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## Mario Trujillo raises \$125K in race for City Council

■ Mario Trujillo outraised all other candidates by far as he seeks to replace Alex Saab on the City Council.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** — Downey City Council candidate Mario Trujillo has outraised that of all other candidates by nearly \$100,000, according to recently filed mandated financial disclosures.

The disclosures provide a good look at who is supporting council hopefuls and where exactly campaign funds are coming from.

The most recent filing deadline came last week on Sept. 24.

### District 5

Trujillo, who is campaigning for the citywide District 5 seat to replace Alex Saab, has surpassed all others in fundraising by a huge margin, specifically outraising his most prominent opponent Carrie Uva by more than \$100,000.

Trujillo, a deputy district attorney, has raised \$135,526 (including a \$10,000 loan he gave to himself) and spent \$64,286, according to the disclosures.

Uva, an attorney and realtor, has raised \$27,849 and spent \$10,736 for her campaign.

### District 1

Incumbent mayor Blanca Pacheco has outraised her opponent, Alexandria, Contreras, by a 3 to 1 margin.

Pacheco raised \$38,340, mostly from residents and businesses in Downey and surrounding areas.

Contreras has collected \$11,993. Her campaign contributors include eight Downey residents or businesses and 14 from the San Francisco area or out of state.

District 1 covers southeast Downey, roughly south of Stewart & Gray Road and east of Brookshire Avenue.

### District 3

Candidate Eric Pierce has raised \$24,366 and spent \$14,833. His contributions came primarily from within Downey, including some well-established community figureheads.

Catherine Alvarez has received \$3,248 from donors, including \$139 in non-monetary contributions.

A majority of her donations – \$2,414 – came in donations of less than \$100, which do not need to be reported with names attached.

District 3 encompasses northwest Downey, roughly north of Firestone Boulevard and west of Downey Avenue.

## Who is funding the candidates?

### Mario Trujillo

- \$2,005:** Henry Trujillo
- \$2000** Yvonne D. Aceves, Fred Balderrama, Blanca Rubio for Assembly 2020, Jonathan Calderon, California Real Estate PAC, Champion Chrysler Jeep, Exxel Termite Co., Ober Jacobs, Frank Jimenez, Jennifer Jimenez, McGregor Law Corp., Ricardo Perez, Leticia Rivas, Henry Salcido, Efferem Sanchez, Sotoelo Holdings LLC, Donna Vasquez, Vasquez for Downey Council 2014, Armando Villegas
- \$1500** Alireza Balali, California Mortgage Group, Cumex Inc., Geragos & Geragos, Olivarez Madruga Lemieux O'Neill, LLP, Howard Price, Sicat Law
- \$1100** Craig Thigpen
- \$1000** AltaMed Action Fund State PAC, E – Recycling of California, Joel Garcia, Guerra Law, Guerra Law Firm, Jose A. Gutierrez, Steffeny Holtz, Honor PAC, Brian Hurwitz, Vinod B. Jivrajka

- Kamla Hotels, Law Office of Jesse A. Arana, Law Office of Miguel Duarte Inc., Law Offices of Glaser, Damone & Schroeder, Law Offices of Timothy E. Nilan, Eduardo Olivo, Paramount Resource Recycling Provider Service Network, James Segall – Gutierrez, The Law Offices of Alexis Saab, Vincent Tucci
- \$999** Gaucho Grill
- \$750** Matias Flores Law Firm, Irma Moisa, Judith Ojeda
- \$500** Francisco Aldana, Robert Alvarado, Seymour Amster, Arnarchy Library, Inc., ASM Premier Consultants, Mirian Avalos, Azelea Park Inc., Bayona Law Group, Keith Bowman, Octavio Chaidez, Siannah Collado, Cristina Garcia for Assembly 2020, Downey Hospitality Group Inc., Alfred Fraijo, Garvil Gabriel, Michael Goldstein, Joseph F. Iniguez Jr., Jefferey D. Kent, Michael Kraut, Las Palmas Supper Club, Law of Brandon C. Roesler, Law Office of James Mendez, Law Office of Jimmy Cha, Law Office of Martha R. Dahdah, Law Office of Steve Lopez, Law Offices of Christopher J. McCann

- \$404** Bernardo De La Torre
- \$350** Law Office of Tomas D. Requejo, Mariana Torres
- \$325** Arturo Carmona
- \$300** Charles Frisco, Claudia Meza, The LBC Law Firm
- \$250** Paul A. Aguilar, Attorney Bruce Loren Karey, Sergio Baez, Bail Bonds Clinic, Michael R. Balmer II, Beauty Ala Carte, Carol Chen
- Stephen Chu, Margarita Corona, Andrea Corrales, Leslie Davis, Louis Del Rosario, Mary Ann Escalante, Martha Escutia, Alison Estrada, Michael M. Felix, Garcia Law Group, Marc Gibbons, Jacob Glucksman, Ana Clarisa Gonzalez, Carl Gottis, Douglas Haubert, Hutton & Khalaf, Jefferey Fredrick Sklan, DBA Jeffery Sklan, Roy Jimenez, Samuel Kosh, Law Office of Juanita Kay, Law Office of Steve Cortez, APC, Isaias Martinez, Juan Navarro

- Brenda Olmos, One Call Bail Bonds, Randy Parraz, Narandra Patel, Sharad Patel, Marqia Rabb, Christopher Ramos, Jorge Rodriguez, Luis Rodriguez, St. Lucia Eye Center Medical Corporation, The Amitim Group LLC, The Infinity Group, The Law Offices of Robert Ernenwein, PC, The Rodriguez & Salam Law Group, PC, David Vela, Nelson Villanueva, Patricia Zamora, Zavala Law Firm, PC
- \$208** Viole Blu Studio Inc.
- \$200** Anthony Arzili, Victor Avila, I Mark Bledstein, Matthew Bunnett, Andres Carrasco, Collazo Chiropractic, Ludlow Creary, Robert Ernenwein, Douglas Haubert, Kirt Hopson, Claudia Hugar, Law Office of Jaclin Awad, Damon Hobby, Law Offices of Humberto Guizar APC, Victor M. Rodriguez
- \$150** Jay Chung, Serena Murillo, Andrew E Rodriguez
- \$104** Baltazar Martinez
- \$100** Janeth Arias, Noreen Barcena, Gilbert Berriozabal, Edna Brisenio, Mark Borwn, Samuel R. Brown, David Canas, Scott Carbaugh, Richard Chacon, Alfred A. Coletta, Lesley Cruz, Ana Cubas, Jonathan Franklin, Gallardo for City Council 2020, Anthony Garcia, Lance M. Filer, Michael Fong, Danny Gonzalez, Raymond Hamada, Robert M. Helfend, Roberto Hernandez, Luz Herrera, Glen Kiyohara, KMR Entertainment LLC

- La Amapola Inc, Kimberly La Salle, Law Office of Sharon Babakhan, Jennifer Lumsdaine, Joseph Lumsdaine, Eduardo Martinez, Marie Maurice, Mimmosa LLC, Edwin Najera, Steve Najera, Mary Ann Nasser, Nicholas C. Okorocho Attorney at Law, Javier Perez, Jerry Ruiz, Louis Shapiro, Sergio Tapia, Ariel Tellez, The Miller Law Firm (Christopher Miller), The Most Program Inc, Kalsoom Tremazi, Uribe & Uribe APLC, Lorena Vasquez, Rosie Verdugo, Robert L. Villa

### Carrie Uva

- \$2000** Mel Berdelis, California Real Estate PAC
- \$1500** Ronald Kolar
- \$1000** Raquel Avila, Dominic Sarabia, Dave Masone, Jeff Wolf, Penelope Watson, David Golban, Aria Shafiee, Lupe Lynn Martinez
- \$750** Tim Hucherson
- \$650** Jim Bakolas
- \$500** Manny Frias, Tony Mastroianni, Certified Roofing Inc., Dimitrios Spathopoulos, Lizeth Velasquez, Vicki Spearman, Chris Gabriel, John Taormina, Cal Met Services, George Cervantes, Jimmy Roberts, Joseph's Bar and Grill, GTW Law
- \$400** Christina Davilas, Lenora Perri

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Mario Trujillo



Carrie Uva

**Weekend at a Glance**

Friday 95°

Saturday 91°

Sunday 88°

### ON THIS DAY OCTOBER 1

- 1903:** The visiting Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Boston Americans 7-3 in the first World Series game.
- 1908:** Henry Ford introduced the Model T automobile to the market; each car cost \$825.
- 1939:** Winston Churchill described the Soviet Union as "a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma" during a radio broadcast.
- 1961:** Roger Maris of the New York Yankees hit his 61st home run of the season, breaking the record Babe Ruth set in 1927.
- 1962:** Johnny Carson debuted as regular host of NBC's "Tonight" show.
- 1971:** Walt Disney World opened in Orlando, Fla.



Disney World opened 49 years ago.

- 1982:** Sony began selling the first commercial compact disc player in Japan.
- 1993:** Polly Klaas, 12, was abducted from her Petaluma, Calif., home during a slumber party and murdered. (Her case inspired California's three-strikes law.)
- 2008:** A \$700 billion financial industry bailout won lopsided passage in the Senate, 74-25, after it was loaded with tax breaks and other sweeteners.

- Notable Birthdays** Former President **Jimmy Carter** turns 96. English actress and singer **Julie Andrews** turns 85. Academy Award winning actress **Brie Larson** turns 31. Actor and comedian **Zach Galifianakis** turns 51. Baseball hall of famer **Rod Carew** turns 75.



President Jimmy Carter turns 96.

- Notable Deaths** **Tom Clancy**, the prolific suspense novelist who wrote 17 best-selling books, many of which were turned into movies, died on this date in 2013 of heart failure. He was 66. **E.B. White**, the author behind "Charlotte's Web" and "Stuart Little," died in 1985 of Alzheimer's disease. He was 86. **Walter Annenberg**, a billionaire businessman, investor and philanthropist, died in 2002 at age 94.

# How the candidates are being financed

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**\$350**  
Peter Politis

**\$300**  
Lorraine Lee

**\$250**  
Sigfredo Revuelta  
Peter Fiala  
Steve Lopez  
Steve Roberson  
Dorothy Pemberton  
Downey Escrow  
Elizabeth Dominguez  
Jack and Cheryl Purcell  
John Lacey

**\$200**  
Patricia Duenas  
Guadalupe Arce  
David Alvarez  
Esther Brossmer  
David Aniel  
Andrew Wolf  
Jeffrey Allensworth  
Maria Fernandez  
Sharlene Ortega

**\$100**  
Allen Kelly  
Christine Peterson  
Alicia Censi Corso  
Linda Bouffard  
Pat Gonzalez  
Donald Braybant  
Theresa Flores  
Michael and Helen Castillo  
Anthony Cousimano  
Hipolito Abundis  
John Casillas  
Armando Aguilar  
Bruce and Patty Leach  
Betty Monroy  
Cindy Kovach  
Sara Jane Davis  
Grissel Chavez

**Blanca Pacheco**

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Tim Hutcherson  
Champion Chrysler Jeep  
Nationwide Environmental Services  
Olivarez Law Group Inc  
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Jason C. Robers  
Trading Post  
Simon Simonian  
Jason Roberts  
Jerry Brown  
Penske Toyota  
Alejandro Ortiz  
Aria Shafiee  
CalMet Services Inc.  
BizFed Pac #1305594  
Blue Sky Pac #1408992  
Lynn Lupe Martinez  
Firoozeh Shakeri  
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Committee #890106

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Blanca Valenzuela

**\$500**  
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John Kelly  
Downey Exterminators Inc.  
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Downey Hospitality Group  
Azelea Park Inc.  
Matias Flores  
La Amapola Inc.  
Robert Sievers  
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RMI International Inc.  
Paramount Resource Recycling Inc.  
E-Recycling CA  
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PAC#1380598  
Rios Butchery Inc.  
Edward Scheeberger

Fuel for You Inc.  
Joumana Abboud

**\$300**  
Jerry Knoles  
Dimitrios Spathopoulos  
Angeli Investments  
Jose Tello

**\$255**  
Chris Garcia

**\$250**  
Jorge Rodriguez  
Gallatin Dental Group  
Tifanie Joudeh  
Zavala Law Firm PC  
Robert Colangeli  
Janet Paredes  
Davidds-Wright Consulting Group  
Inc.

**\$200**  
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David Vasquez  
Honor PAC C/O Committee #1278587  
Sergio Vasquez  
Nolveris Frometa  
Manuel Salas  
Margaret Garcia  
Sonny R. Santa Ines  
Efficient Lighting and Electric

**\$150**  
Claudia Valenzuela  
Pedro L. Rivera  
Roberto Martinez  
Meredith Perkins

**\$125**  
Coquese Mayfield  
Lleana Ulloa  
Suzzette Casillas  
Efferem Sanchez

**\$100**  
Joanna L. Peterson

Paul Aguilar  
John Casillas  
Ruben Estrada  
Zina Pepaj  
Carlos J. Martinez  
Ellis White  
Janeth Arias  
Kandy K. Grzebyk  
Michael Chirco  
Raymond Y. Hamada  
Cindy Kovach

**Alexandria Contreras**

**\$1000**  
California YIMBY Victory Fund

**\$900**  
Gloria Bennet

**\$827**  
Kyle Kelley

**\$500**  
Kevin Ezeh  
Disa Lindgren

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Jeffrey Hodges

**\$250**  
Ash Kalra  
Candace Seu  
Andrew Sutherland  
Armand Domalewski

**\$200**  
Hava Bazz  
Scott Simmons  
Nicholas Burns III

**\$180**  
Aaron Eckhouse

**\$151**  
Joanna Contreras

**\$127**  
Rachel Stevens  
Tori Bazz

**\$100**  
David Watson

Andy Freeland  
Arjun Kolachalam  
Vincent Jones  
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Ernie Powell  
Josh Albrektsen  
Paavo Monkkonen  
Jake Malott  
Rachel Bracker  
Richard Gallon  
Alex Fisch  
Jake Highleyman  
Gregory Crowder  
Mark Owens  
Anthony Contreras  
Javier Juanillo  
Enrique Fernandez  
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Oscar Perea  
Helen Lee  
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**Eric Pierce**

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Dan Fox  
Mia Vasquez  
John Lacey

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Sergio Vasquez  
Carmen Pierce

**\$100**  
Jim Derry  
Joanna L. Peterson  
Patricia Heineke  
Hector Sosa  
John Casillas  
David Gonzalez  
Edwin Huber  
Raul Riesgo  
Jeff Allensworth



**Catherine Alvarez**

**\$500**  
Leticia Vasquez-Wilson

**\$100**  
Blanca Alvarado  
Carlos Aniloar

*Note: Some candidates reported no campaign contributions, including Dalejuan Peevy (district 3), Juan Martinez (district 5) and Arturo Gonzalez (district 5).*

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# School board candidates mostly agree during virtual forum

■ Candidates for Downey school board took turns sharing their thoughts on local education issues.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** — Downey Unified School District board of education hopefuls shared their thoughts, opinions, and goals on a varying range of topics during a candidates' forum held on Tuesday evening.

The event was hosted on Zoom through a partnership between The Downey Patriot and the Downey Chamber of Commerce. It was moderated by Patriot editor Eric Pierce.

Eight candidates across four trustee areas fielded questions on various topics, including but not limited to COVID-19 response, police presence on campus, abolishment, social issues, and graduation rates.

Four trustee areas -- 2, 3, 4 and 6 -- are up for grabs in November.

Trustee Area 2 is currently sought by Cathy Ballon-Godinez, Angie Rademaker and Jose Rodriguez.

In District 3, incumbent Giggy Perez-Saab looks to defend her seat against opponents Carlos Avalos and Ethan Matthew Rodriguez.

Trustee Areas 4 and 6 are already decided, due to candidate Linda Salomon and incumbent D. Mark Morris running unopposed. While it was made clear early on in the presentation that the contested races would be more of the focus, both Salomon and Morris were allowed to participate.

When asked what grade candidates would give the district in regard to its COVID-19 response, most candidates responded with some form of an "A."

One of those individuals involved directly in the district's COVID-19 response was incumbent Saab.

"There's always a little bit of room for improvement, but again, this is a pandemic; nobody has ever encountered this kind of situation before," said Saab. "I'm extremely proud of our district, proud of our teachers, proud of our students, proud of our administrators, but above all proud of our students..."

"I've been working with our return to school committee since April, trying to make sure that when we do return to school, that we are prepared...with the proper equipment, and the proper personal protection for all of our staff and students."

The only candidate not to give an A was one of Saab's opponents, Avalos, who gave a grade of B+.

"Being a parent of a child here in the district, I think it is an unprecedented time," said Avalos. "Yes the district did react just like many other districts..."



Linda Saldana will join the Downey school board later this year after running unopposed.

but I believe they were a little bit slow in response with the instructional package, especially the younger ones -- the one still learning penmanship, learning how to write."

"I do believe we need to provide more support to our instructional staff, our classified staff, and all of our students, especially special needs students."

On police, all candidates voiced approval for the continued relationship between DUSD and the Downey Police Department.

Godinez said that officers make parents, students, and staff "feel safe."

"With so much craziness that is out there right now, we are fortunate to have them right there," said Godinez.

[Jose] Rodriguez said that it was important for students to know why officers were on campus while also fostering relationships.

"Building relationships with the police, I think it's important to just maintain the consistency -- if possible -- with the officers that go onsite, if you're able to develop a good relationship with the student," said Rodriguez.

Candidates were also faced with the prospect of abolishment of the district, which some former students have called for after allegations of sexual misconduct and discrimination have arisen over the last few months.

While no candidate agreed with the calls to abolish, there was a strong mutual stand against the alleged activity.

[Ethan] Rodriguez called abolishment "a pretty extreme sentiment to express," however said it was expressed in "reaction to some pretty serious circumstances."

"What it is is an expression of frustration with a system that has continued to allow these kinds of teachers to penetrate our school system," said Rodriguez. "I think first and foremost what needs to occur is we take a very

strong look at what it is we are doing as far as employment goes and take extreme preventative action, because if no change is occurring, then next time -- God forbid -- that happens, then those sentiments are going to come back tenfold. Then, we'll have to answer for what we have not done to help out the victims."

Rademaker called for partnership between parents, students, counselors, psychiatrists, and teachers.

"We need to unite, and we need to listen to our students; not take it like, 'Oh, there's no problem,'" said Rademaker. "We want our students to feel safe, and we want our parents to feel safe about sending their students to school."

Avalos potentially dropped the biggest bombshell answer of all candidates.

"I believe that as a district, we should do more to engage with our parents and those students, reach out to them...they felt that disconnect," said Avalos. "As a product of Downey Schools...I personally did not receive any of those attacks or discriminations against me, but I do have friends that did feel discriminated against. So, it's been a long, I would say, kind of tradition in the district. So, I do feel for those students, and as a board member I would reach out to them and our superintendent and make sure we're listening and opening up...to make sure that everyone does have a voice within the district."

All candidates also supported implementation of curriculum that addressed social justice and equality issues.

Saab said that this was a topic that was "very important in today's world with everything going on." She specifically highlighted the recently formed Human Relations Council.

"The Human Relations Council has been meeting regularly over the last few months to address these concerns, and to develop best practices to respond to the needs of all of our students," said Saab.

She added that curriculum should be "age appropriate and include learning outcomes."

[Ethan] Rodriguez expressed opinions that implementation of inclusive curriculum was the first step to solving social justice issues.

"Racism, discrimination, intolerance, they all begin in an environment of ignorance," said Rodriguez. "I believe that setting our kids up with a strong foundation of what it means to be an American and what it means to be proud is a vital step towards getting toward a situation where we don't have to think about these kinds of things."

"But we have to start

addressing them; we have to acknowledge that they do exist, and we have to start teaching it to our kids, so that way we can get to a point in the future where it's not as big of a problem."

Several candidates voiced opinions that parents should be kept aware of the topics and materials being presented in the curriculum.

[Jose] Rodriguez said that the district should collect input from all major stakeholders.

"I think it's important to get some feedback so we can get some buy in moving forward," said Rodriguez.

Rademaker said that she wished parents would be

informed.

"Get them involved; let them know what's happening," said Rademaker. "I want to see the district, the parents, whoever else we need to involve so that parents aren't shocked when they hear about the books that they're reading to [students]."

The event closed with questions from the virtual audience, and closing statements.

The forum can be viewed on the Downey Patriot's Facebook page.

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# Ricky Galvez killers gets decades in prison

**DOWNEY** — Two Montebello men were sentenced last week for killing Downey Police Officer Ricardo Galvez in the police station parking lot five years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Steven Knott, 23, was sentenced to 50 years to life in state prison, while Jeremy Anthony Alvarez, 26, was sentenced to 30 years to life in prison.

In March, Knott pleaded guilty to one count each of first-degree murder and attempted robbery with the personal use of a firearm for

the killing of Galvez, 29. Alvarez pleaded guilty to one count each of second-degree murder and attempted robbery for the officer's murder.

The defendants also admitted an attempted murder in Montebello in October 2015, a take-over robbery of two victims at a Bellflower cell phone store and a street robbery in Paramount shortly before the murder of Galvez on Nov. 18, 2015.

Knott also was convicted of shooting at a dwelling in South Gate in September 2015.

The pair admitted multiple firearms enhancements and allegations that the crimes were committed in association with members of a criminal street gang.

Galvez, a former U.S. Marine who served two tours of duty in Iraq and a five-year veteran of the Downey Police Department, was dressed in plain clothes after working with the department's K-9 team when he was fatally shot as he sat in his personal car in the police station parking lot, prosecutors said.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorneys Michael Blake and Mary Murray of the Crimes Against Peace Officers Division.

**In Memory of**



**Helen Jean Wright**

**December 17, 1925 - September 17, 2020**

Helen Jean Wright was placed on this earth in a farmhouse near the small town of Jefferson, Iowa on Dec 17, 1925. The daughter of Daniel and Rose Witter was born prematurely and not expected to live. To keep her warm, her loving parents placed her in a shoe box on the open door of their wood-burning stove. Helen remained on the farm throughout her youth and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1943. She briefly moved to San Diego with her husband, but returned to Iowa with her first son, Gregg, after a short-lived marriage. In early 1951, she married Donald Dean Wright and moved to the Downey home where they would live for the next 67 years.

In late 1951, Helen gave birth to Larry and in mid-1954 to her only daughter, Dana. With young children at home, Helen was an excellent homemaker, excelling in cooking, sewing and general housekeeping. She especially enjoyed sewing and arts & crafts. As the children got older, Helen worked as a yard supervisor at Downey Elementary School for one year. She also volunteered to be the Team Mom and scorekeeper for Larry's DJAA sports teams for several years.

In the late 1960's, Helen was hired by Bank of America as a teller. She worked at the Downey Main Branch in various positions for some 20 years before retiring. She enjoyed her job immensely because, as she told her family, she met many interesting people that she came to know well.

Helen was a generous supporter of the Downey Center for Spiritual Living for over 30 years, and served on its Board, including as President.

Helen's travels included a month-long tour of Europe, an Alaskan cruise, a trip to Colorado which included a tour of ancient cliff dwellings, a trip to Branson, MO which included a tour of regional caverns, and a trip to Massachusetts which included a tour of historic sites. During their Golden Anniversary, Helen & Dean were to cruise the Hawaiian Islands but were stuck on board off Oahu due to the 9/11 attack. Daniel, their son-in-law and native of Oahu, hosted a second trip to Hawaii a few years later, during which Helen and Dean greatly enjoyed meeting Daniel's family, and seeing the sites.

As she aged, Helen suffered from severe pain in nearly all her joints. Two operations to replace her knee failed, and arthritic hips, shoulders and spine caused enormous pain. Yet, she endured the pain gracefully, often joking that "the only things that don't hurt are my eyelids." With every bill she paid, she wrote on the check in the memo section, "Life is Good!" She was quick to laugh at jokes, and always enjoyed family gatherings and the company of others. She was a loving mother, a patient wife, and a loyal, trustworthy friend.

Very suddenly and without warning, God took Helen away from us on Thursday, Sept. 17, three months before her 95th birthday.

Helen is pre-deceased by all her siblings (John, Ruth, and Lois). She is survived by Dean, her husband of 69 years, her daughter Dana (Daniel Naone), son Larry (Alicia), grandson Victor, son Gregg Durlam (Diana) from a previous marriage, and their sons Daniel & Michael. Helen also had numerous nieces and nephews. She is bereaved by many, many others.

Services are currently scheduled for Oct 2 at the Downey Center for Spiritual Living but, due to the Coronavirus, invited attendance is required to be extremely limited. Condolences can be mailed to: D.D. Wright, P.O. Box 4999, Downey CA 90241. Donations can be sent to the Downey Center for Spiritual Living at 10000 Paramount Blvd., Downey CA 90240 or on their website.

**Purple Heart recipient Bradley Hasty mourned**

**DOWNEY** — Downey resident Bradley Hasty died Sept. 18.

He was born Oct. 16, 1947. A Vietnam veteran, he was a recipient of a Purple Heart and other combat medals.

He is survived by Bruce, Scott, Jason and Krista.

Hasty was featured in a 1969 Downey newspaper while he was serving a tour of duty in Vietnam.



**VIETNAM 'REALTOR'** — Army Specialist Four Bradley Hasty, of Downey, poses a "For Sale" sign on a bunker he and his comrades have just completed for the battalion commander of the 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, Spec. Hasty is a marfarman with a 4.2 mortar platoon near Tay Ninh.

**LOADING** — Specialist Four Bradley Hasty of Downey drops a 4.2 inch high explosive mortar round down the tube. Spec. Hasty is serving a tour of duty with the 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 25th Infantry Division in Tay Ninh Vietnam.

**Free virtual legal fair set for Oct. 24**

**DOWNEY** — The Southeast District Bar Association and Cerritos College are hosting a free virtual legal fair for members of the community on Saturday, Oct. 24, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Volunteer attorneys will provide information and free 30-minute consultations in different areas of law, including: employment, criminal defense, traffic, family law, personal injury, workers' compensation, estate planning, civil, immigration, landlord/tenant, and others.

Consultations will occur over the phone. Potential clients must complete a brief application to register for the event, and attorneys and participants will then be paired and notified of their appointment times beforehand.

To register, email [sedbainfo@gmail.com](mailto:sedbainfo@gmail.com) for a link to the application, or for more information, call (562) 888-1534.

**Downey students make Dean's List at Biola**

**DOWNEY** — More than 1,500 students were named to the Biola University Dean's List in spring 2020, including 11 students from Downey.

Biola students are placed on the dean's list to honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2.

The Downey students included Joseph Awada, Hanna Choi, Joshua Choi, Leony Concepcion, Christopher Garcia, Lydia Kim, Kaillyne Lopez, Alexandra Rapalo, Anali Rodriguez, Jamie Sanchez, and Stephanie Sifuentesjj.

"Inclusion in Biola University's Dean's List is reserved for students who demonstrate exceptional performance in their academic studies. This honor signifies hard work, engagement, and investment in scholarship," said Tamara Anderson, Associate Provost of Academic Effectiveness and Administration. "These attributes are the building blocks of continued success, not only in the classroom, but in the workplace and in the student's personal lives. We celebrate these students and their achievement, looking forward to their future accomplishments."

Biola University is a nationally ranked Christian university in La Mirada. It was recently recognized as one of America's best colleges, earning a spot in the top tier of the "best national universities" category of U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges 2021 rankings.

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# The picture of a broken tax system

By the New York Times Editorial Board

In the years before he became president, Donald Trump lived lavishly while paying little in federal income taxes. The Times reported on Sunday that Mr. Trump paid no taxes in 10 of the 15 years immediately preceding his run for the White House. In each of the following two years, 2016 and 2017, he paid the token sum of \$750.

Remove Mr. Trump's current job from the picture, and what remains is a story that still demands attention. The portrait of a man who earned hundreds of millions of dollars, lived a life of comic excess and yet, in many years, paid nothing in federal income taxes is an indictment of the federal income tax system. It illustrates the profound inequities of the tax code and the shambolic state of enforcement.

The government has sharply reduced the share of income that it collects in taxes from the wealthiest Americans. One recent study found that the 400 wealthiest households paid 70 percent of their total income in federal, state and local taxes in 1950, 47 percent in 1980 and 23 percent in 2018. The cuts in tax rates have come mostly at the federal level.

The government allows income to be sheltered from taxation for hundreds of different reasons, but real estate investors have long enjoyed a particularly sweet set of loopholes. A homeowner can write off the interest payments on a mortgage loan, but the owners of commercial buildings get a host of other benefits, too. It's relatively easy for real estate investors to use past losses to offset income, to defer income and to avoid reporting some kinds of income. Best of all, the law lets investors claim a building is depreciating in value — a theoretical loss of money — even as the actual value increases.

"I love depreciation," Mr. Trump said during the 2016 campaign.

Moreover, the formidable complexity of the tax code makes it difficult to tell when wealthy taxpayers have crossed legal lines. For

the rich, taxation often becomes a kind of structured negotiation between the taxpayer's experts and the government's experts.

It's not a fair fight: The rich keep getting richer, while the Internal Revenue Service keeps getting smaller. Republicans in Congress have slashed funding for the I.R.S., stripping the agency of expertise, resources and authority. The number of I.R.S. auditors has fallen by one-third since 2010. The government employs fewer people to chase deadbeats than at any time since the 1950s.

The share of all tax returns subject to an audit declined by 46 percent from 2010 to 2018, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Astonishingly, the decline was even steeper for millionaires — the audit rate fell 61 percent over the same period.

Legend has it that the bank robber Willie Sutton said that he robbed banks because that's where the money is. The I.R.S. has been reduced to going where the money isn't. As ProPublica has reported, the government now audits lower-income households that claim the earned-income tax credit at roughly the same frequency as high-income households. It's easier for the depleted agency to pick on people who can't afford to hire expensive tax attorneys.

The result? On current trends, the federal government will fail to collect \$7.5 trillion in taxes over the next decade — about 15 percent of the total amount owed.

Cracking down on rich tax cheats is law enforcement. It is a basic function of government to ensure that people are playing by the rules. Tax cheating is not a victimless crime. Every dollar hidden from the government is that much less money to spend on education, roads and research. The rich are benefiting at the expense of everyone else.

It would be relatively easy to start collecting some of that money. The Congressional Budget Office estimated in July that adding \$40 billion to the I.R.S. budget over the next decade would yield \$103 billion in otherwise uncollected federal income taxes.

The methodology of that estimate is extremely conservative, as Natasha Sarin, an assistant law professor at the University of Pennsylvania, and Lawrence Summers, an economics professor at Harvard, noted in a July paper. Dr. Sarin and Dr. Summers estimated that fully restoring I.R.S. funding, and modernizing collection techniques, would allow the government to collect \$1 trillion of the unpaid taxes.

Strict enforcement should start with the president, to show that no American is above the law.

Mr. Trump claimed a tax refund of \$72.9 million in 2010, according to the Times report; the government paid the claim, and then opened an investigation. If Mr. Trump loses, he could owe the government more than \$100 million in repayment, interest and penalties. It should not take federal authorities more than a decade to determine whether Mr. Trump has paid the full amount he owes. The government must move urgently to resolve this question.

When Mr. Trump and his Democratic opponent, Joe Biden, took the stage for their first presidential debate Tuesday night, both men should have been asked what steps they will take to ensure that all Americans pay the full amount they owe.

And Congress should restore every penny of funding stripped from the I.R.S. since 2010 — plus whatever is necessary for the agency to perform its critical work.

Paying taxes is a civic duty, and the government needs the money. Most Americans try to pay what they owe, even if they wish they owed less, and they take comfort in the assumption that most of their neighbors are conducting themselves in the same way.

Americans deserve to know that the president has paid his taxes, too.

# Can the U.S. survive the 2020 election?



By Steve Chapman

At the 2004 Democratic National Convention, a little-known state senator from Illinois electrified the crowd with a speech proclaiming our fundamental unity. "There's not a liberal America and a conservative America; there's the United States of America," Barack Obama declared.

Four years later, he campaigned for president promising that we could overcome our differences. His election offered evidence that he was right. His presidency, however, proved that he was wrong.

Obama was a cautious centrist, but conservatives vilified him as a foreign-born socialist who hated white people. When Obama finished his second term, his approval rating among Republicans was just 14% — compared with 39% for Bill Clinton when he left. Obama gave way to Donald Trump, the Niagara Falls of divisiveness.

Under him, our ideological, cultural and racial cleavages have gotten deeper and more unbridgeable. The overlooked question is: Can the United States survive this election?

In his new book, "Break It Up: Secession, Division, and the Secret History of America's Imperfect Union," leftist journalist Richard Kreitner expresses doubt that the country can hold together, or should. As he notes, English colonists came here to separate themselves from their rulers. Our revolution amounted to the

colonies' secession from the British Empire.

The concept of splitting off is as American as the Fourth of July. The high point of separation sentiment came after Abraham Lincoln's election in 1860, resulting in the Civil War. But New England states contemplated leaving over the War of 1812. And though the South was forced to stay, it fiercely resisted federal interference in race relations for a century — achieving an autonomy just short of independence.

In 1970, the Russian dissident Andrei Amalrik wrote a book titled, "Will the Soviet Union Survive Until 1984?" At the time, the idea of a giant superpower disintegrating sounded like a fantasy. But it eventually came true.

Countries like Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia have also broken apart. Britain is leaving the European Union, and Scotland could push to leave Britain. It would be folly to think the United States is immune to these forces. In fact, Kreitner writes, "disunion has been one of our only truly national ideas."

For decades, the threat posed by the Soviets served to unify us. The 9/11 attacks did the same. But today, the need to stand together for self-defense is less compelling.

Some of Obama's foes talked about seeking a political divorce. In 2009, Texas Gov. Rick Perry said: "We've got a great union. There is absolutely no reason to dissolve it. But if Washington continues to

thumb their nose at the American people, you know, who knows what may come out of that?" After Obama was reelected, a Huffington Post poll found that 22% of Americans — and 43% of Republicans — would be inclined to support their own state's secession.

That sort of talk is still around, but it's moved leftward and westward. After Trump's 2016 victory, a poll found that 1 in 3 Californians supported what is known as "Calexit." As if to encourage the idea the Golden State is alien territory, Trump has attacked it at every opportunity. He conducts himself as though he were the president only of the red states.

If Joe Biden wins, the urge to flee will subside in California. But what about GOP states? The Texas secessionist movement would get a big boost, which would stimulate similar efforts in other Southern states. If Trump voters saw the election as fraudulent, some of his supporters would see extreme measures as obligatory.

Who can forget the sight of armed protesters entering the Michigan capitol to protest the Democratic governor's stay-at-home order? Trump stoked the flames last year, tweeting that if he were impeached and removed, "it will cause a Civil War like fracture in this Nation from which our Country will never heal."

But there is also the possibility that Biden will lose — to the despair of Californians and inhabitants of other deep blue states. The protests and violence that have occurred in recent months would undoubtedly expand. Trump's reelection would be taken as the final proof that those who reject him have nothing in common with much of America.

The bonds that hold Americans together have frayed, and what happens on Nov. 3 may do additional damage. No nation lasts forever, and ours won't be the first. This election won't be the end of the United States. But it could be the beginning of the end.

Steve Chapman blogs for the Chicago Tribune.

## Wildfires

Dear Editor:

Why doesn't Gov. Newsom transfer just a few dollars from the \$77 billion bullet train (which has only built about 44 miles) and buy a few new pieces of firefighting equipment?

Larry Arellano  
Norwalk

## Law and order

Dear Editor:

When the news media reports on the riots and civil unrest in Portland, Oregon and Kenosha, Wisconsin, they keep mentioning this lady named Lawn Norder.

Who is she? Does anyone know?

Jack Russell  
Downey

## Problems with Raising Cane's

Dear Editor:

We live in the condos located on Woodruff opposite Stonewood. There used to be a Jack in the Box on the corner where Raising Cane's is now located.

It was quiet then. Ever since Raising Cane's has been open, it has attracted crowds of people who not only come for the food but to gather in their cars. These particular cars are equipped with illegally modified exhaust systems.

How do we know that? Because every weekend from the afternoon to the early morning (Raising Cane's is now open until 3 a.m.), these people rev up the engines until they start to backfire, and then they race around Woodruff, Firestone and Lakewood. This has been going on for over two years.

We have contacted the police, Raising Cane's, the mayor, our councilman, and Stonewood, asking Stonewood to block off parts of the parking lot to limit their ability to do "circles." Anyone looking at the parking lot and now our street can clearly see the circles which involve lots of screeching tires.

It's very hard to understand why this continues when there is a whole vehicle code section which talks about mufflers, exhaust systems and the penalty for illegal noise. It seems the enforcement of this code section is about as important as complaining about the weather — you can talk about it, but you can't do anything about it.

We have complained to Raising Cane's and they expressed a desire to improve the situation and even hired a guard to tell people making noise that if they continue to make noise, they will not be served.

There is also one more thing going on there of concern. There are children dropped off there at night who go car to car selling candy. Where are the parents? Where do they get the candy? Is this some type of abuse of the children? Does anyone care?

When this situation continues in spite of our many efforts, the only conclusion that comes to mind is that there is some reason nothing is being done. We want to know why nothing is being done to put a stop to this continuous infringement upon our rights to peace.

Why aren't our rights important enough to be protected? Why do we pay taxes and these people don't have any consequences?

Marie Saale  
Downey

## Third world country

Dear Editor:

It is not surprising to learn that President Trump refuses to promise to accept the results of the November presidential elections because he got elected by imitating the actions of banana republic former President Abdala Bucaram of Ecuador who was the first to claim that a certain part of his anatomy was bigger than the one of his opponent and to realize that the bigger a lie the more believable it is.

Giving his slipping poll numbers, I expect the President to continue using third world politics and tactics and fake an assassination attempt on his life to gain sympathy.

If that fails and he loses the election, he will declare that he found fraud and will refuse to step down and will order the Army to keep him in power. If he succeeds, he will have become another "caudillo" a la Somoza in Nicaragua or Trujillo in the Dominican Republic.

He will then have completed his goal of making the US a third world country.

Jorge Montero  
Downey

## Stolen sign

Dear Editor:

So, once again, I am writing to our newspaper to thank whoever admired something at my home so much that they wanted it for their own.

My "All Lives Will Matter When Black Lives Matter" sign sat front and center in my yard until a day or two ago.

My advice for you is that the next time when something is jealously admired, please ask the homeowner where it can be purchased, as I did some months ago.

Susan Bouris  
Downey

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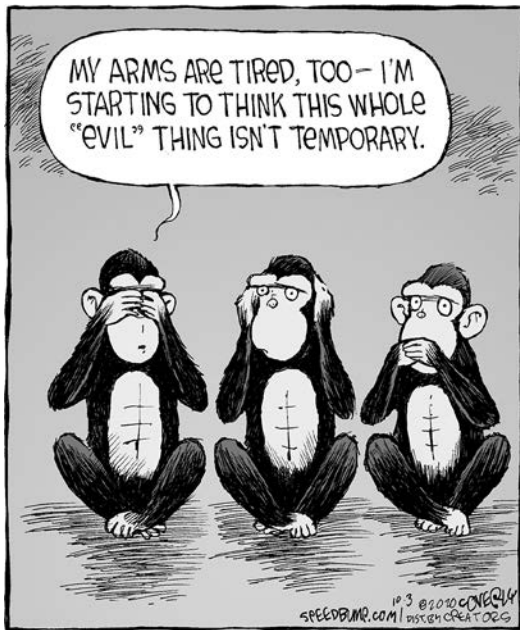
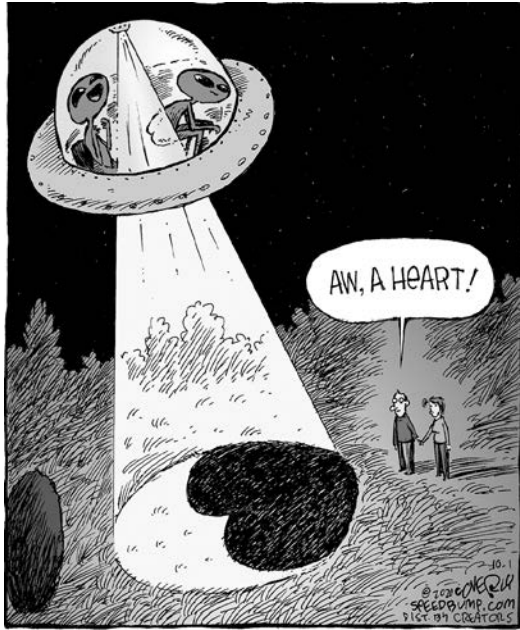
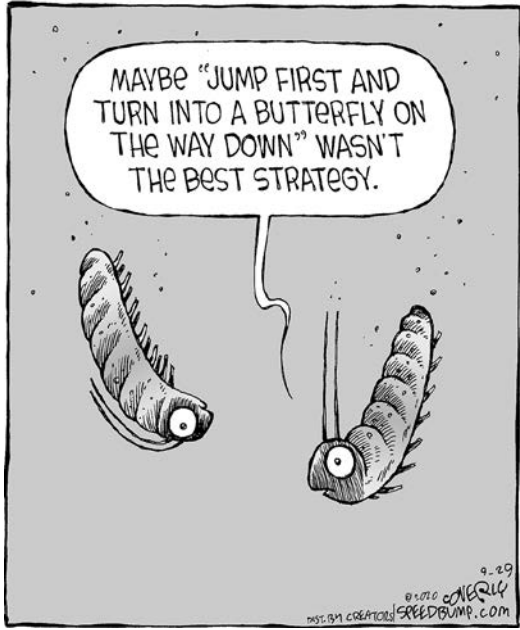
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## Downey Community Calendar

### CITY MEETINGS

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.  
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.  
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.  
 3rd Tue., 6:30pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.  
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462.  
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task Force, at City Hall.

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.  
 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.  
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 310-386-8112.  
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 4th Mon., 7:30 pm: Downey Numismatists, at Downey Retirement Center, call 862-6666.

#### TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.  
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.  
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call William Medina 413-3447.  
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.  
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.  
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.  
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.  
 2nd Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 928-4132.  
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Melodie Santana, (562) 806-3102.  
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barbara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.  
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.  
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 9 am: Crafters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 923-0971.  
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.  
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.  
 7 pm: Troop 351, Boy Scouts of America, at First Baptist Church, call 776-3388.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.  
 1st Thurs, 12 Noon.: People of Faith Ministries, Schroder Piano, call John Veiga 412-7192.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.  
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.  
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.  
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.

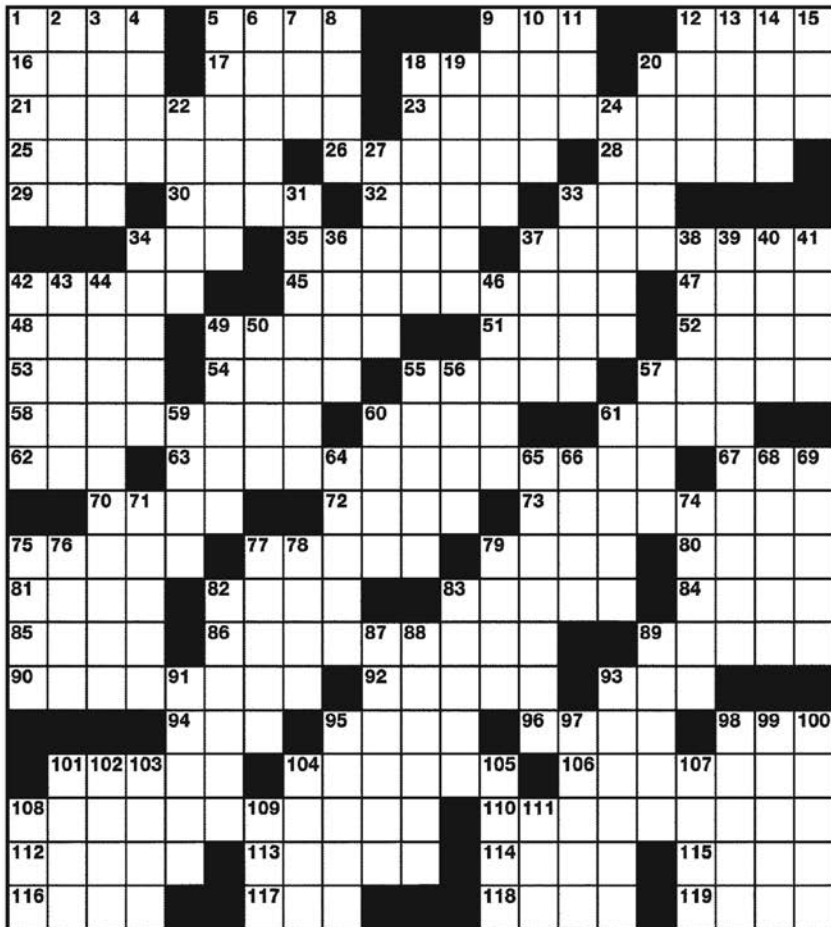
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# Downey's GlennFest Film Festival remains on standby

Organizers are hopeful the annual film festival can be salvaged.

By Lorine Parks  
Society Columnist

**DOWNEY** — What do Sundance in Utah, and Cannes on the French Riviera, have in common with Downey, besides glamour and scenery?

An international film festival is what, called GlennFest, one that's driven by a passion to explore the art of movie making and to produce the magic that comes when a live audience shares that experience. And Downey's Glennfest is free.

This year's theme, "9 Luft Ballons," means helium-filled party balloons.

"We here at GlennFest Film Festival love movies of all shapes and time lengths," said founder Glenn Stephens, "and want to share them with the world! But this year there has been a difficult choice for festivity holders. We are waiting till we can show film live in a theater. Otherwise we'll go dark.

"Our first festival target date," said Glenn, "was October 5. But now we're hoping that Los Angeles Country will reach Stage 2, or Tier Red, by the third week of October. That's when movie theatres will be allowed to open on a limited basis. So our new target is October 15."

Glenn and I met recently for a socially distanced interview at Norm's. It was the most normal thing I had done lately, like going to an outdoor café. Lots of Downeyites were there enjoying lunch and everyone wore a mask except to eat. We sat amid awnings and umbrella, our service was attentive, and the menu choices inviting and large. Social life is picking up at last.

Right now Glenn is watching to see when the County Department of Public Health will lift the restrictions on live audiences, and that depends on containing the spread of the coronavirus.

"Even though we insist on the live theatre experience, when the present ban is lifted, the next stage, called the Red Tier, will only allow indoor arenas to be 25% full, moving up to 50%," said Glenn. "Our biggest single audience ever was 300. Average is more 100-150. So our venues will accommodate that."

Alternatively, Glenn is looking at a pop-up drive-in site, with moviegoers sitting in their cars, as Plan B. Glennfest could occur either at a professionally equipped drive-in, or else Glenn will have to rent speakers for the sound portion while the film is projected on a building wall. Equipment can be had that will plug in to a car's stereo radio. Glenn has found ways to overcome every challenge.

In 2012 GlennFest was born, and Downey has been the beneficiary ever since. The Festival boomed from a small, single weekend event to a multi-day celebration of films in various languages and from various countries. Billed as "Movies of Special Interest," Glenn's approach is like the Energizer Bunny: he never stops beating the drum for unusual niche films.

"There are excellent works of filmmaking," Glenn said, "that may not get the opportunity to screen in areas that don't have art-house theaters, because they lack broad commercial appeal. In other words, not every one's cup of tea."

Of the over 3,000 film festivals in this country, most are holding virtual online screenings.

"But Glennfest Film Festival promotes the movie theatre experience," said Glenn, "and at this time we have no plans for a virtual festival or online screenings." A future Patriot article will give dates and places for each offering.

What the movie viewer ultimately will see is the iceberg's tip of a year of complex preparation.

"Negotiations," Glenn said. "With the film's director or the distributor, whoever has the North American rights to the movie. Then we negotiate with the theatre or venue for a realistic price we can pay to play. Remember, we don't charge admission. Right now the Studio Movie Grill, the Downey Theatre and the Epic Lounge are the active choices. We're keeping this in Downey."

"This year we'll have six full length features," said Glenn. "All Nighter; This Changes Everything; The Color of Medicine - The story of Homer G. Phillips Hospital; Steam Room Stories - The



Movie; Salva's Journey - Secret of Snow; and Freedom Love Gold. Another, Give or Take, is pending.

"And we have 20 short Films that will be grouped into two screenings. One of those has won the Bea Platt Romano Award," which Glenn is dedicating to "our dear friend and supporter, Bea, who was an amazing creator and supporter of the arts in Downey. Join us in celebrating Bea."

Every year Glennfest tries to include a screening specifically reserved for children and adults with special needs, and has gotten sponsorship from Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia and Union SEIU721.

"Glennfest's mission," said Glenn, "is to bring to the general public quality films of special interest, through a two-week-long film festival. We look at films that have won awards from previous film festivals. If they meet our criteria for movies we try to get our hands on them."

One of those criteria is, will this be of interest to a group in Downey. And what an exciting array of films for 2020 Glennfest has to offer. A thumbnail sketch shows a suspenseful documentary called "Freedom Gold Love," a thriller about a single Hungarian family who use a train to steal the state treasury, gold bars and the precious crown of St. Stephen, right from under the Nazi's noses.

"This means a lot to me personally, said Glenn, "because my name is Stevens, and there is a family connection with Hungary."

"Steam Room Stories will be Downey's first scratch and sniff movie," said Glenn. "Viewers get a postcard-sized instruction cards with numbers that correspond to moments on the screen. For example, it's an image of a rose, and you scratch it, you can smell the aroma of the flowers."

"Steam Room" is basically the story of a stolen fashion secret and a scheming heiress's efforts to regain control of a company.

A chorus of beefcake guys acted by amateurs work in the steam room. "They are innocent of acting technique and are just having fun showing off" says a review. "We may be able to get the guys to come to Downey for the showing," said Glenn. "The LBTG webcast has shown Steamroom featurettes and now it's a movie."

In deep contrast, a film called "Slava: Snowshow," shows a surreal train trip to the northern most towns in Siberia by a troupe of Russian clowns. "A Hospital of Color" documents the first

hospital for all Black patients, an elite response in St. Louis to the segregated and inferior treatment Blacks were receiving there in the 1920's.

Glennfest will show over 20 short films too, one as short as a minute, none more than 15 minutes. "Henry and Edith" is a French flic about a senior couple who accidentally watch porn movies, and somehow that saves their marriage.

"This Changes Everything" is an explosive exposé of women in Hollywood and how sexual harassment in the movie industry is being brought to a stop. Finally.

"Supporting the movie theatre experience during these trying times has been a challenge, Glenn said. "We could use the help of local volunteers, and more sponsors." Each year Glennfest is aided by sponsors to keep it admission-free, a feature you will not find at many other film fests

"Name recognition comes with the highest tier, the Sponsor," Glenn said. "And preferential seating in the theatre, and an exclusive meet with the writers, producers and the talent, as actors are called now days. We try to find special interest groups who would like their cause to be better known."

With Hollywood as the filmmaking capital of the world, many who work in the industry live right here, Long Beach or Lakewood for instance, and they are eager to come and help promote their shows.

"We have a surprise gift for patrons," Glenn said. "You can't buy it for love or money, but you can wear it to Glennfest and eat your popcorn and sip a Coke through your straw with it on."

Glenn got into producing a film festival accidentally. Long story short, he first got noticed when on a shoestring budget he put on an event for his union that gave everyone at the Norwalk Civic Center a free lunch. There were mariachis, food trucks, vendors, and Glenn got an award. From there he planned a film festival for his birthday, and now he can't stop.

When is that birthday date? October 8.

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# Downey High student places second in art competition

**DOWNEY** — Paramount High School student Steve Gomez won first place in Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard's 27th annual Student Art Competition

Roybal-Allard announced the winners during a virtual awards ceremony last week.

"The Art Competition holds a very special place in my heart," said Roybal-Allard. "I am saddened that due to the Corona virus and out of an abundance of caution for everyone's health and safety, we are not able to gather once again to celebrate with music and food at the Citadel. However, I am delighted that nothing stops us from celebrating the tremendous talent of the students of the 40th Congressional District."

Gomez's entry, "Life Support in Hands," is this year's first place winner. He is a student at Paramount High School and his instructor is Juan Navarro.

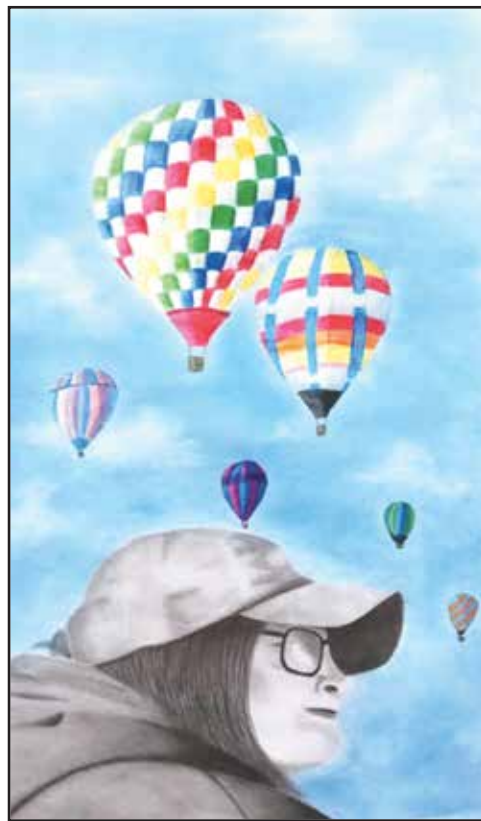
Using acrylic and tempera paint, it took him two months to complete his pointillism style art piece. He was inspired by a good friend of his who loved art but passed away and how the people she left behind are still hurting.

Sarah Barrios, a student at Downey High School, placed second with a watercolor painting entitled "Hands of Hope."

Maywood Academy High School student Nathalie Casas won third place for her acrylic painting "Aurora."

Honorable mention awardees include: recent Bell High School graduate Eduardo Valverde, who submitted a pen and ink drawing titled "La Casa Del Misterio"; Downey High School student Bibiana Delosangles Leon and her mixed media art work "Sister Butterfly"; and Dr. Maya Angelou Community High School student Boston Pablo from South Los Angeles and his graphite pencil

Downey High student Carrie Breault won the People's Choice Award for her art piece, "Float to Your Dreams."



drawing, "Charisma."

The People's Choice Award winner was recent Downey High School graduate Carrie Breault, who received 487 votes from the community at-large for her art piece, "Float To Your Dreams."

The 147 entries submitted for the art competition were judged on originality, technical skill, artistic presentation, and use of color and contrast. By winning first place, Steve will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, \$200 gift card for art supplies, a trip to Washington, D.C., for him and a parent or guardian to view the national exhibit, and \$500 for travel expenses.

Sarah will receive a \$750 scholarship and a \$175 gift card for art supplies. Nathalie will receive a \$500 scholarship and a \$150 gift card for art supplies.

Eduardo, Bibiana, Boston, and Carrie will each receive a \$250 scholarship and a \$125 gift card for art supplies.

Each winner's school is also eligible to receive a gift card to purchase supplies to advance their art program. In addition, schools with five or more entries are also eligible to receive \$100 for art supplies.

Steve's entry will be displayed in our nation's Capitol until June 2021 while the remaining winning students will have their artwork displayed in Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's District Office in Commerce.

The deadline to submit an entry for the 28th Lucille Roybal-Allard Student Art Competition is Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021.

# Protestors disrupt Eric Pierce campaign event

■ City council candidate Juan Martinez leads protest at campaign event for Eric Pierce.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** — Video of one Council candidate protesting outside of another candidate's campaign fundraiser began to circulate social media Thursday evening.

The Facebook video - posted by City Council District 5 candidate Juan "Joey" Martinez - took place just outside The Olive RestoBar at the Downey Promenade, where an event for District 3 Candidate Eric Pierce was taking place.

"I came to ask Eric Pierce if he is a Trump supporter," says Martinez in the footage.

The video was originally broadcast via Facebook Live.

The video then cuts - seemingly from connection issues - to Martinez backing away from a man approaching him with his hands held behind his back.

"You see this violence? Violence! Step back...on record I am saying step back," Martinez

can be heard shouting.

Several other individuals wearing Los Angeles Lakers jerseys can also be seen engaging with and shouting at Martinez and other protestors as well. Security is also visible attempting to diffuse the situation.

Ultimately, members of Downey Police Department responded and asked Martinez and the other protestors to leave, and can be heard saying that Martinez would be arrested for trespassing if he did not.

Martinez responded by asking for names and badge numbers of the officers involved, as well as a supervisor.

Officers also asked for Martinez to identify himself, which he declined to do.

Martinez would ultimately leave, citing the Fifth Amendment and telling officers to "shut up and stop wasting my time" as he did so.

The following day, Martinez would go live once again, explaining his actions.

"For some of you, it may not matter [if Pierce supports Trump], but really it's an important issue and stance that needs to be addressed," said

Martinez. "Who you throw your values behind, and what kind of representation you want to elect and support matters."

"It's not an absurd question, it's a serious question. I think that not only the 3rd District deserves to know where you stand Mr. Pierce, but all of Downey needs to know: Where do you stand?"

Pierce called the incident "really unfortunate."

"It's two or three people who are intent on causing mischief and inciting violence in our community...but it didn't ruin anything," said Pierce. "We had a great night; a lot of Downey people came out. We're going to continue moving forward."

When asked about the incident, DPD did not have anything on file to report.

The Downey Patriot called Martinez for comment, however was unable to reach him.

Pierce is editor of the Downey Patriot and has stepped away from city and election coverage since announcing his intent to run for council.

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# Rotary celebrates Literacy Month with check to Downey library

By Lorine Parks  
Society Columnist

**DOWNEY** — “The building may have been inaccessible,” said Ben Dickow, “but the library continues to provide services to the community. We have been putting programs online and videos. E-books, movies, a suite of learning supplies and tutoring. Usage has been super-high.”

The Rotary Club of Downey also may have suspended

meetings in person, but they too continue with their tradition of partnering with the Downey City Library. In honor of September’s Literacy Month, President William Medina and Literacy Chair Lorine Parks presented Ben with the club’s annual check to support Children’s Literacy.

Ben is director of the Columbia Memorial Space Center as well as director of the library, so we met there.

“The Library and the Space Center are intertwined now,” said Ben. “Our city is unique in having a museum and a library where we can create an ‘Ecospace’ for learning.”

Rotary encourages families to read aloud together, and every week in honor of its Program Speaker presents a book to the Children’s Section that parents or grandparents or an older sibling could share with a beginner.

In better times, Rotary club members get to examine each book at their lunch meetings, and keep up with the wonderful world of children’s literature. We offer the signing of the book and donating it in the speaker’s name instead of giving a coffee cup to the program speaker. They seem touched by the idea of putting their name in the book for posterity. So everyone is a winner.

How does the Library look right now? “It’s transformed,” said Ben. “Bright and colorful. The Children’s section is 45% larger, because families are huge users of that room. The Cormack room is bigger too. We’ll have cozy nooks with chairs in the book stacks for adults who are browsing, plus high school students have their space to come after school and study and do research.”

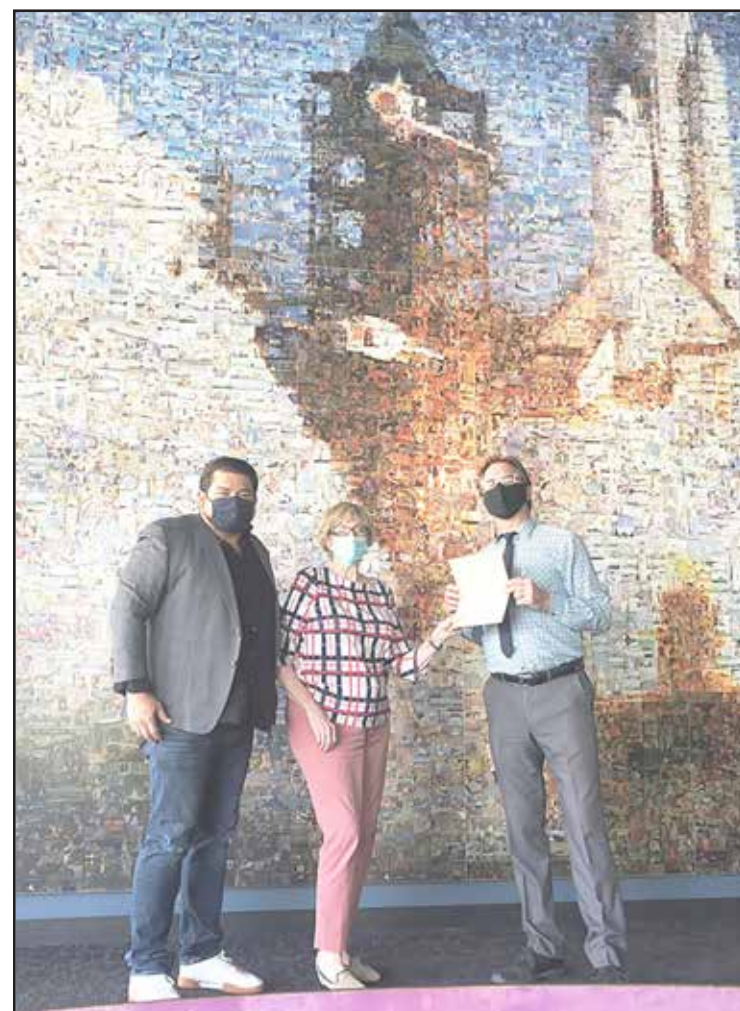
The Friends of the Library will now have high visibility for their Gently Used Book Room right at the entrance. “The Friends help us put on our special programs,” Ben said, “like Summer Reading and Author Talks. As Virginia the President of the Friends likes to say, for \$15 you can be a Friend today. Check with our library website for details.”

What is the timeline for reopening the Library? “The physical construction will be over in only a few more weeks,” Ben said. “But we have over 100,000 items in storage to bring in and put back on the shelves, plus our furnishings. The library staff, wearing masks, will do all that. It’s just like moving into a new house. That will take at least two months.”

And then? “Then,” said Ben, “it depends. It depends on the Covid virus, and what the Los Angeles County Health department decides. We take our cues from them. No other Library in Los Angeles County is open now either.

“What if,” I asked, “you’re all moved in and ready to go, but you can’t open your doors?”

“We’ll continue our active programs on line and virtually,” said Ben. “Those have been such popular features, there’re not going to go away. We’ve tripled in use since



Downey Rotary President William Medina, Lorine Parks and Ben Dickow.

April and May.”

“And for those who are eager to have real print books in their hands again,” Ben said, “we are thinking of curb-side pick-up. Just like big-box stores. Patrons can go to our website, see what books are in our collection, and then order what they want. Our staff will put them in a bag and have them ready for no-touch curbside pick-up.”

“But when we do get the green light,” said Ben, we’ll have a grand re-opening party, with balloons and music and cake, to welcome families back inside.”

## POETRY MATTERS

### In Chandler Country

California night. The Devil’s wind,  
the Santa Ana, blows in from the east,  
raging through the canyon like a drunk  
screaming in a bar.

The air tastes like  
a stubbed-out cigarette. But why complain?  
The weather’s fine as long as you don’t breathe.  
Just lean back on the sweat-stained furniture,  
lights turned out, windows shut against the storm,  
and count your blessings.

Another sleepless night,  
when every wrinkle in the bedsheet scratches  
like a dry razor on a sunburned cheek,  
when even ten-year whiskey tastes like sand,  
and quiet women in the kitchen run  
their fingers on the edges of a knife  
and eye their husbands’ necks. I wish them luck...

“Taking good care of your clients, Marlowe?”

Relentlessly the wind blows on. Next door  
catching a scent, the dogs begin to howl.  
Lean, furious, raw-eyed from the storm,  
packs of coyotes come down from the hills  
where there is nothing left to hunt...

Dana Gioia, Daily Horoscope, Graywolf Press, 1986

*With ragged lines, Gioia captures the atmosphere in the noir 1940’s novels of Raymond Chandler. His images also describe today’s edgy response to the fire storms. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.*



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By Lorine Parks  
Society Columnist

**DOWNEY** — Today for the first time in a while, there was again a homeless woman standing at the entrance to the Downey Post Office.

No, not Julie Sizemore, who has been the subject of several of these stories. This woman is named Belinda. Belinda didn't want me to take her picture.

"I haven't had a bath in days," she said, as cars whizzed by on Firestone. "I'm dirty."

But after a little coaxing



about how cute she looked in her straw hat, she let me snap her photo.

Belinda had welcome news. "Julie, that used to be here," she said. "She has an apartment now, with the Lock and Key Program." (sic)

Belinda has her own story, too, and she hopes she will

qualify for help with housing soon.

When Belinda asked me to give her "something for a homeless person," I said I could help more by writing about her.

"Downey needs a shelter for the homeless," she said. "Please tell the people and the mayor. There are empty buildings here, and people need a place to stay."

# Crime Report

Tuesday, Sept. 15

At approximately 9 p.m., officers responded to the 8700 block of Stamps Ave. regarding a report of shots fired. The adult female victim stated she was driving to her mother's residence in Downey when her ex-boyfriend began following her. The ex-boyfriend fired a gun but it was unclear whether he was shooting in the air or at her. No one was injured during the shooting. Detectives responded for follow-up and ultimately arrested the suspect in the City of Cudahy. A firearm was recovered.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

At approximately 2:45 a.m., officers responded to the 12200 block of Orizaba Ave. regarding a disturbance. Upon officers arrival, the adult male suspect fled from officers on foot. Officers contacted the adult female victim who had sustained major face and head injuries. She advised the suspect



struck her numerous times and also threatened to shoot her and electrocute her. The victim was taken to the hospital for medical treatment. Detectives responded to assist with the investigation. The male was later arrested inside his residence.

detailed the suspect and recovered two BB gun rifles. The victim was uninjured and the suspect was positively identified and arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

At approximately 6 p.m. officers located a vehicle with Maryland license plates that was wanted in connection to a shooting from LAPD/Hollywood Division. The vehicle was involved in a brief pursuit and the pursuit was cancelled when speeds reached 100 mph. The vehicle fled into Santa Fe Springs and was involved in a collision at Florence Ave and Orr & Day Rd. Officers responded to the area and arrested the suspect. LAPD responded to handle the investigation.

Thursday, Sept. 17

At approximately 3:10 a.m., Dispatch received a call about a road rage incident. The adult male victim stated he accidentally swerved into another lane. An adult male driver in another vehicle responded by firing several rounds at the victim from a rifle BB gun. The suspect fled to the Downey Inn and entered a room. Officers responded,

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File Number 2020140491  
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CARLOS ALVAREZ, 9351 WASHBURN RD #13, DOWNEY CA 90242  
State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2020  
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
S/ CARLOS ALVAREZ, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 16, 2020  
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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2020133350  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BELLA'S PRETTY THINGS CO., 12615 GURLEY AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90242  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRENDA RANGEL, 12615 GURLEY AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2020  
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S/ BRENDA RANGEL, OWNER, BRENDA RANGEL  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 2, 2020  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2020124532  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HER PRETTY EXTENSIONS, 6301 ATLANTIC AVE APT #6, LONG BEACH CA 90805, LA COUNTY, #301 ATLANTIC AVE APT #6, LONG BEACH CA 90805  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SHANTEARA ARMSTRONG, 6301 ATLANTIC AVE APT #6, LONG BEACH CA 90805  
State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2020  
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S/ SHANTEARA ARMSTRONG, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on AUGUST 17, 2020  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2020132807  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BINGY RIDDIM WEAR, 2439 WEST 230TH ST, TORRANCE CA 90501, LA COUNTY  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TALUA T SCHWENKE, 2439 WEST 230TH ST, TORRANCE CA 90501  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 08/2020  
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S/ TALUA T SCHWENKE, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 1, 2020  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2020135400  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) LA GLASS, 11138 E DEL AMO BLVD #352, LAKEWOOD CA 90715, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES (2) LAGC  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) T P R K COMPANY, 11138 DEL AMO BLVD #352, LAKEWOOD CA 90715

State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A  
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S/ T P R K COMPANY, CEO, GUSTAVO RAMOS  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on SEPTEMBER 8, 2020  
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# Risher Mortuary Newsom signs law allowing school districts to build housing honors fallen Marine

**DOWNEY** — In a ceremony befitting of an American hero, Montebello has laid to rest one of our own.

Lance Corporal Marco Barranco served honorably with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit. He was in an amphibious troop transport vehicle en route to a waiting ship, while on a training mission, about 80 miles west of Encinitas.

The 26-ton vessel from Camp Pendleton went down almost a mile from a beach on the northwest side of the island in water nearly 400 feet deep. Seven service members survived the accident. Marco was killed along with eight of his fellow Marines.

Andy, as he was known by his family and friends, is described as a fearless leader and inspirational role model who knew how to love unconditionally. Shortly after he graduated from Montebello High School in 2018, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp to show his gratitude toward the country which gave his immigrant parents an opportunity to excel. He planned to pursue a career in law enforcement when his commitment to the United States Marine Corps was concluded.

"Police and Fire personnel from each municipality paid tribute on every freeway overpass as we escorted Marco from LAX, said Barbara Risher Welch, owner of Risher Mortuary, "The Patriot Guard Riders along with other motorcycle clubs also assisted in the procession. It was absolutely beautiful."



With the help of a tremendous non-profit organization named Honoring Our Fallen, Risher Mortuary brought Marco into their care where a sentry was posted 24 hours a day until the time of his interment at Los Angeles National Cemetery.

It was a beautiful day in The City Park where the community could come safely distanced, and pay their respects to this fine young man. Pastor Poncho Juarez from The Ark Church in Montebello, give an inspirational message of gratitude for this Marine's commitment to making our world a better place.

As a former Marine, Pastor Poncho also encouraged the rest of us "to be vigilant in our own lives as servants for The Lord in a crazy world and to give the glory to God. Marco's life was a reflection of this very concept."

**SACRAMENTO** — Governor Gavin Newsom on Monday signed into law legislation that empowers school districts to utilize low-income housing tax credits to construct affordable housing for teachers and school employees on district-owned land.

The legislation also clarifies that local governments can work collaboratively with school districts to build affordable housing for their employees as well as members of the general public.

California's affordable housing crisis is particularly acute for teachers and school employees, many of whom cannot afford to live in the communities where they work, officials said.

In Los Angeles, an entry-level teacher would have to spend more than 85 percent of their income to afford an average median-level rental unit.

As a result, many teachers in Los Angeles are forced to work second or third jobs, crowd together in small apartments, or endure lengthy commutes from communities as far away as Riverside, San Bernardino, or Ventura, officials said.

"It's shameful that so many teachers have to work second jobs or spend four hours a day commuting just to afford rent," said Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, who sponsored the legislation.

"We must do more to address California's affordable housing crisis, particularly for those who

have committed themselves to educating our kids and protecting our communities.

This legislation will empower school districts and local governments to work together and will ensure that all tools are on the table to create more affordable housing."

AB 3308 clarifies California's Teacher Housing Act to ensure that school districts retain important incentives and tools for building desperately needed affordable housing.

Moreover, by empowering school districts to build on land they already own (rather than acquiring expensive new property), this legislation will

enable school districts and local governments to deliver new affordable housing at a substantially lower cost.

AB 3308 received bipartisan support in the Legislature and was supported by a statewide coalition which included the California Federation of Teachers, the California School Employees Association, and the Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego Unified School Districts.



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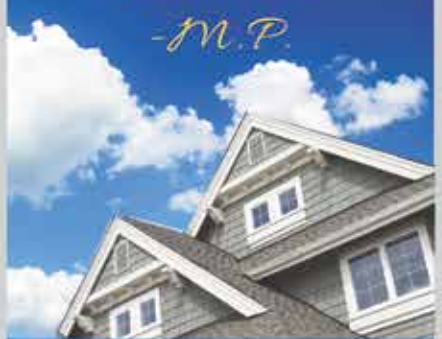
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