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**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

**FEBRUARY 28**

**Downey Chamber anniversary luncheon**

**DATE:** Wednesday, Feb. 28

**TIME:** 12 pm

**LOCATION:** Embassy Suites

**MARCH 3**

**Movie Night at the Columbia Memorial Space Center**

**DATE:** Saturday, March 3

**TIME:** 6:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Columbia Memorial Space Center

**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 26**

**State of the City address**

**DATE:** Monday, March 26

**TIME:** 12 pm

**LOCATION:** Rio Hondo Event Center

**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

**APRIL 28**

**Miss Downey Pageant**

**DATE:** Saturday, April 28

**TIME:** 7 pm

**LOCATION:** Downey Theatre

**MAY 5**

**Downey Street Faire**

**DATE:** Saturday, May 5

**TIME:** 10 am to 3 pm

**LOCATION:** Brookshire Avenue (between Firestone & 5th St.)

**JUNE 1**

**Soroptimist casino night fundraiser**

**DATE:** Friday, June 1

**TIME:** 6 pm

**LOCATION:** Rio Hondo Event Center

## After sexual misconduct allegations, Cristina Garcia takes leave

► The assembly member faces allegations that she groped a male staffer and had sex with politicians in her office.

With state Sen. Tony Mendoza also on leave pending a sexual harassment investigation, Downey is left without representation in Sacramento.

**DOWNEY** – Cristina Garcia, Downey's representative in the California Assembly, has taken an unpaid leave of absence after allegations of sexual misconduct emerged last week.

Daniel Fierro, who worked for Democratic Assemblyman Ian Calderon, said Garcia stroked his back, squeezed his backside and tried to grab his crotch following a softball game in 2014.

Garcia has denied the charges.

According to Politico, Fierro did not report the incident until January, when he reported it to Calderon, who in turn reported it to State Assembly leaders, launching an investigation.

"Upon reflection of the details alleged, I am certain I did not engage in the behavior I am accused of. However, as I've said before, any claims about sexual harassment must be taken seriously, and I believe elected officials should be held to a higher standard of accountability," Garcia said in a statement.

"Therefore, I am voluntarily taking an immediate unpaid leave from my position in the State Assembly, including any accompanying committee assignments, so as not to serve as a distraction or in any way influence the process of this investigation."

An unnamed Sacramento lobbyist also alleged misconduct by Garcia, telling Politico that she made a "graphic sexual proposal" and tried to grab his crotch last May.

According to Politico, the lobbyist, who represents a major industry association, said that Garcia appeared to have been drinking heavily at a fundraiser hosted by Governor Jerry Brown for state Senator Josh Newman at the de Veres bar in Sacramento. He said he was heading out the door in part to avoid the assemblywoman



Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, an outspoken supporter of the #MeToo movement, is under investigation for sexual misconduct.

— who had been increasingly "flirtatious" and had called him on a few occasions before for late night drinks which he repeatedly declined.

She spotted him and said, "Where are you going?" the lobbyist said.

"She came back and was whispering real close and I could smell the booze and see she was pretty far gone," he said. "She looked at me for a second and said, 'I've set a goal for myself to f--- you.'"

At that point, Garcia "stepped in front of me and reaches out and is grabbing for my crotch," he said. That was "the line in the sand," according to the lobbyist, and he stopped her. "I was four inches from her, eyeball to eyeball -- and I said, 'That ain't gonna happen.'"

On Wednesday, four former state employees filed a formal complaint accusing Garcia of drinking on the job and openly bragging of her sexual behavior.

"Alcohol was often in Ms. Garcia's Assembly office and she drank alcohol when in her office while doing official Assembly business," the employees wrote in their complaint, which was filed by San Diego attorney Dan Gilleon.

"This alcohol that was either purchased by herself or her senior staff was made available to Assembly staff. Oftentimes Ms. Garcia pressured staff to join her in drinking alcoholic beverages both at the office and at local bars, including events she was hosting."

The former staff members

said Garcia bragged about having sex with other politicians in their Sacramento offices.

"Ms. Garcia also spoke of her sexual activities with other elected officials including other members of the Assembly who we will not name in respect for their privacy," the complaint alleges. "She spoke graphically about their sexual activity and stated as fact that they were sexually active in Assembly offices."

"Ms. Garcia said that having sex with other elected officials was a good way of getting information; she claimed that she received a lot of information during post-coital... conversations."

The workers also accused Garcia of making them work on campaign activities for local and statewide candidates "and we were reprimanded if we did not take part."

"We are unsure if this environment of bullying might be pervasive in the Assembly, but it makes for a difficult environment to work in," they said.

Garcia has been a prominent supporter of the #MeToo movement and was even featured on the cover of TIME magazine for her efforts to change California's definition of rape.

She also spoke out publicly against state Sen. Tony Mendoza, who is under investigation for sexual harassment.

With Garcia and Mendoza both on leave, Downey currently has zero representation in Sacramento.

## Garcia has first challenger in re-election bid

► John Paul Drayer, a former Cerritos College board member, announces he will challenge Cristina Garcia for her Assembly seat.

**DOWNEY** – John Paul Drayer, a Bellflower resident and former member of the Cerritos College board of trustees, filed papers Monday to challenge embattled Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, who is up for re-election this year.

Garcia went on an unpaid leave of absence last week after accusations emerged of sexual misconduct.

"Having effectively no representation in the state assembly 58th District we need new ideas & candidate to turn around the drunken misguided culture of being too close to Sacramento lobbyists,"

Drayer wrote in an email Sunday.

"Therefore I am seriously thinking about running for this effectively vacant seat. Plus I encourage many others to run in a strong debate about fixing Sacramento to work for working families & small businesses with tax cuts from our large surplus. I will protect the 5th amendment due process rights of men & women equally. No gender should be above another."

Drayer sent a second email Monday confirming he filed to run for the 58th Assembly district seat.

Elected to the college board in 2012, Drayer was a controversial figure, openly sparring with other board members. He was censured at one point after calling other board members "homophobic Republicans." Drayer is openly gay.



John Paul Drayer, Assemblymember Cristina Garcia and state Sen. Tony Mendoza.

He resigned from the board in 2017 and ran for Bellflower City Council but lost, coming in fourth place with 9.92% of the vote.

### Downey restaurant grades

**The Marketplace Grill and Cafe**  
7877 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 2/9/18  
Grade: **A**

**ASL Liquor and Market**  
8500 Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/9/18  
Grade: **A**

**Downey Elks**  
11233 Woodruff Ave.  
Date Inspected: 2/9/18  
Grade: **A**

**Pop's Cafe**  
7840 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 2/8/18  
Grade: **A**

**Coco's Restaurant**  
7900 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 2/8/18  
Grade: **A**

**Mod Pizza**  
8896 Apollo Way  
Date Inspected: 2/8/18  
Grade: **A**

**Masa Sushi Bon Appetit**  
7808 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 2/8/18  
Grade: **A**

**Tokyo Garden**  
11946 S Paramount Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/8/18  
Grade: **A**

**Burger King**  
9001 Apollo Way  
Date Inspected: 2/8/18  
Grade: **A**

**Bionicos Express**  
7818 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 2/8/18  
Grade: **A**

**Downey Cinema**  
8200 3rd St.  
Date Inspected: 2/8/18  
Grade: **A**

**Samurai Japanese Restaurant**  
7934 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 2/7/18  
Grade: **A**

**China Wok Express**  
7932 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 2/7/18  
Grade: **A**

**Tom Jr. Burgers**  
7852 Florence Ave.  
Date Inspected: 2/7/18  
Grade: **A**

**Marie Callender's**  
7860 E Florence Ave  
Date Inspected: 2/7/18  
Grade: **A**

**Raphl's Grocery Meat**  
9200 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/6/18  
Grade: **A**

**Ralph's Grocery Deli**  
9200 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/6/18  
Grade: **A**

**Subway**  
9131 Imperial Hwy Ste B  
Date Inspected: 2/6/18  
Grade: **A**

**Ralph's Grocery Bakery**  
9200 Lakewood Blvd.  
Date Inspected: 2/6/18  
Grade: **A**

**USA Donuts & Croissants**  
8009 E Imperial Hwy  
Date Inspected: 2/6/18  
Grade: **A**

### Weekend at a Glance

Friday 77°

Saturday 76°

Sunday 67°

### THINGS TO DO



#### Long Beach Mardi Gras

**Saturday - Shoreline Village, 12-5 pm**

Live music, dancing, food booths, and a Mardi Gras parade at 2 pm. Family-friendly.



#### Long Beach Comic Expo

**All Weekend - Long Beach Convention Center**

Cosplay, film screenings, panel discussions, Q&As, space expo, and more. \$35 Saturday, \$30 Sunday or \$60 weekend (purchase online)



#### Golden Dragon Parade

**Saturday - Chinatown, 11 am to 4 pm**

Celebrate the Chinese new year with arts and crafts, acrobats, music, a vintage market, and parade at 1 pm



#### ScotsFestival 2018

**All Weekend - Queen Mary**

Experience the culture of Scotland through cuisine, athletics, entertainment and various competitions. \$25 adults, \$12 children



#### Skatefest

**Sunday - Paramount Iceland, 4 pm**

Live skating show, silent auction, raffle, bake sale, and more. \$10 adults, \$5 ages 10 and younger. \$3 skate rental

### TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@VikingPride2015: Downey Football family would like to congratulate Baraq Ross for accepting a scholarship offer to Azusa Pacific University.

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## SPORTS: Downey, Warren enter winter postseason

**DOWNEY** – The Warren High School girls' basketball team finished their regular season with an overall record of 15-10 and a S.G.V.L. record of 6-4.

The Lady Bears traveled to St. Joseph's of Lakewood yesterday for their first-round game in the C.I.F. Division 3AA playoffs (score unavailable at press time). Coach Rachel Palmer, her staff and players are all looking forward to making a run in postseason play.

St. Joseph's finished their regular season with an overall record of 12-14 and a Camino Real League record of 5-3. The Lady Jesters are the third entry from the Camino Real League.

**WARREN GIRLS WATER POLO:** The Warren High School girls' water polo team finished their regular season with an overall record of 12-17 and a S.G.V.L. record of 4-1.

The Lady Bears hosted Villa Park on Wednesday in the wild card round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs (score unavailable at press time). If Warren won Wednesday, they played Long Beach Wilson yesterday. Coach Stephanie Rosero, her staff and players are all looking forward to making a run in postseason play.

Villa Park finished their regular season with an overall record of 15-16 and a Crestview League record of 1-2. The Lady Spartans are an at-large entry from the Crestview League.

**WARREN GIRLS SOCCER:** The Warren High School girls' soccer team finished their regular season with an overall record of 20-2 and a S.G.V.L. record of 10-0. The Lady Bears are the 2018 S.G.V.L. champions.

The Lady Bears hosted Rosary Academy of Fullerton yesterday at Warren in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 2 playoffs (score unavailable at press time). Coach Lily Dussan, her staff and players are all looking forward to making a deep run in postseason play.

Rosary Academy finished their regular season with an overall record of 12-7-4 and were 4-4 in Trinity League play. The Lady Royals were the number three entry from the Trinity League.

**DOWNEY GIRLS BASKETBALL:** The Downey High School girls' basketball team finished their regular season with an overall record of 21-5 and a S.G.V.L. record of 8-2.

The Lady Vikings hosted Murrieta Valley in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 2A playoffs at Downey yesterday (score unavailable at press time). Coach Nate Harris, his staff and players are all looking forward to making a deep run in postseason play.

Murrieta Valley finished their regular season with an overall record of 15-11 and a Southwestern League record of 7-3. The Lady Nighthawks are the number two entry from the Southwestern League.

**DOWNEY GIRLS WATER POLO:** The Downey High School girls' water polo team finished their regular season with an overall record of 23-5 and a S.G.V.L. record of 5-0. The Lady Vikings are the 2018 S.G.V.L. champions. Coach Uriel Villa, his staff and players are all looking forward to making a deep run in postseason play. Downey hosted Hillcrest of Riverside on Wednesday in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 4 playoffs (score unavailable at press time).

The Lady Trojans finished their regular season with an overall record of 16-13 and a River Valley League record of 8-2. Hillcrest is the number one entry from the River Valley League.

**DOWNEY GIRLS SOCCER:** The Downey High School girls' soccer team finished their regular season with an overall record of 12-6-4 and a S.G.V.L. record of 7-2-1.

The Lady Vikings traveled to Mayfair yesterday to play the Lady Monsoons in the first round of the C.I.F. Division 3 playoffs (score unavailable at press time).

Mayfair finished their regular season with an overall record of 17-3-3 and a Suburban League record of 10-1-1. The Lady Monsoons are the number two entry from the Suburban League. Coach Javier Aguiniga, his staff and players are all looking forward to making a deep run postseason play.

**DOWNEY BOYS BASKETBALL:** The Downey High School boys' basketball team finished their season with an overall record of 10-16 and a S.G.V.L. record of 4-6.

The Vikings finished their season on a two-game winning streak by defeating cross-town rival Warren at Downey 64-61 on 2/6 and defeating Gahr at Downey 56-51 on 2/8. Downey did not qualify for postseason play. Coach Larry Shelton and his staff will now focus their efforts on preparing for next season.

**DOWNEY WRESTLING:** The Downey High School wrestling team was defeated by Arroyo 53-16 in the C.I.F. Western Division Wrestling Final on Feb. 3.

Downey received a bye in the first round, defeated La Canada 48-30 in the second round, defeated Millikan in the semi-final round and was defeated by Arroyo in the Final.

Arroyo had a bye in the first round, defeated Paramount 55-15 in the second round, defeated Mayfair 41-32 in the semi-final round and defeated the Vikings in the championship final to claim the crown.

Coach Miguel Soto, his staff and wrestlers will now turn their attention towards C.I.F. Individual competition, the Master's Meet and the State Meet. Downey is the 2018 San Gabriel Valley League champion.

**DOWNEY BOYS SOCCER:** The Downey High School boys' soccer team finished their regular season with an overall record of 13-7-4 and a S.G.V.L. record of 7-1-2. The Vikings are the 2018 S.G.V.L. champions. Downey will host Fountain Valley later today at Downey. Coach Marvin Mires, his staff and players are all looking forward to making a deep run in the C.I.F. Division 1 playoffs.

Fountain Valley finished their season with an overall record of 9-11-1 and a Sunset League record of 5-5. The Barons are the number three entry from the Sunset League.

**Mark Fetter**

## Lakers look to future with mid-season trade

► Lakers ship Jordan Clarkson and Larry Nance Jr. to Cleveland, creating generous cap space for free agent spending this summer or next.

**By William Odis Martin**  
Staff Writer

**LOS ANGELES** – The Los Angeles Lakers traded away the future of the franchise last week just before the deadline for a couple of seasoned veterans and a future first round draft pick in hopes of bringing some star power back to the Staples Center.

Jordan Clarkson and Larry Nance Jr. were shipped to Cleveland to join LeBron James in exchange for Isaiah Thomas, Channing Frye, and a 2018 first round draft pick.

Nance grew up in the Akron area and was reportedly overwhelmed with joy when he found out he was headed home to the Cavs.

The move was just what King James needed to rejuvenate his hopes of bringing another championship to his hometown this season. The Cavs got fresh legs in the dynamic duo who already know how to play together and have displayed their chemistry. They both have great basketball IQ and hustle every play. Hard to replace solid role players like Nance and Clarkson.

Their intangibles will translate well as the season evolves. Clarkson is surely going to be a factor in the postseason and is making an instant impact with his new squad.

In his first two games, Clarkson is averaging 15.5 points off the bench in 23.5 minutes of action. He has been shooting better than 60 percent from the field since the trade.

Clarkson is a winner with a lot of talent and heart. He still has a long career ahead of him.

The Lakers' already poor defense



**Isaiah Thomas**

only got worse with the trade. Frye and Thomas are still learning how to play with each other.

Thomas is an undersized point guard who has been known to take plays off on defense. He will need to step up his game on the defensive side of the ball if he wants to help the Lakers while bringing in his veteran leadership.

One upside for Thomas coming to the Lakers is he doesn't have the likes of King James looming over him like he did in Cleveland. He can get back to his scoring ways on a team he can claim as his own.

Thomas had his best performance of the season in his Lakers debut, dropping 22 points in 31 minutes off the bench. He added six assists and a steal in the losing effort in Dallas last Saturday and will be starting sooner rather than later.

"I got my power back," said Thomas after the game.

### All-Star Weekend

The NBA's biggest stars will convene in the Staples Center for the 2018 All-Star Weekend which kicks off Friday with the Celebrity All-Stars game at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, the annual Three Point Contest, Slam Dunk contest, and the Skills challenge will kickoff at 5 p.m.

The actual All-Star game will be on Sunday at 5 p.m.

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## Downey reaches labor deal with batallion chiefs

**DOWNEY** – The city of Downey and Downey Fire Management Association have reached an agreement on a new employment contract through next year.

The association represents the Downey Fire Department's four battalion chiefs.

Under terms of the deal, which runs retroactive from Jan. 1, 2017 through Dec. 31, 2019, the firefighters receive a 2% pay increase for the first contract year, a second 2% pay raise in year two, and a 3% raise in year 3, effective the start of the pay period that includes Jan. 1, 2019.

In addition, each firefighter will receive a \$400 lump sum payment.

Downey will continue its 5.5% cost sharing of reportable earnings towards city pension costs for the 3% at age 50 retirement formula.

It's estimated that the agreement will cost Downey about \$104,844 in increased personnel costs.

Labor negotiations between the association and city of Downey began Sept. 11, 2017 and an agreement was reached on Jan. 22.

## Chamber, city extend office lease for 10 years

**DOWNEY** – The Downey Chamber of Commerce will stay at its current location for at least another 10 years.

The City Council on Tuesday ratified a 10-year lease with the chamber for its office space at 11131 Brookshire Avenue.

Under terms of the sweetheart deal, the chamber will pay only \$1 per year in rent.

The chamber moved into its space in 1961 and entered into a 25-year lease with the city, paying only \$1 per year.

Downey and the chamber entered into a second 25-year lease in 1983. The lease was extended an additional 10 years in 2008 and was set to expire this March.

The lease requires the chamber to carry \$2 million in general liability insurance and the chamber is responsible for the building's maintenance.

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## L.A. County move to re-sentence minor marijuana convictions

**LOS ANGELES** – The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion Tuesday calling on the Office of Cannabis Management, in collaboration with various Los Angeles County departments and community stakeholders, to develop a countywide plan to facilitate the re-sentencing of minor cannabis convictions.

Under Proposition 64, certain convictions qualify for reduction or dismissal. However, many people remain unaware that they may be eligible for legal relief, or are deterred by the cumbersome process, officials said.

"The war on drugs led to decades-long racial disparities in cannabis-related arrests and convictions," said Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who

authored the motion. "We have a responsibility now to seek widespread reclassification and resentencing for those with minor cannabis convictions on their records, including the destruction of court records for youth."

"This would remove barriers to employment, housing, financial assistance, and deepening social and economic disparities," he added. "For many, this is the second chance that was due to them, and has been a long time coming."

The motion, coauthored by Supervisor Hilda Solis, also seeks to prevent the disproportionate enforcement of cannabis-related offenses seen in other jurisdictions post-legalization. In Alaska, for example, while overall cannabis-related arrests fell after legalization, African Americans were still arrested for these offenses approximately 10 times more often than Caucasians were.

In Washington, D.C. this racial disparity was closer to 4:1, and in

Colorado, 3:1.

Eunisses Hernandez, policy coordinator with the nonprofit Drug Policy Alliance, supported the motion.

"The act of getting someone's conviction reclassified or dismissed off their record removes at least 4,800 barriers that prevent them from obtaining housing, employment and supportive services," she told the Board. "Providing post-conviction relief services opens the door for new opportunities that allow people to fully integrate back into their communities after being impacted by the criminal justice system."

She added, "Everyone in our communities benefit from having more people eligible for employment and other resources that allows them to support themselves and their families."

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## In Memory of Audrey Perkins

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On 1/31/2018 we suddenly lost our beloved Audrey. She was preceded in death by her parents George and Margaret Salyer, and her late husband Judge David Perkins. She is survived by her step-daughter Nancy Lynn Perkins, Long Beach, California and nieces Cheryl Perkins, El Monte, California, Sandy Curtis, Great Falls, Montana, Vicki Perkins, Menifee, California and numerous cousins in the EAST and many many friends in Downey, CA and Bermuda Dunes, CA and throughout the Coachella Valley and in recent years she added her Canadian family.

Audrey was born and raised in Rochester, NY, worked for Kodak and completed her education at Allegheny College. Upon graduation she left for California where she met her freman husband David. They settled in Downey, CA where they took in many rescue dogs and she was very active in the community. Upon retirement they moved to Bermuda Dunes, again Audrey was active in community affairs, including membership in P.E.O. and Assistance League in both the desert and Downey.

Memorial service dates are pending, both in the desert and Downey. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made at The Joanne Barr Memorial Liver Transplant Foundation; The Allegheny college Scholarship Fun; South East Area Animal Control Authority ("SEAACA"); Humane Society of the Desert Orphan Pet Oasis or The Cancer Society.

Contact Dottie Grimes at (949) 981-0387 for memorial services.

## Marty Allen, comedy legend, dies at 95

**LAS VEGAS** – Marty Allen, the baby-faced, bug-eyed comedian with wild black hair who was a staple of TV variety shows, game shows and talk shows for decades, died Monday night. He was 95.

Allen died in Las Vegas of complications from pneumonia with his wife and performing partner of the last three decades Karon Kate Blackwell by his side, Allen's spokeswoman Candi Cazau told The Associated press.

Allen, known for his greeting and catchphrase "hello dere," was a living link late in life to a generation of long-dead superstars with whom he shared a stage, including Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Lena Horne and Elvis Presley.

He first found fame as half of the duo Allen & Rossi with partner Steve Rossi, who died in 2014. Allen & Rossi appeared 44 times on "The Ed Sullivan Show," including the episodes where the Beatles performed and most of America watched.

"Everyone remembers those shows with The Beatles, and they were great, but we appeared on all the shows," Allen said in 2014. "There wasn't a talk show on TV that didn't want Allen & Rossi."

The duo appeared regularly on "The Tonight Show With Johnny Carson" and "The Merv Griffin Show." They also toured comedy clubs nationwide, headlined shows at major Las Vegas casinos and released a series of hit albums until their amicable breakup in 1968.

Allen then took on a series of serious roles on daytime television and made-for-TV movies, and was a regular on "The Hollywood Squares" and other celebrity-themed game shows.

He was a regular entertainer on the Las Vegas Strip for much of his life, and tributes from there poured in Monday night.

"We have lost another iconic Las Vegas entertainer, Marty Allen," Las Vegas magician Lance Burton tweeted. "What a funny man who brought joy to millions of people for 95 years."

Ventriloquist and Strip luminary Terry Fator tweeted that "Las Vegas and show business lost a legend tonight... and I lost a friend."

Comedian Gilbert Gottfried tweeted, "Farewell to one of the funniest people onstage and off."

Allen was born in Pittsburgh and served in Italy in the Army Air Corps in World War II, earning a Soldier's medal for valor.

He was married to Lorraine 'Frenchy' Allen from 1960 until she died in 1976.

Then in 1984 he married Blackwell, a singer-songwriter who became his performing partner in his last decades and acted as the goofy Allen's "straight man" just as Rossi did half a century earlier.

He kept making crowds laugh into his mid-90s.

"It's unbelievable to be 94 years old," Marty Allen told a New York audience in 2016. "My wife says, 'What do you want for your birthday?' I told her, 'An antique.' So she framed my birth certificate."



## Vic Damone, 1950's crooner

**MIAMI** – Vic Damone, whose mellow baritone once earned praise from Frank Sinatra as "the best pipes in the business," has died in Florida at the age of 89, his daughter said.

Victoria Damone told The Associated Press in a phone interview Monday that her father died Sunday at a Miami Beach hospital from complications of a respiratory illness.

Damone's easy-listening romantic ballads brought him million-selling records and sustained a half-century career in recordings, movies and nightclub, concert and television appearances.

After winning a tie on the radio show "Arthur Godfrey's Talent Hunt," Damone's career began climbing. His hit singles included "Again," "You're Breaking My Heart," "My Heart Cries for You," "On the Street Where You Live" and, in 1957, the title song of the Cary Grant film "An Affair to Remember."

Damone's style as a lounge singer remained constant through the years: straightforward, concentrated on melody and lyrics without resorting to vocal gimmicks. Like many young singers of his era, his idol was Sinatra.

"I tried to mimic him," Damone said in a 1992 interview with Newsday. "I decided that if I could sound like Frank maybe I did have a chance. I was singing his words, breathing his breaths, (doing) his

interpretation, with the high notes, the synergy."

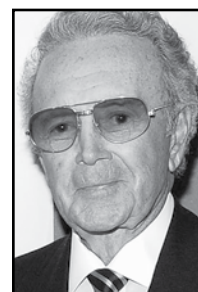
Sinatra and Damone, along with Tony Bennett, Perry Como, Dean Martin and others — comprised a group of Italian Americans who dominated the postwar pop music field. Far from resenting the mimicry, Sinatra praised Damone's singing ability.

Damone still drew crowds in nightclubs and concerts into his 70s, before illness prompted his retirement to Palm Beach with his fifth wife, fashion designer Rena Rowan.

Damone appeared in several MGM musicals and he was originally cast in "The Godfather," but the role of a budding singer seeking mob help in a Hollywood career eventually went to Al Martino.

He wrote in his memoir, "Singing Was the Easy Part," that he never considered himself a showman like Milton Berle or Sammy Davis Jr.

"That wasn't my particular gift," he wrote. "My gift was singing."



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## The case to clean house and reframe leadership in Sacramento

By **Mario A. Guerra**

California is facing a major crisis with its political leadership. The epidemic of elected officials alleged to have subjected staff and others to inappropriate acts including sexual harassment and assault by abusing their position of power is inexcusable and must be dealt with immediately.

Two members of the state legislature, Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) 58th and State Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia) 32nd, whose districts overlap, are amongst the latest elected leaders to have allegations against them brought to light.

As the former mayor of Downey, I understand representation. And we are literally left without a representative in Sacramento right now. Both are on leave as investigations against them proceed (Ms. Garcia is on unpaid leave while Mr. Mendoza has been on fully paid suspension). Our communities deserve better.

If true, their actions are reprehensible, immoral and are cause for their immediate removal from office. Only due process will determine the outcome from their accusers' reports of inappropriate behavior. In the meantime, we should remain cautious of those seeking to make false claims for political or personal motives. All sides should be heard. The fact that the allegations against them come from multiple people is of concern as a pattern of terrible behavior.

At the same, staffers and those who are powerless - without any benefit in making public statements or claims - should be taken seriously.

And for elected officials like Mr. Mendoza, who has a history of being reprimanded for misconduct with staff and political activities (he received one of the largest fines ever handed out by the FPPC -- over \$50,000 for money laundering in 2016), public scrutiny already is heavy as he has diminished the public trust with his prior actions and violations.

Newly-released records show his pattern of inappropriate behavior and reprimands goes back to his days in the Assembly in 2010. So where were the leaders who knew this back then but still thought to endorse him for his Senate seat? Why would elected community representatives endorse him now knowing these things?

In our democracy, the government is the public trust and elected officials are by de facto its trustees. The office held by individuals has greater cause and purpose than any one individual.

In other words, when you fail as a representative in your actions and activities, you discredit those around you working hard on behalf of the greater public good and tarnish the office for the next person to step into the role.

State leaders must create an environment and culture wherein ethics and good behavior are the driving force behind the work done on behalf of the public. Transparency and accountability should be the norm rather than just bullet points thrown out in press releases and conferences.

For those who have made truthful claims and found the strength to speak up in the face of retribution or personal attacks, an apology is

needed from the legislature that has seemingly allowed such bad behavior to persist.

And to those who have had allegations made against them by multiple individuals - it seems that the "out of character" defense becomes meaningless when you've either been told to change your behavior towards and around female staffers and interns, as is the case with Mr. Mendoza, or you take part in activities that can compromise your character. In either case, a private investigation is warranted and if you have nothing to hide or you didn't commit any lude acts or crimes you should be vindicated.

But as a father with two daughters, your actions are reprehensible. Your defense that there was "no touching" is as embarrassing as your continued invitations to your interns to your hotel rooms.

The realization, however, is the scrutiny of the public's watchful eye is ever present and the ultimate checks and balance needed to keep policy-makers from misusing their authority. Elected officials are, after all, temporary employees sent to represent the interests of communities of hard-working Californians - not sent to Sacramento for self-indulgence.

We need representation. We want ethical leaders that put the public trust before their own. We deserve better.

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## It's time for change in the 58th Assembly district

By **Mike Simpenderfer**

The conduct and behaviors of too many politicians prove our children simply no longer look up to many of our elected officials.

Today, their behaviors too often reflect a tawdry story in a newspaper tabloid. As the days go by, the list of predators grows as the dirty little secret is no more.

No one should go to work and have one iota of a thought that the job also requires one to endure sexual harassment and sexual assault. We should expect our elected officials will be held to a higher standard. Mediocrity, let alone unacceptable behavior, should never be acceptable when it comes to the behaviors of those we elect and trust to do the people's work.

Bravo to those who shattered their silence. We heard you loud and clear. As we saw and continue to see, those who shattered their silence

about someone powerful and famous often endured unnecessary harassment and victim blaming and victim shaming. Just ask any of the Cosby victims. For those who stand up and refuse to endure no more shame and guilt, we will stand with you more than you realize.

I am a father of a child sexually assaulted at the age of 13 by a family member and a brother of a sister drugged and raped by two so-called classmates in high school. For those who cared for someone harmed like this, suddenly our world shatters and is forever changed.

Everything from suicide attempts to unexplained mood changes to sudden appearance changes become part of a daily routine. Suddenly you wish for the good ole days of getting a B grade in a class instead of simply not going to school at all because your loved one is dealing with horror. One day is a decent day then suddenly the next day reflects a horror movie played out in real life.

The current office holder Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia has no

recollection of what happened. She can comfort herself with a strategy of no recollection and denial while others may have endured sexual assault. Sacramento today often reflects a predator's paradise for the politicians. That needs to change now.

Garcia's credibility to lead is gone. We the taxpayers of the 58th Assembly district suffer at a time we need serious leadership capable of solving the serious problems we face.

Ten days ago I would have never thought about standing up and possibly earning the right to lead and represent. Today is different. I won't stand idly by as people need someone elected who cares about them. I care about us. It is time for a change.

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## You, too, Mr. President

By **Susan Estrich**

Poor Donald Trump. He can't help himself.

Take the case of Roy Moore. After numerous women accused Moore of sexual assault, sexual misconduct and child molestation, every Republican I knew was rooting against him, hoping to spare the party huge embarrassment. But the president supported Moore for a seat in the United States Senate nonetheless.

Then there was Rob Porter. Allegations of domestic abuse came up in his FBI background check and resulted in his not getting a top-level security clearance - but not in his losing his job as a top White House aide. And the White House still can't get its story straight about why it took so long to fire him; about what Gen. John Kelly and the president knew and when they knew it; about why the president keeps defending the man in public, while his aides leak stories about how Trump really thinks Porter is a "sicko." (He's not the only one.)

Then over the weekend, as yet another aide resigned in the face of credible claims by his ex-wife that he beat her, the president spoke out on behalf of the men accused of abuse, without even a single word of sympathy for the victims: "People's lives are being shattered and destroyed by a mere allegation. Some are true and some are false. Some are old and some are new. There is no recovery for someone falsely accused - life and career are gone. Is there no such thing any longer as Due Process?"

Actually, there is, Mr. President. It is due process, including the requirement of proof beyond a reasonable doubt, that has made rape cases so difficult to prove in court; and it is the knowledge that their complaints would not be taken seriously that has enforced, on so many women, a terrible burden of silence and guilt, leading rape to be one of the most underreported crimes.

Of course it is unfair to ruin a person's life with a false allegation. Rape is a serious crime, but innocence is still a defense.

But let me tell you what it's like to live with the memory of rape for 40 years. I think I have done everything I can to take life's lemons and build a lemonade stand. As a clerk for the great Judge J. Skelly Wright, I wrote the opinion overturning the rape corroboration requirement in the District of Columbia. "This one's for you," he said, because I had told him the story of what happened to me, how I had been raped the day before my college graduation.

When I started teaching, I introduced rape into the curriculum, and I told my own story so my students would know that even a fancy and strong Harvard Law professor might be a victim - that they need not be ashamed.

I wrote and wrote: a law review article called "Rape," which a Brigham Young University student wrote me about in appreciation just today; a book called "Real Rape," which is still selling copies 32 years later; and so

many articles and speeches. I held training sessions on the topic. I was on the founding board of the Victim Rights Law Center in Boston, created by a courageous survivor.

But this has been my secret for 40 years: It still hurts. I still get scared. Me, too. My mother told me 40 years ago that I shouldn't tell anyone, because no one would help me or want me. I know many women who still believe that. Could they be right?

So yes, Mr. President, I believe in due process - for victims, as well.

One of the reasons the "#MeToo" movement has struck a chord so strongly is precisely because of the man in the Oval Office: not because he's been accused of having consensual extramarital relationships (that's Melania's business) but because he's been repeatedly accused of forcing himself on women, treating them like toilet paper he could grab and throw away, and paying them off to shut up. So while we're on the subject of abusers in the White House...

You, too, Mr. President.

**Susan Estrich is a lawyer, professor, author, political commentator, and feminist advocate.**

## Liberals and conservatives are unhappy for different reasons

By **Dennis Prager**

One of the most important differences between the right and the left - one that greatly helps to explain their differences - is the difference between unhappy liberals and unhappy conservatives.

Unhappy conservatives generally believe they are unhappy because life is inherently difficult and tragic, and because they have made some unwise decisions in life.

But unhappy liberals generally believe they are unhappy because they have been persecuted.

Ask unhappy leftists why they are unhappy and they are likely to respond that they are oppressed. This is the primary response given by

unhappy leftist women, blacks, Latinos and gays.

For example, the more left-wing the woman, the more she will attribute her unhappiness to American society's "patriarchy," "sexism" and "misogyny." She therefore considers herself oppressed - and believing one is oppressed makes happiness all but impossible.

Likewise, the more left-wing the black, the more he or she will attribute his or her unhappiness to racism. And how is a black person living in a racist white country supposed to be happy?

If you have ever spent time with black conservatives, one of the first things you will notice is that they have a much happier disposition than left-wing blacks. I receive many calls to my radio show from black listeners. I almost always know immediately whether they are on the right or the left solely by their tone of voice. The cheerful black caller is almost always a conservative.

The left cultivates unhappiness by cultivating anger. It does this for the same reason wine growers cultivate grapes: No grapes, no wine; no anger, no left (and no Democratic Party). And angry people are not happy people.

Last week in Atlanta, I spoke for about 40 minutes to six randomly chosen black students from a local black college (for the upcoming film "No Safe Spaces" that Adam Carolla and I are making). Each one said he is oppressed. When I told them I didn't think blacks in America are oppressed, I sensed that they had never actually been told that by anyone. It was akin to telling physics students that gravity doesn't exist. And when I added that I don't think women are oppressed either, they were equally shocked.

Ask yourself this question: Is a black child likely to grow up happy if he is told by his parents, his teachers, his political leaders and all his media that society largely hates him?

Of course not.

Raising a black child to regard America as racist and oppressive all but guarantees an unhappy black adult.

Let me offer a counterexample. My father, an Orthodox Jew, wrote his college senior thesis on the subject of anti-Semitism in America. In it he described quotas on Jews in college admissions, Jews prohibited from joining from country clubs, Jews prohibited from law firms, etc.

In other words, my father fully acknowledged the existence of anti-Semitism in the United States. Yet he raised my brother and me in an America-loving home and told us that he believed American Jews are the

luckiest Jews in history - because they are American.

I therefore never knew what it was like to walk around thinking most of the people I met hated me. That alone contributed to my happiness.

Leftism makes one other major contribution to leftists' unhappiness: It promotes ingratitude. In my book on happiness ("Happiness Is a Serious Problem") and my talks on happiness, I emphasize the central importance of gratitude to happiness. Without it, one cannot be happy. There isn't one ungrateful happy person on Earth. Yet ingratitude toward America is central to the left's worldview - further reinforcing the unhappiness of its adherents.

Unhappy Americans on the right blame the problems inherent to life, and they blame themselves. Unhappy Americans on the left blame America.

That alone goes far in explaining the unbridgeable differences between right and left.

**Dennis Prager's latest book, "The Ten Commandments: Still the Best Moral Code," was published by Regnery. He is a nationally syndicated radio show host and creator of PragerUniversity.com.**

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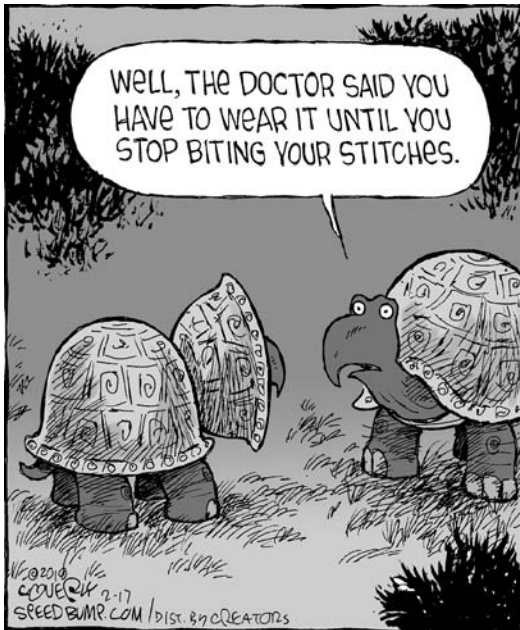
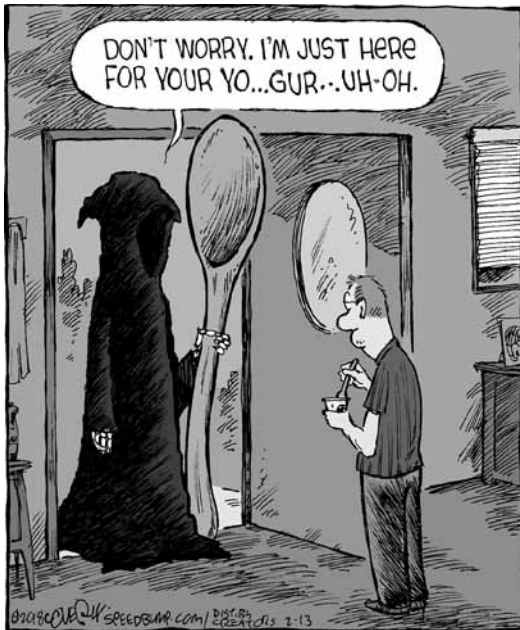




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1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.  
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.  
 1st Tue., 6:00pm: Emergency Preparedness Committee, at Fire Station No. 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.  
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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.  
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 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

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 4th Sat., 12:00 pm: Downey Arts Coalition, email contact@downeyarts.org.

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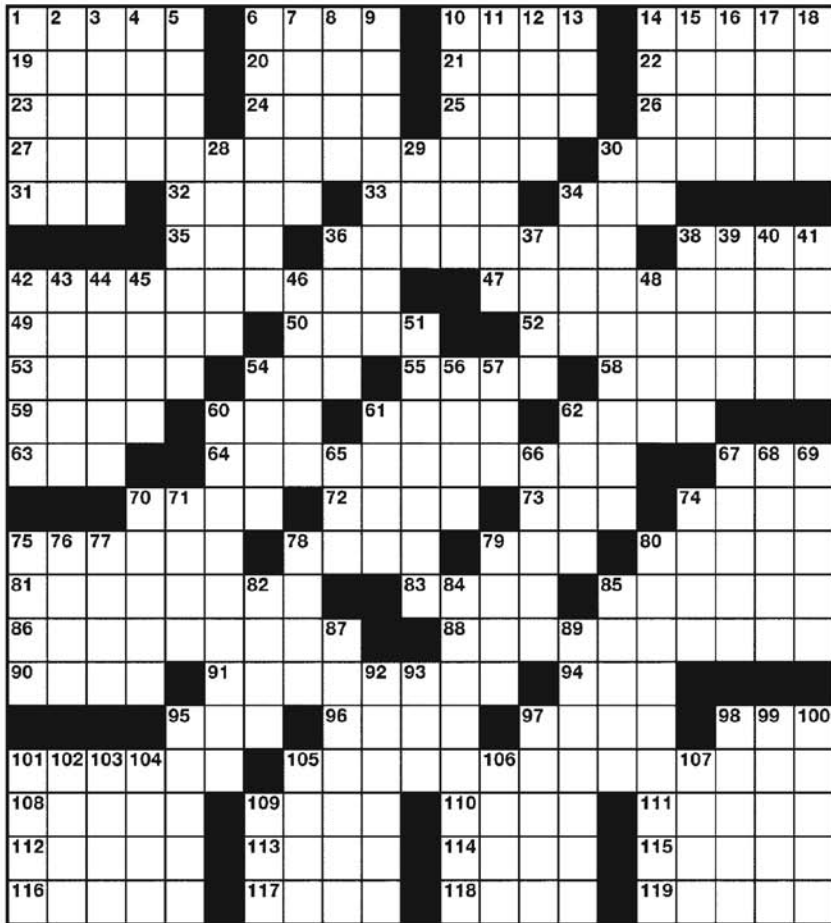
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- 2002:** U.S. President George W. Bush approved Nevada's Yucca Mountain as a site for long-term disposal of radioactive nuclear waste.

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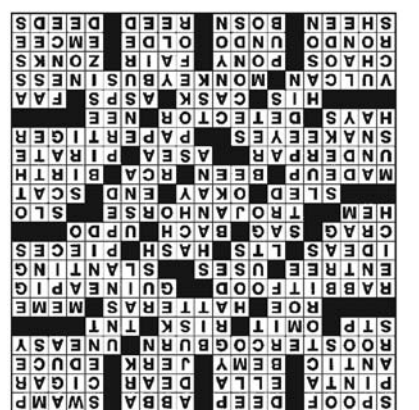
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The TNT cable channel (34 Across), originally short for Turner Network Television, premiered in 1988 with *Gone With the Wind*. Elevators existed as far back as ancient Rome, but Elisha OTIS (4 Down) invented the safety device that made them practical for modern buildings. The Chinese zodiac animals not mentioned in the puzzle: the rat, ox, dragon and goat.





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## Bingo luncheon at St. Raymond's

**DOWNEY** – The Italian Catholic Federation at St. Raymond's Catholic Church will host a Valentine's bingo luncheon this Sunday, Feb. 18, in the church hall.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. with games following. All are invited.

## Lion Club hosting pancake breakfast

**NORWALK** – Norwalk Lions Club will be holding a pancake breakfast Saturday, March 10, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Applebee's Restaurant, located 12129 Imperial Hwy.

Tickets are \$10. All proceeds go back into the community. There will be raffle prizes.

To purchase tickets, email [lmfisher714@gmail.com](mailto:lmfisher714@gmail.com) or call 714-204-2381.

# Anime club unites students at Paramount middle school

**PARAMOUNT** – "Pokémon Indigo League" played in the background as more than 30 students at Alondra Middle School practiced drawing manga sketches with step-by-step guides to help develop character design and to perfect lines, shading and coloring.

Alondra's Anime Club provides a community space where group members meet weekly to discuss and watch favorite anime shows, learn Japanese vocabulary and explore Japanese customs.

The Anime Club hosted an animation creation contest on Jan. 30 to showcase student animated work and compete for two top prizes.

"Through the club, we can create a friend-group where everyone has a place to feel comfortable and share their passion," said Alexia Duarte, an eighth-grader at Alondra and Anime Club president. "I'm really glad we have an official club because it's a great way to hang out with friends and learn more about Japanese culture."

The Anime Club – which kicked off last November – requires its students to have a minimum 2.0 grade point average. The club utilizes Schoology, a learning management system, which allows members access to upcoming agendas, the cultural tip of the week that expands on Japanese culture and Japanese language worksheets.

"We wanted to create a non-judgmental environment where students can share their interests and make friends," said Ashley Goins, Anime Club adviser and a physical education teacher at Alondra. "Before we started the club, students didn't realize how popular anime and manga are, and they were surprised to find a strong community."

Goins, an avid anime fan, has traveled to Japan three times and each time returns with more knowledge to impart to her students.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for like-minded students to share their interests and learn from one



another," Paramount Unified Board President Vivian Hansen said.

Cosplay and art contests bring a friendly, competitive spirit to the club. Students are already preparing for a manga drawing contest at the end of March.

"At Paramount Unified, we

encourage every learner to pursue their personal passions, and with this club students can celebrate their creativity and artistic ambition," Paramount Unified Superintendent Dr. Ruth Perez said.

## POETRY MATTERS

Chinese New Year

Mrs. Sung has a new kitchen-god.  
The old one--he who has presided over the household this twelvemonth--has returned to the Celestial Regions to make his report.  
Before she burned him  
Mrs. Sung smeared his mouth with  
sugar; so that doubtless the report will be favorable.  
Now she has a new god.  
As she paid ten coppers for him he is handsomely painted and should be highly efficacious.  
So there is rejoicing in the house of Mrs. Sung.

-Eunice Tietjens, Poetry, Volume 9, December 1916

People's Republic may be the New China, but the old ways are still celebrated. Traditionally during the Spring Festival, which starts February 16, children would be given red envelopes stuffed with 'lucky money' and positive wishes on New Year's Day. Some teens now have red envelope apps, so their relatives can transfer cash digitally. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

## Rancho launches clinical trial for stroke patients

**DOWNEY** – Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center has launched a new clinical trial to evaluate a transformative approach to upper limb functional restoration in stroke patients.

This new approach seeks to augment traditional neurorehabilitation by adding neuromodulation to help the brain "rewire" more effectively.

Stroke continues to represent a major cause of permanent neurological disability in patients worldwide. The trial currently seeks

to enroll patients who have suffered a stroke at least 9 months ago but within the last 10 years.

The neuromodulation is delivered to vagus nerve using a novel implanted device (the Vivistim system) made by Microtransponder, Inc., the sponsor of the multi-institutional clinical trial.

The Rancho team is led by principal investigator Dr. Charles Y. Liu, Chief of Neurosurgery at Rancho Los Amigos and director of the USC Neurorestoration Center of USC Keck School of Medicine.

Rancho has begun enrollment and this week surgically implanted the first American patient in the new clinical trial.

In total, 15 centers are involved in this effort, with 12 in the United States and three in the United Kingdom.

After receiving the Vivistim device, participants will receive intensive physiotherapy each week for six weeks either with or without vagus nerve stimulation to help improve arm and hand function. The trial is designed to

evaluate the synergistic effects of the neuromodulation and physiotherapy.

This new clinical trial follows two smaller trials conducted previously, the first in the USA, and the second in the USA and UK.

Patients can find more information about the study at [vnsstroketrials.com](http://vnsstroketrials.com). Those interested in participating in the trial can contact Nicole Bayus of Rancho Research Institute at (562) 385-7049.

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## FEB. 15 BIRTHDAYS



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## Trevor Noah to perform at OC Fair this summer

**COSTA MESA** – Trevor Noah, host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," will perform at the OC Fair on July 14, organizers announced.

Tickets start at \$40 and go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Noah, 33, is one of the country's top stand-up comedians, touring in the United States and internationally. After having made appearances on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" and "The Late Show With David Letterman," Noah also took on a correspondent role on the popular "Daily Show With Jon Stewart."

Upon Stewart announcing his departure from the show in 2015, Noah was named as his replacement.

Having appeared in a soap opera in his late teens, Noah started to hone his chops as a comedian in his 20s, taking to the comedy stage due to a dare from friends. His skill and talent blossomed, and Noah became one of the leading figures of stand-up comedy in his country. Noah's peers noted that the young performer, who can speak several languages fluently and imitate accents effortlessly, had

big ambitions for his career.

In 2009, Noah helmed his own one-man show, The Daywalker, which was also filmed as a documentary, and hosted The South African Music Awards. In 2010, the comedian's own talk show, Tonight With Trevor Noah, debuted on M-Net and Mzansi Magic channels.

After performing stand-up in the United States, the South African-born Noah staged another one-man show, The Racist, at the 2012 Edinburgh Fringe festival. That year he also made his U.S. TV debut on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," becoming the first African comedian to appear on the program. The following year Noah had his own comedy special on Showtime, Trevor Noah: African American.

After Stewart announced in February 2015 that he would be leaving The Daily Show, it was revealed in March that Noah would be his replacement. Noah had appeared on the program three times previously.

Questions surfaced about how the show might change with a fresh,



international host taking the anchor seat. Controversy also followed around some of Noah's previous Twitter posts, which contained jokes that could be considered offensive to women and Jewish communities. Rumors also arose that he may have purloined stand-up routines from others. Nonetheless The Daily Show has stood by its decision, with the public and media continuing to speculate how Noah's distinctive perspective will shape the program.

"The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" made its debut on September 28, 2015, with fellow comedian Kevin Hart as first guest.

## Shared Stories: What's wrong with your leg?

Katie Troy's exuberance defies the reality of her progressive disease. She travels everywhere in her "convertible" (motorized wheelchair) and never loses an opportunity to promote the advantages of a healthy diet. 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.

she said, "Give me your apron and tie. We are closing."

That was a trip. I hadn't gone to the doctor about my leg because I didn't want to miss work. Now I could go to the doctor.

I knew exactly what was wrong when I asked my brother David, who has MS (multiple sclerosis), if he could run. He said no, so I knew I had MS as well. David's MS mostly affected his right arm. He's right-handed. My MS mostly affected my left leg.

I was upset that my neurologist made me get a spinal tap. I know now that it was all about the money and the injections he put me on, and the depression pills I took because of the poison shots.

I had to work at getting on disability. They denied me several times before I finally started receiving it. My arms were (and are still) very muscular and I looked healthy. Everyone was telling me to cover my "guns" (arm muscles) because the disability people didn't believe I was ill.

Then I went to get Access (a ride service) about six years ago. I went in a wheelchair and my request was still denied three times before it was approved.

It's been a crazy ride over the past 15 years. I wish I could walk, but I cruise in my motorized wheelchair instead. I go everywhere in it (except when I travel to Pennsylvania to visit my family) and I am on my third one in 10 years.

Since I developed MS, I stopped eating animals and sugar and GMOs (genetically modified organisms). MS landed me here, or should I say God dropped me off. Otherwise, I would never have met my Memoirs family or my "Mom" and neighbor Yolanda.

I guess we all need to grow old gracefully.

By Katie Troy

I worked as a food server at South Street Deli for eight or nine years. It was a very fun job. I would laugh and tell jokes to the customers and they would tell me some as well.

One day I told my boss, "This job is scary. I'm having too much fun."

About a year and a half after 9/11, on March 26, 2003, I waited on four lovely ladies. I had a ball with them. I even got to tell them my Penny joke that a customer had shared with me.

A customer asked me, "What's wrong with your leg?" I said, "I don't know. It just doesn't want to work."

On April 1, 2003, I came into work and my boss said, "You have a letter from the four ladies you waited on last week."

I said, "You're joking, right?" It was April Fool's Day.

He said, "No, you have a letter." He went back to his office and brought it to me. It was a lovely letter. I even laminated it. That was on Monday.

On Friday, when I walked into the restaurant, the manager from Katella Deli was standing there. (The two delis were owned by the same firm.) As she handed me my check,

## AMC offering free screenings of 'Get Out' on Presidents Day

**LOS ANGELES** – "Get Out" is coming back to theaters—for a limited time only.

Universal Pictures and Jordan Peele are offering fans the chance to attend free screenings of the movie at 55 AMC theatres nationwide.

"When Jordan approached us about a way to thank fans one year after the release of Get Out, we thought a Presidents' Day screening during Black History Month would be a wonderful way to commemorate the film's impact," Universal Pictures' president of distribution, Jim Orr, said in a statement Tuesday night.

"The success of his stunning vision would not have been possible without the audience's passion for both Get Out's groundbreaking storytelling and its deft use of art as society's mirror."

In a Twitter video, Peele said both he and Universal Pictures "wanted to give something back" to fans, saying, "Believe me, Get Out is a movie best seen in theaters. It's all about that theatrical experience."

"Enjoy it with other people. Get ready to use your voices. I don't care if you've seen it one time, two times, three times, if you bring somebody who's never seen it and you watch them watch it—



whatever!" Peele added. "You get to enjoy a free screening of Get Out this President's Day."

Screenings will be hosted at participating AMC locations on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.

Fans can visit GetOutOneYearLater.com to see if their local theater will be showing the film.

Written and directed by Peele, the horror film was released on Feb. 24, 2017, and starred Caleb Landry Jones, Daniel Kaluuya, Catherine Keener, Stephen Root, Lakeith Stanfield, Bradley Whitford and Allison Williams.

It earned \$255 million at the box office on a \$4.5 million budget.

The critically beloved movie will soon compete in four categories at the 2018 Oscars on March 4: Best Picture, Best Director (Peele), Best Actor (Kaluuya) and Best Original Screenplay (Peele).

On review aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes, the film has an approval rating of 99% based on 300 reviews, and an average rating of 8.3/10. The site's critical consensus reads, "Funny, scary, and thought-provoking, Get Out seamlessly weaves its trenchant social critiques into a brilliantly effective and entertaining horror/comedy thrill ride."

Get Out is now available on Blu-ray, digital and DVD.

## Air Supply playing Harrah's Rincon

**SAN DIEGO** – Australian soft rock band Air Supply will be playing the Harrah's Rincon Casino at Valley Center, near San Diego, this Saturday.

Tickets start at \$34.

With their heavily orchestrated, sweet ballads, the Australian soft rock group Air Supply became a staple of early-'80s radio, scoring a string of seven straight Top Five singles.

Air Supply, for most intents and purposes, was the duo of vocalists Russell Hitchcock and Graham Russell; other members came through the group over the years, yet they only functioned as backing musicians and added little to the group's sound.

Hitchcock and Russell met while performing in a Sydney, Australia, production of Jesus Christ Superstar in 1976. The two singers formed a partnership and with the addition of four supporting musicians -- keyboardist Frank Esler-Smith, guitarist David Moyse, bassist David Green, and drummer Ralph Cooper -- Air Supply was born.

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The Downey Patriot  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018017691  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PRECISION DANCE LAB, 5134 E. MEZZANINE WAY, LONG BEACH CA 90808, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) OTILIA WOODRUFF, 5134 E. MEZZANINE WAY, LONG BEACH CA 90808

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: 01/2018

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/ OTILIA SKIATHITIS, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 22, 2018 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  
2/15/18, 2/15/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018035483  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) DREAMGRAPHIC DESIGNS, 5545 WOODRUFF AVENUE, SUITE 453, LAKEWOOD CA 90713, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MALY CAMPBELL, 5545 WOODRUFF AVE. SUITE 453, LAKEWOOD CA 90713

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: 02/2018

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/ MALY CAMPBELL, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 9, 2018 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  
2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18, 3/8/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018011965  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MASTERS BARBERSHOP, 11947 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NITZA I. MATUTE BONILLA, 9816 V.S. SAN PEDRO ST., LOS ANGELES CA 90003

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: 01/2018

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/ NITZA I. MATUTE BONILLA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 16, 2018 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  
2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18, 3/8/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018032880  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PHOENIX KIX VENTURES, 8252 QUOIT STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CONNEWATT UONG, 8252 QUOIT STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2018

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/ CONNEWATT UONG, WIFE (CO-OWNER)  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 7, 2018 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).

STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242 (2) CHAMNAP HANG, 8252 QUOIT STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

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/ CONNEWATT UONG, WIFE (CO-OWNER)  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 7, 2018 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  
2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18, 3/8/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018029525  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE G ROOM HAIR AND BODY, 11250 WASHINGTON BLVD, SUITE 100, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY, 9250 BROOKSHIRE AVE #201, DOWNEY CA 90240

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LORENA MARTINEZ VALENZUELA, 9250 BROOKSHIRE AVE 201, 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: 02/2018

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/ LORENA MARTINEZ VALENZUELA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 2, 2018 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  
2/15/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018035901  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TORICREATE, 7625 ROSECRANS AVE. SUITE 37, PARAMOUNT CA 90773, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GLADIS RUVALCABA, 10352 MALLISON AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280 (2) GABRIELA RUVALCABA, 10352 MALLISON AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280 (3) MARIA DE JESUS BOBADILLA, 10352 MALLISON AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280

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/ MARIA DE JESUS BOBADILLA, PARTNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 12, 2018

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  
2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18, 3/8/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018012552  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ROJAS DELIVERES, 11825 S POPE AVE, LYNWOOD CA 90262, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EVELYN OSIRIS ROJAS, 11825 POPE AVE, LYNWOOD CA 90262

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

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

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/ EVELYN OSIRIS ROJAS, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 16, 2018 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  
2/15/18, 2/15/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018025548  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GTS SALES, 12237 CHAVERS AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GARY SUNDELIOUS, 12237 CHAVERS AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90242 (2) PAMELA SUNDELIOUS, 12237 CHAVERS AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

The Downey Patriot  
1/25/18, 2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018028655  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MADAY TRUCKING INC, 296 SPOKE AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90806, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADOLPHUS MAYFIELD, 2610 ELM AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90806

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/ ADOLPHUS MAYFIELD, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 2, 2018 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  
2/18/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018013503  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BLUE OAK HR SOLUTIONS, 612 ROCKING HORSE RD., WALNUT CA 91789, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANGELICA BARTELL, 612 ROCKING HORSE RD., WALNUT CA 91789

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: 12/2017

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/ ANGELICA BARRERA, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 17, 2018 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  
1/25/18, 2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018014686  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) C & K PEST ELIMINATION, 228 S. GILMORE AVE., COVINA CA 91723, LA COUNTY, P.O. BOX 4561, COVINA CA 91723-4561

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHARLES ALLEN VONK, 528 S. FENIMORE AVE., COVINA CA 91723

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/ CHARLES ALLEN VONK, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 18, 2018 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  
1/25/18, 2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018025548  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GTS SALES, 12237 CHAVERS AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90242, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GARY SUNDELIOUS, 12237 CHAVERS AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90242 (2) PAMELA SUNDELIOUS, 12237 CHAVERS AVENUE, DOWNEY CA 90242

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

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/ GARY SUNDELIOUS, HUSBAND  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 30, 2018 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  
2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018025587  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) KNOCKOUT KINGS PROMOTIONS, 6551 FRY ST, BELL GARDENS CA 90201, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBERTO VALENZUELA, 6551 FRY ST., BELL GARDENS CA 90201

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

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  
2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2018031090  
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HELADOS Y PALETAS MUSICALES, 121 W LEXINGTON DR STE 414, GLENDALE CA 91203, LA COUNTY

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ABRAHAM CONTRERAS, 121 W LEXINGTON DR STE 414,











## CLASSIFIEDS

### EMPLOYMENT

#### INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN

A Downey manufacturing company is looking for an experienced maintenance person who can utilize his/her background and skills to evaluate and resolve problems related to both equipment and facilities. They are expected to work safely, either individually or as part of a group, to accomplish these repairs. Candidates must have skills which include:

- Troubleshooting electronic controls and power wiring
- Pipe bending
- A history of working on equipment in manufacturing facilities
- The ability to evaluate a problem/situation and determine a proper course of action to rectify the issue
- Ability to work day or night shifts as needed
- Being knowledgeable in PLCs is a plus

All levels of experience will be considered. Pay to be determined by background and experience. \*Please submit your resume and your salary requirements to: christyh@umextrude.com

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: March 21, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, 3rd Floor, 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** January 22, 2018  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
Susanna Hernandez Martines  
6822 Passaic Street  
Huntington Park, CA 90255  
(323) 537-9972

The Downey Patriot  
1/25/18, 2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER: VS030761**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Elisabel Coronado filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Elisabel Coronado to Proposed name (1) Elizabeth Coronado  
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: March 7, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., 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** January 05, 2018  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
Elisabel Coronado  
5225 Elizabeth Street #11  
Cudahy, CA 90201  
(323) 945-2259

The Downey Patriot  
1/25/18, 2/1/18, 2/8/18, 2/15/18

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER: VS030768**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Jennifer Ramirez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Jennifer Ramirez to Proposed name (1) Jennifer Pelcastre  
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: March 14, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Rm. 101, Norwalk, California 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** January 16, 2018  
Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
Jennifer Ramirez  
5102 Lindsey Ave.  
Pico Rivera, CA 90660  
(562) 274-8457

The Downey Patriot  
2/8/18, 2/15/18, 2/22/18, 3/1/18

#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

### EMPLOYMENT

#### CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Needs yard supervisor  
(562) 904-6911

#### CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL

Needs teacher. 12 ECE units required.  
(562) 904-6911

### FOR RENT

#### 1 ROOM FOR RENT

Priv entrance, 1 Senior only, No Drugs of any kind. Fully furnished. \$650  
Gardendale & Downey Ave  
(562) 923-9158  
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#### FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER: VS030798**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner TEREZA BROWN MARTINEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) TEREZA BROWN MARTINEZ to Proposed name (1) TEREZA MARTINEZ  
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Date: April 11, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
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Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER: VS030795**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Blanca Liliana Cruz Moreno filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Blanca Liliana Cruz Moreno to Proposed name (1) Liliana Moreno  
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Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER: VS030767**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Kristen Lynn Douglas filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Edwin Andrew Landaverde-Douglas to Proposed name (1) Edwin Douglas  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: March 14, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, Room: 312  
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Judge Margaret M. Bernal  
Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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#### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER: VS030776**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner David Ortiz Gallegos filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) David Ortiz Gallegos to Proposed name (1) David Ortiz  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: March 21, 2018, Time: 1:30 p.m., Department: C, 3rd Floor, Room: 312  
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A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** January 22, 2018  
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Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
David Ortiz Gallegos  
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Pico Rivera, CA 90660  
(323) 329-8994

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#### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

**CASE NUMBER: VS030777**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Michael Lopez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present name (1) Michael Andrew Lopez to Proposed name (1) Michael Andrew Hernandez  
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Judge Of The Superior Court  
Petitioner or Attorney, In Pro Per  
Michael Lopez  
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Santa Fe Springs CA 90670  
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#### ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Charles A. Pitts

**Case No. 18STPB01248**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Charles A. Pitts  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Pamela Pitts in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Pamela Pitts be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should



## San Diego restaurant sued for pregnancy discrimination

**SAN DIEGO** – Maurizio's Trattoria Italiana, LLC, a fine-dining Italian restaurant in Encinitas near San Diego, violated federal law when it discriminated and fired a female employee after learning of her pregnancy, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) charged in a pregnancy discrimination lawsuit filed Tuesday.

According to the EEOC's lawsuit, an employee who worked at Maurizio's Trattoria Italiana notified the owner of her pregnancy.

The EEOC contends that the restaurant subsequently discriminated against her by scheduling her to work fewer hours, resulting in much less pay, refusing to return her to her server position after she gave birth, and finally firing her.

Such alleged conduct violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Pregnancy Discrimination Act.

The EEOC filed suit in U.S. District Court after first attempting to reach a pre-litigation settlement through its conciliation process.

The lawsuit seeks back pay, compensatory and punitive damages for the female employee, as well as injunctive relief intended to prevent further discrimination at the business.

## Santa Fe High senior earns full-ride to Pepperdine



**SANTA FE SPRINGS** – Santa Fe High School senior Kyla Moore has a passion for the arts, communicating with her friends and family through song, dance and sign language.

With an eye toward earning a degree in public relations, Moore will be able to fulfill her dreams at Pepperdine University after earning a four-year, full-ride scholarship from the Posse Foundation.

Founded in 1989, the Posse Foundation identifies students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential, but who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. Moore has earned straight A's every semester at Santa Fe and carries a 4.39 GPA.

"I am so proud to receive this scholarship," Moore said. "I am inspired by my mother, who was in grad school when I was born and was determined to stay in school and receive her degree, even though she was raising me by herself because my father was away

at college."

Moore keeps a rigorous schedule of Advanced Placement courses and is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Santa Fe Principal's Honor Court, Link Crew mentorship program, and has been a member of Santa Fe's Dance Team and choir for four years. She is also a community volunteer for the youth cheerleading program, SFS 49ers, coaching girls ages 7 to 9 in cheerleading techniques and traveling with the squad for competitions and games.

"Kyla is a tremendous student and a campus leader who is greatly admired by Santa Fe students and staff for her compassion, energy and work ethic," said Santa Fe Principal Craig Campbell, who nominated Moore for the scholarship. "To receive a Posse scholarship, you have to be focused, ambitious and prepared to make a difference in the world. I wish Kyla the best of luck in her future."

The Posse Foundation is a national nonprofit that recruits promising students from diverse backgrounds to prepare them for higher education and careers in lucrative professions, supporting these students with specialized initiatives that ensure they achieve at a high level and complete their schooling.

To qualify for a Posse scholarship, Moore needed to complete three interviews and, after being named a finalist for

Pepperdine, convened with other competitors for a three-hour group interview with university representatives who evaluated her qualifications and issued their decision the same day.

"Even before I knew that Pepperdine was one of the Posse Foundation's partner schools, I knew that it was the only school that I wanted to attend," Moore said. "When they asked me to list my top 10 preferred colleges, Pepperdine was the only school on my list."

Moore likes the social aspect of public relations, is well acquainted with social media platforms and can see herself as a fashion industry rep, helping brand new products and developing positive exposure.

Moore, who learned American Sign Language (ASL) when she was 4 years old, wants to start a club at Pepperdine and organize ASL events for the school community.

Though Moore is looking toward a career behind-the-scenes, she hopes to continue with dance and choir at Pepperdine because she loves seeing the audience's reaction.

"It is so rewarding to know that you are inspiring people with your performance," Moore said. "As a Posse Scholar, I hope to continue inspiring my peers, my siblings and others through my perseverance and dedication to pursuing higher education."



## New restaurant brings spooky vibes to Buena Park

► At Cauldron Spirits and Brews in Buena Park, dining is an entertainment experience.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**BUENA PARK** – A new spooky gastro grub has arisen, looking to cast its spell over Buena Park.

Located across the street from Knotts Berry Farm at 8028 Beach Boulevard in Buena Park, the Cauldron Spirits and Brews hopes to be the next hang out spot for locals.

It is the brainchild of Lara Hanneman, who prior to opening the gastro grub had extensive theatrical and theme park experience from years working at Knotts.

"It's mostly about entertaining; I'm a theatrical production designer by trade," said Hanneman. "I love European pubs because it's something that's comfortable, it's cozy, and you always have a fireplace and a cool drink, and good friends and great conversation. I just wanted to make that the thing that we don't have anywhere around here in Buena park."

"Also, I love cooking and entertaining so it's just another way to entertain..."

Hanneman says the witch theme is "just a little bit me." While Hanneman identifies as a Wiccan

herself, she says that it's not about religion.

"It's just a little more odd overlay that's kind of fun...it's another thing to talk about," said Hanneman. "It's not really about religion, it's just more about being me."

The 17th century witch-themed eating establishment features enchanted décor and ornately framed vintage illustrations of witches and black cats. The bar also features several secrets including projections onto the wall behind the bar, a "haunted" mirror, and a private dining room hidden behind a secret door.

"They're always changing because the ghosts are restless," said Hanneman. "There's always a cauldron brewing in the fireplace that's whipping up some sort of magic."

The restaurant features French-casual bites, local craft beer, themed cocktails and wine from various regions around California.

"I wanted something to be a little bit French influenced, but comfortable; not too pretentious," said Hanneman. "Nothing just ordinary bar food, you know, what you'd expect at an ordinary bar...it's familiar but a little bit different."

Hanneman also is using the space to help local artists in the community.

"I have a [gallery wall] ...for local artists to show their work; maybe a little more on the dark side, I'd prefer, or a little more themed," said Hanneman. "I support artists in the community as well because I am one. I think a lot of people need that outlet and people don't have enough places to see it, so let's bring it to Buena Park."

"In the future I would like to help artists sell their wares and their talent."

Operating hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m., with the kitchen open until 11 p.m. For more information, visit thecauldronbar.com.

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**LA MIRADA** – "Spook Show," an annual Halloween festival featuring more than 100 vendors, artists, musicians and terror enthusiasts, will be held Saturday, April 7, at the Halloween Club in La Mirada.

The event is all ages but some items on display may not be

suitable for kids.

Tickets are free but reservations are required. For reservations, visit eventbrite.com or halloweenclub.com/spookshow.

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# Rent control may be coming to mobile home parks

**LOS ANGELES** – On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors voted to draft a rent control ordinance for mobile home parks in unincorporated LA County.

"Mobile home residents are in a difficult and unique situation," said Supervisor Janice Hahn. "While they own their homes, they do not own the land underneath them. Because so-called 'mobile' homes are often not mobile at all, residents are particularly vulnerable to rent hikes.

"It is time the county step in and ensure mobile home residents do not join the ranks of the homeless families living here in LA County."

The term "mobile home" is misleading. Mobile homes are often placed permanently in a park and moving them is difficult and expensive. This gives mobile home park owners a virtual monopoly and gives residents few options if they cannot afford rent hikes or fees.

Mobile home owners are often forced to sell their homes to their landlords for substantially less than their value because moving the home would be cost-prohibitive.

"We have a critical shortage of affordable rental housing in Los Angeles," said Supervisor Sheila Kuehl. "This proposed rent stabilization program would help protect residents of mobile home parks from unreasonable rent increases while providing park owners with a fair and reasonable return on their investment."

In unincorporated Los Angeles County, there are 86 mobile home parks and a total of 8,503 mobile home units. 1,381 of these units are in the Fourth District.

The motion which passed today instructs the Community Development Commission to report

back to the Board in six months with a proposed mobile home rent regulation ordinance which would: place an annual cap on space rent increases; provide protections for residents against impacts to services and maintenance with reduced space rents; provide a rent increase process for park owners who believe they are not receiving a fair rate of return on their property; and require park owners to complete an annual report on occupancy, rental rates and services and amenities provided by the park.

The motion passed by a 4-1 vote, with Supervisor Kathryn Barger voting no.

After several mobile home residents testified at the meeting that they experience intimidation and feared retaliation from mobile home park owners, Hahn said she believes these residents. She also asked county counsel to explore the idea of placing a temporary rent freeze to prevent mobile home park owners from increasing rents ahead of implementation of this ordinance.

County officials will report back to the Board on the feasibility of a rent freeze in 30 days.

By Eric Pierce

# Insurance agents charged with scamming elderly client

**LOS ANGELES** – A pair of insurance agents were arraigned Tuesday on multiple felony charges in the alleged theft of more than \$1.1 million from an elderly client, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Clement Lancelot Chichester, 68, and his wife, Brittney Jade Sias, 56, were arrested Feb. 5.

The Marina del Rey couple are charged with one count of theft from an elder, one count of forgery for public record and two counts of forgery by passing a forged document. Chichester also is charged with two counts of passing a non-sufficient funds check exceeding \$950 and 22 counts of untrue statement or omission of material fact in sale of securities.

The charges include special allegations of fraud and embezzlement and taking of property.

Deputy District Attorney Sharon Ransom of the Elder Abuse Section is prosecuting the case.

Chichester was the 91-year-old victim's longtime insurance agent and financial adviser. Sias assisted Chichester in the business, which operated out of a West Los Angeles office, Ransom said.

Chichester allegedly invested the victim's money in securities without making legally required material disclosures about the

investments, costing the victim \$693,000, Ransom said.

Furthermore, he purchased his client's Culver City rental property for half of its \$1 million market value, and then allegedly wrote bad checks to pay for the interest on the mortgage and a loan provided by the victim, the prosecutor said. Chichester still owes the victim \$450,000 for the property, Ransom said.

Sias allegedly filed a false reconveyance document for the property with an insurance company and the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, the prosecutor said.

The prosecutor has requested bail be set at \$1.45 million for Chichester and \$450,000 for Sias. If convicted as charged, Chichester faces up to 35 years and four months in state prison, while Sias

could be sentenced to a maximum of nine years and four months in prison.

The case remains under investigation by the California Department of Insurance. Anyone who believes they may be a victim of Chichester and Sias is asked to call the department's Investigation Division at (661) 253-7500.

# Man charged with immigration fraud

**AZUSA** – A 57-year-old man was arraigned last week for allegedly operating a fraudulent immigration services business.

Augusto "Tito" Gonzalez De La Cruz (dob 8/19/60) faces 20 felony counts of grand theft. The charges include an allegation of fraud and embezzlement of property valued at more than \$100,000.

Deputy District Attorneys Ryann Gerber Jorban and Leonard Torrealba of the Consumer Protection Division said Gonzalez De La Cruz scammed 15 victims

out of \$183,300 by offering immigration services they never received between May 1, 2015, and Jan. 26, 2018.

He allegedly made false promises that included expediting the processing of visas, resident alien cards and citizenship petitions, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors requested that bail be set at \$400,000. Gonzalez De La Cruz faces up to 14 years and four months in state prison if convicted as charged.




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