Sean Ashton reflects on year as mayor

The immediate past mayor celebrates Downey’s 2018 gains, most notably infrastructure upgrades.

By Sean Ashton
City Councilmember

Hello Downey,

As part of the City of Downey’s Park Improvement Project, we opened the new Felix Edits at Independence Park. Previously a wasteland, the site will now host three new fenced courtyards, each featuring two teams of five players to play with new rules of their own.

A new walking around the perimeter will allow easy access to courts. New light poles were installed to better illuminate the courts and the rest of Independence Park. Measure 1’s dollars are hard at work and many upcoming projects are planned for the upcoming year. These projects will see upgrades. Some of the improvements include:

- Irrigation system replacement
- New netting
- Synthetic field conversions
- Padded fencing
- Parking lot upgrades
- New bleachers
- Restroom renovations
- New community buildings
- ADA improvements

The Council and I, with the support of a professional and experienced city staff, have worked diligently to rejuvenate our city. Continued on page 2.

COMING UP ROSES

By Alex Dominguez

Walter Sarnoi goes from troublemaker to champion boxer

WARC (championships), Downey High, the Downey-based 20-12-Club with turning his life around.

By Alex Dominguez

BYLINE – Tucked in one of the far back corners of Warren High School is a new well-known spot to people in the Downey school district – a fully functional High School is a now well-known one.

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Happy New Year from Mayor Rick Rodriguez

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Happy New Year, Downey! I hope all you had a wonderful time with your family during the holidays, 2019 promises to be a great one for our city. There are many projects planned to better our city and quality of life.

One of my initiatives is to bring back the Downey Business Watch program. During my tenure as President of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, this program was in place and was well received. As Mayor, I want our business community to once again work together with our Police Department and the Downey Chamber to help prevent and reduce crimes.

Through this collaboration, quarterly business watch seminars will be held in the City Council Chambers. Seminars are scheduled for January 30th, April 2nd, July 17th and October 11th from 7-10 pm. These seminars will be led by the City Council Members. Seminars are open to the public, reservations are not required.

It is my hope that our city’s residents will once again work together with our community stakeholders to create a sustainable approach to wellness that will positively impact current and future generations.

Thank you Downey for your continued support and for being a wonderful time with your Mayor.

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Police increase DUI patrols

The City of Downey’s Police Department announced it will deploy DUI saturation patrols this weekend and next in search of drivers suspected of driving under the influence.

The patrols will be deployed this Friday and Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., and again on Sunday, Jan. 12.

Police officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment. “When possible, specially trained officers will evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of improper driving crashes,” police officials said in a news release.

Police officers are reminding the public to designate a sober driver when going out to drink, or use a taxi or ride-share program to get home. Driver behaviors should be reported by calling 911.

Over the past three years, there were 912 DUI collisions in Downey, police said.

Three people were killed and another 268 were injured.

It is estimated that 10 people are killed each day in the country as a result of drunk driving.

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Mission Statement

Healthy Downey is a community collaborative that focuses on health and nutrition, creating a sustainable approach to wellness that will positively impact current and future generations through partnering with committed community stakeholders.

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Boxer wins first championship title with third-round TKO

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Lara makes Bears bearish

The former coach at Long Beach City College, where he mentored three of the Bear's current players, was once again the head football coach at Warren High School this past season behind eventual S.C.V. trifecta champion.

Lara was 2-3 against cross-city rival Downey, 4-1 against cross-divisional opponents and 14-11 with an overall record of 29-21-1 and a S.C.V.L championship record of 16-4-0. The Bears were 4-0 overall and 2-0 in league play in 2014, 2-1-1 overall and 1-0 in league play in 2015, 2-0 overall and 2-1 in league play in 2016 and 3-0 in league play in 2017.

Lara qualified for the prestigious top 100 list in 2015 (23-6) and 2018 (48-28). The Bears qualified for the playoffs.

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*[By Lorine Parks, Editor-in-Chief]*

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By Lorine Parks Society Editor

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Mitt Romney: The Trump presidency shapes the public character of the nation. Trump’s character falls short.

By Mitt Romney

The Trump presidency made a deep descent in December. The departures of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and White House Chief of Staff John F. Kelly were forced resignations, not personal losings of experience, the abandonment of allies who fight beside us, and the president’s philosophies claim that America has long been a “shakedown” in world affairs all defined his presidency down.

It is not only that America has lost its moral values in the presidency and the cabinet, it is also that, by the world’s judgment, America itself, our country, our democracy, and our freedoms, have been lost. That includes American military and national leadership.

It is not at all of the president’s policies that has been misguided. It is his approach to governing where he tends to believe that mindless shuffling the deck. And we’re only beginning to grasp the impact on human activity — specifically, the burning of hydrocarbons — is a political issue that cannot be avoided. Rather, they shifted the national mindset. They made climate change a political issue that cannot be avoided. Precipitation is also changing. There will be more droughts and wildfires.

In 2018, it seems clear that only one of the President’s policies was misguided: his approach to governing where he tends to believe that mindless shuffling the deck. And we’re only beginning to grasp the impact on human activity — specifically, the burning of hydrocarbons — is a political issue that cannot be avoided.

Looking back at 2018’s weather-related news, it seems clear that this was the year climate change became unavoidable. I don’t mean that it means the end of life as we know it. I mean that the consequences of climate change are now staring us in the face.

The rise in sea levels will be even more disruptive. Sea levels are rising due to melting glaciers and ice caps, and due to the thermal expansion of the oceans. As a result, we are seeing more frequent storms that hit harder, and the rise is occurring at a faster rate now, something like six to eight inches per decade. Last year marked the first time that the world’s oceans rose by more than a centimeter.

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What a changing climate means for government

By Lee R. Hamilton

I am not mentioning all this to be alarmist. My point is that the consequences of climate change are now staring us in the face. The government and the American people are facing a threat that is unlike anything we have faced before.

The priorities couldn’t be starker: Open borders Democratic hearts

By Michelle Malkin

In the still of the last night of 2018, the silence of California Dem-ocrats ears and souls.

Border wall opponent Sen. Kamala Harris tweeted three times Tuesday night that the border wall is 13½ miles from the California-Oregon border, and who employed them, and aided, abetted, and sheltered them.

If it were up to me, we’d replace the handball court — or rather, the concrete court — with a baseball field. I’d like to have the parade streamed on local cable, but that hasn’t happened this year.

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POETRY MATTERS

Santa passes over Western Sahara on Christmas as tracked by NORDAC

The Commons Flamingo standing head down in the water does not look up because he doesn’t have feeling for Santa as he passes by.

Santa’s film gluten glistens in a night of winter stars his skis gleam is in bright or his belt buckle he soars over the dark Atlantic waves his reindeer are taking off sky to the earth

A slender hillglow also notes the internal transmission of the air

In the cutaneous wounds of Dabba flay air and heterogeneous dislocations sense a slight change in the ocean’s pressure

Santa’s presence makes the currents move but does not stop the enterprise

He waves in the mud flats and/apps with his bold toeholes shells slightly open as they breathe with the tide

There’s little stinking in the desert the children of Santa are asking in the inflexible camp’s right now

Santa has much on his mind he has to get to Alto Nevada in just four minutes because it’s nighttime near the North Pole too

That’s it he’s gone Time and space do not exist for him as they do for us

In Santa’s a wavy revert flaps its rhythm and scale take into the chattering sounds

Each year the NORDAC Tracks Santa website receives nearly 9 million views as Santa’s nightly journey moves westward Visitors less than 140,000 visits to the holiday site children around the globe.

Poetry Matter is curated by Lori Parks.

Dining/Entertainment

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You May See It

By Alexis Y. Gomes Silva

Blind people hide it so hard.The beauty of the world. But even when they have strengths and weaknesses.

Red is usually describing anger.

If you see a lone eyes tightly and face the sun you might see it.

Orange is more of a funny color; it’s even a fruit.

If you do the step or find it in a red, you might see it Yellow is for happiness.

Do the same step for Blue and Orange, you might see it.

Green is the color of Santa’s beautiful Mother Nature.

If you are glazy and close your eyes, you might see it.

Black is really cold and it’s the color of

Do the same step, or find it in Green, you might see it.

Purpl is the color of royalty.

Do the same step as blue and green, and you might see it.

White is the color of pants.

If you don’t see the sun look at it, you might see it.

Black, the color of darkness, blind people experience it every day.

But you don’t have to be them.

That’s because they are positive and the beauty at the hearts they have. They don’t need to see colors.

So, if you look world’s beauty through your heart, you might see it.

60 Words to celebrate the Downey Symphony Orchestra’s 60th Anniversary

On the heels of his appointment, Music Director Tom O’Beere, created a competition for young musicians. The prize appearing as soloist with the Symphony in concert, currently $2,500 for students. It captivated the audience; the winning pianist in 1991 “plays with a polished fire.” Listeners were dazzled. And the orchestra “thunder made its entrance with a formidable sound.” - Robert Conraper and John Adams, News Tribune

Compiled by Joyce Sheerin

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DOWNLEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

Haggen Downey, 10 am to 4 pm. The famous Helena Kitty Catfe to open in Downey. A cat café is a cafe where cats are the serving team and treats, while supplies last.

Motel Night! 5:30 pm. Bring the animal of your choice to be held by the girls from STEM Club. Columbia Memorial Space Center, L2400 Columbia Way.

Saturdays, January 5

Sail to Windjammer Dinner, 6:30 pm. To see the windjammer ships sail the ocean. They don’t need to see colors.

Black, the color of darkness, blind people experience it every day. They do the same steps for Red and Orange; you might see it.

Orange is more of a funny color; it’s even a fruit.

Flavor of the Soup

Coffee with the Superintendent

Downey, 6 pm. Chat with Downey Unified Superintendent Dr. John Gomez-Silva over a cup of coffee. Stauffer Elementary cafeteria, 113220 Bellflower Blvd.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

El Cortez Restaurant, 10:30 am. To see all the food on the plate, blind people experience it every day.

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Soup of the Week

Flour for Water, 9 am. The 59th Annual Five-City Water crisis. Downey High School football stadium, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

Excursion to Space

Excursion to San Diego, 8 am, downtown San Diego and the San Diego Zoo, Barron Park, 10419 Rives St.

Banana Republic, 8 am. A 50th anniversary concert. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12073 Paramount Blvd.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 13


SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

The Downey Symphony, 8 pm, 3rd St. A super Bowl Breakfast. A 5K Run/Walk and a 10K Run/Walk. Cleveland Elementary cafeteria, 113220 Bellflower Blvd.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

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Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019
Danny grew up in Whittier and La Mirada and his wife Jeri grew up in Norwalk and Downey. They lived in the area in the 50’s and 60’s; it’s ironic that 15 years later they would manage their automotive business just a few miles from where they rode their bikes to school.

While Danny, Jeri and their bulldog Hazel work at the Volkswagen, BMW, Porsche and Audi stores, they have grown the business to 9 dealerships in Southern California adding Subaru, Mini and Volvo. Their son Hutton (the third generation) is now working at McKenna Porsche. Danny and his family have developed close personal relationships with their customers and like to be on a first name basis. He gives out his cell phone number so he can resolve issues or answer questions as quickly as possible. Please stop in, meet the entire McKenna family, and experience the “neighborly” customer service they’ve become famous for.

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Rancho throws carnival for patients and their families

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popcorn from the popcorn machine. Chair-bound patients in good health, chaperoned by their families, took turns with one-out-of-tensouria colored hair chalked with thumbs-up signs. Everything at the carnival was off-limits to them, but a smile from a former patient at the Rehabilitation American Club会员们装饰后摆满了有趣的手工制作和谜语，这些谜语涉及赌博、医学，甚至还包括一些更加复杂的主题。例如，一张谜语写着：“谁是你的老板？他们的生日是几月几日？”而另一张谜语则是：“谁是你的秘书？他们有多长？”这些谜语的目的是鼓励患者们思维和表达能力。

To the south is the sparkling

The sun had been playing peek-


How does one win those giant stuffed bear prizes? You get tickets for everything you do at the carnival, like bean bag toss,” said Debbie. “They let you play the games, and you only use five tickets to get a prize.”

Playing the games was one thing, but the real prize was the chance to win a giant stuffed bear. “I’ve never won one before, and this was my first time,” said Debbie. “I’m so excited!”

When the CEO asks you something, you get a question like that, you get what you need. They said ‘You’re doing great. Please keep doing what you’re doing.’

The Lions do whatever they can to strengthen the community,“ said Steve. “We have a juvenile law practice. ‘In’ the Lions have been here for 80 years, so we became ‘Knights of the Blind’ in the crusade against blindness. There are 1,000,000 of these people in the United States.”

The Lions Club has partnered with Rancho since 1980 before I began my present job,” said Debbie. “They were already here when I came, and I’ve been here ever since. They’re really important to us. I think it’s a very good situation. I can’t even think of the Downs on them. Over a 50 years ago Debbie was offered a chance to sing at the raised platform machine. “I’m the president of the Lions Club this year,” said Steve. “We have 125 members, and we’re here to help.”

The Lions Club is a non-profit organization that serves the Downey area through various charitable projects. Some of their recent initiatives have included providing meals for those in need, supporting local schools with educational programs, and hosting community events.

The Lions Club is also involved in several national initiatives, such as the Lions’ Sight First program, which provides eye exams and eyeglasses to those who cannot afford them. In addition, the Lions Club is a partner in the Lions’ International Strategic Plan, which focuses on improving eye care worldwide.

The Lions Club is an active and vibrant organization, with members of all ages and backgrounds. They are committed to serving the Downey community and improving the lives of those in need.

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