that is. Men wore polo shirts and some had caps. A few

canes and walkers helped with mobility, and there was at least one motorized chair. To balance the oldest in age, there were several well-behaved children. It was a Saturday morning.

The auditorium at the Barbara Riley Senior Center was set up cabaret-style, with cookies at each place at the 14 tables for eight that filled the floor, and every place was taken. Buckets of popcorn were set out and Parks and Rec provided coffee as well.

Angelina and Isobel, now dressed in black party dresses, checked us in. Tables were assigned in the order they were bought: the show is no longer free, but costs \$6. Rosalie and I were center back, at Table 11, four rows from the stage. Closer would have been better, but I had only purchased them the day before. Rosalie's vision has dimmed, and so has my hearing. But together we make a most appreciative audience.

I caught vocalist Claudette Clayton before she went on. This is her sixth time in Downey's Follies, and she also performs with senior groups and works in the Children's Ministry at her church.

"I just sing," she said, but that has included a performance at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem. "And I have aches and pains, but I left them at home. They can't come here with me," she said. Claudia admitted to being a classy 78.

To hear Claudia inhale "It Had To Be You," as she strolled through the audience in her purple jumpsuit, mike in hand, was to be transported to a golden age of live entertainemnt.

And it was that thrill of the live performance that entered us that morning, the excitement and awareness you get in Broadway musicals and intimate

club revues. We were being given that chance to tap our toes, nod our heads, and sway as memories of good times flashed by. And sway we did, when Bill Schwartz came back after intermission to give us a bouncy interpretation of New York New York.

Fernie "Elvis" Ramirez sang as he walked around the tables, and his baritone hit home, as did the sight of the brilliantly embroidered golden emblem on his white Elvis suit. Fernie performs at senior centers and private parties.

Music from the Islands was performed by dancers from the Hula Ku'uipo O'Hula Dance Studio. "That means, Sweethearts of Hula," said Virginia Yoshiyama who sat at our table in her red Studio t-shirt, where she is taking lessons with Toni Stewart.

In real-time outside the show, Virginia is the coordinator of volunteers for the Downey Library. "It's all in the hands," I said. "And in the feet," Virginia added. Husband Tom watched but does not yet come to the dance studio. This year in the audience, Virginia, but maybe next time on that stage.

So many acts, so little time to tell about them. Renee Apodaca appeared onstage playing a 1920's German cabaret tune on a live piano, dressed in a tough-guy black t-shirt, a black homberg on her head and a diamond stud in her ear.

Janet Minikus gave us her Sophie Tucker imitation of a "red-hot momma," and for a change of pace, came back after intermission in leprechaun green and white sequins to enunciate the names of McNamara's Band.

A pareu-clad trio, each with a white hibiscus behind the ear and waist-length dark hair, showed us Tahitian rhythm

dances from Ohana Hula Halau, the family hula school in Norwalk.

"Geriatric Joe" Palmquist hasn't lost his touch, getting appreciative laughs with jokes about memory loss. But hey, it could happen to anyone.

For sixteen years, local senior citizens have been warbling, hoofing, and otherwise treading the light fantastic, and audiences keep asking for more.

The performers come from Downey, South Gate, Bellflower, Cerritos and Compton, and the one thing they have in common is that they all keep very busy at what they love.

The singers participate in choirs or the Bellflower Civic Chorus, and perform in homes for the elderly. Some teach school and some bring home bowling trophies.

Dancers take or teach salsa classes, they do square dancing, and keep fit with the hula or the more percussive Tahitian rhythms. But a serene smile and the tilt of the head can also be sensuous and less strenuous.

The performers all have learned that with the fullness of age, an exhausting tap routine, or a Lady Gaga dress made of raw meat, is not necessary. A suggestive gesture, a few steps to the side, the graceful handling of an LED light-filled hoop, can keep their audience mesmerized while they sing their songs and strike their poses.

Some of the senior talent are still actively involved in stage, TV and radio show biz; Alma Gamez is running for Ms. Senior America in Atlantic City, New Jersey in October. They all are doing what they love.

Colleen Fox, show producer deluxe and soprano soloist, saved the best for the finale, Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah, recalling an ancient time when song and dance and poetry were all one, on a stage together. The lively and dramatic arts expressed thanks to a greater power, thanksgiving for the wonder of existence.

Colleen interpreted the music as a praise-song to life: I'll stand before the Lord of Song, with nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah.

As they say, it's not the years in your life, it's the life in your years that count.

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## Short Stories

### My Teenaged Hero

By Anthony Caldwell Contributor

Her name starts with “A” and her brother’s name with “B”. Their mother died and “A” and “B” were adopted by the mother’s sister, who received foster care home payments and child aid to raise them.

Somehow little orphan “A” zeroed in on my friend and I having sweet rolls and coffee on my front porch. She demanded sweet rolls and hot chocolate for her and brother “B.” Plus, she gave Tiger, her dog, pieces of the sweet rolls (very civic minded).

Then the ante was raised to hamburgers and French fries (almost every day). When I told her to take home some cup-o-noodles, she threw them at me. She said, “That’s all we ever get is cup-o-noodles, and mom and her boyfriend eat steak and drink beer.”

I told a lady that “A” and “B” were starving. But the lady said, “They get good food, but they won’t eat it.”

Then came the ice cream man who sold shaved ice drinks and ice cream. “A” demanded that I get some for her and her brother, and I said, “I can buy it by the gallon at the store for much less.” I took two gallons home and thought I had done well, until the next day when they were back.

They told me, “Mom and her boyfriend ate both gallons of ice cream last night, and we want to keep it over here in your freezer.”

I went to a barbecue that the mom did on welfare day, and the kids both asked for small plastic bags or jars with tops. They proceeded to take food and put it in the bags and shove them into their pockets.

I told them that there was plenty of food, but they said, “You better get all the KFC chicken you can right now, because there won’t be any later.”

Now I was really worried and said, “If there aren’t any leftovers, I’ll buy you a bucket.” Bad move because the next day I bought a bucket of chicken.

Then the mom moved to Utah, and I was told that she was doing fine and had “straightened up.” The kids visited and seemed healthy and well. Then years passed.

The next thing I heard was that the kids had been taken away from the mom, and her boyfriend was in jail.

Miss “A” had been summoned to the counselor’s office because her brother “B” was absent too much and they couldn’t contact mom. The sister told them, “My brother is in bed and can’t get up because he hurts so bad. I think his arm is broken and no one will believe me. Next time I’m going to the

cops and tell them you wouldn’t help.” Then things started getting hot.

In Utah, the Child Protective Services can’t take a joke, or child abuse neglect. Mom was given the choice to surrender the kids to them and never see them or their foster parents, or do time.

Now “A” and “B” are in different foster homes, and will be successful adults. She writes that she is out of high school and loves her new foster parents. Praise God.

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

### Granny Houston’s kerosene lamps

By Anthony Caldwell Contributor

All I ever knew was her last name; her whole family just called her Granny. She was an invalid with arthritic hip problems. But she made up for it by sharing her stories and remembrances.

She had been born on a farm. She came to California with her husband, “Blackie,” and settled in Los Angeles. She had a daughter named Nancy who she brought to our Cub Scout and P.T.A. meetings at the Fifty-Second Street School on Hoover Avenue.

Parents all laughed when Mr. Leonard Wheatley (who we called Rawhide Wheatley) said that P.T.A. stood for “Poor Tired Adults.” We all enjoyed the parent meetings, school, and brother and sisterhood. We worked to iron out our math and spelling problems.

I was taking Leonard’s and Beulah’s son, Mike Whitely, to school every day. When Nancy found out about it, Nancy said her kids (Dennis and Mike) were having trouble at their Vernon Avenue school and wondered if she could register them using our address, which did not work because of school detectives separating districts.

We were invited to their home on Thirty-Seventh Street, just above Vernon Avenue, to visit and talk things over. The Coliseum was very close and plainly visible from Hoover and Thirty-Seventh Street.

Granny Houston took to anyone she could talk to and proceeded to show us her kerosene lamps as well as her glass collection. Her prized pieces were Aladdin lamps from schools or big hotels or homes that had silver reflector mirrors on them with number one Pearl Oil; they blazed out white light. Blackie put up shelves facing

east in the dining room; there glittered her lamps and glass garden. The shelves were very sturdy to hold the weight of very large wall-mounted swing-out Aladdin lamps on ornate hinges and smaller railroad lamps, even Acetylene/carbide mine or bicycle lights.

During the blackouts of WWII, she was ready with her number one Pearl Oil and Blue Diamond stick matches.

Granny explained that when she lived on the farm, they had to use old leaky storm lanterns or smelly candles. Both were dangerous and not bright. Candles caused fires and kerosene lanterns of soldered tin also easily dented and leaked.

Then the railroads adopted the Aladdin lamps and others came out with reflectors that were more efficient and used on ships and naval vessels, until Edison bulbs and Westinghouse generators replaced them, about 1910.

But in the early days of rural electrification and electrical failures, they fired up the

Aladdin lamps with their leak-proof copper caps and also barn storm lanterns.

Granny said the sun turned the glass purple like the Model T headlights from the lead in the glass or red from gold in the glass. Cobalt or silver glass turned blue or green, and then came cheap imports and machine blown thin glass with colored dyes.

In emergency power failures and earthquakes, I want plenty of batteries and L.E.D. flashlights. I still hope to buy a newly manufactured Aladdin lamp and some Pearl Oil and boxes of Blue Diamond stick wooden matches. My friend, Rosie, is still praying to find purple Model T headlights.

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File Number 2019239594  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GARCIA'S DETAILING, 218 N 3RD ST, MONTEBELLO CA 90640, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHRISTIAN GARCIA, 218 N 3RD ST, MONTEBELLO CA 90640

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019212675

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GN LUXE STUDIO, 306 STONEWOOD STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NANCY NOEMY VILLICANA, 12349 BROOKSHIRE AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 5, 2019

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019230466

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CONTROL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 8964 BRYSON AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HUGO CERVANTES, 8964 BRYSON AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 26, 2019

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019234735

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) OFF BALD 3603 CAPETOWN STREET, LAKEWOOD CA 90712, LA COUNTY

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Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DAVID YUDESS, 3603 CAPETOWN STREET, LAKEWOOD CA 90712

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 30, 2019

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019242140

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CABALLERO INSURANCE SERVICES, 3945 TWETTY BLVD, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GILBERTO ALEJANDRO CABALLERO, 4048 VIRGINIA ST, LYNWOOD 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

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019248970

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SYL STUDIO, 15220 DOMAR AVE, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SYLVIA N. DE SILVA, 15220 DOMAR AVE, NORWALK CA 90650

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: 09/2019

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2019214371

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LOCKSMITH, 12401 LONG BEACH BLVD, LYNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EFRAIN GOMEZ GUERRA, 12401 LONG BEACH BLVD., LYNWOOD CA 90262

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 20192020-01

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DOTY MIDDLE SCHOOL MODERNIZATION, 12401 LONG BEACH BLVD, LYNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EFRAIN GOMEZ GUERRA, 12401 LONG BEACH BLVD., LYNWOOD CA 90262

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## GOVERNMENT

### CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT PLN-19-00131

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 2nd day of October, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers within Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

**(PLN-19-00131) Special Event Permit:** A request by the Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School to hold their annual Fall Carnival on Friday, October 11, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The event will include carnival rides, game booths, food booths, and live entertainment. The subject site located at 10441 Downey Avenue and zoned R-3 (Medium Density Multi-Family Residential).

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 hearings.

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

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.

All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Assistant Planner Madalyn Welch (562) 904-7154, or at [mwelch@downeyca.org](mailto:mwelch@downeyca.org).

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**CITY OF DOWNEY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON A PROPOSED  
PLANNED SIGN PROGRAM  
PLN-18-00047**

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**(PLN-18-00047) Planned Sign Program:** A request for a Planned Sign Program which will approve the size, location, and appearance of signs at a commercially developed property, as well as a proposed sign and freestanding sign, on property located at 10317 - 10411 Lakewood Boulevard 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 Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline, Section 15311 (Class 11, Accessory Structures).

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by Alfonso A. Silva, Jr. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Alfonso A. Silva, Jr. 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 person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Oct. 11, 2019 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 4 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:  
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**SUMMONS**

**SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)**  
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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](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://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.

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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](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a relamar las cuotas y los costos exentos pro imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

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111 N. HILL STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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):  
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# Hacking Away Our Community Roots

## Op-Ed

By Lawrence Christon  
Contributor

I wish I could share the enviably light-hearted tone of Matt Lancaster's sensible answer (The Downey Patriot, 9/3/19) to the letters that have expressed misgivings about the tree-planting project under way throughout Downey.

I can understand the libertarian stubbornness of the woman who would rather bake in Edward Scissorhands aridity rather than accept a city measure in which she felt she had no say—though she could have showed up at a city council meeting to speak her mind. And I would invite the contributor who wrote that he'd rather see a streetlamp on his street than a tree, to write again to describe the pleasures of reading, picnicking, or having a good snooze under a streetlamp.

Compared to the major headaches the U.S. is facing, an unstable president, unsupportable deficits, massive opioid addiction, life-crippling

student loans, a political and media-charged atmosphere pitting each against all—take your pick—a town discussion about trees seems quaint, even a bit silly. The old '60s image of the hippy-dippy tree-hugger is still hard to live down. As far as Downey is concerned, this particular issue will work itself out in time.

Or so I thought, until the recent day when I walked to the Furman Park tennis courts, which are still open while a construction barrier surrounds the park as it undergoes renovation, and felt that something was distinctly wrong. It took me a few seconds to realize that the lush, towering tree that anchored the southeast corner of the park, before it was even Furman Park, had been cut down. The tree had been massive. Its trunk and limbs lay horizontally on the ground like a gigantic prehistoric graveyard. Suddenly, looking up, you saw nothing but blank sky. The empty space where the tree had been, seemed wrathful in its pounding heat.

I felt a mix of anger and heartache. That tree was one of the most beautiful features of the

park. On countless afternoons after grueling tennis matches, regardless of the outcome, I could look up at its tall comfort and observe its leaves glittering in sunlight, and feel a deep peace at hearing the winds sweep through it in heavy sighs. You could marvel at the fierce beauty of the family of hawks that nested near its top. Below, young couples spread out blankets and rested as their infants lay between them. Working men took afternoon siestas. Children climbed over its lower branches. Young lovers leaned against its protective girth to smooch and embrace.

Now all that life was suddenly gone.

Who did this? I thought. This is a desecration. At first I blamed the philistine construction crew. But of course they were only taking orders to do their jobs. Some of them may have had reservations, but they have to pay bills like the rest of us.

No, it was the city that was derelict. As it did with Centrepointe, that architectural townhouse monstrosity that dominates Paramount Blvd. from 5th to 7th Streets, it approved

a construction project without examining the implications of its design and scale, and how it will harmonize with its surrounding environment.

A young woman was leaving Rio Hondo Elementary School, which adjoins Furman Park to the south. She was carrying a case of bottled water, which she loaded into the back of her SUV. I surmised that she was either a teacher or an administrator. I asked her if she knew anything about the construction project, or the fate of the tree.

"No," she said on both counts. "The city didn't tell us anything. We just heard the noise one day and sort of knew what was happening. Then we saw that the tree had been cut down. We're all heartsick over it."

"This reminds me of what happened with the von Troesch mural at Downey High," she added. "They just knocked it down without consulting anyone."

She was referring to a 1972 artwork created by Charlotte von Troesch, a widely-known artist of good repute, in conjunction with a group of her students at

Downey High. It was bulldozed in 2012 as part of a construction renovation plan at the school's western end. Art lovers in Downey were irate, and blamed then-mayor Roger Brossmer for his inaction.

Brossmer wasn't a bad councilman. But what I remember most about the incident is that he was considerably more upset over the public outcry than he was over the loss of the mural, which had gone up nearly forty years before he took office.

Such is Downey, it seems. Our leadership keeps crowing about "Economic Vibrancy," and most laughably, "Public Engagement." It doesn't bother to count its losses because it scarcely conceives of them. There have been surrounding issues that complicate matters in the disappearance of all but one of its cultural institutions. But if the will to build, or preserve, or reclaim is there, then a suitable action will follow and Downey culture, which includes the natural environment and the ambient look of things, will flourish.

I have no doubt that our

civic leaders are sincere in their concern for the general welfare and safety of Downey residents—including its homeless.

They may know how a city works, but I do doubt that they know how a society works. In a recent PR release, the city council congratulated itself on its "historic \$50 Million capital improvement plan," but I don't think they know what they're talking about when they link it with what they call an enhanced quality of life for the community. How could they, when they've so often failed it, and when they so regularly demonstrate their cultural illiteracy?

So we lose a tree. Big deal. But we've lost more than that. We've destroyed a community root, in more than a literal sense.

What's the lesson here? What moral can we point to? Maybe this: Ignorance isn't bliss. It could never make such a claim on sweet innocence. Ignorance is barbarism doing damage.

# Eye on the Schools: School is back in session

By Nancy Swenson  
Downey Board of Education

It's September and schools are running full speed ahead into the new year. We've appointed some new principals since school was let out back in May. They've all worked so hard during the Summer to keep the momentum moving forward and hit the ground running when school started in August.

I, along with my fellow Board members, want to congratulate Dianna Verduzco (Carpenter Elementary and the Global Language Academies of Downey), Sylvia Ramirez (Gauldin Elementary), Dr. Xochitl Ortiz (Columbus High School), Dr. Anthony Zegarra (Griffiths Middle School), Dr. Connie Quintero (Sussman Middle School) and Dr. Cari White (Warren High School).

In August, we celebrated both the opening of the Administration building at Mary R. Stauffer Middle School and Dr. Stauffer's 102nd birthday. It was a great event coordinated by Principal Darryl Browning and Vice-Principal Erin Hanohano-Lira with much love and support by the staff.

Let me tell you, any day Dr. Stauffer can visit her school and be among the students is a great day for her. Actually, she's happy to be around students at any of our schools, it really puts a spring in her step and a smile on her face.

The following day after the celebration at Stauffer Middle School, the Mary R. Stauffer Foundation gave back to the community in honor of the founder with a free day of admittance to the Columbia Memorial Space Center (CMSC). Dr. Stauffer was at the Space Center in the morning

to meet and greet anyone who attended. Did you know that Dr. Stauffer was on the CMSC board for several years and personally funded the rescue of the capsule that you see in front of the Center? She has done so much for the schools and the City of Downey.

Also in August, I was able to provide support at an elementary school during the first week of school to help with our newest TK and K students. It was so much fun helping them get acquainted with eating in a cafeteria for the first time and carrying their trays through the lunch line.

This is such a special experience for me and I, thankfully, get asked back every year so I think I'm helping too. The little ones get so excited about choosing what they want to eat and with being new to the cafeteria. I want to thank all of our Food and Nutrition Services staff for taking care of our students with a healthy breakfast and lunch, all while welcoming each student with smile every day.

Many of our staff know the names of our students and even their brothers or sisters that attend the same school. In Downey Unified, we look at ourselves as one big family, so to our Food and Nutrition Services staff, our students that come through the cafeteria each day are like their family and they look out for each other.

Speaking of family, Doty Middle School will be renaming their teacher lounge after a long time "family" member Sarah Jamison. She passed away earlier this year in July after 30 years of supporting the students of Downey Unified.

As many of you know, three of our middle schools are currently in full construction mode. This is all due to the generosity of our community for passing Bond Measure O in 2014. Believe it or not, Stauffer Middle School will be completely done next year, but if you've driven by lately you'll see the progress and it truly looks beautiful.

I was able to stop by Sussman Middle School right before the start of the school year and was able to see some of the rooms that have fresh paint, new flooring and updated technology. This campus is also coming along beautifully.

Our schools have all been busy hosting their Back to School Nights. I was able to attend Williams and Unsworth elementary schools' Back to School Nights and see all the great teachers and programs. These two schools are an example of really great neighborhood schools tucked inside the community and we really appreciate the way our families in those areas watch



out for them.

By the way, Rose Zeisel from Unsworth is one of 16 teachers being recognized across Los Angeles County as an Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the LA County Office of Education.

I also was able to attend Warren and Downey high schools' Back to School Nights. Both high schools have some great plays coming up this year. Downey, under the guidance of Chris Nelson, will be performing "Beauty and the Beast" in January and "The Crucible" in April.

Warren, under the guidance of Kyle Deichman, will be performing "Barefoot in the Park", "A Christmas Carol", and "Footloose, The Musical" which will include students from Mr. Petersen's choir classes. I can't wait to see them along with the plays at our middle schools.

I've probably said this before, but dinner and a play at any of these schools is a great date night for anyone or just a night out with friends. I invite you to come see our incredibly talented students in action. I guarantee that you will not only learn about our performing

art programs, but that you will be entertained and blown away by the quality of these performances.

As I wrap things up, I want to ask if everyone has heard about the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities (DFEO). If you haven't, this is a great organization that has been working in partnership with the school district for the last three years.

Its mission is to support Downey Unified's students with opportunities in Arts Education, College Prep, and Health and Fitness. They have athletic programs such as basketball and soccer and they also provide access to lessons in violin, guitar and drums.

If those don't strike a smile on your child's face, how about a dance program or even a fifth-grade science camp? These are all programs that currently supports nearly 1,500 of our students.

Please go to [dfeo.org](http://dfeo.org) and take a look at all the foundation has to offer and contact them about getting your child enrolled in these various programs. If you want to visit them, the foundation now has a new office right outside the

school district's main building on Brookshire Avenue

If you have a chance this year to go to a Coffee/Chat with the Principal event at your local elementary school, I suggest that you attend. The principals and staff work really hard to put together a presentation that provides families with a good overview of the latest happenings at the school as well as provide an opportunity for families to ask questions.

I've been able to attend one so far this year and I really like hearing what's on the minds of our families. I want to thank all the parents that are able to attend these events.

Once again, as you can tell I just can't stop talking about all that goes on within Downey Unified. I hope you have enjoyed these articles. We have several upcoming events in the next few weeks like our State of the School on October 4th and the Downey/Warren football game on November 1st, so if you see me at any events, please say "hi" and let me know what sections were of interest to you.

**Nancy A. Swenson**  
President, Downey Unified  
Board of Education

## POETRY MATTERS

### Translation for Mamá (excerpt)

What I've written for you, I have always written in English, my language of silent vowel endings never translated into your language of silent h's.

Lo que he escrito para ti, siempre lo he escrito en inglés, en mi lengua llena de vocales mudas nunca traducidas a tu idioma de haches mudas.

I've transcribed all your old letters into poems that reconcile your exile from Cuba, but always in English. I've given you back the guajiro roads you left behind, stretched them into sentences punctuated with palms, but only in English.

He transcrito todas tus cartas viejas en poemas que reconcilian tu exilio de Cuba, pero siempre en inglés. Te he devuelto los caminos guajiros que dejastes atrás, transformados en oraciones puntuadas por palmas, pero solamente en inglés

I have recreated the pueblecito you had to forget, forced your green mountains up again, grown valleys of sugarcane, stars for you in English.

He reconstruido el pueblecito que tuvistes que olvidar,

he levantado de nuevo tus montañas verdes, cultivado

la caña, las estrellas de tus valles, para ti, en inglés...

I have captured you in English at the kitchen table waiting for the café to brew, the milk to froth, and your life to adjust to your life. In English you've learned to adore your losses the way I do.

**Richard Blanco, "Directions to the Beach of the Dead," University of Arizona Press, 2005**

Each immigrant generation adapts its heritage in its own way. In this tribute to his mother, Blanco places Spanish and English stanzas side by side to show that complexity. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



# I just sold my house. Do I need to pay capital gains?

Most people are aware that if they make a profit or earned income, then it will be taxable. In other words, the person doesn't get to keep the whole amount of the sale. In the case of real estate, this is known as capital gains tax, and it applies to the profit made on a real estate property sale.

Capital gains tax in California is due to both federal (the IRS) and state tax agencies (the Franchise Tax Board or FTB), so it's common to feel like one is being double-taxed in the process of a home sale. Fortunately, there is also an exemption built into the various tax laws, known as the capital gains real estate tax exemption. This clause in the tax law allows \$250,000 per taxpayer per year. The exemption can essentially equal \$250,000 for a single person and a married person filing separately.

For a married couple filing jointly, the exemption is double, or \$500,000, combining their two individual exemptions under law.

There is eligibility criteria that has to be met to use the tax exemption. First, this exemption was put in place applicable to any transaction sale after May 6, 1997. If the sale was made before that date, the exemption can't be used, but this likely doesn't apply anymore for most folks unless one has to file back taxes (and if that's the case, the exemption has likely be wiped out mathematically by all the late tax penalties and interest due for paying taxes very late - still filing late is better than not filing at all which is a crime).

The other criteria that need to be met include the fact that the property has to have been

owned and lived in by the named taxpayer for at least two of the last five years owned before selling and using the exemption. The exclusion can be used every two years. So, for example, if one has a home for a year and a half and then tries to sell it and the end of year two, the sale met the second criteria and could make an argument for meeting the first as well. On the other hand, a house rented out for four years out of five and then sold would not meet the exemption.

It's important to note that just because the full exemption criteria is not met does not mean the exemption of capital gains tax is entirely lost. Partial tax reductions are possible. Let's continue.

### Applying the Gain Math

Let's go back to profit for a moment. Assume for discussion that there is no exemption available right now. Then everyone would be subject to capital gains tax. But what is gain? Simply net profit? It's a bit

more complicated even though that's the quick summary we gave at the beginning of this article. The usual assumption is that one buys a house for \$100,000 and sells it for \$400,000, so the \$300,000 difference must be the gain. Not quite. Gain can be reduced by a number of things such as:

Closing costs that are deductible (not all costs paid count)

- Selling costs
- Tax basis in the property
- Depreciation
- Casualty losses
- Insurance payments

Then there are figures that are added to the sales price total, which include:

- Purchase expenses
- Capital improvements

It's started to feel like a bit of complicated math, right? So back to our earlier example, the home was bought for \$100,000 and sold for \$400,000. The math would play out as follows:

- Sale price: \$400,000
- Plus home improvements: +10,000
- Sales expenses fixing up: -5,000

Sales commissions paid: -24,000

So the net gain would be: \$381,000

Then one would apply the \$250,000 exemption to the sale as a single owner (remember, married folks have up to \$500,000), which would produce a net taxable capital gain of \$131,000. This is a simple example, believe it or not, and there can be a lot more involved. So it's important to consider IRS Publication 551, Basis of Assets, specifically the part on the sale of real property (i.e. homes and land).

There are more complicated situations, so it's important to have a certified tax preparer or tax attorney look over your tax

filing before sending it in to the IRS and California Franchise Tax Board.

And, if you find you made a mistake, be proactive and file a tax amendment return as soon as possible. This avoids any allegation of inappropriate tax submittals and puts you in good

stead identifying the mistake first versus an auditor.

And always, always keep documented proof of your sales, costs and exemption. If you can't document it, don't claim it.

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