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## ALMA MARQUEZ LOOKS TO REPLACE HUSBAND ON CITY COUNCIL

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – Alma Marquez, wife of Downey councilman Luis Marquez, is running to replace her husband on the City Council when he is termed out this November.

Alma Marquez was the surprise addition to a list of certified candidates released by Downey city clerk Adria Jimenez on Tuesday.

A graduate of UC Irvine, Alma has worked in state government, most recently as district director for State Sen. Tony Mendoza. She also was a field representative for State Sen. Roderick Wright.

In addition to Marquez, the final list of candidates for District 1 (south Downey) includes attorney Blanca Pacheco and assistant principal Hector Lujan.

Pacheco is an attorney specializing in living trusts, probate and eviction cases. She was president of Downey Kiwanis Club last year.

Her goal as a council member, she said, would be to make sure south Downey isn't overlooked when it comes to public safety, economic development and street repairs.

"I didn't notice the neglect in south Downey until I moved into the district 11 years ago," she said. "We're not south Downey – we're Downey."

Lujan is vice principal at Paramount Adult School and is a Downey Planning Commissioner, appointed by Luis Marquez. He is past commissioner of Downey AYSO.

"If elected, I will do everything possible to continue to look out for the residents and the businesses in our entire community," Lujan said. "Moving forward by seeking ways to ensure safety for our district will be one of my goals. I will encourage the city staff to find ways to keep the city budget balanced. You will see transparency from me."

**DISTRICT 3:** There were no surprise candidates in District 3 (northwest Downey). Candidates include Frine Medrano, Art Montoya, Louis Morales and Rick Rodriguez.

Medrano is a field director for State Sen. Kevin de Leon, while Montoya is a worker safety specialist for Walt Disney Co.

Morales operates an economic development consulting firm, and Rodriguez is owner of RMI International, a multinational security firm.

**DISTRICT 5:** Mayor Alex Saab will have competition in his race for re-election.

Art Gonzalez, a Realtor, filed paperwork to run against Saab. District 5 encompasses the entire city of Downey.

As a council member, Saab has prioritized economic development and a greater police presence at local parks.

"Our staff does an incredible job, but the day we get complacent, the day we think things are just fine the way we are, is the day we need to move on as your representatives," Saab said when he was sworn-in as mayor last December.

## Downey Theatre buzzes as city celebrates 60 years



Michelle Berting Brett performs at the Downey Theatre. Photo courtesy City of Downey

■ **ANNIVERSARY:** Downey marks 60th anniversary with Karen Carpenter tribute show.

By Kathy Perez  
Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The newly-renovated Downey Civic Theatre hosted a very special 60th anniversary celebration on Saturday, August 13.

The evening's festivities began at 5:30 p.m. with an Open House which was free to the public. Guests lined up on the red carpet to enter the refurbished lobby adorned with dramatic and artistic banners. They were presented with commemorative 60th anniversary coins inside and were entertained with live piano music. On the second level of the lobby, an extensive art exhibit celebrating the city's and theatre's history was on display.

Guests were invited to enjoy complimentary Cafe n Stuff hors d'oeuvres and beverages graciously served by Soroptimist International volunteers at a no-host bar on the patio. Inside the theatre, Mayor Alex Saab and council members Roger Brossmer and Sean Ashton welcomed everyone, including city manager Gilbert Livas, State Sen. Tony Mendoza, and Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's senior adviser, Kim Tachiki-Chin.

After a slide show highlighting the programs and performers who have been and will be at the theatre, Mr. Ashton gave a brief history of Downey's last 60 years. Then, Mr. Brossmer spoke about the history of the theatre and its origins with Mr. John Hume and the Downey Children's Theatre. He also listed all of the improvements that have occurred at the theatre, those that have come about because of the management by VenueTech under manager Amber Vogel, and the city monies invested in the renovation.

These improvements include: the new lobby furniture, new air conditioning system, upgraded sound system and multi-media projector, the interior and exterior banners, and the beautiful new restrooms.

The city was presented with a state resolution from Sen. Mendoza and a congressional record from senior adviser Chin in recognition of its 60th anniversary. The audience was then treated to a sneak peek to the evening's concert, with a performance by Michelle Berting Brett, lead singer for "We've Only Just Begun: Carpenters

Remembered". Mr. Saab thanked her for bringing her show to Downey (it was their Southern California debut) and presented her with a city proclamation.

After the Open House activities ended, the evening's festivities continued with what many described afterwards as an amazing and most memorable event. Concert-goers were taken on a musical journey through the professional and personal lives of two of Downey's most famous and beloved residents. Ms. Brett described it as a "dream come true".

From the moment she and her husband and the show's producer, Mark Brett, put the tribute show together they thought about Downey. "Wouldn't it be great to play there?" she remembered.

Ms. Brett, backed by her multi-talented 7 piece band, invited the audience to "sing along and sway to the music" as "we invoke, evoke and provoke and conjure up the spirit of their music." After the heartfelt tribute, she exclaimed, "It was heaven from the first moment!"

For those who were fortunate enough to be in the sold-out audience, many who have their own Carpenter story, it was truly a unique experience to listen and sing along to the sweet sounds of our very own Carpenters inside our very own theatre.

"Where Incredible Happens!" is the theatre's slogan and it certainly did on Saturday night at our 60th anniversary celebration.

## Teen charged with killing ex-girlfriend in Pico Rivera

**PICO RIVERA** – A 17-year-old was charged Wednesday with fatally stabbing his former girlfriend in her Pico Rivera home last Friday, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Rory Murga (dob 4/18/99) of Pico Rivera has been charged as an adult with one count of murder.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant personally used a dangerous and

deadly weapon, a knife, during the commission of the crime.

Murga was scheduled to be arraigned Aug. 18 at the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Downey Branch. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$2 million.

Prosecutors said Murga and the victim, Elena Lillian Moore, 16, had been in a relationship for about a year, but the teen had broken up with the defendant two weeks before

the killing.

In the early morning of Aug. 12, Murga reportedly entered the victim's home and stabbed her multiple times before he fled the area, according to prosecutors.

Following the stabbing, the victim's mother heard cries for help, went to the aid of her daughter and called 911, prosecutors said.

Paramedics arrived at the home and pronounced the injured

girl dead at the scene, prosecutors added.

On Aug. 16, authorities located Murga near Slauson and Rosemead Avenues in Pico Rivera and arrested him in connection with the killing.

If convicted as charged, Murga faces a maximum possible sentence of 26 years to life in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

## Cerritos begins providing water to Forest Lawn

**CERRITOS** – The City of Cerritos is now providing recycled water service to Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cypress as of August 8.

In addition to helping Forest Lawn save more than 250 acre-feet of potable water annually, the expanded service also is expected to generate approximately \$50,000 in annual revenue for the city. Forest Lawn has more than 100 acres of lawn area that was previously irrigated with potable water for more than 50 years.

Cerritos embarked on the project to expand the city's recycled water system to serve Forest Lawn in December 2014. The project involved the construction of approximately 8,200 lineal feet of 16-inch-diameter recycled water pipeline starting from Cerritos and continuing through a portion of the cities of Lakewood and Cypress.

The new pipeline crosses two bridges: Coyote Creek, which is shared between Los Angeles County and Orange County, and Moody Creek, located within the Forest Lawn facility.

The project was completed

in December 2015, with final approvals received from the state and OC Department of Health in July 2016. The total project cost was approximately \$2.6 million. Roughly \$1 million of that amount was funded by a California Department of Water Resources grant, with the remaining cost funded by Forest Lawn.

Cerritos is responsible for maintaining the water line and related infrastructure.

"With this latest service to Forest Lawn, the city's recycled water system continues to benefit numerous local agencies, in addition to our own community" said Cerritos Mayor George Ray. "As a result of the City's leadership and foresight in this area, our neighborhoods are blessed with beautiful green parks, schools, lawns and landscaped areas."

Cerritos officials said the city "is committed to conserving natural resources" through the use of a recycled water distribution system, one of the largest systems in California with a 22-mile underground loop. Since 1988 when the system was constructed, the use of recycled water has saved

approximately 815 million gallons of drinking water every year.

The recycled water system is used to irrigate more than 200 acres of city-owned property, including the majority of the city's medians, parks, parkways, decorative fountains and schools.

In addition to Forest Lawn, the recycled water system transports water to various local agencies, including the ABC Unified School District, Artesia Cemetery, Caltrans, Central Basin Municipal Water District, Cerritos College, Cerritos Post Office, Cerritos Regional Park, City of Lakewood and Valley Christian Schools.

Various privately owned

### Golden Park hosting concert and barbecue Saturday

**DOWNEY** – Gangs Out of Downey will be hosting a free barbecue and giving away backpacks and school supplies this Saturday, Aug. 20, from 3-5 p.m. at Golden Park.

Starting at 5 p.m., the park will host a Music and Movie Night, with carnival games, vendor booths, bingo, food trucks, live concert, and an outdoor screening of "Inside Out."

Golden Park is located at 8840 Golden Ave. in south Downey.

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 84°

Saturday 84°

Sunday 87°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Rocket Fever

Saturday - Columbia Memorial Space Center, all day

An entire day of science activities, food trucks, demonstrations, prizes, and rocket launches.



#### Music & Brewfest

Saturday - Bastards, 5-10 pm  
A 21-and-older event featuring live bands, more than 20 craft beers, and unlimited beer samples.



#### Community Festival

Saturday - Golden Park, 3-9 pm  
Barbecue, live music, carnival games, free backpacks for kids, food trucks, and a screening of "Inside Out."

### FROM OUR FACEBOOK

#### Downey students return to school

Jackie Trigueros: Kudos to all those parents who decided to make this a family field trip... Bringing kids, grandma, grandpa, Tio, Tia, Nina, neighbors, second cousins twice removed... Filling up the streets and making it totally impossible for cars to pass by even through the green light.

Ken Cook: ...and you don't have to watch them walk through the front gate, as you leave your car double parked, in the middle of the street.

Janet Meier: I remember when we went back to school in mid-September. (Oh Downey, why'd ya do it??)

Reina Pollak: Slow down and obey traffic laws. Yeah good luck with that in Downey.

Reina Pollak: It's going to be madness. Welcome back to all students and parents 2016-17

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### TWEET OF THE WEEK

@AE\_Media: Hot Mess! Down to one lane on both sides from Lakewood to Brookshire on Firestone Blvd.

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# New \$20 million, 7,000-seat stadium opens at Cal High in Whittier

■ **STADIUM:** Football stadium built using bond money is named after former superintendent.

grand opening of Whittier Union's second 7,000-seat district stadium – this one named in honor of its former superintendent, Sandra Thorstenson.

Thorstenson retired from her post in June after 15 years as superintendent and 39 total years with the district.

junior varsity and varsity baseball and softball fields, and concession areas.

**WHITTIER** – Hundreds of Whittier community members converged on the California High School campus Aug. 12 to celebrate the dedication and

The \$20 million facility, built with proceeds from the district's \$75 million Measure W facilities bond, was dedicated the Sandra Sanchez Thorstenson Stadium.

"We are excited to open this new stadium to our schools and community and to honor a visionary, transformational leader – Sandra Thorstenson," Whittier Union Board of Trustees President Leighton Anderson said. "She showed all of us that demographics do not determine destiny and this new stadium demonstrates that every student deserves the right to a first-rate education in high-quality facilities. I want to thank the community for supporting this project and helping us continue to empower our student-athletes on and off the field."

The stadium's scoreboard bears the name "Sandy Thorstenson Stadium."

Thorstenson spent her entire career at Whittier Union, serving in the district since 1977 and making her personal mark on all five comprehensive high schools. The Whittier High grad began her career as a teacher at Pioneer High School, before becoming an assistant principal at Cal High. She was then assistant principal and principal at Santa Fe High School. She is also the parent of a La Serna High School graduate.

"I am beyond humbled and honored to have the state of the art sports facility named after me. It's something I would have never dreamed when I was growing up in this very community," Thorstenson said. "It's a testament to the collaborative success of Whittier Union, and all the talented staff and supporters of this District, who ensure we leave a lasting impact for every student that walks through our schools."

During the celebration, visitors toured the stadium, which will be shared among California, La Serna and Whittier high schools, and saw firsthand the many improvements it will offer to the school community, including enhanced seating capacity – with 2,000 seats for visitors and 5,000 seats for the home team – and upgrades that include an all-weather track, renovated soccer fields, outdoor basketball and volleyball courts,

The Measure W bond, which



The new \$20 million stadium at Cal High will be the home stadium for California, Whittier and La Serna high schools.

was passed by voters in November 2008 to modernize Whittier Union's campuses and upgrade its athletic facilities, also helped fund the Dick Torres Memorial Stadium at Pioneer High School, a 7,000-seat facility that is shared with Santa Fe High School.

and weight rooms, an equipment storage room and coach's office with restrooms in a separate structure below.

The stadium includes a nine-lane, multi-colored synthetic track that highlights passing zones.

Both feature nearly identical amenities, including an elevator and press box, as well as locker

## POETRY MATTERS

lines from a travel journal, 1974

As with Everything in Turkey, Our Trip to Cappadocia Was Loosely Organized and Not Explained  
An indication of the hotel would be this:  
I spread towels on the dresser before putting out our things.  
It was hot but we wandered dutifully behind Ibrahim as he explained the ruins.  
We were bombarded by peddlers trying to sell us wallets.  
None of us really knew what to look for and it is obvious that we didn't get the most from the trip. I bought a string of strangely shaped amber beads which I have since been told by an expert are really "quite special." We changed to an Old World hotel frequented by Winston Churchill. It was apparent to us—after we didn't get served in the main dining room—that we were not their favorite customers. Just as I fell asleep, I heard Sam exclaim that he had not loaded the camera correctly. All the pictures we took were now never taken. All we had left was a flower given to me by a little girl to whom I gave candy. We are not sure if the trip was worth it. But we would never have known if we had not gone.

--Helen Klein Ross

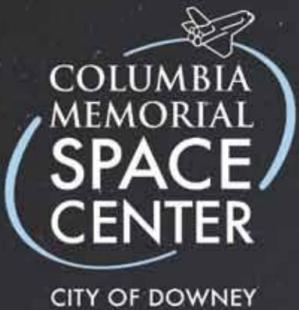
Planning your vacation? What exactly do you expect to happen? Ross lives in New York where she worked on the Poetry Society of America's campaign to restore Poetry in Motion to New York City's subways. As a former copywriter who has written hundreds of ads for household products, she knows the value of the single image, in this case, the flower from the little girl. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



Vahid Babaeian, left, and Harold Tsklenis, right, were guest speakers at Rotary Club of Downey's meeting Tuesday, where they shared their stories of migrating to the U.S. They are pictured with Rotary President Russell Skersick.



Marcela Arrieta, left, and her husband, Plinio, right, were guest speakers at the Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis meeting Wednesday. Marcela spoke about relaxation techniques to reduce stress. They are pictured with Kiwanis member Rick Rodriguez.



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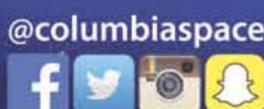
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# NEWS BRIEFS: Acapulco remodels, hookah lounge OK'd for live bands

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

After extensive remodeling, the Acapulco restaurant at Stonewood Center unveiled its fresh, new look at a grand re-opening last week.

The restaurant features a new cantina, dining room, two outdoor patios, and an updated main entrance next to the indoor-outdoor bar.

"Our guests are going to be blown away," said Bryan Lockwood, chief executive officer of Acapulco's parent company, Real Mex Restaurants. "The Acapulco brand has always been about the feeling of vacation and relaxation, served up with fresh food and drinks. The new redesign provides a perfect setting for that everyday escape. I couldn't be more pleased with the new look at our Downey location."

The 9,250 sq. ft., 255-seat restaurant has occupied its same location at Firestone and Lakewood boulevards since 1989. Its re-design was inspired by vacations to Mexico and resorts of the Mexican Riviera, company officials said.

The renovated cantina features a new tile floor, bar top, and all new stools, tables and chairs. The bold painted wall treatment was inspired by intricate Mexican tiles.

The tables, chairs, booths and light fixtures in the dining room are also new, and the decor is highlighted with the restaurant's own take on vintage travel posters from the resort region.

A fireplace was added to the dining area, along with a firewall to the front patio. The 20-ft. long, glass-enclosed trough has flames dancing up above the patio wall.

In addition to the makeover, Acapulco also revamped its menu to include dishes like chimichurri poke tacos, pozole by the sea, crab and shrimp enchiladas, and tropical salmon. A coconut margarita was added to the cocktail list, along with an Oreo cookie ice cream torte to the dessert menu.

The remodeled Acapulco will employ 130 workers, with an additional 20 expected to be hired by mid-September, company officials said.

A downtown hookah lounge had its request for a live entertainment permit granted by the Planning Commission on Wednesday, allowing it to host live bands and DJs.

Hookah Hub, located at 8323 Firestone Blvd., is a smoking lounge exclusively for hookah pipes. The 2,720 sq. ft. storefront was previously the Hookah Time Lounge until it was taken over by current owner Emad Hanna last year.

Under Hanna's proposal, Hookah Hub will be allowed to host live and amplified music -- along with dancing -- from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and until 1:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

The hookah lounge will install a 12 ft. by 15 ft. dance floor, and a separate area for bands and a DJ.

City planners endorsed the application, noting that live entertainment would help draw customers to Downey's downtown.

"[Allowing] live entertainment will attract patrons to the Firestone

## Business Spotlight:



It all started when Maria Mojica got a job at GNC in downtown Los Angeles. It was the 80's, and at that point and time, GNC was known as General Nutrition Center and did not have any franchise locations. However, in 1989 that changed, and by this time, Maria had become a corporate manager. In 1993, she decided to take a leap of faith and open her very own franchise location in Fontana, California. Then, in 1998, her brother Salvador Mojica joined the team and opened another location in Rosemead, California.

This is where our story begins. Ruben Mojica and Cathy Mojica are cousins. They grew up always being at each other homes, and therefore, have always been very close. When their parents opened their own shops, they began working there. In time, they grew to love the business. Little by little, they took on more and more responsibilities. Before they knew it, their parents relied on them to help their businesses grow.

It was then that they realized they wanted to get their own location. Ruben and Cathy both



bring different sets of skills that together make them better at what they do. They are really excited to open their very first location in Downey. They both have over 18 years of experience and can't wait to share their knowledge with others.

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Boulevard Gateway District, which is consistent with other downtown businesses," assistant city planner Kevin Nguyen wrote in a report to the Planning Commission, which will make a final determination on the application Wednesday.

"However, to avoid future noise problems, staff has recommended a condition requiring that all entry and exit doors to and from the business shall remain closed during the hours when live entertainment is permitted."

Planning Commissioners approved the permit but with additional conditions to protect residents of The View housing development. They also voted to bring back the case in six months for review.

Downey-based Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living (or SCRS-IL for short) has announced plans for its first ever Disability Pride Parade, taking place Sunday, Oct. 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Downey.

"The Disability Pride Parade is an opportunity to celebrate and strengthen the pride, diversity and unity of people with disabilities, their families and

friends," the organization said in a news release. The parade will begin and end in SCRS-IL's parking lot near Apollo Park. The full route is posted online at [disabilityprideladea.com](http://disabilityprideladea.com).

A Downey man is one of several victims allegedly scammed by Westminster travel agent Abdel Rojas, who is accused of taking customers' money and never booking their travel plans.

From KTLA: Carlos Gomez, of Downey, had been doing business with Rojas for about nine years, and even considered him a family friend.

He had planned a vacation with 14 other family members to Cancun through Rojas, but when he called the airline to change his flight, he discovered it had never been booked. The same thing happened with the hotel he and his family were planning to stay in.

"We ended up losing everything at the same time," he said. The ordeal cost him \$19,000, Gomez said.

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# NEWS BRIEFS: Comedic plays, library auctions, new UCLA alumni president

▪ **"Bills Shorts Two: Chart-Topping Comedies"** is heading into its final week of performances at the Epic Lounge in downtown Downey.

The 90-minute show features five short comedic performances. Sylvia Blush is the director.

Performances include:

**"French Toast"** by Bill Blush (10 minutes): Mop in hand and a song in his heart a free-spirited techie challenges authority to think outside the box.

**"Run To You"** by Megan Breen (10 minutes and directed by Julianna Stephanie Ojeda): An eccentric couple's happy romance is put to the test when something vital to their bliss takes off to search for its own.

**"Linda"** by Diana Burbano (10 minutes): A story of finding your inner hero.

**"Song of the Armadillo"** by Forrest Hartl (10 minutes): Adapted from a Bolivian folktale, Song Of the Armadillo follows the journey of Pichi, a small armadillo with big dreams.

**"Damn You Kenny!"** by Bill Blush (30 minutes): A leader desperately

tries to hold on to his group's ethics as a bi-weekly meeting slowly spirals out of control.

Below is a list of cast members:

Chloe Tatiana Avila: In 2012 she was the rhythm composer for "Electricidad" directed by Sylvia Blush. She's a member of the Improv troupe G.I.P.S. & recent work include: Trickster at Knott's Scary Farm, "Interludes" by Miguel de Cervantes & "Late Night Burnright".

Juan Enrique Carrillo has worked with immigrants, organizing day laborers and domestic workers throughout Los Angeles and incorporating Theatre of the Oppressed (TO) techniques based on the work of Augusto Boal. He was awarded a Center Theatre Group Educators Fellowship and his first solo piece will be published in the anthology, Palabras del Cielo: A Critical Anthology of Latina/o TYA Plays and Playwrights.

Jessica Delgadillo debuted in Miguel de Cervantes's "Interludes" at Cerritos College. She has performed with the G.I.P.S. Improv touring troupe and had the pleasure of writing and acting in various sketches

in "Late Night Burnright".

Andrea Eparza recently graduated from Cal State Dominguez Hills receiving her BA in Anthropology with a Minor in Theater performance. She was invited to showcase "Linda" by Diana Burbano at Viva La Muxer and the 10 Minute Play Festival Teatro Frida Kahlo Theater.

Alberie Rachele Hansen, a city of Downey native and California State University, Fullerton graduate, Alberie has trained extensively at Trinity St David University of Carmarthen Wales UK and Beverly Hills Playhouse - Los Angeles. She recently finished a short film "Hollywood Mouth 3" with Jordan Mohr and is starting production on "Claude" with Lime Train productions.

Forrest Hartl studied drama at UC Berkeley (B.A.) and playwriting at U.S.C. (M.F.A.). His plays tour with Kaiser Permanente's Educational Theatre Programs and his short play, Mass Effect, is published by PlayGround-LA publications. His short film "A Boy and His Dad" won the award of merit at the 2015 Catalina Film Festival.

Taylor Hawthorne is a native of Los Angeles, California. She is a graduate of University of Southern California and continues her studies at the Richard Lawson Studios. Previous acting credits include an adaptation of "The Frogs" by Aristophanes, the world premiere of "Hit" by Alice Tuan, a successful run of Julie Taiwo Oni "Oni's Denim" at Son of Semelelee.

Frank Ledezma says he's done a thing or two, here and there. But thankful and fortunate to be back on stage.

Melissa Legaspi studied theater at Cerritos College where she became a member of the touring improvisational group GIPS Credits include The 15th anniversary revival of "Shadows", "The Interludes" by Miguel de Cervantes and under the direction of Sylvia Blush she played Ifigenia in "Electricidad" by Luis Alfaro.

Gilbert Ybarra-Martinez is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and iO WEST

He has been in such productions as "Hamlet", (read it, don't say it!) "Macbeth", "Last Days of Judas Iscariot" and two different Bill Blush original one acts.

Tahirih Moeller recently graduated from California State University, Long Beach as a Theater Major with an emphasis in Performance. She is the co-creator of a non-profit organization named Up.&Coming Actors and her play "A Live Mixtape" recently showcased at the Kennedy Center's Hip Hop Theatre Creator Award.

David Ohlsen is a media junkie, a storyteller, and a guide. He is thrilled to be acting again after long hiatus, as he last appeared in "The Nature and Purpose of the Universe" by Christopher Durang. As a 13 year veteran Summer Camp Counselor for The YMCA David has delighted in performing comedic sketches and songs yearly with kids and young adults of all ages.

Julianna Stephanie Ojeda received her BA in Dramatic Arts from UCI Claire Trevor School of the Arts with Honors in Acting. Recent acting credits include "Lydia", "Fabulous Monsters", "Blood Wedding" and "Yerma".

Emmanuel Plascencia is from Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. His acting credits include: "Romeo and Juliet", "Last Days of Judas Iscariot" and The Door from "Joketown" an original Forrest Hartl production. He also coaches the youth in the arts of acting and Improv.

Rocky Sanchez is thrilled to be back at the The Epic Lounge for Bill's Shorts Two... She is a graduate of Cal State Northridge with a BA in Theatre Arts and is a member of the Latino Theater Alliance/LA. She has worked in productions with East L.A. Rep and Casa 0101 Theater.

Tickets to see "Bill's Shorts Two" are \$12 online at brownpapertickets.com or \$15 at the door.

The Epic Lounge is located at 8239 2nd St. in Downey.

▪ The Friends of the Downey City Library holds monthly silent auctions to raise money for library programs. This summer's items include:

**"The Yankee Years"** (One of the most successful managers with one of the most successful teams ever, Joe Torre tells how it was done with all the players, all the turmoil, and all the fun.);

**"Va-Va-Voom: Classic Hollywood Pin-Ups"** (Dozens of famous, and not so famous, movie

actresses pose in the glossy publicity stills that came to be known as "pin-ups," capturing all the glamour of a magical era.);

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**"Pedro-The Angel of Olvera Street"** and **"The Song of the Swallows"** (books are in poor condition, but autographed in 1955/'56 by author Leo Politi);

**"Defining a Nation"** and **"Liberty-The Statue and the American Dream"** and **"Time"** magazine of July 1986 (three items celebrating the Statue of Liberty and freedom in America);

**"The National Geographic Society-100 Years of Adventure and Discovery"** (a centennial volume with hundreds of great pictures and stories);

**"Salsa Cooking"** (more than 40 recipes for salsas, including cooked, uncooked, and fruit salsas);

**"The Mississippi and the Making of a Nation"** (celebrates the bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase and presents an engrossing chronicle of the river that shaped our history);

**"A History of America's Music"** and **"Billie Holiday-Lady of the Master Takes and Singles"** (a complete history of Jazz along with a collection of 80 songs by Billie Holiday on 4 CD's.);

**"The Last Mile"** (author Baldacci's famous detective Amon Decker, who can forget nothing, in a new page turner);

Books have opening bids from \$5-\$10 and are on display in the library lobby. Bids can be made through noon, Saturday Aug. 27, on cards in the Friend's Bookstore located in the young adult section of the library.

▪ Over 50 UCLA Alumni from the Southeast Los Angeles Region welcomed Downey attorney Ricardo Perez, who has been named president of the Southeast Bruins, and the incoming Board of Directors at an event Aug. 16 at Downey's Lock & Key.

Its aim was to invite alumni to engage in the association and to kick-

off a new year of programming.

Known officially as the UCLA Alumni Los Angeles Southeast Network, the association is officially recognized by UCLA and strives to create a sense of community among the 5,000 UCLA alumni in the area.

Alumni consist of individuals in multiple professions, and includes attorneys, engineers, doctors, educators, judges, business owners, elected officials and more.

Programming for the Southeast Bruins includes networking events, student activities, family-friendly events, and game-viewing parties at Joseph's in Downey. There are community service components as well, including a Thanksgiving turkey and food drive in Maywood and a holiday teddy bear drive benefiting children fighting cancer.

Events are held throughout the Southeast Region, including an annual "Send-Off" in South Gate for newly admitted students, and an annual networking event in Whittier.

For more information about the events or the group, contact Ricardo Perez, Southeast Bruins president, at rperez@alumni.ucla.edu.

▪ Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia's proposal to eliminate taxes on feminine hygiene products has passed the Senate Appropriations Committee, bringing it "a step closer to bringing gender equity to our state tax code," Garcia said.

The measure, jointly authored by Garcia and Republican Ling Ling Chang, would exempt tampons, sanitary napkins, menstrual cups, and menstrual sponges from state sales and uses taxes.

▪ The Downey Police Department posted photos on Facebook of its gym, which was decorated in memory of fallen officer Ricky Galvez.

▪ Century 21 Jervis and Assoc. will be hosting a free home-buying seminar Saturday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m.

Their office is located at 10841 Paramount Blvd., Suite 200. Call (562) 862-2226 for more details.

▪ Former Downey educator Craig Bertsch died Saturday. Not many details were released surrounding his death.

Bertsch was a longtime teacher and vice principal at Downey Unified.

He left to become director of administrative services for the Fullerton school district in 2011, and last year was promoted to assistant superintendent of personnel services.

He graduated from Downey High School.

▪ The L.A. County Sheriff's Department's Special Enforcement Bureau, more commonly known as SWAT, were awarded Citations of Valor Wednesday night for their actions during the hostage incident at Chris 'N Pitts last year.

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## Street sweeping ticket

Dear Editor:

So the city of Downey has found a new revenue stream, giving parking tickets to parked cars that parked *after* the sweeper has passed.

Last Wednesday, I was home recovering from two teeth extractions when I was told the sweeper was coming. I ran out and drove around the block several times as the sweeper made its way to the front of the house. I passed the Parking Enforcement twice as she handed out other tickets.

A few more turns around the block, and the sweeper train had passed and I parked my car. The Parking Enforcement person saw me park, we made eye contact. I went into the house knowing I had avoided the ticket. The next morning there it was the extortion request clipped to my windshield.

This is yet another reason I will not be voting for a tax increase to fill the coffers even more. This blatant racketeering style of government has to stop.

**Thomas Smith**  
Downey

## Coyote attack

Dear Editor:

I moved to Downey about a month ago from South Gate. We moved near the mall, north Downey to be safer. But that was a mistake.

Saturday, Aug. 13, at 9 a.m., I woke up to find my poodle, Lola, in my backyard -- heart, stomach, and half her rib cage gone. Her, gone. I screamed and called family to help me and put my husky inside the house. Sadly, it hit me harder to realize I'd probably walked past her dead body earlier that morning.

At 5 in the morning I rushed to the door to find a cop there to let me know a neighbor called to report hearing a dog crying badly. I rushed into my dark backyard and the cop helped me find my husky pup quivering, crying in the side passageway next to my garage. I assumed it was him who they called about.

Still half asleep, I carried him on into the house as I called out for Lola to come in too. But nothing, and I couldn't see anything; none of the lights were bright enough to shed light towards our lemon tree by where she lay dead. I foolishly settled for the thought that she may be asleep on the other side of the yard.

Now I look back and feel stupid. Lola would never deny the opportunity to come inside. She loved being with my dad in his comfy chair. I'd had her since middle school; she was barely going to turn 8.

I noticed my husky pup was taking long to fall asleep; he usually knocks out like a light. Eventually he did fall asleep as did I. But at 9 in the morning my husky woke me to take him out to take care of necessities, and when I opened the curtains to the slide door towards the backyard, I saw Lola laying there motionless. And I saw half of her is white and the other half, with a gaping hole, is blood red.

I called SEAAACA immediately to ask them to remove the body because I couldn't sum up the courage to do so. Hours passed and they never came so my boyfriend came to do me the favor. SEAAACA said it was a coyote attack and when my father checked our cameras, we realized they were right.

Just twenty minutes before I went out to check what the cop was referring to, the coyote had jumped in by the gate at my window, and attacked her while she slept outside my parents' bedroom. After my husky heard that, I assume he bolted into the darkest corner he could find and waited to be saved. After the coyote finished feasting on my poodle, he ran in the direction of the husky but disappeared from the camera's view.

I never thought I would lose her like that. I didn't even know Downey had coyotes. I thought this city was safe and now I come to find out neighbors have seen packs of them directly down my street? It infuriates me that nothing has been done to attempt to limit their access in our direction.

The danger of time they feast begins at sun down and ends around sunrise. That's about an entire 12 hours of either another beloved pet being attacked, or even a child. I can't even feel comfortable letting my niece play in the backyard or stepping out of my car to walk to my door.

Something needs to be done. Knowing the danger now, finding my little angel that way, I'm traumatized from the experience alone and I haven't slept a single night without the same nightmare since that night. We need to take precautions. It hurts to feel sorry than safe.

**Julie Tapia**  
Downey

## Defending Hillary

Dear Editor:

It is apparent that Martha Morrissy-Call feels that Hillary Clinton should be raked over the coals continually for mishandling her emails, and for allegedly causing the deaths of four people in Benghazi (Letters to the Editor, 8/11/16).

In regards to the emails, FBI Director James B. Comey (a lifelong Republican) concluded that nothing illegal was done in Clinton's handling of her emails. Subsequently, the Justice Department accepted his conclusions and formally closed the investigation.

As for Benghazi, the House Select Committee on Benghazi, which was chaired by Rep. Trey Gowdy (a Republican from South Carolina) spent 17 months and \$4.5 million of taxpayer money only to conclude that Clinton's actions before, during or after the Sept. 11, 2012 attack weren't to blame for the incident.

Ms. Morrissy-Call should look at the bright side; perhaps her candidate, Donald Trump, will win in November. I'll bet she can just see him sitting in the Oval Office with his feet up on the desk, smoking a victory cigar.

**Jack Russell**  
Downey

# The media's responsibility to our democracy

By Lee H. Hamilton

Politicians spend a good bit of their time complaining about the media. But why should they have all the fun?

I'm going to join in, though I tend to get upset about different things than most sitting politicians do. You see, I don't actually mind when journalists — whether in print, on television or online — treat what politicians say with skepticism. That means they're doing their jobs.

But this doesn't happen nearly as much these days as it should. The media today is less objective, more ideological, and much showier than it once was. What you see can be eye-catching — both the graphics and the personalities — but it is also brash and relentlessly self-promoting. A lot of journalists don't just want to report the news, they want to be players and affect policy. They see politics as a blood sport, often exaggerating the differences among players.

As one observer said, the media is drawn to “superficiality, sensationalism, scandal, and sleaze.” They're all too happy to seize on small points of contention and fan them into major points of discord. They make building a consensus — the key task of the democratic process — much harder.

The field has been moving in this direction over decades, and there's a reason for it: all these changes have been well received by the public. They draw viewers, readers and clicks. And they've encouraged consumers to pay attention only to the sources that reflect and broadcast their own viewpoint.

I don't want to be a fogey here. Yes, I grew up in the days of Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite, and I still think they were solid journalists, but what I miss is not the voice-of-authority-from-on-high that's so often associated with them. Instead, what I too often find lacking now is the spirit that drove the profession in those days. I think the news media had a sense of responsibility to make representative democracy function. Journalists imbued their work with a palpable sense that they were involved in a public service.

There are still really excellent journalists out there who are doing their best to serve both their profession and the country. Every day they struggle to make sense of enormously complex events. What they understand — and what I wish more of their colleagues believed — is that democracy demands

# America's racial wealth divide is shocking

By Dedrick Asante-Muhammad and Chuck Collins

Most media coverage of racial injustice has understandably focused on our country's unfair policing and criminal justice system. But to fully understand the current reality of racial inequality in America, we also need to take an honest look at our nation's shocking wealth disparities.

Wealth — the total assets a family owns after the bills are paid — is the safety net we all need to help us get through the tough times and invest in our futures. And its polarization along racial lines is striking.

The average wealth for white households is \$656,000. For Latinos it's \$98,000, and for black households it's just \$85,000. The average wealth of black and Latinos combined still doesn't come close to half of white wealth.

And while white wealth continues to grow substantially, any gains in black and Latino wealth pale in comparison. Current estimates show that if nothing changes, the racial wealth divide will grow to \$1 million by 2043.

In fact, it'll take the average black family 228 years to accrue the same amount of wealth that white families have today. That's just 17 years shorter than the centuries-long institution of slavery in the U.S. For Latinos, it'll take 84 years to reach average white wealth today.

Generations of racial discrimination in programs like housing and government benefits are now reflected in dismal bank statements and paltry retirement funds for blacks and Latinos.

## Moon hoax

Dear Editor:

Another year has passed this July since our alleged moon landing, which happened 57 years ago.

Our government has stated that we have a satellite that can read a license plate on Earth, that oxygen is not a hindrance. So we should aim this satellite at the moon -- which has no oxygen or clouds -- and show us the six flags and six plaques and the six landers and the three lunar rovers.

But we all know this will never happen. Because it never did happen. They show us photos that are about 70-75 miles high up and difficult to discern.

America, it never happened.

**Mike Sandoval**  
Downey

## Demon Democrats

Dear Editor:

Who has the JV team? Is it not the Democratic Party?

Who is bringing in the refugees and trying to fool us into believing the lie that they have been property vetted? The FBI nor the Attorney General can properly vet or investigate Hillary Clinton. Loretta Lynch met “privately” with Bill to discuss grandchildren and anyone who believe this -- I have a beautiful yacht on the coastline in the Saudi Arabian desert that I'd like them to have.

This is the only time this has happened. There is always a staffer present. So were they discussing letting Hillary off the email scandal, or perhaps the Clinton Foundation?

President Obama and the Democrats are trying to take guns. Was it a gun that killed the 3,000 in the Twin Towers, or the bomber in the Boston Marathon or now the French people celebrating Bastille Day, mowed down by a truck? Maybe the Democrats should outlaw trucks or airplanes.

Or maybe we need some people in high offices who aren't on the JV team. We should not let one more refugee in this country. Ben Carson has the solution -- send food, tents, etc. over there. It wouldn't cost us nearly as much as supporting them here for the rest of their lives. You know refugees have the same rights as U.S. citizens.

I can't believe anyone would vote for Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders. Even those who would receive someone else's money would have the intelligence to realize that this money will run out and who is going to pay the \$20 trillion debt? For heaven's sake, wake up and smell the coffee, if you have enough money left to buy a cup.

Anyone who cares about the U.S. and their families had better call President Obama, senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Gov. Brown and tell them to stop bringing refugees in or settle them only in D.C.

I'm fed up!

**Elsa Van Leuven**  
Downey

journalism that improves its workings. Properly done, journalism can bridge differences, help consensus emerge, improve the knowledge and judgment of voters, and sharpen the performance of public officials and government as a whole.

In the end, the democratic process is about overcoming disagreement. This is virtually impossible without a solid base of information and analysis.

Governing well is immensely difficult, and good journalism can keep government open and honest — which serves not just the voters, but politicians who are trying to resolve the problems facing the country. Journalists can and should be watchdogs, keeping a watchful eye on politicians — what they do, what they say...and what they don't do or say. They should serve not just the elites, but the underdogs and have-nots in society.

The independence of our press was hard to win, and it's vital that we sustain it. People must have sources they can rely on in order to make our system work. Our democracy needs well-informed citizens making decisions based on facts about both policies and politicians.

This means that the model of the journalist that seems to be going out of fashion — reporters who were reasonably objective, independent of outside groups, and even independent of their company's owners — is actually crucial to representative government. Curious, skeptical journalists who point out inconsistencies, draw attention to mistakes, call out misleading statements, and identify outright lies serve a larger purpose: they provide citizens what they need to know in order to be a good citizen, and public officials what they need in order to do their work well.

This is quite an ideal, especially in this age of economic turmoil within the media universe. But I don't think it's too much to hope that as the profession sorts out its future, it takes seriously its leadership role in advancing the public good, and doesn't sacrifice its part in making representative democracy work properly.

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In particular, racial bias in mortgage lending — known as redlining — has consistently barred communities of color from the wealth-building train, resulting in low homeownership rates.

After World War II, for example, predominately white families received government-subsidized mortgages that allowed them to purchase homes, while black families didn't. The result has played out over generations: Today, more than 70 percent of whites own homes, compared with only 41 percent of blacks and 45 percent of Latinos.

For many blacks and Latinos, a lack of assets has contributed to economic insecurity and sometimes-heartbreaking reversals of fortune. This explains the dizzying disparities in retirement savings: The average white household in the U.S. today has \$130,000 in retirement funds, while average black and Latino households have \$19,000 and \$12,300, respectively.

The younger generation isn't doing any better. College debt is rising for all races, and nearly half the workforce earns less than \$15 an hour — barely enough to pay the bills.

The structures in place driving these inequalities, like tax cuts for the wealthy and global trade deals that drive down wages, amplify existing racial wealth divisions. They pit low-wage workers of all races against each other, leaving us vulnerable to the politics of blame and deflection.

The good news is we can reverse these trends through public policies that both reduce overall inequality and close the racial wealth divide.

First, we should fix the upside-down system of tax incentives that currently flows almost exclusively to wealthy households. We should redirect the \$650 billion a year Congress allocates in tax subsidies to support first-time homebuyers and first-generation college students.

Additionally, taxing multi-million dollar inheritances and investing in tuition-free higher education are approaches that can expand wealth and opportunity for everyone.

We can reverse the racial wealth divide if we understand our history of racial discrimination and press lawmakers to stand on the side of opportunity, not inequality.

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# Trump buddies up to Putin

By Jim Hightower

Please, people — stop denigrating Donald Trump as a foreign policy ignoramus.

After all, he's a global real estate tycoon with special insights into U.S. adversaries, like Vladimir Putin of Russia. “I got to know him very well,” The Donald has assured us voters. Only, it turns out, by “very well” he meant “not at all.” He later conceded that he's never actually, you know, met Putin.

Still, Trump says he's taken measure of the authoritarian Russian president from his corporate perch atop Trump Tower, concluding admiringly that Putin is “a lot stronger than our leader.”

Sure, if by stronger he means violently suppressing any opposition, stealing billions of dollars from the public for himself and his chosen oligarchs, or invading neighboring Ukraine.

Picky-picky-picky, says Donnie, who's so enamored with Putin he publicly pleaded with the foreign strongman to hack into Hillary Clinton's computers in order to interfere with the U.S. presidential election.

“Russia,” Trump called out during a July press conference, “if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing.” No need for Putin to outmaneuver the United States when clueless Donald would willingly surrender our people's democratic sovereignty to him.

Amazingly, while top Republican officials say they're horrified by Trump's twisted and traitorous invitation to Putin, they still say he should be president, shrugging it off as Donald being Donald. Imagine their scathing derision if the Democrats had invited Putin to intervene.

It's time for people to stop writing off Trump's dangerous shallowness as “entertaining.” After all, “Bumbling Bumpkin for President” wouldn't even make a good TV show.

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# Downey Community Calendar

### EVENTS FOR AUGUST

Saturday, Aug. 20: **Rocket Fever**, Columbia Memorial Space Center, 10 a.m.  
 Saturday, Aug. 20: **Barbecue and backpack giveaway**, Golden Park, 3 p.m.  
 Saturday, Aug. 20: **Community Festival**, Golden Park, 5-9 p.m.  
 Saturday, Aug. 20: **Music and Brewfest**, Bastards, 5-10 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Aug. 24: **Multi-chamber mixer**, Embassy Suites, 7:30 a.m.

### 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.  
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.  
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Nancy 806-1782.  
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### TUESDAYS

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 Russell Skersick 929-3710.  
 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.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd Tues., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 905-7103.  
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6438.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Cindy 803-4048.  
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Helen 864-7319.  
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.  
 3rd Wed., Downey Dog Obedience Club, at Apollo Park, call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call (310) 604-0725.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Armida Lugo, (562) 715-6142.  
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.  
 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.  
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.  
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.  
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.  
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.  
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.  
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
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**1587:** Virginia Dare became the first child of English parents to be born on American soil, on what is now Roanoke Island, N.C.

**1969:** The Woodstock Music and Art Fair in Bethel, N.Y., concluded with a set by Jimi Hendrix.

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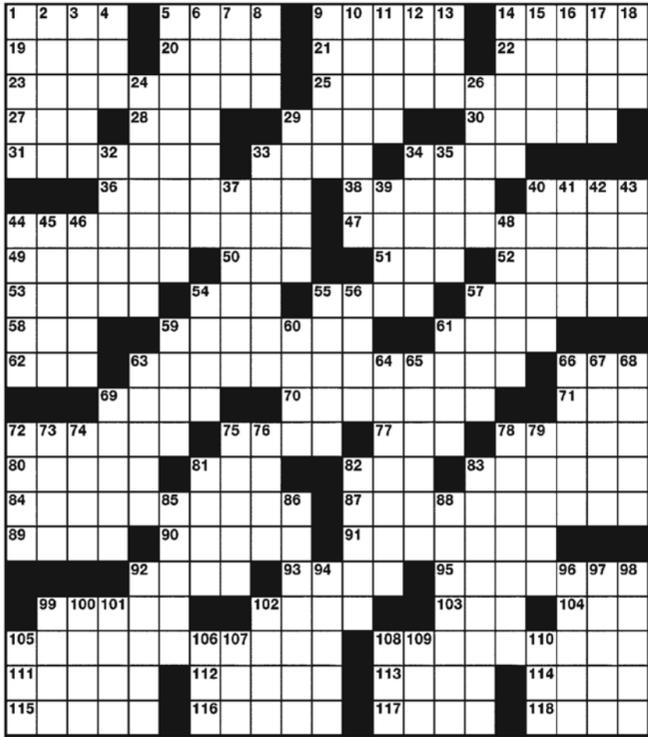
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# Sports Briefs: Downey football in final preparations for season opener

■ **FOOTBALL:** Vikings scrimmage against Orange Lutheran Friday night, begin season next week.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

**DOWNEY** - The Downey High School football team will officially begin their 2016 season when they travel to San Pedro next Friday night. Downey won last year's game 13-2 at Downey.

The Vikings will scrimmage Orange Lutheran tonight at 6:00 p.m. in a final tune-up in preparation for next week.

The Downey offense will be led by senior quarterback Trevor Hill. Hill started as a sophomore and split time last season as a junior with Rafeeq Rahim. Hill will have weapons on offense to help move the ball. Senior running back Emari Demercado returns bigger, faster and stronger from a season ago and will be joined in the backfield by senior Asfunso Elam.

The offensive line will be led by senior Joaquin Nunez and juniors Steven George and Anthony Montes. Nunez, George and Montes plan to keep Hill upright in the pocket and create holes for Demercado and Elam to run through.

Coach Jack Williams believes that Dominguez and cross-town rival Warren will be the teams to beat in S.G.V.L. play. Williams sees his team this year as "more explosive" from a season ago and "should be fun to watch."

Downey will travel to San Pedro in week one, will host Hart in week two, will host Burbank in week three, will travel to Millikan in week four and will host Chino Hills in week five. Downey will have their bye week in week six in preparation for the start of league play.

The Vikings will begin S.G.V.L. play in week seven when they travel to Lynwood, will host Warren in week eight, will host Gahr in week nine and will travel to Paramount in their league finale in week ten.

■ The Downey High School football team kicks off their 2016 season when they travel to San Pedro next Friday night.

San Pedro finished last season with an overall record of 7-5 and

were 3-2 in Marine League play. The Pirates have a new head coach this year in Corey Miller. Miller was the defensive coordinator for San Pedro last year and is now the man in charge.

Downey's strength on offense will be the play of the offensive line, quarterback and running back positions. The strength of Downey's defense will be their defensive line. Seniors Eli Garcia, Andrew Vodicka, Sebastian Martinez and Josh Cooper will anchor a defense that will be very good up front. The linebacking corps will be athletic but young and senior defensive back Michael Cabrera will lead by example in the secondary.

Coach Williams likes the chemistry of this team and is looking forward to what should be an exciting season. Downey finished last season with an overall record of 7-5 and were 4-1 in San Gabriel Valley League play. The Vikings were tri-champions last season with Dominguez and cross-town rival Warren, respectively.

The Vikings will no longer compete in the C.I.F. Southeast Division but will now compete in C.I.F. Division Four. Downey will be joined in Division Four by Dominguez as the only other S.G.V.L. school.

Paramount will now be in Division Six, Warren will now be in Division Seven, Lynwood will now be in Division Nine and Gahr will now be in Division Ten.

Downey has a preseason national rank of 4505 and are ranked 318 in California.

■ The Warren High School girls' basketball team has had a busy summer.

The girls have played in several college viewing Nike Invitational Tournaments since March and have placed fifth or higher in each. These tournaments have provided the Lady Bears an opportunity to be seen by several college coaches ranging from Division One to NAIA and have opened those doors to be able to compete at the next

level.

Warren currently has girls in correspondence with CSULB, Cal Berkeley, Biola University, Concordia, Pomona Pitzer and more.

The Lady Bears have traveled to Las Vegas and Oregon and other areas this summer and have been challenged by some of the best players on the west coast. Warren was fully sponsored by Under Armor this summer while competing.

The Lady Bears attended the EOT in Portland, Oregon, after the 4th of July. Warren finished with a record of 2-2, which was sixth out of 128 teams. The highlight of the Portland Tournament was defeating the Canadian National team.

The Warren girls' basketball program was also busy training and competing to better prepare themselves for the next level. Lady Bears attended team camps and elite camps at local colleges but also those further in distance.

The team was also able to hold their own skills and elite camps this year by inviting boys and girls to come and better their skills at Warren High School. The Lady Bears went to Doty Middle School this summer and put on a basketball clinic in the school cafeteria. The Lady Bears read a book to students called "Oh the Places You'll Go" by Dr. Seuss. That book was donated to the school library on behalf of the Warren High School girls' basketball team.

The Lady Bears are coming out of their C.I.F. mandated "Dead Period" and will begin preparing

for another huge Nike invite college viewing in September.

Warren alumni also returned to the gym to do their college workouts to stay in shape and prepare for their college seasons. The Lady Bears also sent standout athlete Janeane Hernandez off to Baker University in Kansas where she received a full scholarship to run and play basketball.

Franny Vaalu returned from Germany and will now be the head JV coach and Varsity assistant coach alongside Monterey Bay alumni and former Lady Bear Tahja Matthews. Other Lady Bears have also returned to college for another year of school and basketball. Danielle Rodriguez was able to go to China with the USA basketball team on a tour and is now preparing to play basketball overseas.

A list of fall clinics will be offered to those in the community who want to build and strengthen skills throughout the fall. Clinics will focus on individual skills as well as position work. Please contact Warren girls' basketball coach Rachel Palmer at rpalmer@dusd.net with further questions.

■ The Downey Unified School District has released the 2016-17 middle school sport's schedule. It will once again feature five rotations of different sports and will begin in mid-September and end in mid-May.

The first rotation will be football and girls' volleyball, the second rotation will be boys' volleyball and girls' soccer, the third rotation will be basketball for boys and girls and boys' soccer, the fourth rotation

will be baseball and softball and the fifth and final rotation will be boy's and girl's track and field.

Competitions will begin on Monday, September 19, with football and volleyball and will conclude on Friday, May 19, with the all-city district track and field meet at Downey High School.

Boys' football and girls' volleyball are the first rotation and feature six games for each school. On Monday, September 19, Sussman will travel to Griffiths and Doty will host Stauffer. On Wednesday, September 21, Doty will travel to Sussman and Stauffer will host Griffiths. On Monday, September 26, Griffiths will travel to Doty and Sussman will host Stauffer.

On Wednesday, September 28,

Griffiths will travel to Sussman and Stauffer will host Doty. On Monday, October 3, Sussman will travel to Doty and Griffiths will host Stauffer. On Wednesday, October 5, Doty will travel to Griffiths and Stauffer will host Sussman.

The school who has the best record at each level of competition will be declared the city champion. There will be six city championships up for grabs in the first rotation. Eighth, seventh and sixth grade football as well as eighth, seventh and sixth grade girls' volleyball.

Games will begin at 2:15 p.m., 3:10 p.m. and 4:05 p.m. for both football and volleyball, respectively. Eighth grade teams will play first followed by seventh grade and then sixth grade.

## Free after-school program for kids

**DOWNEY** - Downey's Park and Recreation Department is offering a free after-school "Playground Adventurers" program at local parks for children ages 6-12.

The program operates daily from 3-6 p.m. with outdoor activities and homework help. The program, which does not operate on school holidays, is offered at Apollo, Dennis the Menace, Furman, Golden and Rio San Gabriel parks.

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# Shared Stories: A vibrating experience

*The pitfalls of dating are a category of experience that has not changed over time. Women young and old can relate to Helen Hampton's dilemma after a lovely dinner with someone she knew from work. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns*

By Helen Hampton

Years ago in 1961, when my babies were 2 ½ years old, I was working at a small hospital in Bellflower called St. Helen's. I worked the 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. shift in the office. I was single at the time, so when one of the doctors asked me out, I decided to go.

We had a lovely dinner at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach. We talked and laughed and had a delightful evening. On the way home, he asked me if I would like to see his office with his brand-new vibrating table.

He was so proud of it, as it was very expensive and the latest thing. So I said yes, and we proceeded to his office. We went in and he turned the lights on, took my coat, and hung it on the coat tree.

He proceeded to walk me through the office, showing me the business office, the kitchen where the nurses would make coffee and have lunch, and Examining Rooms #1, #2, and #3. Then we came to the room with the vibrating table, and I exclaimed how beautiful it was. He asked if I would like to lie down on it and try it out. I said sure, why not?

When I was resting comfortably on it, he started it up. It was vibrating slowly and felt really nice. He cranked up the power and it was vibrating so much that I was flopping all over the table.

Then he tried to jump on top of me and I let out this ungodly scream and pushed him off! He got really mad, stopped the table from vibrating and curtly told me that he would take me home.

He stomped out of the room and started turning off all the lights as he went along, leaving me to find my way out in the dark. He retrieved my coat and threw it at me. We didn't speak all the way back. He let me out two blocks from my house, sped off with tires squealing, and left me to walk the rest of the way home.

Needless to say, it was a bit awkward back at the hospital whenever I would see him in the hallway or the break room. At least it taught me a lesson - never go to see anyone's office at night, especially if they have a vibrating table.

# NEWS BRIEFS: Downey Adult School student pursues life long dream



• Laura Perea was a stay-at-home mom raising four children, including one son who is wheelchair bound due to cerebral palsy.

Because of her son's profound cerebral palsy, his level of care added significantly to Perea's responsibilities as a homemaker, mother and wife; yet, this did not affect her nature to always be cheerful and ready to lend a hand to anyone who needed help.

Facing yet another hurdle, Perea's husband regrettably lost his job and the need to sell their home became evident. Upon selling their home, she decided to use the equity to invest in herself: taking the leap to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) to further provide for her family. With the help and support of her husband and family, she entered the Vocational Nursing Program at Downey Adult School (DAS).

This year-long course requires 32 hours per week of classroom instruction and clinical hands-on training; not taking into account the additional hours one devotes to study, preparing for exams and volunteer.

True to form, Perea managed her time wisely, balanced school and family commitments, and emerged as a natural leader to become her class' most valuable member.

"Laura assisted other students by participating in study groups and also helping others understand the course material," said Mariana Pacheco,

Director of Nursing at Downey Adult School. "When a student needed help, whether it was in the classroom or in their personal life, she always extended a helping hand. Laura became known as the 'class mom' willing to help others with their studies, community service and life. She was the first to say yes and the last to leave."

During the time she was a student at DAS, Perea participated in several volunteer events. During the Special Olympics, she assisted at the first aid stations throughout the city of Downey, which was a host city to Ireland; she assisted at the Care Harbor Los Angeles Health Fair and aided in many Downey Unified health related events.

Perea has successfully completed the Vocational Nursing program at DAS and is preparing to take the state exam. Completing the DAS program will put her one step closer to achieving her ultimate goal of becoming a Registered Nurse and, because DAS has a 96% Completion, Placement and Licensure rate, soon she will be a LVN in the State of California.

Once Perea obtains her LVN, she wishes to work with elderly patients in a skilled facility or clinic where she can continue to help others in need.

• The Sky Knight helicopter program, the nation's first helicopter law enforcement patrol program that services the cities of Cerritos and Lakewood, recently added two Robinson R-44 helicopters to its fleet.

The newly acquired Robinson helicopters will replace the current Sikorsky 300C helicopters. The R-44 is larger, faster and can carry more specialized equipment than the previous Sky Knight helicopters.

The R-44 is now equipped with a FLIR thermal imaging system, which allows an operator to monitor body heat from the air, and a moving map system to help with navigation.

Established in 1966 and based at the Long Beach Airport, the Sky Knight helicopter program is a unique

and proven law enforcement tool that provides quick response to crimes in progress, conducts routine aerial patrols of the City and enhances field officer safety.

The City of Cerritos currently partners with the City of Lakewood for Sky Knight services. The City of Cerritos paid an estimated \$139,000 for its cost of one of the new R-44 helicopters, and pays approximately \$250,000 a year for its share of services. Participation in the Sky Knight program reduces the City of Cerritos' reliance on the Sheriff's Aero Bureau helicopter, which must respond daily to calls in numerous cities and unincorporated areas throughout Los Angeles County. Whereas a response from the Aero Bureau could take 10 to 15 minutes or more, Sky Knight can respond to calls in the Cerritos area in two to three minutes.

"It was an honor to recently join with other local government officials and members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Sky Knight program," remarked Cerritos Mayor Pro Tem Naresh Solanki. "The innovation, success and dedicated service of Sky Knight throughout the years have played a significant role in preserving public safety and ensuring a high quality of life for our community."

Retired NBC Universal executive Paula Williams Madison discusses her powerful memoir "Finding Samuel Lowe: From Harlem to China" at 6 p.m. on Monday, August 22 in the Cerritos Library Skyline Room. The free event is open to the public.

Raised in Harlem by their Chinese Jamaican mother, Madison and her brothers embark on a journey to trace their ancestral roots. In a true rags-to-riches tale, from welfare recipients to wealthy entrepreneurs, Madison's book is a personal account of the challenging search for her maternal grandfather, which takes her and her siblings to Jamaica and China. "Kirkus"

reviews described the book as "A well-structured memoir told in brief, punchy vignettes alternating between past and present."

The 88-minute video of "Finding Samuel Lowe: From Harlem to China" will be screened before the author's talk. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event.

Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

• CineMark will be showing free movies with \$2 concessions this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free movies include "Shrek," "Kung Fu Panda 3," "Home," "How to Train Your Dragon 2" and "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted."

The free movies are part of CineMark's "Community Day." In addition to \$2 concession items, rafiki bracelets will be sold for \$3, with proceeds benefiting WE Charity.

• The Second Tyme Around Thrift Shop in downtown Downey has received a large donation of buttons.

The shop, which is operated by the Assistance League of Downey, is selling bags of buttons for \$1 per bag.

Buttons have already been donated to a group who make button dolls for foster children and the Arc for its arts and crafts program.

The thrift shop is located at 11026 Downey Ave. Proceeds generated the thrift shop support the Assistance League's philanthropy.

• Downey police officers will be at the Starbucks located at Imperial Highway and Paramount Boulevard on Wednesday, Aug. 31, starting at 6 p.m. to chat with residents.

The event is designed to bring residents and police together for an informal, friendly discussion over a cup of coffee.

"We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers," said Police Chief Carl Charles. "These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships. There has never been a more important time for Coffee with a Cop than right now. This program will bring our community together and help heal our nation and make us stronger."

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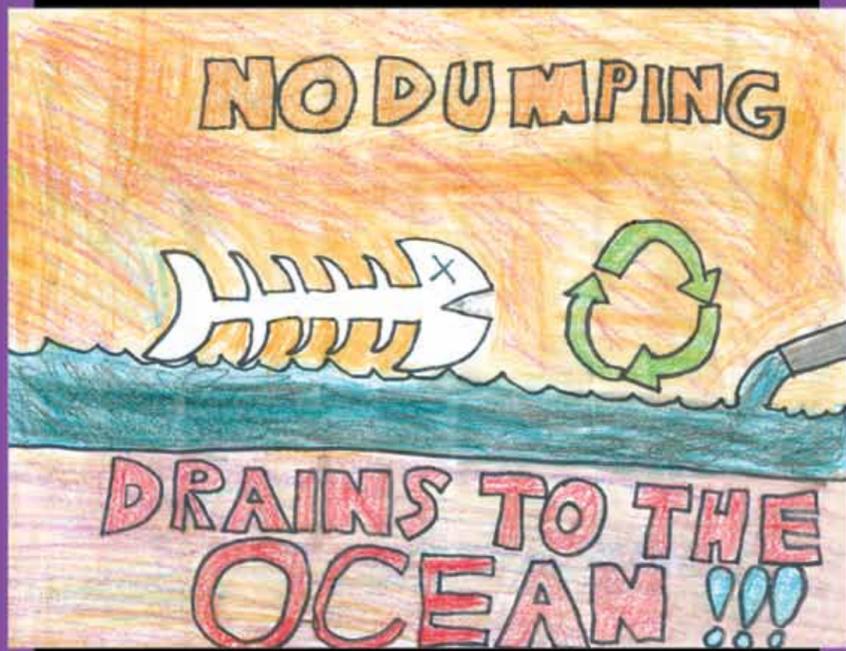
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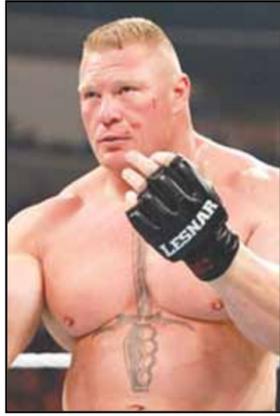
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## SummerSlam Preview: Brock Lesnar vs. Randy Orton



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# Videos surface of a death in custody the LAPD didn't want released

By **Topher Sanders**  
ProPublica

LOS ANGELES — Early on the afternoon of June 4, 2012, Vachel Howard was handcuffed to a bench inside the Los Angeles Police Department's 77th Street Station Jail. He was 56 years old, and had been taken into custody for driving while intoxicated. The grandfather of seven had been strip-searched, and his shirt still hung open. Howard told the officers present that he suffered from schizophrenia. Police suspected he was high on cocaine.

Less than an hour later, Howard was pronounced dead at Good Samaritan Hospital, just miles from the jail. He had been released from the handcuffs, but later subdued by half a dozen officers after he became, by their testimony, "violent and combative." A coroner eventually listed three contributing causes of death: cocaine intoxication, heart disease, and a chokehold employed by one of the officers.

Two years of litigation followed before, in October of 2015, the city of Los Angeles agreed to pay Howard's family \$2.85 million to settle a wrongful death claim.

The legal fight included dozens of depositions and competing medical opinions and claims of responsibility, all of them publicly filed in federal court in Los Angeles. What never became public, however, were 30 minutes of video showing Howard's death inside the 77th Street Station Jail — recordings of a sequence of events that had enraged a family and cost Los Angeles taxpayers nearly \$3 million.

The tapes — recorded by two fixed cameras in the jail — had been filed with the judge in the case, S. James Otero, but when ProPublica requested the footage, Otero's clerk said he was unsure if the judge still had it, and that the judge's practice was not to make such material available to the news media. The police department denied a request for any video and the city attorney's office said it didn't have the footage.

ProPublica has now obtained copies of the tapes, and is publishing them in the interest of establishing a more complete public record of a controversial and costly death. [The videos can be viewed at ProPublica.org] The videos offer compelling evidence of how Howard died and how police and medical personnel at the jail responded to Howard's needs in the aftermath of an ultimately deadly jailhouse struggle.

The videos capture Howard in an agitated state on the station house bench. They show the officers shooting him with a Taser while simultaneously tackling him to the ground. For four minutes, six officers are either on top of or surrounding Howard, handcuffing his hands and feet. One officer is atop him, with a knee in his back. Another, at least briefly, can be seen with his arm around Howard's neck and shoulders. Officers and medical personnel slowly come to realize Howard is in distress. Four different people perform CPR over nine minutes. Finally, emergency medical personnel arrive and work on Howard for another eight minutes. Howard is then wheeled to an ambulance and police tape is used to cordon off the station house floor.

ProPublica contacted Howard's daughter and her lawyer. Tushana Howard said her father had struggled with drugs for years, but that he did not deserve to die that night in the jail. V. James DeSimone, Tushana Howard's lawyer, was more blunt.

"Mr. Howard posed no threat whatsoever," said DeSimone. "He was down on the ground, six officers on top of him, no guns in the nearby vicinity executing a chokehold where there was no threat to the officers or to anybody else. It's out of policy, it's unlawful, and in this case it's murder."

Officials with the police department and the city attorney's office would not comment. Neither agency admitted to wrongdoing as part of the settlement. The officer accused of using the chokehold, Juan Romero, was suspended for 22 days. Prosecutors decided not to pursue a case against Romero. In court filings, the police said Howard had tried to bite Romero and defended the officer's actions.

"Given what were indisputably tense and rapidly evolving circumstances, Officer Romero's decision to apply an upper body hold on the decedent was justified," the filing said.

The five-member board that reviewed the fatal encounter between Howard and the police was established in the 1920s. Known as the Board of Police Commissioners, it sets policy for the department and recommends discipline of officers. On April 16, 2013, it reviewed the Howard case and subsequently issued an 18-page summary of its findings. Its detailed analysis noted that some things might

have been handled differently — the decision to remove the handcuffs from Howard among them — but determined that, as a matter of policy, only Romero's chokehold amounted to a violation.

Video recordings have played a central role in heightening the nation's attention on deadly interactions between the police and the public. They have surfaced in Chicago and New York, North Charleston, S.C., and Cleveland. Some of the videos have served as grim vindication for black communities whose allegations of police misconduct are often met with skepticism, and whose calls for the punishment of offending officers often go unsatisfied. For their part, the police have argued the disputed episodes are isolated, and some officials have even claimed that the making and sharing of videos have hurt law enforcement's efforts to fight crime.

Video images such as those involving Howard's encounter with the LAPD have rarely been seen by Californians. Since the late 1970s, California law has specifically authorized police agencies to keep material involving real or alleged police misconduct secret from the general public. But the question of what police owe the public has been given fresh context as the LAPD moves to become the largest police department in the country to routinely outfit its officers with body cameras. The department so far has said it has no plans to make footage readily available to the public, even after deadly incidents.

The events that led to Howard's death began with a traffic stop. Officers had seen Howard's car swerving,

crossing a center divide and nearly striking a car in oncoming traffic.

According to his family, Howard had made money restoring old cars and working with his father's lawn service. He had a history of drug use, but his daughter, Tushana, said she had years ago drawn a line with him. If he was to have a relationship with her children, she said, he would have to kick the drugs. Tushana said her father appeared to make good on the deal.

"He said his family was more important, and he wanted to be there for my kids," she said.

Tushana Howard said she was surprised to learn her father had cocaine in his system the day he died. Still, she made clear, his relapse hardly warranted his death.

"Someone's past doesn't determine who they are in the present and people shouldn't assume the worst," she said.

Howard's initial arrest, however, did not go smoothly, involving a car chase and a tense standoff with officers, one of whom wound up drawing his weapon. Howard had driven off after the initial stop, and according to the commission's report, officers worried that he had reached under the driver's side seat for a gun when he again came to a halt. Howard eventually got out of the car and was handcuffed. The two arresting officers noted Howard was sweating profusely, that his speech was repetitive, and that he seemed paranoid, but there was no further drama in the patrol car as they transported him for evaluation and booking.

At the jail, Howard was strip-searched, during which an officer said Howard described himself as a paranoid schizophrenic and indicated that he had not recently been taking his prescribed medication. On one video — there is no accompanying audio for either tape — Howard and several

officers can be seen returning to the jail lobby after the search. Howard appears to have been told by an officer to sit on a bench. He sits down and is handcuffed to the bench. He appears agitated and moves constantly while on the bench, turning from left to right and gesturing at officers.

Howard sits on the bench for about 90 seconds before an officer begins to unshackle him. At that point, another officer, Maryann Bunag, enters the camera's view and un-holsters her stun gun. Howard, who still appears to be talking to officers, is escorted out of the camera's view. Court records state that Howard was being taken to see a nurse in the dispensary. Howard and the officers are off camera for about 90 seconds.

The report by the board of commissioners said officers claimed Howard became uncooperative and refused to be assessed by a nurse. He was, the officers said, verbally abusive, and had advanced toward the nurse, prompting her to scream. One officer described Howard, 5-foot-8, 247 pounds, as having been foaming at the mouth during the earlier strip search.

What followed was an extended wrestling match, one that spilled back into the camera's view. Four officers can be seen grabbing at Howard's waist and legs. A Taser was employed five times, according to the commission's report. The officers said Howard was unfazed, often swearing and once removing the Taser probes from his body. The officers reported that at least twice they themselves were exposed to the Taser's electrical charge.

Once Howard is on the ground, a fifth and sixth officer join the fracas. It is then that Romero alleges Howard tried to bite him. The officers told the commission they feared for their lives.

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# LAPD: Officer receives 22-day suspension after jailed man's death

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Romero said he applied the hold for only five seconds. He said Howard did not lose consciousness, and that he let go of Howard’s neck once another officer got on top of Howard and put a knee into his back.

Officers eventually handcuff Howard and bind his feet. Officer Richard Fox, 6-foot-3, 230 pounds, then puts his knee into Howard’s back and keeps it there for about a minute in order to maintain control, and because, he said in a deposition, he was utterly exhausted.

Howard is visibly motionless. One officer uses his feet to move Howard’s feet, but there is no visible response from Howard. About 40 seconds later, a nurse, Irene Rowe, responds to calls from officers and peers over Howard. She walks away to retrieve her stethoscope.

While Rowe is retrieving her stethoscope, officers can be seen laughing and smiling. It is unclear what prompts the chuckling or what is said. When Rowe returns about 50 seconds later she appears to have a hard time assessing Howard because he is lying on his side or stomach. The officers then roll Howard over on his back.

Another 20 seconds pass. Rowe couldn’t hear Howard’s heart, she testified.

He wasn’t breathing. Fox makes a 911 call on the radio for an ambulance.

Rowe then begins her first compressions on Howard’s chest, nearly 4 minutes after he was first visibly motionless. The resuscitation effort is interrupted momentarily to allow officers to roll Howard on his side so they could undo his handcuffs and foot restraints. Medical staff and officers, including Romero, spend the next nine minutes compressing Howard’s chest until paramedics arrive. He was never revived. The coroner found hemorrhages and fractured cartilage in Howard’s neck.

Howard, who was affectionately called Big Duck by friends and family because of the way he walked, was laid to rest on June 16, 2012 in Inglewood, California. A number of restored late-model vehicles and their owners were present in tribute at Howard’s funeral. His family filed their lawsuit in March of 2013, asserting that Howard was the victim of abusive treatment and unnecessary use of deadly force in the form of a chokehold.

Across the months of legal sparring, lawyers for the department and the city cited Howard’s obesity, health history and state of delirium as critical to his death. One officer described Howard as super human, akin to the cartoon character the Hulk.

The family said through its lawyer that it had no knowledge of any mental health history for Howard. They blamed the chokehold, and argued that the officers and nurses failed to render aid to Howard in a timely fashion.

“They’re noticeably laughing on the video when they’ve essentially just killed a man and he’s lying at their feet,” said DeSimone, the lawyer for Howard’s daughter, of one moment in the episode.

The LAPD declined requests by ProPublica to speak with the officers involved.

The Board of Commissioners that reviewed the incident included two former U.S. Attorneys, including one who had investigated the infamous Rodney King beating, as well as a civil rights leader and law school dean. Its report offers a detailed chronology, from the traffic stop through Howard’s departure for the hospital from the jail. The board notes that the officers initially failed to broadcast a required alert during the chase, but determined that the circumstances made that understandable. It noted that re-handcuffing Howard after he had been freed from the jail bench “would have been tactically prudent,” but did not amount to a policy violation. It faulted an officer for how she holstered her Taser, but found its repeated use to have been reasonable.

Only Romero was sanctioned in any way. The board noted Howard was on the ground in a controlled position with five officers on top of him and two others monitoring. It said Howard’s attempt to bite Romero did not equate to a deadly threat and did not require the chokehold.

“Given the totality of the circumstances,” the board wrote, “the BOPC found that a detention officer with similar training and experience as detention officer A, while faced with similar circumstances, would not reasonably believe that the subject’s actions presented an imminent threat of serious bodily injury or death. The BOPC found detention officer A’s use of lethal force to be out of policy.”

The penalty was a suspension of 22 days. Romero was soon back on the job.

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S/ CHARLES TIV, PARTNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 8, 2016 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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

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The Downey Patriot 8/11/16, 8/18/16, 8/25/16, 9/1/16

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016191202

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LA DRIENNA, 10619 SAN JOSE AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JULIO CESAR SEGURA, 10619 SAN JOSE AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ JULIO CESAR SEGURA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 1, 2016 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot 8/4/16, 8/11/16, 8/18/16, 8/25/16

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016203125

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RYAN VIRAMONTES MUSIC (2) RYAN VIRAMONTES PRODUCTIONS, 7244 LYNALAN AVE., WHITTIER CA 90606, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RYAN VIRAMONTES, 7244 LYNALAN AVE., WHITTIER CA 90606

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2016

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ RYAN VIRAMONTES, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 15, 2016 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot 8/18/16, 8/25/16, 9/1/16, 9/8/16

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016186504

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DIPIETRO PIZZERIA, 6303 ATLANTIC AVENUE, SUITE 56, BELL CA 90201, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RUGGIERO & RUANO INC, 11543 RICHEON AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2016

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ RUGGIERO & RUANO INC, VICE PRESIDENT, HUGO ERNESTO RUANO  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 26, 2016 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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

The Downey Patriot 8/11/16, 8/18/16, 8/25/16, 9/1/16

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016196366

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PROJECT IMPACT, 2640 INDUSTRY WAY SUITE G, LYNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PROJECT IMPACT INC, 2640 INDUSTRY WAY SUITE G, LYNWOOD CA 90262

State of Incorporation: (1) CA This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ PROJECT IMPACT INC, CEO, MATTHEW R. HARRIS  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 5, 2016 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot 7/28/16, 8/4/16, 8/11/16, 8/18/16

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016181922

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BEAUTY PLUS, 8527 ALONDRA BLVD., STE #133, PARAMOUNT CA 90723-5460, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) HONG NHIUNG NGUYEN, 9761 SAINT ANDREWS AVE., WESTMINSTER CA 92683

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 07/2016

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ HONG NHIUNG NGUYEN, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 20, 2016 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot 8/4/16, 8/11/16, 8/18/16, 8/25/16

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016189139

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SENOR DE LA BARBA, 10355 LAKEWOOD BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KARMA MADE BEAUTY INC, 10403 LAKEWOOD BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241

State of Incorporation: (1) CA This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ KARMA MADE BEAUTY INC, PRESIDENT, CYNTHIA BELTRAN  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 27, 2016 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot 8/11/16, 8/18/16, 8/25/16, 9/1/16

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016196366

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PROJECT IMPACT, 2640 INDUSTRY WAY SUITE G, LYNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PROJECT IMPACT INC, 2640 INDUSTRY WAY SUITE G, LYNWOOD CA 90262

State of Incorporation: (1) CA This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

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S/ PROJECT IMPACT INC, CEO, MATTHEW R. HARRIS  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 5, 2016 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot 8/18/16, 8/25/16, 9/1/16, 9/8/16

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016183154

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AXIS YOYOS, 5535 PEABODY ST, LONG BEACH CA 90808, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAMES REED, 5535 PEABODY ST, LONG BEACH CA 90808

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ JAMES REED, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JULY 21, 2016 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot 8/4/16, 8/11/16, 8/18/16, 8/25/16

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016195363

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NO PROBLEM PLUMBING AND ROOTER, 11976 ARKANSAS ST, ARTESIA CA 90701, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANDREW TEJEDA, 11976 ARKANSAS ST, ARTESIA CA 90701

State of Incorporation: (1) N/A This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2016

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ ANDREW TEJEDA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 4, 2016 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A New Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot 8/18/16, 8/25/16, 9/1/16, 9/8/16

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2016184085

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HASSELFREE-HANDYMAN, 13928 FAÇADE AVE., PARAMOUNT CA 90723-2107, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1



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**The Downey Patriot**  
8/11/16, 8/18/16, 8/25/16, 9/1/16

## GOVERNMENT

**NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**  
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 17-05 SLURRY SEAL PROJECT AREA "B"**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 1, 2016 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for Capital Improvement Project No. 17-05 Slurry Seal Project Area "B".

The work to be performed under the Contract generally consists of application of Slurry Seal to existing pavements of various residential streets throughout the southeast quadrant of the City. The work involves crack sealing, applying emulsified slurry; replacing pavement markings and implementing traffic control. The work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 17-05.

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

**BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 17-05.** Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him in accordance with the terms of his bid, promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, and liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract. Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure, Section 995.313. Callers to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3900 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor, C-32, "Parking and Highway Improvement Paving Contractor," or C-12, "Earthwork and Paving Contractor."

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 17725.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice including but not limited to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

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

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

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

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

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

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would not allow

time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

**CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA**  
Adria M. Jimenez, CMC  
City Clerk

**The Downey Patriot**  
8/11/16, 8/18/16

## NOTICES

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: VS029128

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Ronald Mei filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Ronald Mei to Proposed name (1) Jayden Mei THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: September 21, 2016, Time: 1:30 pm, Department C, Room 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, California 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT July 25, 2016 Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per Jinglyng Mei 1415 Lancelwood Ave Hacienda Hts. CA 91745 (626) 327-8802

**The Downey Patriot**  
7/28/16, 8/4/16, 8/11/16, 8/18/16

**JUSTICE COURT, LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP Clark County Nevada**

Lois M Bell, Plaintiff(s) vs. J&M Enterprises, Damon Patterson, John Morin, Defendant(s) CASE NO. 16C008191 JCE DEPARTMENT 3

**SUMMONS**  
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is set forth below, an Answer to the Complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this Summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.**

If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 20 days after this Summons is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following:  
a. File with the Clerk of the Court, whose address is shown below, a formal written response (Answer) to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court. A \$71.00 filing fee is required, or you must file an Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* and request a waiver of the fee. (You may obtain forms and information at the Civil Law Self-Help Center located in the Regional Justice Center or at its website at <http://www.civilawselfhelpcenter.org/>)  
b. Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney whose name and address is shown below.

"Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon application of the Plaintiff, and this Court may enter a judgment against you for the relief demanded, which could result in the taking of money or property or other relief."  
If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney, you should do so promptly so that your response will be timely.

**DEPUTY CLERK:** A. Griffin  
04/26/2016  
Justice Court, Las Vegas Town Regional Justice Center 200 Lincoln Avenue PO Box 55251 Las Vegas, NV 89155-2511

**Jason Weiland, ESQ 12127 WELLS FARGO TOWER 3800 HOWARD HUGHES PKWY STE 1400 Las Vegas NV 89169 702-667-4803**

**APPROPRIATE COURTROOM ATTIRE AND SHOES ARE REQUIRED, NO SHORTS, HALTER TOPS, TANK TOPS, FOOD OR DRINK ARE PERMITTED.**

1 Notwithstanding the above, the State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board members, commission members, and legislators, each have 45 days after service of this Summons within which to file an Answer to the Complaint.

2 Where service of the Summons is made by publication, the Summons shall, in addition to any special statutory requirements, also contain a brief statement of the object of the action substantially as follows: "This action is brought to recover a judgment for a sum in excess of \$2,525.00, due and owing," or as the case may be. (JCRCP4(b)).

The Causes of Action against the Defendants are: Breach of Contract; Breach of the Implied Covenant of Good Faith and Fair Dealing; Unjust Enrichment; Breach of Express Warranty; Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability; Breach of Implied Warranty of Fitness for a Particular Purpose; and Alter Ego/Pierce the Corporate Veil.

**The Downey Patriot**  
7/28/16, 8/4/16, 8/11/16, 8/18/16

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: VS029189

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jessie Jene Marcum filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Jessie Jene Marcum to Proposed name (1) Jessie Jene Sharpe THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: October 5, 2016, Time: 1:30 pm, Department C, Room 312  
The address of the court is 9455 Klinedale Ave, 9455 Klinedale Ave, Downey 90240  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT August 5, 2016 Margaret M. Bernal

Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per **Jessie Jene Marcum** 9455 Klinedale Ave Downey CA 90240 (505) 410-2790 Marcum.jessie@gmail.com

**The Downey Patriot**  
8/11/16, 8/18/16, 8/25/16, 9/1/16

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: VS029118

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Magdalena Ortega, Jacob Ortega filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Jacob Xander Sanchez to Proposed name (1) Jacob Xander Ortega THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: September 7, 2016, Time: 1:30 pm, Department SE-C  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, Norwalk, California 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT July 21, 2016 Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per Magdalena Ortega Jacob Ortega 7724 Botany Street Downey, CA 90240

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7/28/16, 8/4/16, 8/11/16, 8/18/16

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: VS029104

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Bryanna Olivest Wilson by her mother Maria Elena Campos nee Chavez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) Bryanna Olivest Wilson to Proposed name (1) Bryanna Mary Campos THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: September 7, 2016, Time: 1:30 pm, Department C, Room 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, California 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT July 18, 2016 Margaret M. Bernal Judge Of The Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per Bryanna Olivest Wilson by her mother Maria Elena Campos nee Chavez 9815 Elmeria Hwy #1 Downey, CA 90242 (323) 309-3437 Diem0ndt0uch@hotmail.com

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## PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SOPHIE LOUISE MCCOY**  
Case No. 16STPB02385

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SOPHIE LOUISE MCCOY A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by RALPH LEWIS, SR. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RALPH LEWIS, SR. be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 15, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 111 located at 111 N. HILL STREET, 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 the 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.

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8/4/16, 8/11/16, 8/18/16

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LACY L. MAYFIELD**  
Case No. 16STPB03006

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LACY L. MAYFIELD A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Christy L. Mayfield in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Christy L. Mayfield be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 20, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 99 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:**  
**JAY D. FULLMAN, ESQ.**  
SBN 93955  
**JAY D FULLMAN**  
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800 S BEACH ST STE A  
LA HABRA CA 90631  
CN928121 BSC213925 Aug 18,25, Sep 1, 2016

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7/28/16, 8/4/16, 8/11/16, 8/18/16

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JOHN ROGER ZAVREL**  
Case No. 16STPB03121

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOHN ROGER ZAVREL A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Spencer Johnson in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Joann Johnson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 7, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 99 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.

**Petitioner:**  
**Spencer Johnson**  
**SPENCER JOHNSON**  
23980 HOLLINGSWORTH DR  
MURRIETA CA 92562  
CN928106 ZAVREL Aug 18,25, Sep 1, 2016

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SALVADOR LANDEROS MARES**  
Case No. 16STPB02933

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SALVADOR LANDEROS MARES A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MICHAEL ROGGE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MICHAEL ROGGE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 14, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 29 located at 111 N. HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES 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 the 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.

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## TRUSTEE SALES

Trustee Sale No. : 0000004621520 Title Order No.: 140170431 FHA/VA/PMI No.: NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/18/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER, BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/23/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2856105 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: FRANCISCO J. RUIZ AND MARIA RUIZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924a(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). DATE OF SALE: 09/08/2016 TIME OF SALE: 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA CA, STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 9564 BROOK PARK ROAD, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90240 APN#: 6388-032-005 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$313,370.29. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that the risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-938-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case 0000004621520. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: NATIONWIDE POSTING & PUBLICATION A DIVISION OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY 916-938-0772 [www.nationwideposting.com](http://www.nationwideposting.com) BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFO OBTAINED HEREON IS NOT TO BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER & WEISS, LLP as Trustee 20955 Pathfinder Road, Suite 300 Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (866) 795-1852 Dated: 08/02/2016 NPP0288495 TO : DOWNEY PATRIOT 08/11/2016, 08/18/2016, 08/25/2016

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T.S. No. 035305-CA APN: 6388-033-003 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to CA Civil Code 2923.3 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 9/12/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 8/31/2016 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/2/2007, as Instrument No. 20072257432, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JAIME GRADO AND MARICELA GRADO HUBBARD/WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON 9/15/2016 AT 9:00 AM. CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 3/18/2008, as Instrument No. 20080461636. The subject Deed of Trust was modified by Loan Modification recorded as Instrument 2014091110 and recorded on 01/28/2014. of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: JESUS MANUEL AVALOS AND EVA AVALOS, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: VINEYARD BALLROOM, DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES - NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, NORWALK, CA 90650 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14802 DARTMOOR AVENUE NORWALK, CALIFORNIA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$260,717.66. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 035397-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (800) 280-2832 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117

and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14408 SEAFORTH AVE NORWALK, CA 90650. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$260,717.66. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 035397-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (800) 280-2832 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive Suite 200 San Diego, California 92117

YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08/31/2016 at 11:00 AM, The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 10/12/2006, as Instrument No. 06 2266978, in book xx, page xx, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California, executed by Elisa Mazan, a Married Woman, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States). By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State, described as: FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE DEED OF TRUST, APN 6229-010-001. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10819 Old River School Road, Downey, CA 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$507,656.50. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused a Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Dated: 8/8/2016 THE MORTGAGE LAW FIRM, PLC Adriana Rivas/Authorized Signature 41689 ENTERPRISE CIRCLE NORTH, STE. 228, TEMECULA, CA 92590 (619) 465-8200 FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 714-730-2727 The Mortgage Law Firm, PLC may be attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained may be used for that purpose. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727

for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site -www.servicelinkASAP.com- for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case: 126882. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. A-FN4586129 08/11/2016, 08/18/2016, 08/25/2016

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee Sale No. 0000005443247 Title Order No.: 8575712 FHA/VA/PMI No.: APN #: 6259-021-033 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY APPLIES ONLY TO COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR, NOT TO THIS RECORDED ORIGINAL NOTICE. NOTICE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/26/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. BARRETT DAFFIN FRAPPIER TREDER AND WEISS, LLP, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 01/09/2007 as Instrument No. 20070041279 of official records in the office of the County Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, EXECUTED BY: NANCY SHARRETT, AND STUART SHARRETT, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS TENANTS IN COMMON, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by California Civil Code 2924(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the

United States). DATE OF SALE: 09/12/2016 TIME OF SALE: 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: BY THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED AT 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766. STREET ADDRESS and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12527 1/2 DOWNEY AVE, DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA 90242. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$457,132.71. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that

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# 10 tips to becoming a knowledgeable renter

■ **RENTING:** A few simple tips can save you money and headaches down the road.

By Nathaniel Sillin

On the hunt for a new apartment? A move can be an exciting opportunity to explore a new area or meet new people. However, competitive rental markets can make it difficult to find a desirable place on a budget.

Keep these ten tips in mind to manage the process like a pro. They'll help you stand out from the crowd, get a good deal, enjoy the neighborhood and manage your rights and responsibilities as a renter.

**1. Talk to Other Tenants.** Speak with current or past renters to get a sense for the building and landlord. Ask about the neighborhood, noise, timeliness with repairs and any other pressing questions. Consider looking for online reviews of the

landlord as well, and research the neighborhood.

**2. Upgrade Your Application.** Go beyond the basic application requirements and include pictures, references, credit reports and a short bio about yourself and whoever else may be moving in. Try to catch the landlord's eye and show that you'll take care of the property. You can order a free credit report from each bureau (Equifax, TransUnion and Experian) once every 12 months at AnnualCreditReport.com.

**3. Understand Your Lease.** The lease may list the rent amount, terms of the security deposit, guest policies and other crucial details. Read it carefully and ask questions if you don't understand something. State laws regarding rent control or other regulations can impact your situation as well. If you can afford one, you could hire a lawyer to review and explain the lease.

**4. Negotiate the Terms.** You can't always negotiate lower rent

(it's worth trying), but there may be flexibility when it comes to the security deposit, parking spaces, administrative fees, or the lease's length.

**5. Learn Your Rights.** Protect yourself by learning about your rights as a renter. They can vary by state, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has a directory with links to tenants' rights websites for each state.

**6. Do a Walkthrough.** Walk through the apartment with the landlord, look for damages and document anything you find. You'll thank yourself later when you move out and ask for your full security deposit back.

**7. Consider Renters Insurance.** Renters insurance costs about \$15 to \$30 a month for a policy that covers \$50,000 worth of losses. It reimburses you if your belongings are stolen, damaged or destroyed by a covered cause, such as a fire. The

insurance also helps pay for legal fees if, for instance, someone sues after getting injured at your home.

**8. Make Your Own Repairs.** Prior to signing the lease, ask if you can take on some of the maintenance responsibilities in exchange for reduced rent. You could offer to handle and pay for basic upkeep, such as replacing lights or smoke detectors, and making minor repairs.

**9. Pay Attention to Bills.** Evaluate which bills you'll pay in addition to the rent, such as gas, heat, water, electricity, trash, Wi-Fi or parking. A more expensive apartment that includes these can

save you money overall.

**10. Talk to Your Landlord.** Hiding financial trouble helps no one. Talk to your landlord and ask for an extension if you can't make rent. Good tenants can be hard to come by, and your landlord will likely prefer open communication and a late check to being left in the dark.

**Bottom Line:** Being an informed renter is especially important in

a competitive rental market. Take simple steps to improve your rental and money management skills and you'll benefit for years to come.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs.

# L.A. County property values increased 5.58% last year

Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Prang has released the 2016 Los Angeles County Assessment Roll, which reflects the value of all taxable property in Los Angeles County.

The 2016 Assessment Roll reveals a 5.58% increase in value. The gross assessed value for the County reached \$1.391 trillion, and the net taxable value after exemptions (charitable, homeowners, disabled, etc.) is a record \$1.336 trillion, \$70.619 billion greater than 2015.

"The 2016 Assessment Roll provides a comprehensive view of the strength of the Los Angeles real estate market," said Prang. "The Roll

illustrates that in the last year, every city in Los Angeles County recorded an increase compared to 2015. I am pleased to report the 5.58% increase for assessed property values in Los Angeles County represents the sixth consecutive year of growth."

The 2016 Assessment Roll consists of 2,365,869 taxable real property parcels, 309,253 business property assessments, 45,778 boats, and 3,109 aircraft.

Transfers of real estate (e.g., sales) were the largest contributor to the Assessment Roll increase at 2.97%. Additional contributors to the growth of the Roll include decline-in-value restorations

(0.51%) and new construction (0.51%). The annual inflation-adjusted trend (also known as the Consumer Price Index) added an additional 1.32% to the Roll.

From 2007 through 2010, the economic recession and the corresponding real estate market decline resulted in consecutive annual Assessment Rolls decreases. However, the 2011-2015 Assessment Rolls reflected increases of 1.36%, 2.20%, 4.66%, 5.47%, and 6.13% respectively. With 5.58% growth, the 2016 Assessment Roll continues this upward trend and market recovery.

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The lot is almost 16,000 sq ft  
and has a guest house.  
LIST PRICE \$1,199,950

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**CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION!**  
4 BD, 2.5 BA, 2,313 sq. ft.,  
remodeled kitchen open to  
family room, formal dining room,  
sun room & 2 car detached garage.  
LIST PRICE \$699,000

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**HOME SWEET HOME!**  
Large 3 BD, 4 BA, 2,560 sq. ft. home in  
Cherokee Estates on a quiet cul-de-sac on  
a 9,305 sq. ft. lot. Home has formal dining  
room, large family room, enclosed patio  
and master bedroom.  
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**HOP, SKIP & A JUMP TO SCHOOL**  
3 BD, 2 BA home near Gauldin Elementary  
The home has a spacious living room &  
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**LARGE LOT WITH POTENTIAL**  
4 BD, 2 BA home on a cul-de-sac location  
in NW Downey. The home has 2,445 sq. ft.  
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2 car garage and bonus room.  
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