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Roybal-Allard retiring from Congress

Long Beach mayor Robert Garcia is considered a front-runner to replace her in a newly-drawn district.

DOWNEY - Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard of Downey, the first Mexican-American woman elected to Congress, announced Monday she will not run for reelection in 2022.

"Serving my constituents in Congress has been the single most distinguished honor of my life," the 80-year-old Roybal-Allard, a Democrat, said in a statement.

"Over my many years of public service, I have always strived to do that which is best to help improve my community and my country. After 30 years in the House of Representatives, the time has come for me to spend more time with my family. Therefore, I have decided not to seek reelection."

Roybal-Allard's 40th Congressional District includes Bell, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Cudahy, Downey, Huntington Park, Maywood, Paramount, Vernon and portions of Bellflower, East Los Angeles, Florence-Firestone and South Los Angeles.

She was the first Latina to serve on the House Appropriations Committee and to chair an Appropriations Subcommittee.

Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia praised the veteran representative's work.

"Congresswoman Roybal-Allard is a trailblazer and has been a fearless advocate for Los Angeles and the Southeast cities," Garcia said. "She has been an incredible national leader on immigration, equality and for working families. I am tremendously grateful for her leadership and service to our country and our community."

Garcia announced last week that he would run for Congress in 2022, though new districts have yet to be finalized.

Roybal-Allard did not disclose specific plans for the future, but said she would continue to support her district, which includes South and East Los Angeles.

"While I will not be seeking re-election in 2022, I look forward to continue to work for the people of my district in the new year and long after I leave public office," she said.

She did not mention redistricting as a factor in her decision, though she told the Los Angeles Times in November that she had concerns the new maps would dilute the power of Latino voters she currently represents.

"I am aware of the current draft map and I have concerns about the protections of Voting Rights [Act] districts and in particular the diluting of the vote in our Latino communities," she said, while urging the commission to address those issues before finalizing the districts.

Roybal-Allard was one of three House Democrats to announce Monday they would not run again, bringing the total number of retirements before the midterm elections to 23, according to the Washington Post.

Locker Room of Downey creates a frenzy over sports caps

Lines at the Downtown Downey store routinely wrap around the block, with customers eager for their exclusive merchandise.

By Vincent Medina Contributor

DOWNEY - Outside The Locker Room of Downey, dozens of people eagerly waited in line, counting the minutes until they could buy the newest release when the store opened at 10 a.m.: an LA Dodgers baseball cap with the 1988 World Series Patch.

"I've been coming here since before they became so popular. When they just had basic colors and caps," said Dre Smith, a regular customer and hat collector. "The hat craze started on the east coast. When it moved west, [Ivan] jumped on it."

Husband and wife, Ivan and Vivian, bought the store 10 years ago. In light of the recent string of smash-and-grab robberies in the community, the owners declined to give their full names.

"There is a lot of crime going on, targeting small businesses," said Ivan.

The business owners say they are active in the community and are being cautious so nobody targets them or their store.

However, they were thrilled that their business could bring so many people together over a common interest.

"This community that now exists, formed by customers coming here and spending hours waiting in line together and getting to know each other," said Ivan. "We've made friends, too. That's what sets us apart from bigger sporting goods stores. We get to know our customers."

While The Locker Room also sells jerseys, t-shirts, jackets and other merchandise, their hats are the biggest seller.



Regular customers at The Locker Room of Downey pose for a photo as they wait in line for the store to open. The line for the sporting goods store is exceedingly long on weekends when the owners release original merchandise. (Photos courtesy of The Locker Room of Downey).

Vivian and Ivan announce the release of a new hat with a patch or design they came up with every weekend on their social media.

"One of the driving forces behind the designs is fashion. The other is what resonates with our customers like world series patches, all-star game patches, designs that are important to the community," said Ivan. "Customers also tell you what they are looking for, and we use our creative thinking to make the design."

Their designs quickly became popular as people started waiting outside the night before to grab the newest release.

"We make lines Friday night," said Edgar Reynosa as he waited in line early Saturday morning. "Today, I got here at 6:30 a.m."

"The hat completes your ensemble. So when you have nice shoes, a jacket, and then a hat to go with it, it brings everything together," said Smith as he admired the new Dodger cap with the 1988 World Series Patch.

"Sometimes patches have a lot going on, but this is a nice, simple patch. The two-tone is also really good so you don't dirty the white hat with your fingers," said the hat collector. "I got here at 7:30 a.m. because I've been chasing this hat."

Collector Mando Gonzales is also a regular customer at the store and is an avid collector of caps, pins and other sports merchandise. He says he watched the business grow over the last two years as they started regularly dropping their hats on social media.

"My favorite hat that I've bought here is an LA Dodgers hat with a serape under-visor," said Gonzales. "We've seen groups of collectors come through here. This place has blown up. It has created a community."

After public outcry, City Council chooses to keep city manager

Gilbert Livas will remain city manager after the public flooded a public meeting with an outpouring of support.

By Alex Dominguez Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Following an unprecedented show of support from the community last week, the City Council decided against firing city manager Gilbert Livas.

News of Livas's seemingly impending dismissal sent shockwaves through the community when sources at City Hall, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, disclosed to the Downey Patriot that three of the city's council members - Mario Trujillo, Catherine Alvarez, and Mayor Pro Tem Sean Ashton - were poised to vote to fire Livas as early as last week.

The scenario became all the more real when a special meeting was announced to evaluate and discuss the city manager's position in the city, which was held Dec. 16.

Council members discussed Livas in closed session, which is not open to the public. City Attorney Yvette Abich Garcia made the announcement that Livas was staying.

"Mr. Livas remains employed by the city," said Garcia. "The council continues to value his

service." After the decision was announced, an emotional Livas made his way around the chambers to a flurry of hugs and handshakes by staff and community members.

The community came out in a massive showing of overwhelming support for Livas, spending almost two hours addressing the council.

Speakers included residents, community leaders, volunteers, former mayors, unions, and city employees.

Former Mayor Mario Guerra said that this decision would be the council's "legacy."

"Today, you're writing your legacy, you're writing a big part of your legacy; right here, right now," said Guerra. "...Doing what's right is always the right thing to do. Keeping Gilbert Livas is the right thing to do for the city of Downey. Don't do this. Be reasonable, responsible. Our city's legacy depends on it."

Former mayor Roger Brossmer, like many who spoke, was visibly and audibly frustrated.

"I'm not sure how we're here today. I'm not sure how we're having a special meeting with 24-hours' notice on a Thursday at 3 p.m. before the holiday. I don't know how we're here right now," said Brossmer. "That's what I'm not sure about, because if we



Gilbert Livas listens as community members speak in his support. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

want to be about community, input, and transparency, this doesn't feel right."

Brossmer was part of the council that would hire Livas, and was even sworn in as mayor the same night as him.

"I do know Mr. Livas. I do care for Mr. Livas. That's what I do know. I know that he is a man of honor and integrity. He is ethical," he said.

Kim Sodemani, an executive secretary for the city, suggested that morale was low at the city due to the situation.

"I have worked on all floors

of city hall here in my 19 years of service to this community...I have been proud of the work that I see our city hall professionals accomplish every day," said Sodemani. "I now see those same professionals are worried and sad over the sudden potential loss of our city manager, Mr. Livas."

"We do not understand why a man who has dedicated his life to public service would be terminated after doing so much good for the community that he serves."

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Weekend at a Glance

Friday 60°

Saturday 57°

Sunday 58°

THINGS TO DO



The Greatest Cartoons Ever Sunday, 2 pm & 7 pm Alex Theatre in Glendale

10th Annual film festival of classic animated shorts from the Golden Age of Hollywood, including Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny, Popeye the Sailor and Woody Woodpecker. \$12.50 with discounts for kids, seniors and students.

ON THIS DAY DECEMBER 23

1783

George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va.

1823

The poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore was first published, in the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel.

1867

Sarah Breedlove Walker, the American businesswoman and philanthropist considered to be the first black female millionaire, was born.

1919

The Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act 1919 became law in the United Kingdom, allowing women to sit on juries, earn degrees, and enter professions previously reserved for men.

1948

Former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese war leaders were executed in Tokyo.

1972

The Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Oakland Raiders 13-7 in an NFL playoff game on a last-second touchdown catch by Franco Harris that was dubbed the "immaculate reception."

1986

Voyager, an aircraft piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California, becoming the first aircraft to fly non-stop around the world without refueling.

2003

The government announced the first suspected case of mad cow disease in United States.

2003

A jury in Chesapeake, Va., sentenced teen sniper Lee Boyd Malvo to life in prison, sparing him the death penalty.

2009

The parents who pulled the "balloon boy" hoax in hopes of landing a reality TV show, were sentenced to jail by a judge in Fort Collins, Colo.

Birthdays

Soap actress Susan Lucci (75), football coach Jim Harbaugh (58), rock singer Eddie Vedder (57), model and reality star Holly Madison (42), and former Dodgers shortstop Hanley Ramirez (38).

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Blood Drive, 12-6 pm. Donate blood in support of the American Red Cross. Make an appointment online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code StonewoodCenter or call (800) 733-2767. Stonewood Center, 251 Stonewood St.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

NYE Party, 9 pm to 2 am. A LGBTQ+ party with food, drinks, music and drag performances. \$20 presale tickets at muevelo.eventbrite.com. Muevelo Fridays, 7929 Firestone Blvd.

NYE Party, 9:30 pm to 2 am. Food, drinks, and music by Noize Ent. Ola Restobar, 11040 Downey Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

Downey Coordinating Council, 11:30 am. Steve Roberson will provide an update on efforts to build a new YMCA facility in Downey. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

Ribbon Cutting, 4 pm. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for new ice cream shop Le Coco, 11901 Lakewood Blvd.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Ronald Reagan Library, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Join other Downey residents in a trip to the Ronald Reagan Library, which is currently exhibiting "FBI: From Al Capone to Al Qaeda." \$30. Ages 18 and up, pre-registration required at the Barbara J. Riley and Community Center.

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Western Pacific Pulp, 9400 Hall Rd.

Kids Zone, 11 am to 12 pm. Kids are invited to create a snowflake craft to take home at this free event hosted by Stonewood Center. Children will also receive a collector's pin and special lanyard. JCPenney, 251 Stonewood Street

The Edwards Twins, 7:30 pm. Anthony and Eddie Edwards use state of the art make-up to look and sound like the superstars of today and yesterday, including Cher, Elton John, Dolly Parton and Barbra Streisand. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs Mozart's Overture to Don Giovanni, George Walker's Lyric for Strings, and Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances, plus a special performance of Beethoven's Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano in

C Major with Carolyn Osborn on violin, Dane Little on Cello, and an artist to be announced on piano. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Downey Coordinating Council, 11:30 am. Eric Pierce speaks about the Downey Patriot and the importance of community journalism. Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center, 7810 Quill Dr.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Kiwanis Meeting, 6 pm. Larry Cunningham (Downey High School class of 2003) speaks about his career as a professional basketball player and being inducted into the UC Riverside Hall of Fame. Cost is \$22. Hosted by Downey Kiwanis at Frantone's Pizza, 9148 Telegraph Rd.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Pechanga Casino, 9 am to 7:30 pm. Join other Downey residents in a trip to Pechanga Casino. On the way home, the bus will stop at Tom's Farm for shopping. \$15. Ages 21 and up, pre-registration required at the Barbara J. Riley and Community Center.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Bob's Big Boy, 7400 Firestone Blvd.

Recruitment Expo, 10 am to 3:30 pm. Interested in a summer job with Downey's Parks & Recreation Department? Attend this expo to learn more. 7810 Quill Dr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Back to Football Night, 7 pm. A celebration of the upcoming Downey Razorbacks football season. Discounts for returning players on this date only. Parley Johnson House, 7749 Florence Ave.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Arc Walk for Independence, 8 am. After a one-year hiatus, the Arc Walk returns to raise money for The Arc Los Angeles & Orange Counties. Register at www.thearcloac.org or call Yolanda Chavez at (626) 862-3915.

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. 9901 Paramount Blvd. (near See's Candy)

Kiwanis Car Show, 9 am to 2 pm. Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis' second annual car show, featuring vintage automobiles, food trucks, live music, raffles, and more. \$20 to enter a car, free to the public. Downey High School, 11040 Brookshire Ave.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Beauty & the Beast Sing-Along, 2 pm. This interactive presentation of Disney's favorite classic has been customized with on-screen lyrics for all the songs so that audiences can sing along. Your hosts will introduce each performance and in addition, goody bags are available for purchase and audience members are encouraged to participate. Add to the fun by dressing up as a favorite character from the film. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

Willy Chirino, 8 pm. Combining the musical traditions of Cuba with American rock and jazz, Cuba-born and South Florida-based vocalist and bandleader Willy Chirino helped to create the "Miami sound" of salsa music. The composer of more than 100 songs, Chirino's material has been covered by a lengthy list of artists. First of two concerts. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

City of STEM Kick-Off Festival. City of STEM returns in-person, starting with this kick-off festival featuring booths, activities, performances, and panels provided by STEM organizations throughout the Los Angeles area, including colleges and universities, museums, learning centers, libraries, science clubs, and many more. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

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FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Fiesta Casino, 6-10 pm. Save the date for Downey Kiwanis' annual casino night fundraiser, taking place this year at the Azar Event Center, 12215 Slauson Ave., in Santa Fe Springs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood

cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Grocery Outlet, 8320 Firestone Blvd.

Downey Symphony Concert, 8 pm. The Downey Symphony Orchestra performs Bernstein's Overture to Candide, Pinar Toprak's "Open World" from Captain Marvel, Ives' Variations on "America," and Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from West Side Story. Plus a percussion concerto with Wesley Sumpter. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Grease Sing-Along, 7 pm. Hand jive in the aisles, enjoy specialty treats and drinks and get ready to fall in love with John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John all over again as you sing along to "You're the One That I Want," "Beauty School Dropout," "Summer Nights" and all of the film's big hits. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Brunch with the Bunny, 9:30 am to 1 pm. Pancake breakfast, games, vendors, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Golden Park, 8840 Golden Ave.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Mariachi Los Camperos, 4 pm. Two-Time Grammy award winner Mariachi Los Camperos originated in 1961 and played a fundamental role in the development of Mariachi music in the United States and was the first to take the Mariachi performances out of customary locations such as cantinas and into concert halls. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Independence Park, 12334 Bellflower Blvd.

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Carpenters Legacy Concert, 8 pm. A recreation of The Carpenters' 1976 UK tour, starring Sally Olson and Ned Mills. Plus a special tribute to Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass. Downey Theatre, 8435 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

Keep Downey Beautiful, 9 am. Join other volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Gloves, safety vests, litter sticks and trash bags are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes and old clothes. Big Lots, 9020 Firestone Blvd.



Gilbert Livas keeps his job

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Another staff member, Lisa Fox, pleaded with the council to retain Livas.

"Everything said about Gilbert today has been said. Everyone here knows what an ethical person he is, what a moral person he is, and how good he is for our city. There's just no more to be said," said Fox. "What I can tell you, on a personal level that a lot of these people don't know, is city hall is full of heavy hearts, because you cannot find one employee here to speak an ill word about that man, and that speaks volumes."

Livas also had backing from six of the labor unions within the city, which had written a letter Wednesday in his support.

Ralph Diaz, president of the Downey Police Officers' Association, described the matter as "very concerning."

"In our dealings with Mr. Livas, he has always been fair and unbiased," said Diaz. "Mr. Livas has always put the interest of the residents, the City of Downey staff, and all officers first."

"Since 2011, the City of Downey has built upon the reputation as being stable, financially responsible, and has continued to grow even after the 2008 financial meltdown. Mr. Livas has been a leader, and has guided us through a recession, and the current global pandemic... The Downey Police Association cannot ask for a better city manager."

Council members retreated to closed session for nearly an hour, before reemerging with their decision.



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Downey's Isaac De La Paz wins Muay Thai championship

■ The up and coming combat fighter from Downey is rising the ranks in Muay Thai.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – There is another champion in Downey, and his name is Isaac De La Paz.

De La Paz, 20, is still relatively new into the world of mixed martial arts, where he fights in the 130 weight class. An athlete during his time at Downey High School, he wanted to find something to keep himself active after graduating in 2019.

“I first played Volleyball at Downey High School. I’ve always been in sports; soccer, football, every sport you could think of,” said De La Paz. “After high school, I graduated, I wanted to do some type of sport, try to keep myself moving.”

“I did boxing for a little bit over in South Gate. I wanted to do some type of martial art, so I came to [King Cobra Mixed Martial Arts].”

De La Paz enjoyed training, however admitted that he did not take it too seriously at first.

“I wouldn’t come every day; it’d just be to keep me active,” said Paz. “I always expressed to Coach [Isaias Nambo] that I wanted to compete in the future.”

Competing meant that De La Paz would start having to come in every night to train. Unfortunately, that’s when the pandemic set in.

Lockdown was not enough to stop De La Paz, however.

“At home, I have a heavy bag,” said De La Paz. “I’d train at home. I’d hit the bag, stuff like that. I thought to myself, ‘Man, I really enjoy doing this type of stuff.’”

“I knew that once quarantine ended, I really wanted to compete.”

As quarantine ended and De La Paz was able to return to the gym, the intensity of his training amplified.

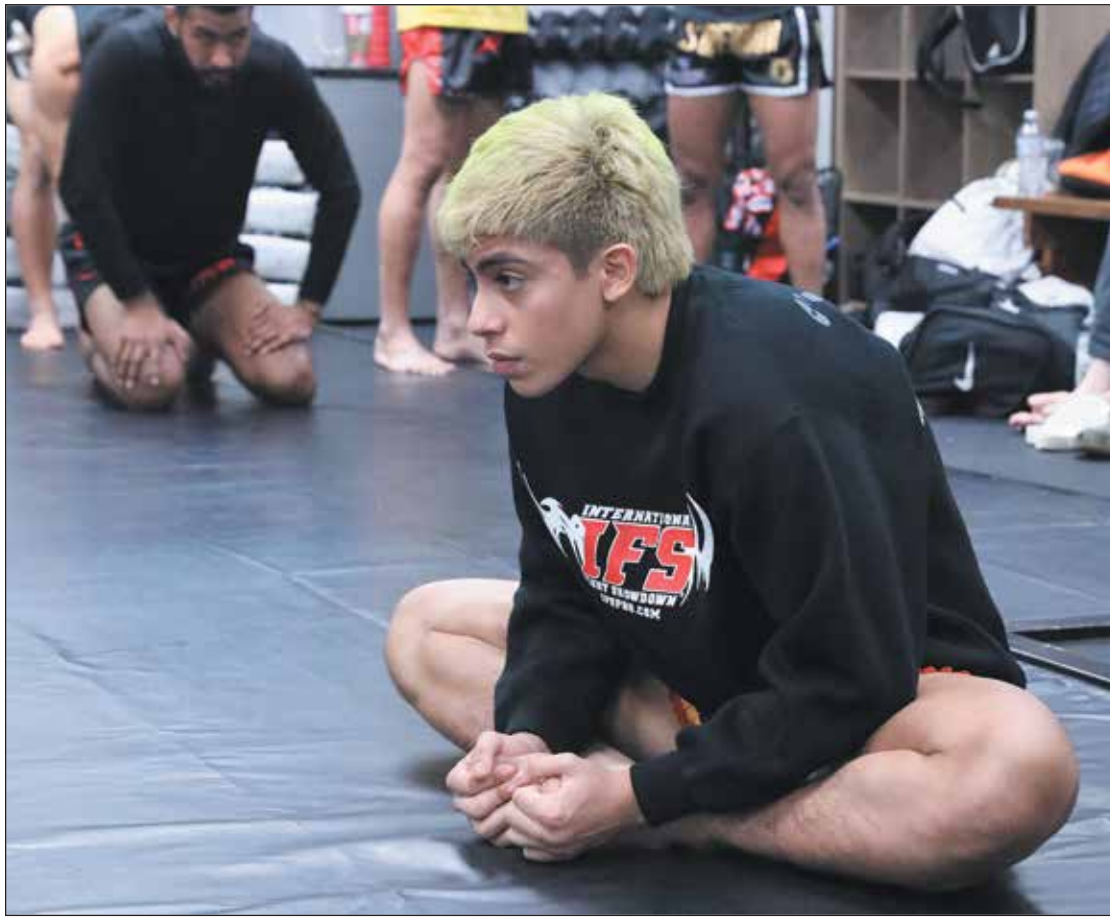
“It has to do more with the way of thinking,” said De La Paz. “I watch the UFC fights; it’s pretty crazy to think that these guys are going head-to-head, and they’re trying to kill each other basically, in the ring.”

“When I’m training, I like to think that I’m training to keep myself safe; like we’re going to go into an arena, like gladiator type stuff.”

His first competition was at the Arizona United States Muay Thai Open, where he faced and defeated three opponents before heading to the championship round the following day.

Unfortunately, a tough third fight left De La Paz’s leg injured.

“Since I had three fights that day and I used my leg kicks a lot that third fight, my leg was like a balloon. It was crazy swollen,”



Isaac De La Paz stretches before a workout at King Cobra Mixed Martial Arts in Downey. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

said De La Paz.

“His injury was real bad,” added Nambo. “We were taping up his leg, just trying to do whatever we can.”

“...He was injured, so he wasn’t able to put weight on it. He’s still new to the game, so he wasn’t able to switch to southpaw or anything like that.”

Unfortunately, De La Paz and his softened-up leg were unable to take away the victory that day. Still, he says he learned a lot from the fight.

“It taught me a lot about having heart as well, because I really wanted to win that gold belt; I wanted to come in first no matter what injury I had,” said De La Paz. “I learned that I needed to have a lot more cardio, a lot more intensity, and to stop waiting because in this fight, you always have to be first, putting pressure on your opponent.”

De La Paz was sidelined for a few weeks while his leg healed. Once he was ready to fight once more, there was more work to be done.

“I recovered, came back, started training with more intensity,” said De La Paz. “I had the IFS (International Fight Showdown) fight.”

The IFS fight would offer a new, intimidating challenge for De La Paz: the removal of shin guards and head protection.

“It’s like a big jump for me,” said De La Paz. “I went from



Isaac De La Paz poses with ONE Featherweight Kickboxing World Champion Superbon Banchamek. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

no elbows, having head gear, shin guards to elbows, no shin guards, no head gear. I was really nervous for that one.”

De La Paz says though that his nerves tend to go away once he steps into the ring, and it certainly showed at IFS.

He walked away victorious, and more importantly, already in line for a title shot.

At 4-1, its not necessarily common to be already fighting for a title.

It’s an accomplishment Nambo credits to the quality of opponents.

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer



Here we go again. Just as the COVID pandemic numbers were looking manageable and our country was beginning to reopen, along comes Omicron. What does this mean? Just how bad is it?

I must mention that just last Saturday, my wife and I planned to take my mother to the Ahmanson Theater for the first time since the March 2020 shutdown. That very morning, the show was canceled, along with the rest of the run. Why? The cast and crew experienced a major COVID outbreak. The Rams football game was postponed due to players with COVID. The UCLA basketball game was delayed due to COVID. Many other events, including Broadway shows, the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, and numerous sporting events have been canceled or delayed as well.

Note that the situation is changing so rapidly that all that is certain is that by the time this column goes to press, the picture will surely look different. Still, here are some ominous numbers:

New York City reported 21,027 cases on December 16, the highest single day count of COVID-19 cases since the start of the pandemic. Feel free to reread that last sentence. Cases in New York doubled in a four-day period.

There have been over 65,000 newly confirmed cases in London in the past seven days, with more than 26,000 cases reported in the last 24-hour period alone. Like New York City, this is the highest single day count since the start of the pandemic. The number of COVID patients in London hospitals rose by 29%.

Paris will not have its traditional fireworks display over the Champs-Elysees due to this surge. All large outdoor events and gatherings will be banned on New Year’s Eve as France faces its fifth wave.

Locally, COVID hospitalizations in Los Angeles County continue to rise, due to this winter surge and a post-Thanksgiving uptick in infections,

prompting California to impose a statewide indoor mask-wearing mandate.

Now, on to Omicron. This variant has been found in 89 countries as of December 16. The World Health Organization (WHO) informs us that Omicron cases in those countries are doubling every 1.5 to three days, and that Omicron spreads much faster than the Delta variant due to its large number of mutations. Moreover, Omicron is even spreading in countries where the vaccination rate is very high. In the United States, in just one week, the Omicron variant went from 3% of cases to 73% of all new COVID cases.

How effective are our current vaccines against Omicron? Preliminary data from England shows that two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines are not nearly as effective against Omicron as they are against Delta. However, it appears that for those who have had the booster, protection is far better. This makes the booster shot even more important.

Our biggest hope is that Omicron does not cause as serious an illness as does Delta. Early data indicates that this may be the case, but much more information on hospitalization and death rates is needed. Regardless, Omicron will tax our workforce (health care workers in particular), fill up hospital beds, and cause yet more damage to the economy.

The numbers are serious. We were already heading into a winter surge, and on top of that we now have a far more transmissible variant. You have heard this before: The best defenses are to become vaccinated, get the booster, wear a mask, and despite winter weather, socialize outdoors. Virus mutations do not care that, after these many months, we are all suffering from pandemic fatigue. Please do your best to stay healthy, and be on the lookout for more information from the CDC and the WHO.

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New champion De La Paz to defend title in March

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“Everybody always tries to safeguard their fighters, which is fine,” said Nambo. “But in my opinion, if you don’t fight the best, you’re not the best...I believe in fighting the best to be the best. A true champion is made.”

De La Paz’s opponent would not be a pushover, sporting years more experience than De La Paz and a 9-4 record.

There would be some significant stumble blocks on the way, too.

De La Paz would injure himself a month and a half before the fight.

“We’re training hard, twice a day, putting in extra hours after practice, and during one of my sparrings I dislocated my arm,” said De La Paz.

“That’s an ‘Oh crap’ moment; that is a huge weapon,” said Nambo. “That was really challenging. Here, especially for our fighting style and what we train for, it’s called the ‘Art of Eight Limbs,’ which is Muay Thai Kick Boxing.”

“Just because one is shut down, don’t mean the others don’t work.”

While his arm healed, De La Paz and Nambo would hone in on strengthening De La Paz’s kicks,

knees, elbows, and his left arm.

“It worked really good,” said De La Paz. “My kicks were way stronger; I was putting people out with just kicks and the liver shot.”

Then, De La Paz would dislocate his arm again while swimming. This time, the fight was just over a week out.

“All these thoughts are going through my head: if I’m going to be ready, if my arm pops out and ruin my future,” said De La Paz. “It’s not good to have those thoughts going into a title shot fight; you want to be totally mentally prepared, physically prepared, thinking that you’re going to win this fight no matter what.”

Nambo gave De La Paz the option to pull out of the fight.

“At first, he kind of shook his head...but then something clicked in and he was like, ‘Nah, let’s do it,’” said Nambo.

The fight would be contested for two belts: The IKF and IFS Southern California Lightweight Title.

De La Paz described the fight as “five rounds of just war.”

“It was one of the most intense fights; constant elbows, constant knees, constant punches, and the guy didn’t back down either,” said De La Paz. “It was back and forth, just boom,

boom, clashing. The guy was really good.”

De La Paz took the fight in a split decision.

“I thought like I did good. I honestly felt like I had won the fight. I wasn’t really worried, I was just waiting for my belt,” said De La Paz. “My whole family came there. There were about 40 people there to support me, I could see them in the crowd.”

“I felt happy. The ring felt like it was my home, basically...I came with the win. I got my two belts – the IKF one and the IFS – and hard work pays off.”

De La Paz also credits his success to Coach Nambo, Coach Adrian “Footsie” Gonzalez, and Prodigy Plumbing, who has been a major sponsor of King Cobra MMA.

As the saying goes, it’s easier to win a title than it is to keep a title. De La Paz will put that to the test in March against the very same opponent he defeated to win the belts.

“Since it was a split [decision] he does have the right to contest and go right after it again,” said Nambo.

While De La Paz already says that he’s ready, he will have the added benefit of training time with reigning ONE Featherweight Kickboxing World Champion Superbon Banchamek, who held



Isaac De La Paz at a clinic hosted by King Cobra Mixed Martial Arts in Downey. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

a clinic at King Cobra.

“Just being able to get some training from him and being face to face is super sick,” said De La Paz.

Nambo said that having

someone like Banchamek at the gym is “extremely beneficial” to De La Paz and the rest of his students.

“He’s the number one kickboxing world champ in the

world,” said Nambo. “Whatever tidbits and tactics you can learn from him, it’s gonna help your game immensely.”

Hahn joins picket line with striking workers in Santa Fe Springs

■ Union workers at Jon Donaire Desserts in Santa Fe Springs have been on strike since early November.

SANTA FE SPRINGS – Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn on Tuesday led her colleagues on the Board of Supervisors showing their support for the 175 striking workers at the Jon Donaire Desserts plant in the city of Santa Fe Springs.

“I had the opportunity to join these workers on the picket line and hear their stories,” said Hahn, who represents the city

of Santa Fe Springs on the Board of Supervisors. “Most of these workers are Latina women and they have been out in the cold for the past month and a half, many with their children with them, standing up for the fair wages they deserve and better treatment from their employer.”

“Despite the tactics the company has used against these workers, I can tell you their resolve is strong and I know this strike will last as long as it takes.”

The Board voted unanimously to approve a motion authored by Hahn and co-authored by Supervisor Hilda Solis to send a five-signature letter from the Board to Rich’s Products Corporation, the parent company of Jon Donaire Desserts, to bargain in good faith with the striking workers and approve a contract that is good for all parties.

“Coming from an immigrant

working class family, I understand the sacrifices facing these workers and their families as they wake up every morning to go to the picket line and demand better pay, health care, and respect,” shared Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, First District.

“As Christmas nears, I hope that these efforts by the county will help move this process along, and more importantly, let the workers know that they are not alone.”

Jon Donaire workers, most of them women, are part of the Bakery, Confectionary, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union Local 37, and have been on strike since early November.

They primarily mass produce ice cream cakes that are sold at locations including Baskin Robbins, Cold Stone, Red Robin, Walmart, and Vons.

This job is labor intensive, with as many as 38 cakes per minute moving down the production line, and these workers have been routinely forced to work mandatory overtime with little to no notice, officials said.

“The LA Fed is extremely



thankful to Supervisors Hahn, Solis, and the rest of the Board for declaring public support for these brave workers, the majority of whom are Latina,” said Ron Herrera, the President of LA County Federation of Labor. “These working women

create the cakes that we enjoy with our families during the Holiday season, so the least that we can do is support them in their quest for better wages and working conditions.”

Through an amendment to the motion, the Board also directed the CEO of LA County to send notice to the California

Labor Commissioner, California Labor & Workforce Development Agency, and the National Labor Relations Board urging them to assure the implementation of fair labor practices through the monitoring of good faith bargaining between Rich’s Products Corporation and BCTGM Local 37 in their representative capacity.

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Manchin gave Democrats a chance to save their agenda

By Ben Ritz

Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia seemingly dealt a terrible setback to President Biden’s agenda on Sunday, when he told Bret Baier of Fox News that he could not support the version of the Build Back Better Act passed by the House last month. Although Democrats were rightfully frustrated by the way in which Mr. Manchin expressed his concerns, he was raising a valid critique: This bill was deeply flawed, and the “compromises” his colleagues made did nothing to address the concerns he has been consistently raising since this summer.

Other Democrats may not realize it, but Mr. Manchin may well have given them a gift. They should’ve gone back to the drawing board months ago, when it first became clear that their budgetary gimmickry was turning the bill into a confusing mess. Now, they will have to — and if they revise the bill to cut the number of programs they propose while making the ones they do propose permanent and easier for Americans to navigate, it could deliver Democrats both lasting policy change and the political victory they so desperately need.

Democrats had been trimming the bill for months in an effort to meet Mr. Manchin’s demand that it cost less than \$2 trillion over the next decade. But rather than focusing on a few top priorities, they wedged almost every major social program Mr. Biden had proposed into the bill and relied on arbitrary expiration dates to make it seem less expensive. As a result, according to the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, these programs would cost more than \$4.7 trillion if made permanent, as every supporter of the bill clearly intends them to be.

This structure sets Democrats up for failure. Extending these programs without adding to the national debt would likely require raising taxes by an additional \$3 trillion over the next decade, which would be extremely difficult to do, particularly after Democrats incorporate all of the tax increases they could get consensus for into the Build Back Better Act. If Democrats cannot agree on how to continue paying for their major social programs, the only alternative — besides breaking their promise not to add to the deficit — would be to allow those programs to expire after a few short years.

Not only would this scenario deny new families tens of thousands of

dollars in benefits they would have gotten if they had had children only a few years earlier, many families may never receive these benefits in the first place. Many programs in the Build Back Better Act require state and local governments to implement them, and local officials in both parties have already said they may not commit resources to programs for which federal support may vanish just a couple years after being created.

Unlike those on the left now unleashing their righteous wrath on Mr. Manchin, I have long sympathized with his objections to this approach, as well as his concerns about inflation and the unsustainable growth of our national debt.

But I believe abandoning Mr. Biden’s agenda would be a massive mistake. There is a clear path forward to deliver a historically significant, fiscally responsible bill that supports working families, expands access to affordable health care and combats the climate crisis. If the president wants this bill to be his legacy, he must urge Congress to stop playing games with expiration dates and do fewer things better — starting with making them permanent.

Progressives and centrists will both have to forego some items on their legislative wish list. Many worthwhile policy ambitions, such as creating a national paid family leave program or extending a recent expansion of the Child Tax Credit, which has already lifted millions of children out of poverty, will need to be dramatically scaled back or tabled altogether. But the policies that do get enacted will be more successful, more popular and more durable as a result, which can help lay the groundwork for building on them in the future. It would also leave Democrats with a bill that is more focused and easier to explain to voters than the current version, which Republicans are already portraying as a “progressive grab bag.”

In October, my organization, the Progressive Policy Institute, published a blueprint for such a focused package that prioritized expanding the Child Tax Credit, making preschool universally available, strengthening the Affordable Care Act and combating climate change. That approach now has renewed interest from key Democrats on Capitol Hill.

Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon, who leads the Finance Committee in the Senate and will be responsible for writing many of the final bill’s key

provisions, released a statement on Sunday listing three top spending priorities: the expanded Child Tax Credit, subsidies for health insurance under the Affordable Care Act and incentives for reducing carbon emissions from all energy sources.

That same day, Representative Suzan DelBene of Washington, who presides over the 97-member New Democrat Coalition that will be crucial for passing the final bill through the House, released a statement embracing nearly identical priorities and reiterating her coalition’s preference for “doing a few things well for longer,” which is also the approach Mr. Manchin has demanded.

The only major sticking point now seems to be the expanded Child Tax Credit. Last week, Mr. Manchin reportedly told Mr. Biden he would support a \$1.8 trillion package that omitted the credit but included long-term versions of Mr. Wyden and Ms. DelBene’s other top priorities, as well as a universal prekindergarten program. Those policies combined would cost roughly \$1.2 trillion over 10 years, which means that if Democrats can compromise on additional priorities that cost less than \$600 billion, whether that’s a modified Child Tax Credit expansion or other permanent programs, they will have produced a transformative bill that fits within the parameters Mr. Manchin supports. Importantly, these permanent policies would not increase budget deficits or inflationary pressures because they can be fully paid for using only the tax increases and other offsets included in the Build Back Better Act.

Democrats have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve American society, not just for a few years, but permanently. Doing so would give them some clear victories they can point to with voters that lay the groundwork for future success. But to get such a package across the finish line, progressives and centrists — including both the White House and the senator from West Virginia — must stop pointing fingers, come back to the negotiating table, and compromise. America cannot afford for the Biden agenda to fail.

Ben Ritz is the director of the Progressive Policy Institute’s Center for Funding America’s Future.

How to win over the unvaccinated

By Anupam B. Jena and Christopher M. Worsham

At this point in the pandemic, many Americans remain unvaccinated because they believe the coronavirus vaccine is unlikely to do them any good. They’re aware of the virus and the damage it can cause, but for any number of reasons, they simply don’t believe they should get a vaccine. We’ve spoken to patients like this in our practice, and we have observed in those conversations that providing more, frightening information intended to change their beliefs is ineffective for many or may even cause further entrenchment against vaccination.

Public health experts have tried many different methods to motivate behavior like vaccination. Our recent research shows even more clearly that providing additional information may not be one of the strongest tools.

In a study published on Dec. 13, we examined data from about 750,000 children who were eligible to receive the human papilloma virus vaccine to prevent cervical cancer. Since the HPV vaccine was approved in 2006, it has experienced resistance from parents and religious and conservative groups who see it as promoting sexual behavior. Its politicization was a preview for what has happened with the coronavirus vaccines in the United States.

Our research question was: Are mothers who themselves had cervical cancer more likely to have their children vaccinated against HPV? We

thought that for this group of mothers, a lack of information about the consequences of HPV couldn’t possibly affect their decision to vaccinate their children against the virus. These women had personally suffered from cervical cancer, so, presumably, they would be especially well informed about the harms of this virus and the disease it causes.

What we found surprised us: The girls and boys whose mothers had cervical cancer were no more likely to be vaccinated against HPV compared with children whose mothers had no history of cervical disease. Children whose mothers had a cancer “scare” — a biopsy of cervical cells that ended up not being cancerous — were only slightly more likely to be vaccinated. But having cervical cancer or a cervical cancer scare did not result in the large increase in vaccination rates that we were expecting.

Motivations behind vaccination decisions are complex; they vary from disease to disease and across time, social groups, culture and geography. But if personally having cervical cancer doesn’t seem to motivate mothers to vaccinate their children against HPV, we probably shouldn’t be surprised when hesitant Americans are not motivated to get vaccinated after a family member is hospitalized or even dies from Covid-19. Emergency room doctors sharing devastating stories from the hospital may, unfortunately, not meaningfully impact vaccination rates.

Information about Covid-19 will continue to be valuable for people who are interested in being vaccinated and just need more data. But that may be only a small portion of the unvaccinated population now. If disbelief in the importance of vaccination is the primary barrier to reaching the country’s vaccination goals, more information is unlikely to work.

Our past research has also shown that more information often isn’t enough to change behavior. A classic example is doctors who struggle to follow the same medical advice that they give to patients. Despite doctors’ extensive training and access to medical information, as a group, they are barely better than patients at sticking to recommendations for improving their health. This includes vaccinations. Rates of chickenpox vaccination among doctors’ children, for example, are not meaningfully different from the rates among children whose parents are not doctors.

While most parents vaccinate their children against chickenpox, you would expect the rates among doctors’ families to be especially high.

What interventions might work? Behavioral science research suggests that one of the best ways to motivate behavior is through incentives, either positive or negative. Incentives work because they do not force people to change their beliefs. A customer might switch cellphone providers not because he believes the new provider is better, but because the new provider is offering a free iPhone to switch (a positive incentive). A teenager might come home before curfew on a Saturday night not because she believes it’s dangerous to be out late, but because she knows her parents will take away her car keys if she stays out past midnight (a negative incentive).

While small positive incentives such as free doughnuts or entries into statewide lottery programs may have motivated some people, those and similar methods don’t seem to motivate people to get vaccinated on a scale large enough to close the vaccination gap.

The incentive that seems to work especially well is the employer vaccine mandate, a negative incentive. “Get vaccinated or get fired” has shown to be an effective message. United Airlines, which mandated the coronavirus vaccination for its employees this past summer, reported in November that 100 percent of their customer-facing employees were vaccinated, and that only about 200 of their 67,000 employees had chosen termination over vaccination. Similar stories have played out among private and public sector employers that enforce mandates, with vaccination rates approaching 100 percent (including at our own hospital).

By now, it’s clear that the public health system does not know how to change people’s beliefs about vaccines. Until we do, America’s leaders should focus on other strategies, especially the ones we already know are effective.

Dr. Jena is an economist, a physician and an associate professor of health care policy and medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Worsham is a critical care physician and public health researcher at Harvard Medical School.

Wish list

Dear Editor:

Dear Santa, I don’t want a diamond ring, nor do I want a Tesla car or a million dollar home.

All I want for Christmas is to have my country back. So, will you special deliver in abundance the following to the Grinch in D.C., in Sacramento, and to the three Grinch in the Downey city council who attempted to fire a sitting city manager who has a great resume and has/is doing many good things in our city:

- Integrity
- Honesty
- Patriotism
- Fairness
- Respect for law and order
- Support of the police
- Common sense

This is a tall order, Santa, but if you and all of us seek wisdom from God, not bow down to the whims of the radical left, and ask our heavenly Father to instill in the hearts of all our leaders love instead of incessant hate and divisiveness, we would have a “build back better” agenda far superior to that proposed by the Biden Administration which is pushing forth an unsustainable “spend, spend, and spend more” reconciliation bill containing frivolous things at the cost of \$5 trillion.

**Martha Morrissey
Downey**

Omicron should not dim our lights

By Froma Harrop

The screaming headlines about New York City closing down again in response to the highly infectious new COVID-19 variant are premature. Sure, some things are dialing back, witness the cancellation of the Radio City Rockettes’ “Christmas Spectacular.” The reality is that the surrounding streets are clogged with celebrants viewing the store windows and the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center.

December 2021 is not December 2020, when America’s holiday season turned eerily quiet. This year, the governors of Colorado, New Jersey and Maryland — two Democrats and a moderate Republican, for those who keep score — are opposing renewed restrictions.

And for a good reason. The threat is not gone, especially with the highly infectious Omicron variant on the loose. But it’s a lot less scary now.

In New York City, 83% of residents 12 years and older are fully vaccinated, meaning they’ve had two shots. They still remain at lower risk of serious disease. For those who’ve gotten the third shot, the risks appear to be no higher than they were before Omicron, when two jabs would do the job. As for those who haven’t gotten any shots, they’re on their own.

Meanwhile, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the U.S. supply of mRNA vaccines — that is, the highly effective Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna versions — is “abundant.” This is a far cry from last December, when the first vaccine (Pfizer) came out but was very hard for nonmedical workers to obtain.

Rather than coercing the public, the vaccine mandates are seen as freeing most New Yorkers to largely resume their lives with very little fear of hospitalization or death, even in the event of a breakthrough infection. It doesn’t matter if they’re now dining next to tourists from Idaho or Florida, states that refused to institute vaccine mandates. The people at the next table had to show their COVID-19 vax cards or they couldn’t get in.

Early reports suggest that Omicron, while far more transmissible than other variants, tends to produce milder symptoms in the infected. Even though Omicron has exploded the COVID-19 infection numbers in South Africa, hospitalizations there are way down. Other factors could be in play, but evidence has yet to emerge that Omicron is as nasty as the Delta variant.

Omicron has raised the number of hospitalizations in New York, not because it’s shown itself to be especially deadly but because it has spread wildly. The recent surge in the infected has fatigued hospitals, but thanks to the city’s high vaccination rate, its number of COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 residents is less than half that of the United States as a whole.

There’s other reassuring news. Moderna says it will soon have a booster shot tailored for Omicron (if it’s needed). And new treatments are rolling out for those already infected. The most promising one, from Pfizer, has been found to work 88% of the time in preventing hospitalization.

Given these developments, it would behoove the authorities in states with high vaccination rates (and restrictions on the unvaccinated) to let young children, whom the virus almost never hospitalizes, stay in their classrooms. And they should desist in backing panicky moves to stop a pandemic that was unstoppable a year ago but not now.

Yes, they will have to deal with new strains on hospitals and their workers. But they will be sending the wrong message if they let the unvaccinated spoil another year for those who’ve done the right things. For most of us, Omicron remains a concern but not a good reason to dim the lights this holiday season.

Discipline has its rewards. Those who have done the hard part should enjoy the relief it has delivered.

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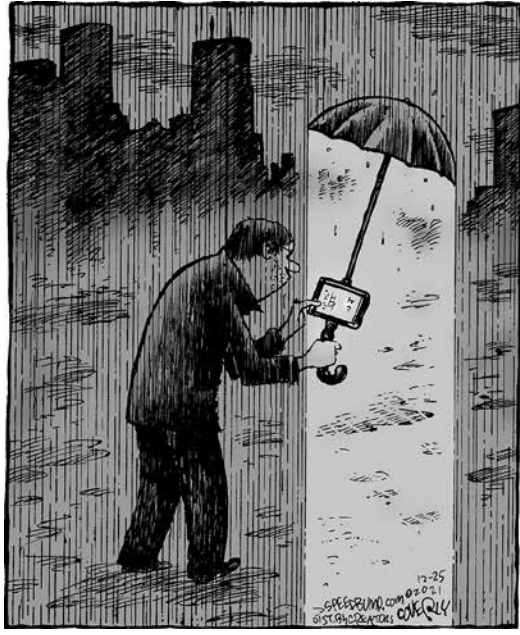
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Downey Community Calendar

CITY MEETINGS

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call William Medina 413-3447.
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Out Post 132 Royal Rangers, at Desert Reign Church, call 928-8000.
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, Community Center, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.
 2nd Wed., 7 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.
 3rd Wed.: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
 7:30 am: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 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: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 2nd Thurs., 12 Noon: Creative Purposes, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 3rd Thurs., 6 pm: Downey CIPAC, at Sizzler's Restaurant, call Rich Tuttle 413-6045.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

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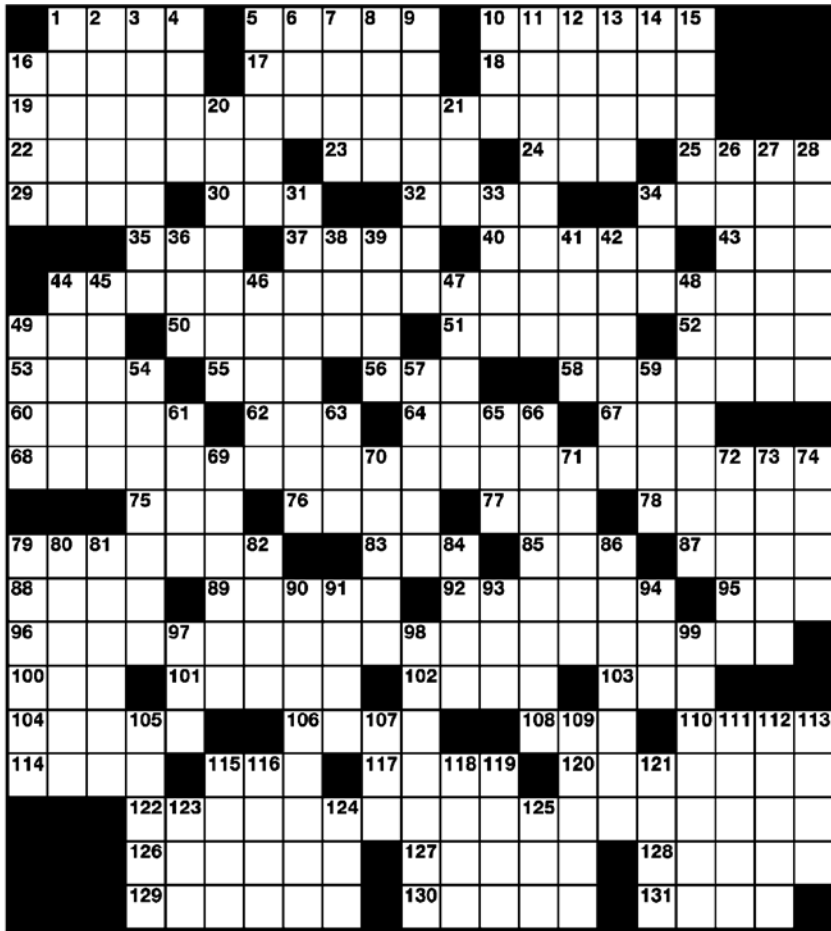
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 - 35 NASA affirmative
 - 37 Mexican *maison*
 - 40 Verizon ISP user
 - 43 Juilliard subj.
 - 44 "The stockings were hung..."
 - 49 UN observer group
 - 50 Rescued damsel's cry
 - 51 Terrier's tether
 - 52 Emotional poetry
 - 53 Disposes (of)
 - 55 *Toy Story* brat
 - 56 Hoedown dancer
 - 58 Aesopian characters
 - 60 1300 hrs.
 - 62 Extreme aficionado
 - 64 Predisposition
 - 67 Bach's Mass ___ Minor
 - 68 "... went straight to his work, and..."
 - 75 Refinable resource
 - 76 Audible iteration
 - 77 Work (out)
 - 78 Pig's nose
 - 79 Wheels on furniture
 - 83 Dr. show sets
 - 85 Sweet Potato Awareness Mo.
 - 87 Pennsylvania neighbor
 - 88 Oil ministers' grp.
 - 89 Tiny specks
 - 92 Arctic diving bird
 - 95 Austrian peak
 - 96 "But I heard him exclaim,..."
 - 100 2016 Olympics city
 - 101 "Likewise!"
 - 102 Uncle Remus honorific
 - 103 Craft beer designation
 - 104 Quarter of a deck
 - 106 Anatomical joint
 - 108 Braille element
 - 110 Tuscaloosa team
 - 114 This: Sp.
 - 115 What got on Santa's clothes, per the poem
 - 117 Abbr. like *m/lle*.
 - 120 Pupil, presumably
 - 122 "... Happy Christmas to all,..."
 - 126 Make over
 - 127 Conventioneer's wear
 - 128 Comfy quarters
 - 129 Small couch
 - 130 Loathsome
 - 131 Salt Lake County resort
 - 8 Kilo- squared
 - 9 Brutish
 - 10 Short cut
 - 11 Midwest university city
 - 12 Sure-handed
 - 13 Goey stuff
 - 14 Suffix for musket
 - 15 Court reporter
 - 16 Claim check
 - 20 Software shortcuts
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 - 26 Fleet of warships
 - 27 Small evergreen
 - 28 Size up
 - 31 Put in a slot
 - 33 Motown's "Prince of Soul"
 - 34 Queenly initials
 - 36 Resistance measure
 - 38 Atmosphere
 - 39 Dirty 38 Down
 - 41 *Simpsons* daughter
 - 42 Cuisine category
 - 44 Russian pancakes
 - 45 Mountain music
 - 46 Fine dinnerware
 - 47 Kemper of ... *Kimmy Schmidt*
 - 48 Blend together
 - 49 Campus epithet
 - 54 Something caught by a smock
 - 57 Find loathsome
 - 59 What fills some cartridges
 - 61 Insignificant
 - 63 Gentle handling, for short
 - 65 Egyptian viper
 - 66 Silicon Valley school
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 - 70 The ones yonder
 - 71 Switch label
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Jeannette Eseberre, author of "My Quarantine Birthday." (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

Gloria Gaynor, Penn & Teller headline Cerritos Center

CERRITOS – Gloria Gaynor, the singer who clinched a Grammy Award for her 1979 hit "I Will Survive," is set to perform at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 8 pm. Tickets start at \$60.

Throughout her four decades in music, Gaynor has amassed scores of accolades and hits, including "Let Me Know (I Have a Right)," "I Am What I Am," "Never Can Say Goodbye" and "Can't Take My Eyes Off of You."

But her biggest success is "I Will Survive," which started as a disco song about female empowerment and quickly dominated the music charts to become a rallying global anthem for people facing loss and personal challenges.

In 2016, the song was inducted into the Library of Congress' National Recording Registry, which preserves sound recordings that hold great cultural and historic importance.

Gaynor's book, "We Will Survive: True Stories of Encouragement, Inspiration and the Power of Song," received a Grammy nomination for "Best Spoken Word Album."

Aside from her Grammys, Gaynor was honored with the World Music Legends Award and the Martin Luther King Jr. Award, which recognizes those who have gone above and beyond to inspire others.

Gaynor's recent "Testimony" record, which Rolling Stone called "a joyous and revelatory collection of soulful and inspirational tunes," debuted in the Top 5 of the Billboard Top Gospel Albums Chart. Her duet with Yolanda Adams, "Talkin' Bout Jesus," garnered a "Best Gospel Performance/Song" Grammy nomination.

Penn & Teller

Penn & Teller, crowned eight times as Las Vegas Magicians of the

Year, will perform at the Cerritos Center on Friday, Jan. 28, at 8 pm. Tickets start at \$95.

The duo's 17-year run at The Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino makes it the longest running and one of the most beloved headline acts in Las Vegas history, outselling every other resident magician on The Strip.

Nominated for 13 Emmys for its Showtime series, "Penn & Teller: BS!," the duo has performed all around the globe with sold-out shows, world tours, and appearances on "The Simpsons," "Modern Family" and "Top Chef."

They currently host "Penn & Teller: Fool Us," which features up-and-comers and magic veterans vying for a chance to star in the duo's hit Las Vegas show. The show was nominated for a 2017 Critics Choice Award.

Their Showtime series was the longest running series in the history of the network, tackling the fakes and frauds behind topics such as alien abduction, psychics and bottled water.

Penn & Teller have starred in specials for ABC, NBC and Comedy Central, and produced the feature film documentary "The Aristocrats." Their acclaimed documentary, "Tim's Vermeer," follows Texas-based inventor Tim Jenison on his quest to discover the methods used by Dutch Master painter Johannes Vermeer. The film was nominated for a British Academy of Film and Television Arts Award and shortlisted for the 2014 Oscars.

Penn & Teller's return to Broadway was the highest-grossing non-musical on Broadway for its entire six-week run.

Tickets to see Gloria Gaynor and/or Penn & Teller are available by calling (562) 916-8500 or online at cerritoscenter.com.

Book follows boy through quarantine birthday blues

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – It's a question many young boys and girls were faced with over the last two years: How do you celebrate a birthday during quarantine?

Following the release of her first book last year, Jeannette Eseberre, a substitute teacher and interventionist at Gaudin Elementary School, recently published "My Quarantine Birthday," a story that follows a young boy as he ponders that very uncertainty.

"I think with everything going on with the pandemic, because it was something that no one actually lived through before, it was something brand new for everybody, it was a very emotional time," said Eseberre. "Staying away from family and friends, feeling alone, just all of those things that are involved, I know how we feel going through that as adults, let alone what were the kids thinking."

The story is told through the eyes of Eseberre's 9-year-old nephew Joaquin.

"Before he was excited about his birthday, now he kind of knows what's going on in the world around him and he's not so sure it's going to happen," said Eseberre. "He can't really get too excited, he knows it's coming up, so he's kind of reminiscing on his previous birthdays but he knows that that's probably not likely this year."

Of course, Joaquin didn't go completely without, as he was thrown a drive-by birthday celebration.

"We were inspired by things we'd seen on the news," said Eseberre. "We're like, 'Let's do that for him this year,' because I want him to know that we're still here for him. So that's what we did."

Eseberre says that the situation made for a "really good story."

"Everyone can relate to it right now, whether they did something like this or not, it's that feeling of not being able to see your family and friends and feeling alone, and all of that that was going on at the time."

"My Quarantine Birthday" was illustrated by Ignacio Guerrero. It is available online at Barnes and Noble.

Short story: Santa Pig

By Yolanda Adele
Contributor

In the mid 80s when our youngest daughter, Tina, was in high school, she presented me with an ornament for our Christmas tree. She made it from cotton batting she stuffed into a nylon stocking. When she stitched the eyes, nose, and mouth it looked like a pig. Atop its head was a red Santa cap.

I knew immediately that ornament was going to the back of the Christmas tree. A pigged-faced Santa was not an appropriate image to hang on the tree, which I so meticulously adorned with lovely and carefully placed Victorian decorations.

Without any comment I camouflaged the pig by setting it deep within the back of tree branches, thinking that Tina would not take notice. The next morning when I walked past the Christmas tree, there was the pig face staring at me from a prominent place on the front of the tree next to a delicate gilded angel and a white/silver winged dove.

I screamed to a halt. "No! No! I do not want it there," I screamed in silence. Still, year after year the war of the pig placement continued.

When Tina graduated from high school, married and left our home, I thought of a plan to

rid myself of that Santa Pig. On her first married Christmas, I adorned her Christmas gift with the Santa Pig face in lieu of a bow and I placed it in her house under her Christmas tree, under her roof. "There," I thought to myself, "I'm done with that hideous Santa pig face."

And so I was . . . until the following year when Tina came over Christmas Eve and placed a beautifully red foil paper wrapped gift for me under our tree. Atop the box was an exquisite bow with the hideous pig-faced Santa. I was stunned to see it.

From that day on I knew Tina and I would not see the last of that pig until one of us was gone forever.

One year I lost track of who had it last after all the Christmas decorations were put away. When it occurred to me that I may have thrown it out with the Christmas trash, a surprising thing happened.

I panicked. I wanted that ugly Santa Pig! Why? I asked myself.

I ransacked every box and bag

in our Christmas storage shed until it looked like a tornado had gone through. As I continued to search, the answer to my question became clear. I couldn't bear to lose something that had started a tradition between my daughter and me.

I discovered that Santa Pig had the power to hold Christmas memories for us to be dispersed year after year. That realization is what gave value to the Santa-faced pig.

My search took three days until at last I spotted the pointed red cap sticking out of a box. I held my breath and gently lifted the cap until Santa Pig's face was in full view. There it was! That Pig Face Santa never looked more handsome.

For decades Santa Pig has made its pilgrimage to and from our house to hers. Now the grandchildren are in on the tradition. They have added their own handmade Santa Piggy to the original and have fun concocting how they are going to present it to me every other year when it's their turn. And of course, I begin to strategize how to surprise them as well.

I'm grateful for this simple, old fashion, no apps, tradition we brought into the new millennium.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021270511
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE MENDEZ PEREZ, 10925 SOUTH CENTRAL, LOS ANGELES CA 90059 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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S/JOSE MENDEZ PEREZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 14, 2021

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021258149

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **JMJ CUSTOM BUILDERS INC., 2802 MARINE AVE, GARDENA CA 90249**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) J M J CUSTOM BUILDERS, INC., 2802 MARINE AVE, GARDENA CA 90249 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

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S/J M J CUSTOM BUILDERS, INC., PRESIDENT, MANUEL HERNANDEZ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 24, 2021

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021246990

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **LMR DENTAL LABORATORY, 7325 STATE ST, STE B, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALEJANDRO NAVARRETE SANCHEZ, 7325 STATE ST STE B, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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S/ALEJANDRO NAVARRETE SANCHEZ, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 9, 2021

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021247991

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BLACK TIE AND BLUE JEANS CATERING, 6704 ROSEMEAD BLVD, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARCO ZAPIEN, 8823 DUNLAP CORSSING RD., PICO RIVERA CA 90660

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2004 I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

S/MARCO ZAPIEN, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 10, 2021

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021239153

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **L.A.V.A. GROUP, 12526 DANTE ST., NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICARDO BUENROSTRO, 12526 DANTE ST., NORWALK CA 90650 (2) CELEXISNER YEREIMAR BUENROSTRO, 12526 DANTE ST., NORWALK CA 90650 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Married Couple

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S/CELEXISNER YEREIMAR BUENROSTRO, WIFE This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 2, 2021

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021271152

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **TAC CONSULTING, 6522 GLORYWHITE STREET, LAKEWOOD CA 90713, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TRAVIS ALEXANDER CROW, 6522 GLORYWHITE STREET, LAKEWOOD CA 90713 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MICHAEL LOPEZ, 627 E. 4TH ST., LONG BEACH CA 90802 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021257943

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TOM BUI, 4470 W SUNSET BLVD #92415, LOS ANGELES CA 90027 (2) PATRICIA SORIANO, 4470 W SUNSET BLVD #92415, LOS ANGELES CA 90027 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Partnership

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S/TAP DISTRIBUTION, GENERAL PARTNER, PATRICIA SORIANO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 24, 2021

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021260685

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SOCIETY MORTGAGE, 11015 PARAMOUNT BLVD SUITE 7, DOWNEY CA 90241, LA COUNTY, 11015 PARAMOUNT BLVD SUITE 3, DOWNEY CA 90241**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MILLA & ME INC., 11015 PARAMOUNT BLVD SUITE 3, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 05/2021 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/MILLA & ME INC, PRESIDENT, OSCAR RAMOS This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 1, 2021

The Downey Patriot
12/9/21, 12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021252793

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **THE HOT LAB BEAUTY BAR, 8036 3RD. ST UNIT 105, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALPHA FOUR ENTERPRISES INC, 19812 REINHART AVE., CARSON CA 90746 State of Incorporation: CALIFORNIA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 07/2021 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/ALPHA FOUR ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED, SECRETARY, WILLIAM QUINN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 18, 2021

The Downey Patriot
12/2/21, 12/9/21, 12/16/21, 12/23/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 202125868

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **3D CONCRETE, 18004 CANEHILL AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBERT HANER, 18004 CANEHILL AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706 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).

The Downey Patriot
12/2/21, 12/9/21, 12/16/21, 12/23/21

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

The Downey Patriot
12/2/21, 12/9/21, 12/16/21, 12/23/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021254772

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **RICHMOND PROPERTIES, 218 RICHMOND STREET, BERLIN CA 92405, LA COUNTY, 8141 2ND ST ST 300, DOWNEY CA 90241**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOHN M NISLEY, 325 LOMITA STREET, EL SEGUNDO CA 90245 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/1977 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/JOHN M NISLEY, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 20, 2021

The Downey Patriot
12/9/21, 12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021265938

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **LA FELINA RADIO TV, 4166 TWEEDY BLVD, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GLORIA F VILLA, 4166 TWEEDY BLVD, SOUTH GATE CA 90280 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/GLORIA F VILLA, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 7, 2021

The Downey Patriot
12/9/21, 12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2021248189

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BEVERLY APARTMENTS, 10715 LA REINA AVE, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 8141 E 2ND ST STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DOWNEY APARTMENTS, L.L.C., 8125 VALDINA AVE, DOWNEY CA 90240 State of Incorporation: DELAWARE THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2003 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/DOWNEY BEVERLY APARTMENTS, LLC, MANAGER, TOD M CORRIN This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on NOVEMBER 10, 2021

The Downey Patriot
12/2/21, 12/9/21, 12/16/21, 12/23/21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 202125868

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **3D CONCRETE, 18004 CANEHILL AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBERT HANER, 18004 CANEHILL AVE, BELLFLOWER CA 90706 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until **11:00 AM on Thursday, January 13, 2022**, which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 20-05 – Florence Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation Project**.

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of pavement rehabilitation of Florence Avenue from Tweedy Lane to Brookshire Avenue. This project includes removal and reconstruction of the existing asphalt pavement and resurfacing the entire roadway with asphalt rubber hot mix (ARHM); reconstruction of damaged, uplifted or substandard PCC curb and gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps and other existing concrete improvements; utility adjustments at manholes and water valve covers to grade; replacement of traffic striping and pavement markings; traffic control and all appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance to Plans and Specification entitled **Capital Improvement Project No. 20-05**.

Plans and Specifications for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$40.00 per set**. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 20-05. Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City of Downey. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Code. Pursuant to Section 390 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor".

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or (b) perform any work under or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

Contractor's performance of the Work described in this Notice Inviting Bids is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

Each Contractor submitting a proposal or bid for his or her other work shall complete and submit with the proposal all of the forms included therein, including but not limited to the Bidder's Qualifications Statement, Designation of Subcontractors, the Non-Collusion Affidavit, the Pre-Bid Site Inspection Certification and the Signature Page. Failure to include any of these documents with the proposal may disqualify the proposal.

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

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

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

Mr. Desi Gutierrez,
Principal Civil Engineer
E-Mail: dgutier@downteyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date. This work is not an award time or response to all bidders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA
Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC
City Clerk

The Downey Patriot
12/16/21, 12/23/21

CONVOCATORIA A AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA CIUDAD DE DOWNEY PLAN DE ACCIÓN PARA EL AÑO FISCAL 2022-2023 CORRESPONDIENTE A LOS SUBSIDIOS FEDERALES CDBG Y HOME

El Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Downey convoca a la audiencia pública que celebrará el día martes 25 de Enero de 2022 a las 6:30 p. m. en la sede de su ayuntamiento, ubicada en 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

En dicha la audiencia, el Concejo escuchará comentarios del público en cuanto a los programas de vivienda y desarrollo comunitario financiados por el gobierno federal. La Municipalidad prepara la solicitud de asignación de fondos de la subvención en bloque para el desarrollo comunitario (CDBG) y de asociaciones de inversión local (HOME) que otorga el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de Estados Unidos (HUD), a cuyo fin solicita opiniones en las siguientes áreas: identificación de necesidades de vivienda como de desarrollo comunitario; evaluación de programas y prioridades aprobados en el Plan Consolidado de Años vigentes y sugerencias o propuestas en cuanto a la utilización de las asignaciones de subvenciones federales con las que cuenta la Municipalidad para el Año Fiscal 2022-2023.

Si bien a la Municipalidad aún no se le informó sus asignaciones para dicho ejercicio, se estima que puede llegar a percibir hasta \$1,038,156 de fondos CDBG y \$426,700 de fondos HOME.</

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

All projects require the successful bidder to possess a valid State of California Contractor's License at the time of Contract Award, in accordance with Section 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code. Pursuant to Section 3300 of the Public Contract Code, the City has determined that the Contractor to whom the subject contract is awarded shall possess a valid State of California Contractor's License in the Classification of A, "General Engineering Contractor" or C34, "Pipeline Contractor."

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771.1, no Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

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

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

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

Mrs. Lorena Powell,
Associate Civil Engineer - Utilities
E-Mail: lpowell@downeyca.org
Tel: (562) 904-7110
Fax: (562) 904-7296

No inquiries will be accepted later than five (5) business days prior to the bid opening date as this would not allow time to respond to all plan holders. Phone inquiries will not be accepted.

NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

CITY OF DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA
Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC
City Clerk

The Downey Patriot

12/16/21, 12/23/21

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF DOWNEY FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 ACTION PLAN FOR FEDERAL CDBG AND HOME GRANTS

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held before the Downey City Council, on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California.

At that time and place, the City Council will receive public comment on the City's federally funded Housing and Community Development Programs. The City is preparing next year's application for the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) entitlement funds received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and is seeking input in the following areas: identifying both housing and community development needs; evaluation of programs and priorities approved under the current 5-year Consolidated Plan; and suggestions or proposals for the use of the City's 2022-23 federal grant allocations.

The City has yet to receive notice of its Grant allocations for fiscal year 2022-23, however, it is estimated that the City may receive up to \$1,038,156 from CDBG and \$426,700 from the HOME grant.

At that time and place, all persons interested may be present to give comments. The following City documents, which pertain to CDBG and HOME program, are available for review during normal business hours at the Office of the City Clerk, 11111 Brookshire Avenue; and at www.downeyca.org: 5-Year Consolidated Plan, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report for fiscal year 2020-21. Persons interested in obtaining a copy or for further information, may call Jessica J. Flores, Economic Development and Housing Manager, at (562) 904-7161. Written comments intended for the Downey City Council should be sent to the Downey City Clerk at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2022.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Department at 562-904-7280 or the California Relay Service at 711. Notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make arrangements to assure accessibility. The City of Downey does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services or activities. Questions, concerns, complaints or requests for additional information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act may be forwarded to the City's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, ADACoordinator@downeyca.org, Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC
Downey City Clerk

The Downey Patriot
12/23/21

NOTICES

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00436

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOHN PAUL CHWEYA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) JOHN PAUL CHWEYA to Proposed name (1) JOHN PAUL CHWEYA NYANDUSI NYACHAE

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: FEBRUARY 4, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.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, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 8, 2021

Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner JOHN PAUL CHWEYA
16809 BELLFLOWER BLVD
BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
(760) 905-1325

The Downey Patriot
12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22, 1/13/22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00445

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MATEO ENRIQUE VERDUZCO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) MATEO ENRIQUE VERDUZCO to Proposed name (1) MATEO ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ

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: FEBRUARY 14, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312

The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD., ROOM 101, 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 DECEMBER 16, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner MATEO ENRIQUE VERDUZCO
8610 DALEWOOD AVENUE
PICO RIVERA, CA, 90660
(562) 373-8810
VANESSA.BILLER@YAHOO.COM

The Downey Patriot
12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22, 1/13/22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00435

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LAURA NEVAREZ TRUJILLO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) LAURA NEVAREZ TRUJILLO to Proposed name (1) LAURA NEVAREZ

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: FEBRUARY 4, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.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, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT DECEMBER 07, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner LAURA NEVAREZ TRUJILLO
8513 STEWART AND GRAY RD
DOWNEY, CA 90241
323-907-3806
LAURANEVAREZ727@GMAIL.COM

The Downey Patriot
12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00397

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DONTAY JEROME HOUSTON SR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) a. DONTAY JEROME HOUSTON SR b. DONTAY JEROME HOUSTON JR c. CALIL KING HOUSTON to Proposed name (1) a. DONTAY NEAL BUCHANON SR b. DONTAY NEAL BUCHANON JR c. CALIL KING BUCHANON

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: FEBRUARY 14, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.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 DECEMBER 16, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner DONTAY JEROME HOUSTON SR
16331 CORNUTA AVE UNIT K
BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

The Downey Patriot
12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22, 1/13/22

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 21NWCP00437

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JEREMY TODD SMITH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) JEREMY TODD SMITH to Proposed name (1) JEREMY TODD FLEMMING

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: FEBRUARY 2, 2022, Time: 10:30 a.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 DECEMBER 09, 2021
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner JEREMY TODD SMITH
9901 ARTESIA BLVD.
BELLFLOWER, CA, 90706
(562) 228-9954
ldawson@telecarecorp.com

The Downey Patriot
12/16/21, 12/23/21, 12/30/21, 1/6/22

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Title Order No.: 05944274 Trustee Sale No.: 85646 Loan No.: PL6001948 APN: 6362-014-024 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 5/2/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/12/2022 at 10:30 AM, CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust Recorded on 5/12/2006 as Instrument No. 06 1056374 in book N/A, page N/A of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California, executed by: MARCO GOMEZ AND SHARANN GOMEZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor NOEL VAUGHAN, A SINGLE MAN, as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: Behind the fountain located in Civic Center Plaza located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766, NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - continued all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: LOT 85 OF TRACT NO. 13304, IN THE CITY OF DOWNEY, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 342, PAGE(S) 3 TO 5 INCLUSIVE OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10016 DOWNEY AVENUE DOWNEY, CA 90240-3912. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$162,987.49 (Estimated). Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed

and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election of Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. DATE: 12/17/2021 CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALISTS, AS TRUSTEE, as Trustee 8190 EAST KAISER BLVD., ANAHEIM HILLS, CA 92808 PHONE: 714-283-2180 FOR TRUSTEE SALE INFORMATION LOG ON TO: www.stoxposting.com CALL: 844-477-7869 PATRICIO S. INCE, VICE PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA TD SPECIALIST IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. "NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid on a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of the outstanding lien that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 844-477-7869, or visit this internet Web site www.stoxposting.com, using the file number assigned to this case T.S.# 85646. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale." For sales conducted after January 1, 2021: NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (844) 477-7869, or visit this internet website www.STOXPOSTING.com, using the file number assigned to this case 85646 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid; by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code; so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase.

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Crime Report

On Nov. 29 at 4:30 am, officers responded to the 13200 block of Woodruff Ave, in regards to a carjacking that just occurred. A preliminary investigation determined the adult male victim was seated in his vehicle and parked in his driveway, when an unknown male approached his driver side door and demanded he get out of his vehicle. The male was armed with what the victim believed was a rifle wrapped in clothing. The victim exited the vehicle and the suspect fled in the vehicle. The victim was unharmed.

On Nov. 29 at 8:20 pm, officers were dispatched to a call of an assault with a knife at the Promenade. The victim, an adult male, was riding his bicycle at the Promenade. Unprovoked the suspect, a male adult, swung a knife at the victim before fleeing the location. Officers were unable to locate the suspect and the victim was not injured.

On Dec. 4 at 10:55 pm, officers responded to an armed robbery at Mr. Pete's, 12050 Woodruff Ave. Three suspects entered the business through an open rear door. One suspect was armed with a firearm and demanded money. The suspects fled the location with the money from the register.

On Dec. 6 at 8 pm, officers responded to King's Smoke Shop, 8024 Stewart and Gray Rd, in regards to an armed robbery. Two adult male suspects entered the location and demanded money. One suspect pointed a black rifle at the victims, while the second began placing merchandise in a bag. The employees were not harmed and the suspects fled prior to police arrival.

On Dec. 8 at 8 pm, officers were dispatched to 7121 Firestone Blvd, Home Depot, in regards to a robbery report. The adult male and adult female suspects fled the store with unpaid merchandise and were confronted by Loss Prevention. The suspects threatened to assault the employees and fled the location in a vehicle. Responding patrol officers located the suspect vehicle. The suspects were positively identified and arrested.

On Dec. 9 at 1:15 pm, officers responded to 9020 Firestone, Big Lots, in regards to a robbery. The male suspect entered the store, selected merchandise, and walked towards the exit failing to pay. The manager attempted to stop the suspect as he exited and the suspect threw a shopping basket at the manager. Responding patrol units located the suspect and placed him under arrest.

On Dec. 11 at 2:55 am, officers were dispatched to a carjacking at the 10800 block of Woodruff Avenue. The male suspect confronted the victim in their garage, brandished a handgun, and demanded the keys to the victim's vehicle. The suspect fled in the victim's vehicle and the victim was unharmed. The suspect left a vehicle at the scene, which was connected to a prior carjacking in another city. The detective bureau conducted the follow-up investigation and the adult male suspect was later located and arrested.

Downey Fire Department engineer Patrick Runyon has been promoted to fire captain, stationed at Fire Station 2, the department announced.

"The promotional process is very extensive," the fire department said in a statement. "It includes a written exam, an emergency simulator, and an oral interview in which the candidates spend countless hours preparing for. It requires a great level of commitment by the candidates and their support network. Please help us congratulate Captain Runyon on his promotion!"



POET'S CORNER

Toward the Winter Solstice

Some say that L.A. doesn't suit the Yule,
But UPS vans now like magi make
Their present-laden rounds, while fallen leaves
Are gaily resurrected in their wake;
The desert lifts a full moon from the east
And issues a dry Santa Ana breeze,
And valets at chic restaurants will soon
Be tending flocks of cars and SUVs.

And as the neighborhoods sink into dusk
The fan palms scattered all across town stand
More calmly prominent, and this place seems
A vast oasis in the Holy Land.
This house might be a caravansary,
The tree a kind of cordial fountainhead
Of welcome, looped and decked with necklaces
And ceintures of green, yellow, blue, and red.

Some wonder if the star of Bethlehem
Occurred when Jupiter and Saturn crossed;
It's comforting to look up from this roof
And feel that, while all changes, nothing's lost,
To recollect that in antiquity
The winter solstice fell in Capricorn
And that, in the Orion Nebula,
From swirling gas, new stars are being born.

Timothy Steele, Toward the Winter Solstice, Swallow Press, 2006

Steele likes to write in meter and rhyme. His poems link concrete details of the external world with a sense of inward self-awareness and a larger frame of experience. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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6. The uniform: The Cub Scout uniform helps build pride, loyalty, and self-respect. Wearing the uniform to all den and pack meetings and activities also encourages a neat appearance, a sense of belonging, and good behavior.



E-Mail Cubmaster Aaron Storey cubmaster@downeyboyscouts.com for more information.