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## Tony Mendoza resists calls for his resignation

**GOVERNMENT:** Lawmakers asked Mendoza to step aside as investigators look into claims of sexual misconduct.

**DOWNEY** – State Sen. Tony Mendoza, Downey's representative in the California Senate, is facing pressure to resign or take a leave of absence amid a sexual misconduct probe.

Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon said he asked Mendoza last week to go on leave while investigators look into multiple accusations that Mendoza sexually harassed young female staff members.

The Senate hired two law firms – Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and Van Dermyden Maddux – to handle all investigations of sexual misconduct by lawmakers or Senate employees.

Mendoza has denied all allegations of sexual misconduct and said he will "vigorously defend myself to clear my name."

"I am very disappointed that certain Senate Rules Committee members are apparently asking me to take a leave of absence or resign before any investigation has even begun and without giving me an opportunity to defend myself," Mendoza said. "This is contrary to the very concept of due process

which is a pillar of our American system of fairness and judicial prudence. These actions bypass any process in a rush to judgement."

Mendoza added that he is "disappointed" with public statements made by the Senate Rules Committee "and it leaves me concerned about the independence, transparency and fairness of the new process."

Republican Sen. Andy Vidak said he will introduce a resolution to expel Mendoza when lawmakers return to Sacramento in January if Mendoza hasn't already resigned or taken a leave. Democratic Sen. Connie Leyva also said Mendoza should resign.

Mendoza has already been stripped of leadership positions. In an emergency session, the Senate Rules Committee voted unanimously to remove Mendoza as chair of the Senate Insurance, Banking and Financial Institutions Committee and from appointments to the California Commission for Economic Development and the California Workforce Development Board.

The Sacramento Bee reported last month that Mendoza fired three Capitol staff members after they complained to the rules committee about his behavior toward a fellow



State Sen. Tony Mendoza

who worked in the office, including that he invited her to his home to review her resume.

Since then, two more women have come forward alleging that Mendoza behaved inappropriately toward them when they worked for him.

One said he took her to a hotel suite at a state party convention and gave her alcohol, even though she was underage. The other said he sent her flirtatious text messages and repeatedly invited her to after-hours events, often alone, even though she was married.

## School board members take oath of office

**SCHOOL BOARD:** Martha Sodetani, Nancy Swenson and Barbara Samperi sworn-in after they are re-elected without opposition.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Downey Unified School Board members Martha Sodetani, Nancy Swenson and Barbara Samperi were all sworn in for another four-year term on Tuesday evening.

The swearing-in follows the cancellation of November's election – in which Sodetani's (Trustee Area 1), Swenson's (Trustee Area 5), and Samperi's (Trustee Area 7) seats were all up for reelection – due to lack of competition.

There are no term limits with regards to school board service. As such, Samperi has served the longest of the three having been on the Board of Education for 24 years. Swenson and Sodetani have both served for 12 years.

Dr. Mary Stauffer administered the oath to all three incumbents.

### 2018 Leadership

Much like the position of mayor in the city of Downey, the school board annually rotates the position of board president, vice president and clerk.

Originally, it was planned that Samperi would take the position in 2017 and Sodetani in 2018. However, complications with Samperi's health caused a switch, leading Sodetani to take the position ahead of schedule.

Now healthy heading into 2018, Samperi says she is excited as she heads into what is likely her last time serving as president.

"I'm excited to see where the district is going, and the new things we're doing to bring our students into this 21st century," said Samperi. "Having more rigorous classes with sixth grade and going up every year, by the time they graduate these students will be college and career ready – A-G – and have everything

they need to go to college.

"I'm hoping our graduation rates stay the same with these new rigorous courses we're giving these kids, but I think they're up for it.

We're not the first district to do this, so it's an exciting time for us."

Swenson will serve as vice president for 2018, and Donald La Plante as clerk.

## CRIME REPORT

**FRIDAY, DEC. 8**

At 7:55 p.m., a male suspect was confronted by Office Max store security for shoplifting (7075 Firestone Blvd.). The suspect then brandished a pocket knife and fled the location on a bicycle. Detectives are investigating.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 9**

At about 2:30 a.m., officers responded to the 8000 block of Alameda St. regarding an assault. A known suspect had struck the victim on the head with a glass statue, causing a 1" laceration. The suspect fled on foot but was later located at 12256 Paramount Blvd. The suspect was then arrested for the assault.

At 3:00 a.m., the victim was walking in the area of Lakewood Blvd. and Meadow Rd. when he was approached by a suspect armed with a handgun. The suspect ordered the victim to empty his pockets. Out of fear, the victim gave the suspect his cell phone. The suspect fled the location in an awaiting vehicle. Detectives are investigating.

At 3:15 p.m., an officer witnessed a suspect spray painting graffiti in the area of Dunrobin Ave. and Imperial Hwy. The suspect then fled the location but was caught a short distance away. It was also discovered the suspect had vandalized the property at the Discovery Sports Complex. The suspect was arrested for vandalism.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 10**

At about 9 p.m., officers were conducting a homeless encampment check in the Rio Hondo riverbed when they discovered a suspect riding a motorcycle in the channel. The suspect tried to hide the motorcycle, but it was later determined to be stolen. He was arrested for theft.

**MONDAY, DEC. 11**

At 2:45 a.m., an officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation. The vehicle pulled into a driveway on the 12200 block of Cornuta Ave. and the driver fled on foot. The driver was later located a short distance away and arrested for grand theft auto.

## Downey restaurant grades

**Tamales Guadalajara**  
9134 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/12/17  
Grade: **A**

**El Chymal**  
10815 Studebaker Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/12/17  
Grade: **A**

**Nelly's Mexican Food**  
10811 Studebaker Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/12/17  
Grade: **A**

**El Tequilense**  
9126 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/12/17  
Grade: **A**

**Sunland Donuts**  
7375 Stewart & Gray Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/17  
Grade: **A**

**Red Iron Mongolian BBQ**  
251 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/17  
Grade: **A**

**El Chilito Restaurant**  
12812 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/17  
Grade: **A**

**Las Champas No. 13**  
11851 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/13/17  
Grade: **A**

**Baby Bros Pizza**  
9641 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/14/17  
Grade: **A**

**Potato Corner**  
407 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 12/15/17  
Grade: **A**

**Sbarro**  
131 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 12/15/17  
Grade: **A**

**Charley's Philly Steak**  
110 Stonewood St.  
Date Inspected: 12/15/17  
Grade: **A**

**Jersey Mike's**  
8855 Apollo Way  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**El Charro Taco Shop**  
8504 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**Carl's Jr**  
9002 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/6/17  
Grade: **A**

**Golden Bakers**  
9444 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

**Anatel Liquor**  
9414 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

**Junction**  
9370 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

**Southern Calif. Gas Co.**  
9240 Firestone Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

**Alpha Energy**  
9706 Telegraph Rd.  
Date Inspected: 12/7/17  
Grade: **A**

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 68°

Saturday 71°

Sunday 71°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Bone Thugs N Harmony

Friday - The Observatory, 11 pm  
The Grammy-winning hip-hop group is joined on stage by WC and Mack 10.



#### Electric Funeral

Saturday - Santa Fe Springs Swap Meet, 12 pm  
Rock band Electric Funeral will play Black Sabbath cover songs at noon, 2 pm and 3:30 pm. All ages, no cover.



#### Magic of Lights

All weekend - Fontana Speedway  
A 1.5-mile drive-thru holiday lights experience featuring LED displays and digital animations. \$25 per car



#### White Christmas Sing-Along

Saturday - Walt Disney Concert Hall, 3 pm  
Sing along as you watch a screening of this beloved 1954 film "White Christmas" with all the lyrics on screen.



#### Pro Wrestling

Saturday - American Legion Post 206 in Highland Park, 6:30 pm

James Storm and Kevin Cross battle for the Maverick Pro Championship title. \$20 adults, \$10 kids

### TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@CityofDowney: The 2018 Homeless Count will take place in Downey on Wednesday, January 24 at 8pm. Sign up to be a volunteer by logging on to: <http://www.theycountwillyou.org/downey18>.

@AE\_Media: Political surveys already happening for Tony Mendoza's senate seat. Anyone else get a call?

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### JANUARY 20

Keep Downey Beautiful clean-up

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 20

TIME: 9 am

LOCATION: 12152 Woodruff Ave.

Downey Symphony

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 20

TIME: 8 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### JANUARY 27

Astronaut Commemoration

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27

TIME: 10 am to 5 pm

LOCATION: Columbia Memorial Space Center

Parks & Recreation job fair

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27

TIME: 12-4:30 pm

LOCATION: Barbara J. Riley Community Center

Blood, Sweat & Tears ft. Bo Bice

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 27

TIME: 8 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### JANUARY 28

The Dance Co: Planet Dance

DATE: Sunday, Jan. 28

TIME: 2 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### FEBRUARY 3

John Tesh

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 3

TIME: 8 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### FEBRUARY 24

Healthy Downey 5K

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 24

TIME: 7:30 am

LOCATION: Apollo Park

Smart Gardening workshop

DATE: Saturday, Feb. 24

TIME: 9:30 am

LOCATION: Wilderness Park

### MARCH 10

Era of a King: Elvis Presley tribute show

DATE: Saturday, March 10

TIME: 7 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### MARCH 17

Arc Walk

DATE: Saturday, March 17

TIME: 7:30 am

LOCATION: Stonewood Center

### MARCH 18

Treasure Island

DATE: Sunday, March 18

TIME: 6 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### MARCH 24

Carnival of Champions

DATE: Saturday, March 24

TIME: 9 am

LOCATION: Warren High

Brunch with the Bunny

DATE: Saturday, March 24

TIME: 9:30 am

LOCATION: Golden Park

### MARCH 30

'Animaniacs live

DATE: Friday, March 30

TIME: 6 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

### APRIL 22

Sara Evans in concert

DATE: Sunday, April 22

TIME: 8 pm

LOCATION: Downey Theatre

# Warren High wrestlers finish in top 8 at Beach Bash tournament

**WRESTLING:** Nine Bears finish in top 8 at Beach Bash wrestling tournament; Warren finishes 9th overall.

By Mark Fetter Contributor

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School wrestling team competed in the Edison High School Beach Bash Dec. 8-9. The Bears finished in ninth place overall with 123 points and had nine wrestlers place in the top eight of their respective weight classes.

Fountain Valley was the tournament champion with 192 points. Host school Edison finished in second place with 177 points, San Clemente finished in third place with 171 points and Coalinga finished in fourth place with 170 points, respectively.

Mayfair finished in fifth place

with 165.5 points, South Hills finished in sixth place with 151.5 points, Cypress finished in seventh place with 143 points and Santa Fe finished in eighth place with 128 points to round out the top eight finishers.

Warren's **Carlos Vasquez** (106) defeated La Serna's Caleb Garcia via pin at 32 seconds to place fifth. The Bears' **Joshua Mariscal** (106) was defeated by Jack Garcia of San Clemente and placed eighth. **Salvador Alvarez** (113) placed fifth after defeating Matthew Reyes of South Hills 7-6 and **Joshua Mendoza** (126) was defeated by Joel Peterson of Woodbridge to place fourth.

**Matthew Lopez** (132) defeated Isaiah Godinez of Bonita 2-1 to finish fifth and **Alan Elizalde** (138) defeated Luis Caprini of Fountain Valley 7-2 to finish seventh. **Allan Dillon** (145) was defeated by Max

Tait of Northwood 4-2 and finished sixth.

**Carlos Durazo** (160) was defeated by Joshua Bustamante of La Serna 6-2 to finish fourth and **Naethan Guerrero** (182) was defeated by Scott Martell of Huntington Beach 6-1 and finished eighth.

Coach Brogden said he is proud of how well his team wrestled at Edison's Beach Bash and is looking forward to the start of San Gabriel Valley League competition.

**DOWNEY WRESTLING:** The Downey High School wrestling team competed in the La Costa Canyon Classic Tournament Dec. 8-9, finishing in seventh place overall with a total of 142 points. Downey narrowly missed sixth place by a point and a half to La Costa Canyon.

Rancho Bernardo finished in first place with 194.5 points, Brawley finished in second place with 171.5 points and Cherokee Trail finished in third place with 160 points, respectively.

San Marcos finished in fourth place with 149 points, Santa Ana finished in fifth place with 145.5 points and host school La Costa Canyon finished in sixth place with 143.5 points to round out the top six finishers. There were over 50 schools represented at this tournament and some of last year's state qualifiers were competing in it.

Downey had four wrestlers place in the top eight of their individual weight classes. Returning state champion **Jonathan Prata** (5-0) placed first at 113 pounds, **Dylan Ajtun** (4-2) placed fourth at 120 pounds, **Roland Dominguez** (5-1) placed third at 126 pounds and **Adrian Guerra** (5-1) placed third at 220 pounds.

Coach Soto is proud of his team and how well they competed at La Costa Canyon. It was certainly a competitive tournament with so many schools represented.

Downey hosted its own tournament last weekend and those results will be made available in next week's Patriot.

**PIUS BOYS BASKETBALL:** The St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy High School boys' basketball team currently has an overall record of 4-2 and will begin Santa Fe League

play when they travel to Mary Star of the Sea of San Pedro on Jan. 10.

The Warriors recently competed in the 14th Annual Husky Classic at Fairmont Prep and finished with a record of 2-2. St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy defeated Cabrillo 64-57 in their first game on 12/4, was defeated by Upland 68-37 on 12/5 in their second game, was defeated by Diamond Bar 80-47 on 12/7 in their third game and defeated San Pedro 53-41 on 12/9 in their fourth and final game.

The Warriors defeated Animo Watts 80-11 on 12/13 and defeated Hawthorne 66-32 on 12/15. St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy will be competing in the Dwan Hurt Holiday Classic Tournament at Serra High School December 20-23. The Warriors are scheduled to play Peninsula in their first game on December 20th and their opponents will be determined based on the results of their games as they progress in the tournament.

The Warriors finished last season with an overall record of 0-18 and a Santa Fe League record of 0-10. This year's team is much improved and has already surpassed last year's win total.

**PIUS GIRLS BASKETBALL:** The St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy High School girls' basketball team currently has an overall record of 4-5 and will begin Santa Fe League play when they travel to St. Bernard's of Playa del Rey on Jan. 9.

The Lady Warriors competed

in the 40th Annual Downey Classic Tournament November 24-29 and finished with a record of 1-3. St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy was defeated by Torrance 41-20 on 11/24 in their first game, was defeated by Cerritos 57-23 on 11/27 in their second game, was defeated by Nogales 43-18 on 11/28 in their third game and defeated Compton Centennial 54-32 on 11/29 in their fourth and final game.

The Lady Warriors also competed in the Webb Tournament in Claremont December 5-9 and finished with a record of 2-2. St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy defeated the Webb Schools 45-30 on 12/5 in their first game, was defeated by Pilibos 39-34 on 12/7 in their second game, was defeated by Woodcrest Christian 35-31 on 12/8 in their third game and defeated Gary 47-29 on 12/9 in their fourth and final game. The Lady Warriors defeated Animo Watts 68-14 on 12/13 at St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy.

The Lady Warriors will also compete in the Mayfair Tournament over Christmas Break. St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy is scheduled to play Santa Monica on 12/20 in their first game, Corona on 12/21 in their second game, Torrance on 12/22 in their third game and a to be determined opponent on 12/23 in their fourth and final game.

The Lady Warriors finished last season with an overall record of 4-22 and a Santa Fe League record of 1-9.

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Sincerely, *Brenda L. Abney*  
Brenda L. Abney, Director

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Elias P. Gurrola entered life on 4-14-25 in Tempe, Arizona. He entered eternal rest on 12-24-16 in Downey, CA. WWII veteran philanthropist.

Pillar of strength in the Downey community since 1948. Generously gave to his church and many service organizations. Active in community affairs until the very end with a special thank you to Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard. He was honored to sit at your table at the Gangs Out of Downey event in October 2016.



## L.A. County opens 250 beds for homeless

**BELL** – Los Angeles County has opened 250 additional recuperative care beds this year, bringing the total to 432, a major milestone in the Measure H-funded Homeless Initiative, whose goals include ending homelessness for tens of thousands of chronically homeless individuals and families, improving health outcomes, and reducing utilization of hospital emergency services.

The impact can be seen at the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Medical Campus in South L.A. and other locations across the county where clients can convalesce after a hospital stay and get linked to social support services to forge new lives off the streets.

The MLK campus houses one of 12 recuperative care sites, run with a variety of partners, that provide transitional 'respite' care for homeless patients with complex health and behavioral health conditions who are discharged by County-run and private hospitals or exiting custody facilities.

Oversight is handled by Housing for Health, a unit founded in 2012 within the County Department of

Health Services (DHS).

The 100-bed MLK Recuperative Care Center, opened in January 2016, takes in about 600 homeless patients a year, reducing the costly overutilization of public hospitals, jails and first responders.

"The MLK Recuperative Care Center provides homeless patients with a place to heal and a path to recovery," Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas said. "In addition to temporary housing, they receive round-the-clock care, including nursing, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatments, life skills classes, and other services to help them achieve stability and transition into permanent supportive housing."

Other recuperative sites are in Metro and South Los Angeles, Long Beach, Sylmar and Bell. Provider partners include LAMP, JWCH, HealthRight 360, Christ-Centered Ministries and Serenity Recuperative Care. Clients stay 4 to 10 weeks on average.

The network is an essential linchpin in the care continuum to stabilize, support, and link clients to permanent supportive housing to break the cycle of long-term homelessness.

Recuperative care facilities provide short-term medical care with case management to homeless individuals recovering from an

acute illness or injury who no longer require hospitalization.

They fill a gap between acute care and skilled nursing facilities by providing basic and imperative healthcare services like dressing changes and wound care -- at a fraction of the cost of an acute care hospital bed.

Over the next 10 years, Measure H will bring over \$3 billion for homeless programs that include wrap-around supportive services for those living in independent housing, rental subsidies, street engagement teams, case management and homeless prevention efforts.

Recuperative care is funded through several sources, including Measure H, which has funded the addition of 250 new beds this year.

L.A. County Health Agency director Mitchell Katz, M.D., says a step-down recuperative unit helps relieve a bottleneck that has plagued the County-run health system for years.

"Our hospitals are often hamstrung with no place to discharge homeless patients, necessitating that we hold up a bed for days when other patients truly need them. Recuperative care improves outcomes, reduces emergency room utilization, and creates health system savings that more than offset by the costs of adding recuperative beds."

## Downey High grad finishes basic training

**DOWNEY** – U.S. Air Force Airman Jadin J. Sanchez graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

He completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Sanchez is the son of James Sanchez of Downey, and the grandson of Josephine Guevera of South Gate. He is also the brother of Kadin Sanchez.

Sanchez is a 2016 graduate of Downey High School.

U.S. Air Force Airman Robert Tamayo graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio Texas.

He completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Tamayo is the son of Norma and Robert Tamayo of Downey. He is a 2017 graduate of Warren High School.



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# EDUCATION: Downey Unified lost 800 students last school year

**ENROLLMENT:** High housing costs are driving families inland, reducing the number of students on Downey campuses.

By Eric Pierce  
Editor

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Unified School District lost about 800 students since the start of the 2016-17 school year and the decline in enrollment is expected to continue, district officials said this week.

If district projects are accurate, Downey Unified could lose an additional 700 students by the 2019-20 school year, resulting in decreased revenue.

“Downey Unified is currently looking into ways in which to address this issue as well as preserve the students that are currently enrolled,” district officials said in a statement.

“Discussions have begun that propose the idea of preserving these students by conceivably adding to the already innovative programs being offered to students as well as adding additional advanced programs in various CTE and STEAM-related subject areas.

“The district has also started doing survey work on dual language immersion programs, early college and international baccalaureate programs.”

Earlier this month, Downey’s board of education heard a report given by educational consulting firm Jack Schreder & Associates on the results of a demographic analysis and enrollment projections study that was conducted for the district to determine long-range enrollment trends.

The purpose of the study was to provide detailed demographic information about the Downey community and the effects these findings will have on Downey Unified’s student enrollment numbers as well as its potential fiscal impact.

Officials, however, stressed that the declining enrollment numbers are consistent with statewide trends that include both public and private school systems.

The study discovered that the population within district boundaries of adults that are of child-bearing age is declining; increased housing costs have made it more difficult to purchase a home; and families with school-age children are migrating inland

to purchase homes.

Declining enrollment at Downey Unified is being particularly felt at the kindergarten and transitional kindergarten level, where the number of enrolled students is projected to decline until 2022.

“This deduction was made based on the fact that the 2022-23 school year will be the year children currently being born would be the age to enroll into the Downey Unified School District as TK or kindergarten students,” officials said.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Downey Unified will be conducting its annual Intra-District Open Enrollment (formerly called School of Choice) during the month of January for the upcoming 2018-19 school year.

Downey parents who reside within the district boundaries and wish to have their student attend a Downey Unified school outside of their attendance area may apply. This enrollment period does not apply for parents of students who reside outside of the district boundaries.

From Jan. 1-31, applications for Intra-District Open Enrollment will be available to pick up at any of the

20 Downey Unified schools and the district office, or can be filled out and submitted online at [dusd.net](http://dusd.net).

New students (including kindergarteners) entering a Downey Unified school for the first time, and wishing to apply, must also register at their school of residence. This will guarantee registration in the District for the new school year.

Handwritten applications must be submitted in person to the Student Services office at the Downey Unified School District by the closing deadline of Jan. 31, at 4 p.m.

Applications are not processed on a first-come basis. A random, unbiased lottery will be held to place students on an Intra-District Open Enrollment permit waiting list for the upcoming school year.

Schools may accept students from the established waiting lists according to priority, only if space is available.

For additional information and questions, call the Student Services Office at (562) 469-6550.

## Police search for man who robbed Norm’s restaurant

**DOWNEY** – Authorities were seeking a man who robbed a Norm’s restaurant in Downey at gunpoint, officials said Wednesday.

The man, who walked with a cane, held a small semiautomatic handgun as he approached the cash register, surveillance video showed. The incident occurred the evening of Dec. 12 at the Norm’s restaurant on 7955 Firestone Blvd, city officials said in a statement.

The robber took money from the register and exited the restaurant through the front door to an awaiting vehicle, officials said.

Officers responded to the scene at around 9:30 p.m., according to authorities.

No injuries were reported.

Officials describe the robber as a 40- to 50-year-old Hispanic man about 5 foot 8 inches tall weighing around 180 pounds. The video showed him wearing a blue L.A. Dodgers cap on top of a black beanie, a gray sweatshirt and gray shorts.

Anyone with information can call Detective Ethan Roberts at 562-904-2333 or Sgt. Leigh Lacy at 562-904-2340.



## Tickets on sale for Blood, Sweat & Tears at the Downey Theatre

**DOWNEY** – Contemporary jazz-rock band Blood, Sweat & Tears featuring Bo Bice will perform at the Downey Theatre on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 8 p.m.

Boasting several gold hits, the band fuses rock, blues, pop music, horn arrangements and jazz improvisation into a hybrid genre that came to be known as jazz-rock.

They’ve won gold records and Grammy Awards for their multiple Top 40 hits, including “You’ve Made Me So Very Happy,” “Spinning Wheel,” “When I Die,” “Hi-De-Ho,” “Lucretia Mac Evil,” “Go Down Gamblin” and “God Bless the Child.”



Bo Bice joined the group as lead vocalist in 2013 after finishing as runner-up in the fourth season of “American Idol,” behind Carrie Underwood.

Tickets start at \$59 and can be purchased online at [downeytheatre.org](http://downeytheatre.org), in person at the theater box office, or by calling (562) 861-8211.

The theater lobby and patio will open one hour prior to show time. Beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase at a concession bar operated by Soroptimist International of Downey.

## City Council meeting cancelled

**DOWNEY** – Downey’s regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Tuesday has been cancelled due to the holidays.

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

# Lupita Infante sings at Downey party

**PERFORMANCE:** The granddaughter of legendary Mexican singer Pedro Infante performed at Mi Cielo in Downtown Downey.

**DOWNEY** – Lupita Infante performed live at the Ferias Legales holiday party Thursday at Downey’s Mi Cielo Restaurant and Rooftop Lounge.

Lupita, a Downey native, is the granddaughter of legendary “Golden Era” Mexican star, Pedro Infante, and the daughter of Pedro Infante, Jr., himself a famous singer and movie star.

“Lupita Infante,” found success as an artistic expression of her musical upbringing, paying tribute to her grandfather Pedro Infante, and her father Pedro Infante Torrentera, with songs like “Cien Años” and “Padre Mio Amigo Mio”, accompanied by Mexico’s traditional mariachi sounds.

Currently, Lupita is recording songs for her next album, which is expected to be released soon.

Ferias Legales (Spanish for

“Legal Fairs”) was founded in May 2016 by a group of individuals who, though from different fields, nonetheless agreed that a void existed in the delivery of legal resources to underserved communities.

Ferias Legales Director Maria Torres, who holds a master’s degree in Psychology and worked in a legal non-profit for over 10 years, explained the beginning of Ferias Legales as “a combination of people from multiple disciplines

with one goal in mind: To deliver services to the community.”

The services have centered on legal resources, though access to mental health services has been incorporated into its programming.

Ferias Legales programming includes legal fairs, panels, workshops, clinics, expungement clinics, citizenship fairs, DACA Q&A sessions, and policy discussions.

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## Bike-share program debuts in Bellflower

**BELLFLOWER** – Ofo, the world's first and largest bike-share company, announced Monday that it is bringing its signature yellow bicycles to Bellflower.

The company has been working closely with the city to give residents a new way of getting around on two wheels. Over the next few weeks the Bellflower community will begin seeing the yellow Ofo bikes throughout the city.

The Bellflower launch is Ofo's first city launch in the Los Angeles market with additional cities expected to be announced in 2018.

To use a bicycle, a user first download's the Ofo mobile app, register's their basic information and payment method, and then uses the map function to locate an available bicycle.

Bicycles cost \$1 per hour to use. After the ride is complete, the user locks the bicycle by turning a dial on the locking mechanism.

The bikes can be parked anywhere outside of the pedestrian right-of-way that complies with local laws and does not obstruct traffic.

## Carolina Del Toro committed to reviving the arts in Downey



**PROFILE:** Artist and photographer Carolina Del Toro elected vice president of Downey Arts Coalition.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Anyone connected to Downey's art scene has likely heard of Carolina Del Toro.

Born and raised in Tecuala, Nayarit Mexico, Del Toro came to Los Angeles at the age of 17. Eventually, she met and married her husband and moved to Downey in 1995 where she raised her three daughters and would

eventually play a pivotal role in the development of the local art scene.

Her increased involvement in art was sparked by her husband.

"While married with my husband, Jorge, I learned that he used to create ceramic pieces. After some 20 years together, I encouraged him to go back to his hobby. But, at the same time, he also encouraged me to take photography more seriously, as he thought I had a 'great eye' for it. So, we both decided to enroll at Cerritos College," said Del Toro.

"About two years into school, Jorge had created quite a few amazing ceramic pieces, and I myself had also created many black and white photographs. But, after we started accumulating our works, we wondered where we were going to display them."

The opportunity came through an artist friend of the couple, who approached them with the idea of initiating an art gallery in Bixby Knolls along with two other artists. They named it "Gallery Expo."

"It was then that I discovered how much I not only enjoyed displaying our own and other artists' work but also loved the feeling of giving the opportunity to emerging artists. Most of these artists would not have stood a chance of finding a gallery to showcase their talents, unless they had a list of gallery names already on their curriculum."

However, eventually the Del

Toro's left Gallery Expo and found it difficult to show their artwork locally.

"Jorge and I were hoping to find a place in Downey where we could show our artwork, but there wasn't any," said Del Toro. "We were invited to show our work at a monthly art exhibit in Oxnard. We exhibited our work there for a year, but sales and travel expenses were not adding up, so we stopped."

Apparently, Del Toro wasn't the only one looking for a local outlet.

"In 2011, while reading the Downey paper I came across an article that Mr. Andrew Wahlquist - a film maker - had written voicing his concern at the lack of art scene in our city," said Del Toro. "He was wondering if there were other people/artists interested in the same subject."

Del Toro, along with several others, reached out to Wahlquist, then a meeting was held.

"That's how we initiated Downey Arts Coalition," said Del Toro.

Del Toro was recently appointed Vice President of the Downey Arts Coalition (DAC). She has been curator of the Downey Dia De Los Muertos Festival's Art Exhibit for the last five years, and the Rooftop Concerts Art Exhibit for four.

Del Toro says that the art scene in Downey has changed dramatically over the last few years.

"Besides the work Stay Gallery has put forth, I feel confident enough to say that DAC has been a great contributor to this change," said Del Toro. "Ever since DAC's existence, we have hosted many art exhibits at different Downey locations, with established well-known artists, as well as emerging ones. We've also had well attended theater plays, monthly poetry nights, and just as importantly, we've initiated Make Music Downey. All of that was accomplished by volunteers who share the same passion for the arts."

She says that her goal, as well as the goal of DAC, is to change the misconception that art can only be found elsewhere.

"We have a vast group of talented artists here in our city, but it remains a challenge to build a community culture that supports them and/or purchases their artwork," said Del Toro.

Del Toro would also love to see more of an active role made by the city.

"I would like to see our city government take a more active role in stimulating the arts and creative industries in our city," said Del Toro. "And though it may be too much of a dream, I would love for our city to subsidize a place that we, DAC, can call 'home,' a place where we can conduct our monthly board meetings, store our artwork display items, and have a desk and file cabinets to keep our files."

## Shared Stories: A Christmas birth

*Dulce Ruelos trained and worked as a doctor in the Philippines before getting married. One December, a patient with triplets prompted an unforgettable Christmas. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns*

By Dulce Ruelos

The year was 1962. In March I graduated from the College of Medicine at the University of Santo Tomas, a Catholic University. I took the medical board exam in May.

While waiting for the results of the board exam to be released, I went back to my hometown that was 500 kilometers from Manila. To make my time useful, I went to our town's Rural Health Unit (RHU) to gain more insight and experience in actual medical practice.

The Rural Health Unit is staffed by a physician who is the Municipal Health Officer (MHO), a nurse, a midwife, and a sanitary inspector. They are charged with providing basic medical services to the town and village. I was assigned to assist the MHO as she saw and treated all kinds of patients with different kinds of medical conditions.

I had an uncle who was a resident physician at the provincial hospital located at the provincial capital nine kilometers away. He advised me to leave the RHU and go to the hospital instead. He felt that the hospital would offer a wider range of medical experience compared to the RHU.

I took his advice and joined the hospital as an extern. I performed the duties of the resident physician but under strict supervision. The license to practice comes upon successfully passing the board exams.

During this time there were six of us ladies and six men who were all externs. Upon passing the boards, we would become part of the hospital medical staff as positions became available. Although we graduated from different medical schools, working together made us close friends, helping one another and having fun times together.

One particular Christmas season, we had an expectant mother who was admitted as an inpatient. All of us, including the patient, were surprised when she delivered triplets.

She and her husband were very poor farm workers. It was obvious that they could not afford to provide for the triplets in addition to the five children they already had. The babies were all under weight but had no medical problems.

Government hospitals often were not adequately funded and medical supplies were often lacking. This time all of us externs decided to raise money for the babies.

They all needed diapers, blankets, clothing, feeding bottles, milk formula, and other supplies. We made a list of people in town and gave them notice that we would go Christmas caroling at their homes. We raised a large sum of money and had fun doing this.

Eventually the parents decided to give up the babies for adoption. One baby was adopted by the hospital pharmacist who was childless. Other childless couples adopted the other two babies.

At this time there was a man belonging to a tribe in the nearby mountain province. He offered to take one of the babies in exchange for a water buffalo. The father turned down that offer.

This particular Christmas is one I'll always remember. We had fun caroling and we helped a needy family.

## In Memory of Jerry Leonard Federico

June 27, 1947 - December 7, 2017



Jerry Leonard Federico, age 70, passed away on Thursday, December 7, 2017, at home in Visalia, California. He was born in Lynwood, California, to James Joseph and Rose Mary (Sala) Federico and was the younger of two boys.

Jerry honorably served in the Army, during the Vietnam War and upon his return home worked as a plumber for more than 35 years.

Jerry loved many things but mostly he loved to have a good time, go fishing and spend time on his boat, he loved to cook and eat, woodworking, he loved to go to yard sales, and to watch football (Go 49ers).

He is survived by his spouse Bobbi (Schnell), daughters Lisa Michele Federico-Thomas, Karyn Marie Federico and Tamara Lynn Federico; granddaughters Madison Taylor Bell, Kaitlyn Elizabeth Thomas and Rebecca May Aspeitia, his brother James Michael Federico and lastly, Duke of Ashland, our dog.

A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date and will take place in Southern California. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project in Jerry's name.

No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye, you were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why.

## In Memory of James O'Neal Crutchfield

March 10, 1928 - December 14, 2017



James O'Neal Crutchfield, Sr. was born March 10, 1928 in Bokoshe, Oklahoma to Edward and Velma (Pulliam) Crutchfield and passed away Thursday, December 14, 2017 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at the age of 89.

He is survived by his daughter, Debbie Pio and husband Roger of Downey, California, his sons, James "Jim" Crutchfield, Jr and wife Pam of Coweta, Oklahoma and Randy Crutchfield and wife Carrie of Bokoshe, Oklahoma, a daughter-in-law, Carla Crutchfield of Downey, California, eleven grandchildren, Amanda, Jamie, Nicholas, Levi, Melissa, Heather, Amy, James O'Neal, III, Stacy, Tiffany, and Chelsey, fourteen great grandchildren, Carter, Savanna, Isaiah, Sarai, Jeremiah, Benjamin, Rebekah, Luke, McKenzie, Gavin, Haley, Blake O'Neal, Tara, and Vanessa, five sisters, Wanda Riley of Panama, Oklahoma, Shelba McConnell of Brea, California, Barbara Fowler of Brea, California, Beverly Carey of New River, Arizona, and Karla Dill of Owasso, Oklahoma, and one brother, W.T. Crutchfield and wife Glenda of McCurtain, Oklahoma.

O'Neal was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Velma, his wife, Virginia Pearl Crutchfield, his son, Terry Crutchfield, his sister, Lavada Parker, and his brother, Joe "J.E." Crutchfield. He was a Navy veteran and he loved his family dearly. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday at the Mallory-Martin Chapel in Spiro, Oklahoma with Reverend Ronald Miller officiating, burial followed at Old Bokoshe Cemetery under the direction of Mallory-Martin Funeral Home. Pallbearers were his sons and grandsons. Please sign O'Neal's online guest book at [www.mallorymartinfuneralhome.com](http://www.mallorymartinfuneralhome.com)

## Meet Maria Alicia Duarte, Downey's new city clerk

**CITY CLERK:** The Downey resident was hired as Downey city clerk last month after the departure of Adria Jimenez.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** – Just settled in to her new position, recently appointed City Clerk Maria Alicia Duarte brings over 19 years' experience in city government to Downey.

Duarte, 42, already has some experience working in Downey as she served the city for two and a half years as the Deputy City Clerk before officially being made City Clerk by City Council late last month.



However, her career started in 1998 in the city of Lynwood.

"I started working in the city of Lynwood in December of 1998

in the City Manager's office," said Duarte. "I was there for 10 years, and then was transferred over to the City Clerk's office in January of 2009. That's how my career began in the city clerk field."

Originally unsure of what duties are entailed within the position, Duarte attended training and educational opportunities that are offered through the City Clerks Association of California. Eventually, she earned her certified municipal clerk designation from the International Institute for Municipal Clerks.

Duarte spent eight years in the clerk's office in Lynwood before coming to Downey in 2015.

As a City Clerk, Duarte administers democratic processes such as elections, access to city records, and all legislative actions ensuring transparency to the public. Duarte also acts as a compliance officer for federal, state, and local statutes including the Political Reform Act, the Brown Act, and the Public Records Act.

The City Clerk also manages

public inquiries and relationships and may arrange for ceremonial and official functions.

A resident of the city for five years, Duarte described Downey as a "stable community."

"I feel that the community is very safe," said Duarte.

Duarte lives with her husband and her four children.

As she steps into her new position, Duarte says that she wants to provide the best community service for the community.

"I want to let the residents know that we are always available and ready to assist them," said Duarte. "Whenever it comes to election information, public records requests, or any other service provided by the city...we're always ready to help."

Duarte will receive a monthly salary rate of \$8,293.

## In Memory of Alda Sighting

September 13, 1945 - December 12, 2017



Alda Sighting, age 72, passed away unexpectedly while at home on the evening of December 12, 2017. She is survived by her husband Bob, and daughter Cindy.

She was born in Arizona, and grew up in Perris, CA where she raised and showed dairy calves, eventually met her husband Bob and settled in the Downey area. They married in Dec 1964, just celebrating their 53rd Anniversary.

She worked in Real Estate, along with doing the bookkeeping for the family's business, Industrial Forklifts, until their retirement in 2007.

Alda was active in the community and was President of the Downey Sister Cities Assoc. in 1984 and continuing to be on the board and committees, working tirelessly for over 30 years in furthering their People-to-People program through visitations and fundraisers. She was instrumental in starting the first official Paramedic Program in Guadalajara, Mex, which later became a statewide program, and aided in adding their newest sister city of Roscommon, Ireland.

She was a philanthropist in every sense. Some of her many accomplishments were being a Commissioner on the Emergency Preparedness Committee for the City of Downey, on the board for the C.H.E.R. Foundation, Southern California College of Chiropractic, Theater for America, American School of X-Ray, and many more.

She had a huge heart and was always willing to help those in need in any way possible. She was strong willed which helped her defy the odds of many health issues over the years. Alda always felt there was more out there for her to do. Her close family and friends were the center of her universe, sharing a tight knit relationship with her husband and daughter, as well as her precious grandsons. She will forever hold a place in all our hearts. Words cannot express how much she'll be missed.

Her Celebration of Life will be held at Miller Mies Downey Mortuary on Dec 29th at 10:30am.

# How the GOP tax plan will affect you

By Jerome Horton

The Republicans' final tax plan perpetuates economic, educational, and wealth disparities in the United States and the President is committed to signing it. However, the Joint Committee on Taxation and Tax Policy Center found that all income groups will, on average, see a tax cut in 2018 and 2019, with proper planning.

Californians did not fare as well as the rest of the nation, since the final plan limits the deductions for income, sales, and property taxes to \$10,000 annually and California has the highest income and sales taxes and second highest gas taxes in the nation. This reminds me of a Belizean proverb that says "Don't call the alligator a big-mouth until you have crossed the river"

If you itemize deductions, the GOP plan preserves 401(k) rules, the adoption tax credit, and deductions for the graduate school stipend (tax-free tuition waiver), the student loan interest and charitable giving. In addition, the medical expense deduction threshold was lowered to 7.5 percent for 2018 and 2019, but it reverts to 10 percent thereafter. To capitalize on these it would be wise to plan any major medical procedures in 2018 or 2019. You should consider increasing your 2017 charitable deduction, 401(k) IRA deductions, and contributions to your children's college now. The GOP plan allows mortgage interest deduction on new loans up to \$750K. Existing loans remain deductible up to \$1 million under current law.

If you are planning to purchase a new home in 2018, consider asking the seller to carry a second "principle-only" loan, and/or increasing your down payment to avoid a home mortgage greater than \$750,000. Additionally, be sure to claim the property tax homeowner's exemption of \$7,000 with your local county assessor and examine any additional property tax assessments (school bonds, water district taxes, municipal bonds, etc.) which could increase the cost of your new home and your taxes. Don't get it twisted, buying a home is still a good investment considering the appreciation and long term savings from rent increases.

The plan eliminates the personal exemptions of \$4,050 for each family member, but doubles the standard deduction to \$24,000 if married, \$18,000 for heads of household, and \$12,000 if single. It also expands the child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$2,000 (of-which \$1,400 is refundable) and provides for a temporary \$500 credit for each non-child dependent (for example, a child 17 or older, an ailing elderly parent, an adult child with a disability). The plan also expands the use of 529 accounts to reimburse up to \$10,000 in educational expenses for students in K-12 private schools or who are homeschooled and preserves the Earned Income Tax Credit of

up to \$6,318 for qualified individuals earning less than \$53,930 (for the 2017 federal tax year). If you qualify for all of the above, you may actually receive a refund, even if you paid zero taxes and are not required to file your tax return.

Grandparents can profit from the annual gift tax exclusion of up to \$14,000 by giving their children money to pay for childcare and summer camp, depending on their income, and your children can then claim the childcare deductions. You could also give money to your college graduate to double down on their college loan interest, depending on their income, and then they can deduct the student interest, keeping the money all in the family.

Changes to Obamacare eliminated the mandatory provisions of the Act. The Congressional Budget Office estimated that 13 million people will cancel their Obamacare plans. This will likely cause the premiums to increase significantly for those who remain, including Californians unless the state legislature takes immediate action to subsidize the program. Equally concerning, Congress has yet to reauthorize \$2 billion in funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which provides health care coverage for 1 million children. The legislature must act immediately to encourage Congress to reauthorize the CHIP. Another devastating aspect of the Plan is that in 2018 it eliminates the deduction for casualty losses – for property lost or damaged by a fire, flood, earthquake, or due to theft – unless the area is declared a federal disaster area. The California legislature should seek federal designation of all calamities in California immediately. Losses resulting from our recent wild fires in 2017 remain deductible.

Wealthy Californians will save millions with some strategic tax planning. Warren Buffett, the second richest man in America, noted in the New York Times that he paid "a lower percentage of his taxable income than any of the other 20 people in his office." Under the GOP tax plan, Mr. Buffett will pay even less taxes. The plan cuts the tax rate for households making over \$600,000 and individuals making over \$500,000 from 39.6% to 37%. The plan also cuts the corporate tax rate to 21%, down from 35%; and the Individual Alternative Minimum Tax exemption will be increased to \$500K for individuals and \$1 million for couples filing jointly, up from the current \$54,300 for individuals and \$84,500 for couples. In 2018, the plan doubles the amount of the current exemption from Estate Tax from \$5.5 million to \$11 million for individuals, and from \$11 million to \$22 million for couples filing jointly, with annual adjustments for inflation.

Individuals with pass-through companies such as S corporations, LLCs, partnerships, or sole proprietorships will be allowed to deduct 20% of

their taxable income through 2025 when this provision sunsets. Service businesses such as law firms, doctors' offices, and investment firms can only take the 20% deduction if they make up to \$315,000 (for couples.) In addition, the final bill gets rid of the corporate alternative minimum tax, a big relief to the business community, and allows for a new capital investment deduction for new capital equipment. Accordingly, if you work as an employee for companies such as Uber, you should consider setting yourself up as an independent contractor to take advantage of this huge tax break and waiting until 2018 to purchase any equipment. Doctors and lawyers may want to set up split companies where the assets are owned by a corporation and the partnership pays the salaries. Lastly, the plan changes the current worldwide tax system for multi-national corporations to a territorial tax system, which provides for a significant reduction in taxes on upwards of \$3 trillion in foreign profits left abroad to avoid paying U.S. taxes and allows U.S. companies to delay the repatriation for years.

To protect its taxpayers, California must consider tax reform that will stimulate long-term career employment for the 947,000 unemployed and 800,000 individuals living in poverty in California. I would recommend an on-the-job (OTJ) training program that provides job training for the unemployed, lowering the state income tax rate for the poor and middle-income earners to stimulate the economy, doubling the renter's tax credit to increase affordable living, and providing a deduction for parents who donate time and resources to public schools. To pay for these policies, the legislature could prioritize redirecting the current billions in existing tax credits and loopholes: toll the OTJ credit for one and 1/2 years to allow the state to capitalize on the economic stimuli of the credit; establish government efficiency programs that allow the state to recapture lost federal dollars, such as the \$1.4 billion in unclaimed federal Earned Income Tax Credits; collect the upwards of \$9 billion in taxes from the black market operators who unfairly compete with California businesses; and establish government efficiency programs to recapture the upwards of \$18 billion in accounts receivables (unpaid taxes) at California's taxing agencies. California leads the way in protecting children of immigrants, rightfully so, and we should do the same to protect Californians from the Republicans' tax and public policies.

The above tax planning concepts are provided for discussion purposes only, and you should consult with your tax professional to determine how they apply to your specific circumstances.

**Jerome Horton is a board member with the California Department of Equalization.**

# What to look for in 2018

By Lee Hamilton

This was an interesting year that's just passed, wasn't it? And here's the thing: I suspect 2018 will be just as intriguing.

Let's start with some good news. The economy had a good year in 2017, seeing overall growth, subdued inflation, progress on wages, and even some signs that economic growth is reaching the poor.

The question is whether this can continue. For one thing, the Fed has

been raising interest rates, and will almost certainly continue to do so. Income inequality — a drag on the economy and a strain on our social structure — is accelerating. Equally worrisome is lackluster growth in productivity. And while the Trump Administration pursued an active deregulatory course in 2017, it will slow in 2018, because one key statutory authority undergirding those decisions has expired.

Two things that will certainly grow are the national debt and annual deficits; not only do policy-makers appear unwilling to rein them in, they actually are making policy decisions, like the tax bill, that do the opposite.

The nation's politics, meanwhile, have been tumultuous and largely unproductive, and that will likely continue. I should point out that on the biggest political question of the year — what happens to President Trump — there's not actually much to say. The Mueller investigation will drive a lot of the political agenda in 2018, but we're mostly in the dark about where he's headed. Whatever he finds and whatever actions he takes, however, will determine a lot of the politics of the country.

There has been no sign of a letup in political polarization; indeed, if anything, it's been exacerbated over the past year, with conservatives moving to the right and Democrats becoming more left of center on issues like immigration, health care, welfare, and race. The two parties will continue to be highly polarized. It used to be that both the Republicans and the Democrats held a mix of liberal and conservative views. That has changed. The wings are coming to define what is "mainstream" in both parties.

We've had an intensification of cultural divisions — President Trump has shown special interest in these issues, and a willingness to fan their flames. There's nothing to suggest this will let up. This past year was filled with scandals related to sexual harassment and the place of women in society, upheaval over the alt-right and its white supremacist views, and a variety of resignations and political turnovers driven in no small part by

voters' cultural beliefs. I expect that volatility to continue.

In world affairs, President Trump has made "America First" his byword — a focus that has led to a worsening of relations with our key allies, especially Europeans. I don't think that will improve in 2018. Given his approach to the Middle East, his nuclear brinkmanship on North Korea, his mysterious ambiguity toward Russia, and his challenges to traditional U.S. policy and the global system the U.S. built and led for decades, there's no reason to think that relations with key European and Asian allies will improve.

The dominant foreign policy issue — absent a crisis — will be our relationship with China. While I think it's premature to believe that China will inevitably overtake the U.S. as the world's leading power, its rise is a key historical phenomenon that will continue to play out in 2018. North Korea will remain the principal "hot spot."

Yet while I see plenty of troubled and challenging times ahead in 2018, there are also real opportunities. I think voters are tired of polarizing politicians, which offers us a chance to look for leaders with consensus-building skills, and to develop those skills ourselves, in all sorts of groups and organizations.

I believe there's real interest in preserving a sense of opportunity for all Americans, a goal that is deeply ingrained in our country.

And for all the stresses and strains of the past year — and the upcoming one — I believe people will respond to leaders in both public and private life who focus on what's working well in the country, who avoid war, who emphasize common ground, and who are clearly devoted to the common good. Let's hope 2018 proves me right.

**Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.**

# Ideas for Cristina Garcia

Dear Editor:

I just received a brochure from Assemblymember Cristina Garcia. It informed her constituents that our state government has now passed AB617 to improve air quality and to address pollution in cap and trade.

I'd like to know how much money has been spent on air quality in the past several years. This bill has appropriated \$300 million, with more to come.

Then AB 1132 gives air pollution control to districts, which can require a facility to cease operations until a full hearing can be held. Let's not forget pending negotiations will cost California citizens \$2 million for conversion of a vacant lot, located on the boundaries of Commerce and Bel Gardens, into a park. Then \$226,000 to fund transportation for school groups to the ocean.

I was 16 years old before I saw the ocean, and there are millions of children in the U.S. who either haven't seen it or will never see it. Is there any other spending you can think of to extract money from California citizens?

Each year, Assemblymember Garcia wants to know if anyone has an idea for a new law. Can you think of a law that might cut taxes on this highly over-taxed state? Maybe make a new law saying that State Legislatures and government will not try to take away Proposition 13. Make a new law that will require Californians to obey federal laws.

While we're at it, make a law that all government officials will obey the Constitution of California – that being Article 3, Section 6 of the Constitution, which every state official swore to do. Or maybe let us vote on whether we want a sanctuary state to protect illegal criminals. Maybe make a law to cut the outrageous tax on gasoline. Enough is enough already.

When these laws have passed, maybe I could think of a few more.

**Elsa Van Leuven  
Downey**

# Rejecting Roy Moore was only the start

By Martha Burk

The defeat of Roy Moore in the Alabama senate race tells us something about voters.

Women — especially black women — made the difference. Some 57 percent of Alabamian women voted against Moore, while 56 percent of mostly white men stuck with him.

That also tells us something about the Grand Old Pedophile Party (no need to say more).

The election raised the national consciousness about the sexual predation, harassment, and assault that's still woven deep into the fabric of our society. It starts with demeaning images of women that boys and men are bombarded with from their earliest days.

Throw in power — all the way from the ability to physically dominate a playmate to coercion, intimidation, and even rape of a subordinate in the workplace — and you end up with a toxic environment that reaches all the way to the top. Not only in politics, but in business, the arts, entertainment, education, you name it.

The question is what's to be done, and how?

Saying no to one offender at the ballot box is a definite statement, but rejecting the environment that produces such a person needs to start at the earliest levels, with more training in respect for all genders at home and at school.

Parents and teachers alike are still too often inadvertently sending messages that girls are "lesser" when it comes to aspirations and abilities, and a little friendly unwanted kiss or pinch on the behind is treated like just part of growing up.

In the workplace, men have to take the lead, because they're still by far the decision makers about who gets hired, who gets fired, what gets covered up, and whom and what gets punished.

It's hard not to notice that high-profile women who now have power (but didn't when they were harassed and worse) are the ones leading the

charge. But women waiting tables, stocking shelves, picking vegetables, and cleaning offices at night still don't dare make a peep.

And who can blame them? The news cameras won't come calling if they speak out — they're much more likely to have their complaints dismissed or get fired for being a troublemaker.

Sure, retaliation is against the law. Tell that to a single mother making minimum wage who can't afford to miss a paycheck.

Even though there's much work to be done, it's good news that we've seen one huge scream from the voters and signs that the good-ol-boy "don't ask, don't tell" network may be cracking a bit. Women who complain are refusing to shut up — no more standing for being marginalized, fired, called outright liars, or accused of being "a little bit nutty and a little bit slutty" and then forgotten about.

Now that the "sisterhood of silence" has become the "sisterhood of speaking out," corporate big-wigs are taking notice — revamping sexual harassment policies and announcing company-wide training programs. Men at the helm in businesses nationwide — from Hollywood to the high profile gourmet eateries of Gotham — are taking action against sexual bullies and predators, no matter how lofty their positions.

Not so the men in charge of the United States Congress. There's been nary a peep from them about investigating or condemning a sitting Supreme Court justice or president of the United States.

Soon the calendar will turn to an election year. Women are the majority of the population, the majority of registered voters, and the majority of those who actually show up at the polls.

Let's hope that newfound power in Alabama leads to a wave in 2018 — one that brings in a real conversation about what kind of leadership the women and men of this country truly deserve.

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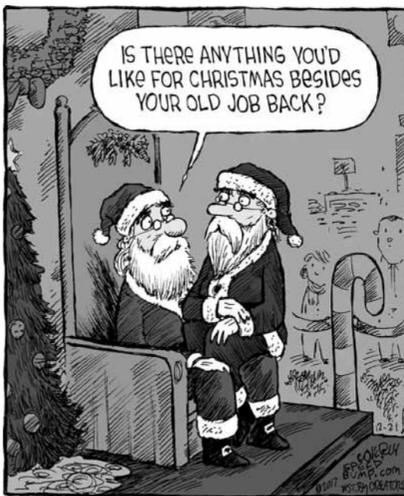
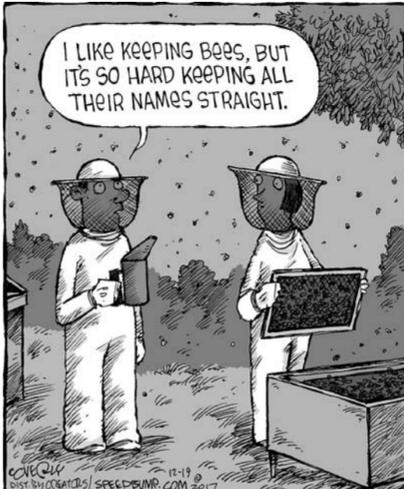
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## SPEED BUMP

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# Downey Community Calendar

### CITY MEETINGS

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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.  
 2nd Mon., 11 am: American Legion Auxiliary #270, at United Methodist Church, call 304-3439.  
 3rd Mon., 11:30 am: Downey Newcomers Club, call Barbara 869-1044.  
 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 Alex Lopez 441-7947.  
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.  
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.  
 7 pm: Healing Room and Prayer, at Desert Reign Church 11610 Lakewood Blvd, call 861-6011.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd and 4th Tues., 6 pm: Sertoma Club, at Rio Hondo Event Center, call 927-6438.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.  
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, at Los Amigos Country Club, call Helen 864-7319.  
 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., 10 am: 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 (310) 604-0725.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: OLPH Women's Guild, at OLPH School Auditorium, contact Paula Mayfield, (562) 923-3518.  
 3rd Wed., 6 pm: American Business Women's Association, Rio Hondo Country Club, call Barbara 863-2192.  
 4th Wed., 12:00 pm: Retired Federal Employees, at Barbara J Riley Center, call 943-5513.  
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.  
 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 9 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.  
 1st Thurs., 12:00 pm: Downey Christian & Professional Luncheon, Sizzler's Restaurant, call James 310-1335.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm.: The Downey Amateur Radio Club, at First Baptist Church room 120.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6 pm: Lions Club, at Coco's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.  
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.  
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.  
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.  
 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

### On This Day...

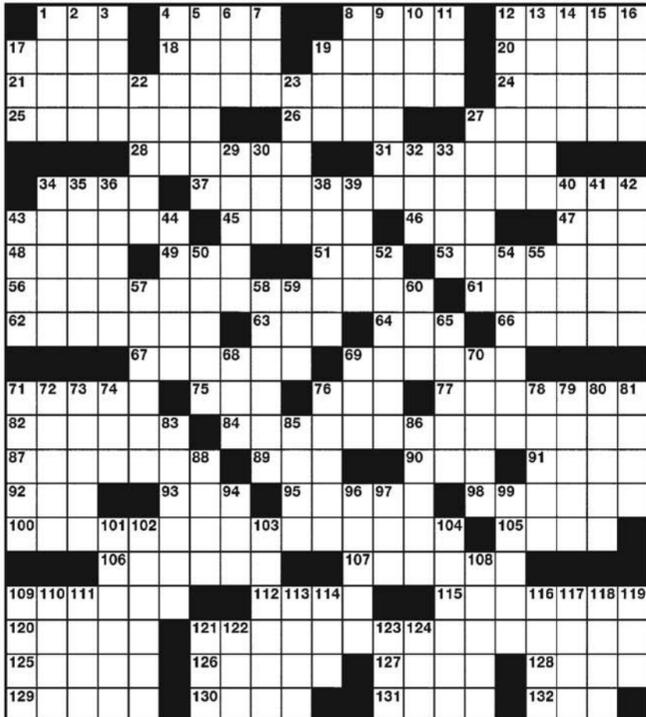
- Dec. 21, 1620:** Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Mass.
- 1913:** The first crossword puzzle was published, in the New York World.
- 1937:** The Disney animated feature film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" had its world premiere in Los Angeles.
- 1968:** Apollo 8 was launched on a mission to orbit the moon.
- 1970:** Elvis Presley met with President Richard M. Nixon in the Oval Office to discuss fighting drugs.

### THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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**WHO THE DICKENS: Some unusual characters**  
 by Mark "Fezziwig" McClain

- ACROSS**
- 1 Sales agent, for short
  - 4 On \_\_\_ with (equivalent to)
  - 8 Rodeo critter
  - 12 Author of *Cosmos* and *Comet*
  - 17 Repetitive drill
  - 18 Island near Java
  - 19 Well-known
  - 20 In all honesty
  - 21 School matron in *Dombey and Son*
  - 24 Farm measures
  - 25 Altered, as legislation
  - 26 Skater's leap
  - 27 Sentence section
  - 28 Without cost
  - 31 Prohibit legally
  - 34 Phoenix suburb
  - 37 Circumlocution Office bigwig in *Little Dorrit*
  - 43 Cabernet producer
  - 45 Heats up quickly, as chicken
  - 46 Literary Rand
  - 47 Grafton's \_\_\_ for *Ricochet*
  - 48 Pro-opposite
  - 49 \_\_\_ out a living
  - 51 Half an evasive maneuver
  - 53 Extreme enthusiasts
  - 56 Barrister in *Pickwick Papers*
  - 61 Cochise or Geronimo
  - 62 Inquire about, rudely
  - 63 John \_\_\_ Lennon
  - 64 Actor McKellen
  - 66 Model's moves
  - 67 Quite a spread
  - 69 Bay city of Fla.
  - 71 One with questions
  - 75 Marine Corps NCO
  - 76 Pirate's domain
  - 77 Wiping clean
  - 82 Activities
  - 84 Villain in *Our Mutual Friend*
  - 87 Make unclear
  - 89 Miss Piggy pronoun
  - 90 Pistachio's red or green, for example
  - 91 Jazz singer \_\_\_ James
  - 92 "\_\_\_ be my pleasure!"
  - 93 Actress Vardalos
  - 95 Make \_\_\_ of (got down)
  - 98 Regular earnings
  - 100 School superintendent in *Hard Times*
  - 105 Other than that
  - 106 Tops of waves
  - 107 Squid cousins
  - 109 Residential water source
  - 112 Steering wheel adjunct
  - 115 It may be read to rowdies
  - 120 Former UN head from Ghana
  - 121 Cruel schoolmaster in *Nicholas Nickleby*
  - 125 *The Jungle Book* setting
  - 126 Stiffly formal
  - 127 Maui shindig
  - 128 Vicinity
  - 129 Lake birds
  - 130 Taper off
  - 131 Shoe-print source
  - 132 Move one's canoe
- DOWN**
- 1 Kitchen or den
  - 2 "To be" in France
  - 3 Quaker State founder
  - 4 More qualified
  - 5 Infomercial, e.g.
  - 6 In the style of
  - 7 Barbecue piece
  - 8 Showed up
  - 9 Walks casually
  - 10 Director Spike or Ang
  - 11 President during WWII
  - 12 Russian ruler during WWII
  - 13 Mysterious matters
  - 14 Wise mentor
  - 15 Brewpub array
  - 16 The Big Board, for short
  - 17 HDTV brand
  - 19 Repair
  - 22 Mr. Poe
  - 23 Vision-correcting acronym
  - 27 It's reshaped in 23 Down
  - 29 Doctrine
  - 30 Hosp. section
  - 32 Hoopster's group
  - 33 Rapper married to Beyoncé
  - 34 Clementine's dad
  - 35 Sweepstakes submission
  - 36 Conductor Ozawa
  - 38 Voice above alto, for short
  - 39 Thunderbirds org.
  - 40 Swamp critters
  - 41 Supple
  - 42 Double-curve letters
  - 43 Nesting insect
  - 44 Irish poet
  - 50 Pretzel shapes
  - 52 Rock-band staple
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  - 55 Southeast Asian language
  - 57 Wind farm production
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meet consumer expectations thus dyeing continues mostly to pistachios are now machine-picked, to hide shell imperfections; most were originally D'Yed red or green in 2019. Pistachios (90 Across) final novel in her "Alphabet" series (Across) has announced that the "contronym" Sue Gration (47 opposite meanings is known as a "legally" as well as "prohibit direct to do" as well as "prohibit (AI Across) can mean



## Review: The Last Jedi still entertaining despite questionable plot choices

"Star Wars: The Last Jedi" – the second movie in the newest trilogy and eighth episodically – opened in theatres last week much to the joy of fans who have been waiting two years since "The Force Awakens" continued the Star Wars saga.

While many fans took issue with "The Force Awakens" and how similar it felt to "A New Hope," The Last Jedi (from now on referenced as TLJ) definitely feels more like an original story and not just a carbon copy of one of its predecessors.



While by no means perfect, TLJ should definitely keep Star Wars fans – both die-hard and casual – happy and entertained.

Firstly, the film is paced brilliantly from a story standpoint, at least for the most part.

TLJ follows two major plot lines which surround Luke and Rey and Finn, Leia, Finn and the rest of Resistance. Both story arcs remain mostly separate from each other until intertwining at the very end. Think of the pacing almost like Empire Strikes back, where Luke follows his own storyline until meeting up with the crew of the Millennium Falcon on Bespin at the very end.

That being said, there is a decent chunk of the movie that feels like busy work for two specific characters.

Without spoiling too much, Finn and newcomer Rose spend a fair amount of time on a new planet. While the prospect of anything new to add to the Star Wars universe may be initially intriguing, this entire subplot feels a bit convenient for the sake of the story; a means to get from point A to point B that feels more like filler than actual substance.

TLJ also hits and misses on its character progression, not just individually in itself but as a whole in the trilogy as well.

There is definitely a changing of the guard at hand, as movie goers will see old favorites seemingly step aside so that Rey, Finn, Poe, and Kylo Ren can take center stage and establish themselves as the faces of this generation.

Several old characters make their expected returns in TLJ, yet don't particularly play a major role in the stories progression or plot; and it's not a bad thing.

While Star Wars wouldn't be the same without R2D2, C3PO, Chewbacca, or Leia, it's refreshing to know that the series can still be entertaining and retain the same charm without them heading the

### 'The Last Jedi' rakes in \$536.M in 5 days

"Star Wars: The Last Jedi" has grossed \$536.7 million worldwide since its opening last Friday.

The film took in \$42.1 million on Tuesday alone, the ninth-highest Tuesday of all time.

The worldwide total has already become the 164th-highest of all time — \$3 million above 2008's "Wall-E" and \$1.7 million below 1980's "The Empire Strikes Back."

"Star Wars: The Last Jedi" picks up where "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" left off. It stars returning cast members Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher, Adam Driver, Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Oscar Isaac, and Andy Serkis. New stars include Kelly Marie Tran, Laura Dern, and Benicio del Toro.

charge.

However, the passing of the torch might have been more enjoyable a movie earlier than right now.

While this really has nothing to do with TLJ itself and is more of a critique on the current trilogy as a whole, the story might have been even more satisfying if it hadn't started off so reliant on original Star Wars material. While it's great to see Rey and company ready to lead the charge without relying on old characters as they head into episode 9, it's a shame that it took so long for the film to let go of the past.

TLJ also didn't do justice to some of its villain characters.

Unfortunately, there is really no way to delve into this subject without spoiling something, so this will sound rather shallow and unsupported. Simply put, characters that fans have discussed since the Force Awakens have rather unsatisfying payoffs in TLJ, and it leaves the trilogy's villain arc a hot mess heading into its finale.

TLJ is a good movie and a worthy installment into the franchise. However, it definitely suffers from some questionable plot choices and a bit of a rushed progression for some characters. This keeps TLJ from being the "great" movie that most were hoping for.

While imperfect, the story holds together well enough and there is the right amount of fan-service, shocker, and action to keep movie goers happy.

By Alex Dominguez, staff writer



## Lady Gaga announces Las Vegas residency

Lady Gaga will join the list of superstars with regularly scheduled shows in Las Vegas in 2018, when she kicks off a two-year residency in December.

Gaga in a statement Tuesday says it has been her "life-long dream" to perform in Las Vegas. She says she is humbled to be joining a historical line-up of performers that have performed in Sin City

"It's the land of Elvis, Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra, the Rat Pack, Elton John, Judy Garland and Liza Minnelli," she said about her future in Las Vegas.

"I am humbled to be a part of a historical line-up of performers, and to have the honour of creating a new show unlike anything Vegas has ever seen before."

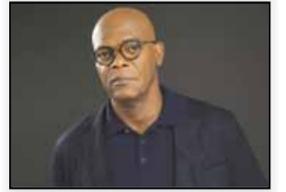
The announcement comes at the end of a successful year for the superstar that included a stunning Super Bowl performance and a sold-out tour.

Despite living with chronic illness fibromyalgia, the 31-year-old has spent the majority of 2017 touring the US in support of her latest record "Joanne."

MGM Resorts International did not immediately announce performance dates at Park Theater.

The 5,300-seat venue is located at the Park MGM casino-resort, next to the Monte Carlo. It hosted the residencies of Cher and Ricky Martin.

## DEC. 21 BIRTHDAYS



Samuel L. Jackson, the actor and producer, turns 69.



Jane Fonda actress 70



Kiefer Sutherland actor 51



Ray Romano comedian 60



Jane Kaczmarek actress 62



Andy Dick comedian 52



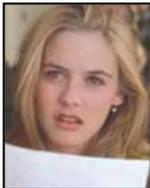
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## 'Whatever' voted most annoying word of 2017

For the ninth consecutive year, Americans say "whatever" is the most annoying word or phrase used in casual conversation.

But, fewer Americans feel that way than in previous years. Residents under the age of 45, compared with their older counterparts, do not find the word all that bothersome.

Alicia Silverstone popularized use of the word 'whatever' in the film "Clueless."



33% of Americans consider "whatever" to be the most annoying word or phrase. The recent addition of "fake news" takes second place with 23% followed closely by "no offense, but" with 20%. 11% think "literally" is the most grating word used in conversation while 10% assert "you know what I mean" is the most agitating.

In 2016, "whatever" received 38% to 20% for "no offense, but." "Ya know, right" and "I can't even" each garnered 14%. Eight percent of

Americans deemed "huge" to be the most irritating word or phrase spoken in casual conversation.

"Since 2015, we have seen a narrowing between 'whatever' and the rest of the list," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, director of The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "It has been more than 20 years since 'whatever' first gained infamy in the movie Clueless. While the word irks older Americans, those who are younger might not find 'whatever' to be so annoying."

Opinions differ based on age. A plurality of U.S. residents 45 and older, 40%, believe "whatever" is the most annoying spoken word. In contrast, 28% of Americans under 45 years old say "no offense, but" is the most bothersome.

A similar 26% of these residents consider "whatever" to be the most grating word or phrase used in casual conversation.

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## FAMILY LAW

Superior Court of Washington, County of Lewis. In re the Guardianship of: Angelina Sue VanReenen, a Minor. Case No.: 17-4-00312-21. Notice of Guardianship Petition (RCW 11.88.030) (NT). To: Patrick Dean VanReenen and Amanda Sue Hall, biological parents of the minor. IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. A petition to have the guardianship of your child transferred to Washington State has been filed in the Lewis county superior court by Faye Leon. UNDER THE LAW, YOU HAVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. You have the right to be represented by a lawyer of your own choosing. The court will appoint a lawyer to represent you if you are unable to pay or payment would result in a substantial hardship to you.

You have the right to be present in court and testify when the hearing is held to decide whether or not the guardianship of your child should be transferred to Washington State. You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 14th day of December, 2017, and defend the above entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the petition, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for petitioner, at this office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. Dated: December 12, 2017. Daniel W Crowe, WSBA #32722. /s/ 302 E Yelm Ave, Yelm, WA 98597. 360.810.8006.

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/14/17, 12/21/17, 12/28/17, 1/4/18

## FICT. BUS NAME

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017350940

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **COSMOS DRAFTING SERVICES, 9030 FARM ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ERNESTO JARAMILLO, 9030 FARM ST, DOWNEY CA 90241 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: 10/2007 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/ ERNESTO JARAMILLO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 14, 2017

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/21/17, 12/28/17, 1/4/18, 1/11/18

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017353569

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **DARIEN PUBLISHING, 7704 3RD STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) YADITH SEPULVEDA, 7704 3RD STREET, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) S/ YADITH SEPULVEDA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 19, 2017

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/21/17, 12/28/17, 1/4/18, 1/11/18

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017328910

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PACIFIC LEARNING CENTER, 5161 POMONA BLVD 207, EAST LOS ANGELES CA 90022, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICHARD C. ROSSI, 4755 TEMPLTON ST 2210, LOS ANGELES CA 90032 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: 04/1998 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/ RICHARD C. ROSSI, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious

Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/14/17, 12/21/17, 12/28/17, 1/4/18

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017329000

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **AQUILISTAMOS MAGAZINE, 10558 MEMPHIS AVE, WHITTIER CA 90604, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BLANCA E. VAZQUEZ VALERA, 10558 MEMPHIS AVE, WHITTIER CA 90604 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) S/ BLANCA E. VAZQUEZ VALERA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 16, 2017

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/14/17, 12/21/17, 12/28/17, 1/4/18

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017331955

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **FITNESS INSPIRES U, 13109 CURTIS AND KING ROAD, NORWALK CA 90650, LA COUNTY, 13109 CURTIS AND KING ROAD, NORWALK CA 90650** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CLARIVEL DOMINGUEZ, 13109 CURTIS AND KING ROAD, NORWALK CA 90650 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2017 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/ CLARIVEL DOMINGUEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 20, 2017

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/17/17, 12/14/17, 12/21/17, 12/28/17

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017350198

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **RENOVA HOME SOLUTIONS, 10000 IMPERIAL HWY OF F 222, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ISRAEL GIOVANNI LOPEZ, 10000 IMPERIAL HWY OF F 222, 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: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) S/ ISRAEL GIOVANNI LOPEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 13, 2017

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/21/17, 12/28/17, 1/4/18, 1/11/18

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017350664

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **HARLEY BURGER (2) AZZ GOURMET BURGER, INC., 9301 TAMPA AVE, NORTHRIDGE CA 91324, LA COUNTY, 9122 OWARI LANE, RIVERSIDE CA 92508** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: 4078737 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AZZ GOURMET BURGER, INC. 9122 OWARI LANE, RIVERSIDE CA 92508 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: 01/2016 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/ MARCO A. MARROQUIN, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 22, 2017

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
11/30/17, 12/7/17, 12/14/17, 12/21/17

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017352852

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **EL TOROOGO RESTAURANTE Y PUPUSERIA, 10406 LONG BEACH BLVD., LYNWOOD CA 90262-1657, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LETICIA GONZALEZ, 10406 LONG BEACH BLVD, LYNWOOD CA 90262-1657 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: 03/2012 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/ LETICIA GONZALEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 18, 2017

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/21/17, 12/28/17, 1/4/18, 1/11/18

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

2017337720

FILE NO: 2013-184311 DATE FILED: 09-04-13 NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): SAL'S FORKLIFT REPAIR & MAINTENANCE STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 10256 ATLANTIC AVE. SOUTH GATE, CA 90280 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SALVADOR ASPETIA, 8420 DONOVAN ST., DOWNEY CA 90242 If Corporation or LLC – Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A Business was conducted by: an Individual I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ SALVADOR ASPETIA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on NOVEMBER 29, 2017

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/7/17, 12/14/17, 12/21/17, 12/28/17

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017328438

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **RV DREAMERS OF CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP, 2745 SHAKESPEARE DRIVE, SAN MARINO CA 91108, LA COUNTY, 256 S. 2ND AVENUE, SUITE E, YUMA AZ 85364** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): TONY CHEE, 745 SHAKESPEARE DRIVE, SAN MARINO CA 91108 (2) TONY CHEE, CO-TRUSTEE OF CHEE REVOCABLE TRUST 4/30/1987, AS AMENDED, 2745 SHAKESPEARE DRIVE, SAN MARINO CA 91108 (3) BETSY CHEE, CO-TRUSTEE OF CHEE REVOCABLE TRUST 4/30/1987, AS AMENDED, 2745 SHAKESPEARE DRIVE, SAN MARINO CA 91108 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) S/ TONY CHEE, GENERAL PARTNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 16, 2017

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**The Downey Patriot**  
12/7/17, 12/14/17, 12/21/17, 12/28/17

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017337619

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CH'ASKA PUNKU, 11850 OLD RIVER SCHOOL RD ,APT 1, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELIZABETH ROSE MONTALVO, 11850 OLD RIVER SCHOOL RD. APT 1, DOWNEY CA 90241 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: 11/2017 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/ ELIZABETH ROSE MONTALVO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 29, 2017

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**The Downey Patriot**  
11/30/17, 12/7/17, 12/14/17, 12/21/17

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017350664

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **HARLEY BURGER (2) AZZ GOURMET BURGER, INC., 9301 TAMPA AVE, NORTHRIDGE CA 91324, LA COUNTY, 9122 OWARI LANE, RIVERSIDE CA 92508** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: 4078737 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AZZ GOURMET BURGER, INC. 9122 OWARI LANE, RIVERSIDE CA 92508 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 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/ AZZ GOURMET BURGER, INC. VICE PRESIDENT, MOUHANED KHOURY This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 14, 2017

Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/21/17, 12/28/17, 1/4/18, 1/11/18

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017348484

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **J&J NETWORK SPECILITY, 7717 RUNDRELL ST, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAMES P. ZEISEL, 7717 RUNDRELL ST, 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: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) S/ JAMES P. ZEISEL, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 12, 2017

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
12/14/17, 12/21/17, 12/28/17, 1/4/18

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017338239

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **EXPRESS FINGERPRINT & NOTARY SERVICES, 8280 FLORENCE AVENUE, SUITE 220, DOWNEY CA 90240, LA COUNTY, 13921 PLACID DR., WHITTIER CA 90604** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROSA NOY, 8921 PLACID DR., WHITTIER CA 90604 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) S/ ROSA NOY, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 29, 2017

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**The Downey Patriot**  
12/7/17, 12/14/17, 12/21/17, 12/28/17

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017337619

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **CH'ASKA PUNKU, 11850 OLD RIVER SCHOOL RD ,APT 1, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELIZABETH ROSE MONTALVO, 11850 OLD RIVER SCHOOL RD. APT 1, DOWNEY CA 90241 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: 11/2017 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/ ELIZABETH ROSE MONTALVO, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 29, 2017

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

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2017342236

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PACIFIC PARADISE POOLS, 340 S LEMON AVE # 1675, WALNUT CA 91789, LA COUNTY** Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: 4079677 REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) A PUL POOL MANAGEMENT INC., 340 S LEMON AVE #1675, WALNUT CA 91789 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: 1



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scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: February 7, 2018, Time: 1:30 pm, Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **Downey Patriot Newspaper** December 04, 2017  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**Fatuono Johnson Kelemete**  
16437 Woodruff Ave.  
Bellflower, California 90706  
(562) 216-0609

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
CASE NUMBER: VS030716

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: January 17, 2017, Time: 1:30, Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650  
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **Downey Patriot** November 15, 2017  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
**David Arturo Correal**  
7728 Bairsdale St  
Downey CA 90240

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### PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MICHAEL THOMAS CERIO**  
Case No. 17STPB11077

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MICHAEL THOMAS CERIO A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Daniel Michael Cerio aka Daniel Cerio in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Daniel Michael Cerio aka Daniel Cerio be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests the decedent's lost will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. Copies of the lost will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 11, 2018 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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

Attorney for petitioner:  
**JULIA SYLVA ESQ**  
SBN 109979  
**LAW OFFICES OF JULIA SYLVA ALC**  
2700 CHERRY AVE  
STE 101  
LONG BEACH CA 90755  
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### TRUSTEE SALES

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 17-30793-PM-CA Title No. 170286623-CA-VOI A.P.N. 6286-014-014 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE 2923.3. NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/27/2014. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or federal bank, a check drawn by a state or national credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Edgar E. Esparza, a single man, Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation, Recorded 01/30/2014 as Instrument No. 20140103483 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 02/15/2018 at 9:00 AM. Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, Vineyard Ballroom, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650. Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$304,166.17. Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9356 Buell Street, Downey, CA 90241. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2)/2923.55(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 028519-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP. 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117**

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T.S. No.: 2017-0903 Loan No.: SORIA/07-02327/ATLANTIC APN: 6186-036-013 & 6193-013-017 Property Address: 11199 S. ATLANTIC AVE & 12224 S. ATLANTIC AVE, LYNWOOD, CA 90262  
**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/28/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: FRANCISCO SORIA A SINGLE MAN Duly Appointed Trustee: WESTERN FIDELITY TRUSTEES Recorded 8/28/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-2007492 in book ,

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T.S. No. 028519-CA APN: 6245-011-037  
**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 2/7/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON**

1/17/2018 at 10:30 AM. CLEAR RECON CORP., as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/15/2005, as Instrument No. 05 0342716, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: GERARD B. GORLERO AND MARTHA E. GORLERO, HUSBAND AND WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE: BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 12313 JULIUS AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90242 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and charges of the trustee, at the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$373,811.88 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 028519-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 12/15/2017 WESTERN FIDELITY TRUSTEES 1222 Crenshaw Blvd., SUITE B Torrance, California 90501 Sale Line: (310)212-0700 Kathleen Herrera, Trustee Officer

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page of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 1/17/2018 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$610,892.69\* Street Address or other common designation of real property: 11199 S. ATLANTIC AVE & 12224 S. ATLANTIC AVE LYNWOOD, CA 90262 A.P.N.: 6186-036-013 & 6193-013-017 \*The opening bid at the time of sale may be less than the amount stated herein\* The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 844-477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case 2017-0903. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 12/15/2017 WESTERN FIDELITY TRUSTEES 1222 Crenshaw Blvd., SUITE B Torrance, California 90501 Sale Line: (310)212-0700 Kathleen Herrera, Trustee Officer

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. CA-RCS-17017791 NOTE: PURSUANT TO 2923.3(C) THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED. [PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3(A), THE SUMMARY OF INFORMATION REFERRED TO ABOVE IS NOT ATTACHED TO THE RECORDED COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT BUT ONLY TO THE COPIES PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR.] YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/23/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2891 or visit this Internet Web site www.auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case, CA-RCS-17017791. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. On January 18, 2018, at 09:00 AM, IN THE VINEYARD BALLROOM AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL LOS ANGELES-NORWALK, 13111 SYCAMORE DRIVE, in the City of NORWALK, County of LOS ANGELES, State of CALIFORNIA, PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by SHOAB KHALID AND LUBNA KHALID, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustors, recorded on 3/10/2006, as Instrument No. 06-0516827, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay**

the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Property is being sold "as is - where is". TAX PARCEL NO. 6361-028-017. Property address: 10033 LA REINA AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90240. The land referred to is situated in the State of California, County of Los Angeles, City of Downey, and is described as follows: LOTS 22 AND 23 OF TRACT NO. 6155, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 108, PAGES 6 AND 7 OF MAPS IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, EXCEPT THE SOUTHWESTERLY 50 FEET OF LOT 22. From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 10033 LA REINA AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90240. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is \$795,797.20. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SALE INFORMATION LINE: 800-280-2891 or www.auction.com Dated: 12/12/2017 PEAK FORECLOSURE SERVICES, INC., AS TRUSTEE BY Shelley Chase, Foreclosure Administrator A-4641032 12/21/2017, 12/28/2017, 01/04/2018

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# How to sell your house while buying another one at the same time

Listing a house for sale and buying a home at the same time is no easy feat. Unless you can afford to carry 2 mortgages at once, it'll take some extensive planning.

Here's what to consider when simultaneously buying a home and listing a house for sale.

**Decide whether to sell or buy first:** In an ideal situation, you'd be able to buy a new home, move and then sell your old home.

"If you have the financial reserves or the income to qualify to purchase without selling, then you are in a great place," says Ron Phipps, principal with Warwick, Rhode-Island-based Phipps Realty and past president of the National Association of Realtors.

Of course, paying for 2 mortgages at once simply isn't feasible for a lot of people.

Use these steps Phipps suggests to decide your first move:

Meet with your mortgage originator and financial planner to review your financial situation.

Have at least one, but ideally 3, real estate agents meet and review both the value of your home and the best strategy for selling it.

Start looking at potential homes to purchase. If your options look good, organize a plan with your mortgage originator and real estate agent.

One strategy, Phipps says, is to make an offer on a new home subject to the sale of your current home.

The downside to that strategy is that some sellers, particularly those in a seller's market, will not consider a contingent proposal, notes Phipps.

Another strategy is to do it all at once.

"Most people sell their existing home and close on the next home on the same day ... It is awkward, but with the right assistance and coordination, you can make it work," says Phipps.

**Consider finances:** When it comes to simultaneously buying while listing a house for sale, it's crucial to take a very close look at your finances.

"Have enough capital to cover both the offer/purchase of your new home (deposit, inspections, reports) and the sale of your existing home (staging, preparation, contingent repairs)," says Rich Arzaga, CFP professional and CEO of Cornerstone Wealth Management Inc. in San

Ramon, California.

Arzaga says that while certain closing costs can be paid in escrow, not having enough cash for expenses required before closing will cause stress on the transaction and on your financial behavior. And that can cause negotiating mistakes.

Phipps adds that it's important to consider what you're comfortable doing.

For instance, if you qualify to spend \$3,000 a month between 2 houses, but you're comfortable spending only \$1,500, you need to step back and strategize.

Finally, shop around thoroughly for the best mortgage rates. Having a low interest rate on your new mortgage can certainly free up some cash.

**Do your research and get an advocate:** It's better to have an advocate help you though this process rather than do it yourself, notes Arzaga. That goes for both buyers and sellers.

"Real estate lore is full of stories of people who thought they could save on the real estate commission, only to find their overall experience or cost of litigation or stress take a higher toll than the cost of hiring an agent," says Arzaga.

And there's more to real estate transactions than you may think.

The typical real estate transaction has approximately 150 steps, notes Phipps. A good real estate agent will be able to help you through virtually all of them.

Realtor.com has a rating system for agents — that's a good place to start looking. Phipps advises looking for agents with special designations such as Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) and Accredited Buyers Representative (ABR).

**Negotiate when buying, too:** It's sometimes easier to remember to negotiate when selling your house, but don't be afraid to negotiate when buying, as well.

Remember, you'll have more or less negotiating power depending on your market.

If you're in a market that favors buyers, getting acceptance on a contingency offer will be slightly easier, says Arzaga. Just be careful not to be too aggressive on your terms if you really like the property, he adds.

On the other hand, if you're in a hot seller's market, you may have to compete with cash offers. If you find yourself in that situation, and it's a home you really want, consider offering a premium, Arzaga advises.

But keep in mind that when you offer a premium, the appraiser may not agree with the offer and appraise it for less. That means you'll be paying more cash out of pocket.

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Ericka Saenz of Century 21 Jervis & Associates was elected and installed as the 71st president of the Greater Downey Association of Realtors last week.

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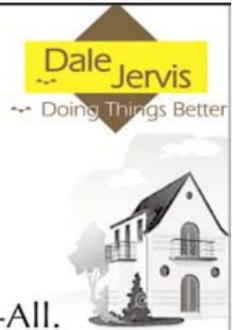
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