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Night markets OK'd for downtown

■ The first market is scheduled for Feb. 9 and will feature 60 vendors and four food trucks.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - A Night Market is coming to Downey.

The first night market is scheduled for Feb. 9 from 5-9 pm, on Downey Avenue between 2nd and 4th street. Following events will take place every second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Sixty vendors and four food trucks are slotted to participate.

On days the event takes place, street closures will be in effect from 1 pm to 11 pm, including two hours prior to the event for set up and two hours after for cleanup.

The city council gave its official green light for the event at their meeting on Tuesday, with a 3-0 vote (Mayor Pro Tem Mario Trujillo recused).

Hans Fritz, district manager of the Downtown Downey Improvement Association, called the markets "a great opportunity to enjoy a night out with friends and family without having to leave the beautiful city of Downey."

"We think the night markets are a creative way to raise revenue for the DDIA without having to raise the annual dues of our members. It speaks to the great partnership between the city of Downey and DDIA. We're working collaboratively to improve Downtown Downey and make it a unique destination to eat, shop, live and play."

School open enrollment ends Tuesday

■ A lottery will be held for students interested in attending a Downey school outside their boundaries.

DOWNEY - Downey Unified will be concluding its annual Intra-District Open Enrollment (formerly known as School of Choice) on Jan. 31.

Downey parents who reside within the district boundaries and wish to have their student(s) attend a Downey Unified school outside of their attendance area, may apply. This does not apply for students who reside outside of the Downey Unified district boundaries and are currently on an inter-district permit.

Applications for Intra-District Open Enrollment have been available since Jan. 1 and the district urges families to submit an application online prior to the deadline of Jan. 31 to take effect in the 2023-24 school year.

Applications can be found and submitted online through the district website, web.dusd.net.

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

Handwritten applications, those not submitted online, must be submitted in person to the Student Services Department at the Downey Unified School District Office by the closing deadline of Jan. 31, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Applications are not processed on a first-come basis. A random, unbiased lottery will be held to place students on an Intra-District Open Enrollment permit waiting list for the 2023-24 school year. Schools may accept students from the established waiting list according to priority, only if space is available.

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



Timothy Horn speaks at Tuesday's City Council meeting. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

Timothy Horn selected to fill city council vacancy

■ Horn, a relative unknown in Downey politics, was chosen to represent District 1 on an interim basis.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The Downey City Council on Tuesday selected Timothy Horn to fill the empty District 1 seat on an interim basis. He will be sworn in Thursday.

Candidates included Horn, Elvira Meraz, Horacio Ortiz Jr., and Hector Lujan.

The appointment comes at a critical juncture for the city, as Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez will face a recall election next week and could be removed from office. The potential lack of representation in Districts 1 and 3 would leave the city council unable to conduct city business should one member be unavailable to vote or forced to abstain.

Still, the decision would not come easily for the city council who - after questioning each candidate - arrived at an impasse between candidates Lujan, who was supported by Mayor Claudia M. Frometa and Councilman Hector Sosa, and Ortiz, who Mayor Pro Tem Mario Trujillo and Alvarez backed.

Ortiz serves as Trujillo's representative on the Planning Commission.

Frometa and Sosa both spoke to Lujan's experience with the city, including his previous tenure on the Planning Commission. Frometa noted that Lujan had not indicated

if he would run for the seat come November's election, as Ortiz and Meraz intend.

"I know there are two candidates that have mentioned to us their interest in running for the seat. We want to be as impartial as we can, and we want to give them a fair opportunity," said Frometa.

Being an incumbent is widely considered to be an advantage in an election.

Trujillo disagreed, however.

"If anything, I think they're going to have to work extra hard in November; they're still going to have to knock on doors, they're still going to have to earn what we believe we earned by winning our elections here today," said Trujillo. "It's disheartening to know that because we think it will be a political advantage to one candidate, that we forget that the residents of District 1 will go unrepresented for eight months."

Unable to break the deadlock and with a regular meeting still ahead of them, the city council agreed to hold the item and move on to other city business before returning to the matter.

However, when talks resumed just under an hour later, no one showed any willingness to budge.

Additionally, Ortiz withdrew from the process during public comment in order to "help my community and be part of this change."

"When I came to this appointment, I came with a purpose; I came to serve my community, for you guys to see who I really am and how much I

care for my community," said Ortiz. "It's unfortunate that right now the current council is pretty divided... that's the last thing I want for my community."

The city council continued in circles for several minutes with failed nominations for Lujan, Horn, and Meraz, as well as a motion by Trujillo to leave the seat vacant until November.

Tensions rose to their highest when a frustrated Trujillo indicated he would leave the meeting.

"At this point, if I remember my rights and obligations correctly, I'm just going to recuse myself," said Trujillo. "I have no further comment. It's clear to me that we're at an impasse. While we can certainly go through this process, back and forth, I just don't think that it's reachable."

This sparked a coarse exchange with Frometa, though Trujillo ultimately agreed to stay.

A breakthrough finally happened on another motion to appoint Horn, which was seconded by Alvarez. Sosa and Frometa, who had previously voted against Horn's appointment, relented, with Sosa calling it a "compromise."

Horn has served as a member of the public works committee. During his interview, he indicated that his priorities would center around public safety and parking.

He said he was "ready to hit the ground running."

The District 1 seat was vacated by then Mayor Blanca Pacheco in December after her election to the state Assembly.

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THINGS TO DO



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ON THIS DAY

1788: Arthur Phillip, who had sailed into what is now Sydney Cove with a shipload of convicts, hoisted the British flag and established the first permanent European settlement on the continent of Australia.

1962: Lucky Luciano, who was the most powerful chief of American organized crime in the early 1930s and was deported to his native Italy in 1946, died at the age of 65.

1966: Three siblings - ages 4, 7 and 9 - were abducted from a public beach in Australia, resulting in the largest police investigation in the country's history. The children were never found.

1988: Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*, a musical version of Gaston Leroux's melodramatic novel, opened in New York City and went on to become the longest-running show in Broadway history.

1998: President Bill Clinton denied having "sexual relations" with 22-year-old White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

2001: A massive earthquake struck near Bhuj, Gujarat, India, killing more than 20,000 people and causing extensive damage.

2009: In Bellflower, Nadya Suleman gave birth to the world's first surviving octuplets.

2020: Basketball player Kobe Bryant died in a helicopter crash at the age of 41. Also killed was Bryant's 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, and seven others.



Birthdays

Comedian and talk show host **Ellen DeGeneres** (65), R&B singer **Anita Baker** (65), hockey hall of famer **Wayne Gretzky** (62), House Speaker **Kevin McCarthy** (58), retired basketball player **Vince Carter** (46), Los Angeles Philharmonic music director **Gustavo Dudamel** (42), and wrestler **Mercedes Varnado** (31).

Candidate was subject of restraining order

■ Elvira Meraz claims she was attacked outside Gallatin Elementary by the ex-wife of her now husband.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - Downey City Council District 1 vacancy applicant Elvira Meraz was part of a mutual restraining order in 2013, after a previous petition against her was thrown out.

According to court documents filed in March 2012, the request

was filed after Yvette Meraz (now Yvette Bonilla) claimed that Meraz (then Elvira Gonzalez) was harassing her concerning her daughter, threatening to hurt and mistreat her. At the time, Meraz was in a relationship with Bonilla's ex-husband Manuel Meraz, whom Bonilla had been separated from since February 2011 and Meraz has since married.

The petition was denied by the court.

However, on May 17, 2013, a mutual non-clefs restraining order was filed against both parties, ordering that both individuals

refrain from contacting, harming, or harassing one another, keeping at least 25 yards away from each other when feasible. That order expired one year later.

This followed an alleged incident near Gallatin Elementary school, where the two engaged in a physical altercation. According to Bonilla's recounting of the event in the court files, Meraz previously had texted her to "watch her back" before waiting for her and assaulting her outside the school the next day.

Meraz denies this sequence of events.

According to Meraz, she "lost her cool" in a cell phone exchange prior to the incident, saying that she had "had it" with Bonilla. However, she says it was Bonilla who initiated the fight, adding that she lived near Gallatin at the time and was out jogging when Bonilla pulled up and attacked her. She says that she "defended herself."

Meraz also described the previous claims that she would be a threat to her now step-daughter were "all untrue and completely false," providing the Downey Patriot with an official signed declaration that was submitted to the court by

her husband, which said Bonilla was "very upset" about the couple being together and that Meraz "never posed a threat or danger" to the child.

The Downey Patriot was unable to speak with Bonilla before publication.

Meraz was one of four potential candidates seeking the interim District 1 City Council seat vacated last December by Blanca Pacheco.

The City Council ultimately chose Timothy Horn to fill the vacancy.

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

The American Heart Association recommends that most adults consume no more than 1,500 mg of sodium in a day, with the maximum being 2,300 mg. The actual average? A whopping 3,400 milligrams. We Americans do love our salt, and 70% of it comes from restaurants and packaged foods. This makes it difficult to control how much we consume.

What is so bad about too much sodium? It can increase our blood pressure, and over time, high blood pressure is a leading cause of many conditions, including kidney failure, heart attack, and stroke. Every one of us can benefit by restricting our salt intake to the recommended levels. Here are some suggestions:

- There are natural salts in fresh cuts of meat, chicken, and fish, but far less than in their processed versions. Use fresh foods, rather than packaged.

- Look for fresh or frozen poultry that has not been injected with sodium. Read the fine print on the packaging and be on the lookout for terms like broth, saline, or sodium solution.

- When you do buy packaged and prepared foods, choose them carefully. Brands differ, and sodium content will be listed on the label.

- Select your condiments carefully.

Soy sauce, bottled salad dressings, dips, ketchup, salsa, capers, mustard, pickles, olives, and relish often have lower salt options available.

- Fresh fruit and vegetables are naturally very low in sodium. If you buy frozen varieties, look for the words “fresh frozen.” Canned or frozen produce often have added sodium, but look for ones which state that they do not.

- When buying packaged items, look for the red American Heart Association Heart-Check mark.

- Choose spices and seasonings that do not list sodium as an ingredient. For example, use garlic powder instead of garlic salt. Salt substitutes often contain potassium, and are not only a good alternative to sodium, but can actually lower blood pressure. (Of course, make sure that you have no health issues with potassium.)

- Potassium-rich foods include sweet potatoes, potatoes, greens, tomatoes, white beans, kidney beans, nonfat yogurt, oranges, bananas and cantaloupe.

- Before going to a restaurant, take a look at its website. Restaurants often list the sodium content of their menu items. When ordering, don't hesitate to ask for their lower sodium dishes.

- Don't be fooled by dishes that may not taste salty. (Cottage cheese is a good example!) Read those labels.

- For some, adding salt before tasting has become a habit. Always taste your food first.

- Use onions, garlic, herbs, spices, citrus juices and vinegars in place of some or all of the salt.

- Drain or rinse your canned beans and vegetables in order to cut the sodium by as much as 40%.

- Try combining lower-sodium versions of food with the regular versions – like broths, soups, soy sauce and tomato-based pasta sauces.

- Try preparing your pasta, rice and hot cereal without salt.

- Grilling, braising, roasting, searing and sautéing can bring out natural flavors, and reduce the need for added salt.

- Watch out for words on labels like pickled, brined, barbecued, cured, smoked, au jus, or soy, miso or teriyaki sauce. These tend to be extremely high in salt.

- Cut your portion sizes! Eating less food means that you are also cutting down on the sodium.

Reducing the salt content of your diet is not easy. Salt makes food taste so good! So many of us rely on foods like bread, pizza, tacos, sandwiches, soup, and cheeses, which are extremely high in sodium. Our culture does not encourage us to make this switch easily, so it is up to us.

On the positive side, with less salt, we can better taste our food's natural flavors. Salt preference is often an acquired taste that can be changed. Over time, our taste buds will adjust to a lower sodium diet, and our blood pressure will thank us!

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 8301 E. Florence Ave., Suite 100, Downey, CA 90240.

OPINION: On Tuesday, voters will restore integrity to the City Council

For those of us that attended, watched or listened to this Tuesday's Downey City Council meeting, the purpose of the recall effort underway in District 3 was obvious. Catherine Alvarez is clearly not fit to serve in any public office, let alone to be next in line to be Downey's mayor.

In addition to her surly demeanor, she had difficulty communicating. She struggled to read her prewritten council member update, she declined to offer information as to her reasoning for voting on certain issues before the council, and when politely asked to explain herself by Council Member Hector Sosa, she replied, “I don't have to answer you.”

She followed Council Member Mario Trujillo's lead on every issue, even to the point of rescinding her nomination for the District 1 vacant seat when he did not support her.

The time for a change in city leadership is now. If this recall fails, District 3 and the city at large will be left with an unqualified council member, who failed to disclose criminal past to voters as our potential next mayor. Think of it... a \$260 million budget in her hands!

The polls are open now, every day at Furman Park from 10 am to 7 pm and from 7 am to 8 pm on Tuesday, Jan. 31. There are also ballot drop boxes at Furman Park and City Hall, or you can just put your ballot in the mail.

It is pretty much now or never. Please support this important effort by voting YES to recall Catherine Alvarez. Downey's future as a safe, prosperous city depends on your YES vote.

**Vickie Smith
Downey**

Hello folks,

My name is Rick Rodriguez, former Mayor of the great city of Downey. For four years I was proud to represent you on the Downey City Council.

When I ran for office in 2016, my goals were simple: to work hard, be honest, and be the type of leader our children could look up to. Serving on the City Council became my full-time job and I enjoyed being a voice for our residents.

Unfortunately, health issues prevented me from running for a second term. It was a difficult decision not to run for re-election but I had to do what was best for my health and my family at the time.

Serving on the City Council is a privilege and an honor, which is why it hurt to see someone like Catherine Alvarez take my seat. Ms. Alvarez hid her criminal history from voters. She failed to tell us that she was arrested for welfare fraud and again on another occasion for shoplifting at a store in Downey Landing. She did not reveal that she was charged with perjury after lying in court.

Had Ms. Alvarez revealed this information and she still was elected, then hey, I could live with that (as disappointing as it would be). But I don't believe she would have been elected had voters known the truth about Ms. Alvarez. Many others agree, which is the reason she is being recalled.

I will be voting “YES” to recall Ms. Alvarez and I encourage you to do the same. You can vote from now to this Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Furman Park. Please vote soon, we cannot miss this opportunity to vote her out. We deserve better representation from our council members.

It's time to restore decency to the City of Downey.

Respectfully,

**Rick Rodriguez
Mayor of Downey - Retired**

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ANALYSIS: Downey City Council still has a ways to go

■ Tuesday's meeting emphasized that Downey council members still struggle to find common ground.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

Well, mission accomplished. Sort of.

The city council on Tuesday picked Timothy Horn over three other candidates to represent District 1 for the remainder of the year until voters can make an official decision in November.

In reality, the selection process was just as much of a circus as our council meetings have been known to become in recent memory. What's more, it became abundantly clear that despite its best efforts to get back on track and stabilized, the city is not as far out of the woods as it may have hoped.

Here are some takeaways from Tuesday's meeting.

The city council is still split as ever

On paper, our city government did its job: it selected an interim city council member to fill the empty District 1 seat.

But the road to get there was far from smooth. No one expected the decision to be easy, but I don't think anyone was quite prepared for what transpired.

At times, the deliberation seemed more like a cage match between Mayor Claudia M. Frometa and Mayor Pro Tem Mario Trujillo, who had thrown their support behind candidates Hector Lujan and Horacio Ortiz Jr., respectively.

Both had valid arguments for why their candidate should be picked over the other.

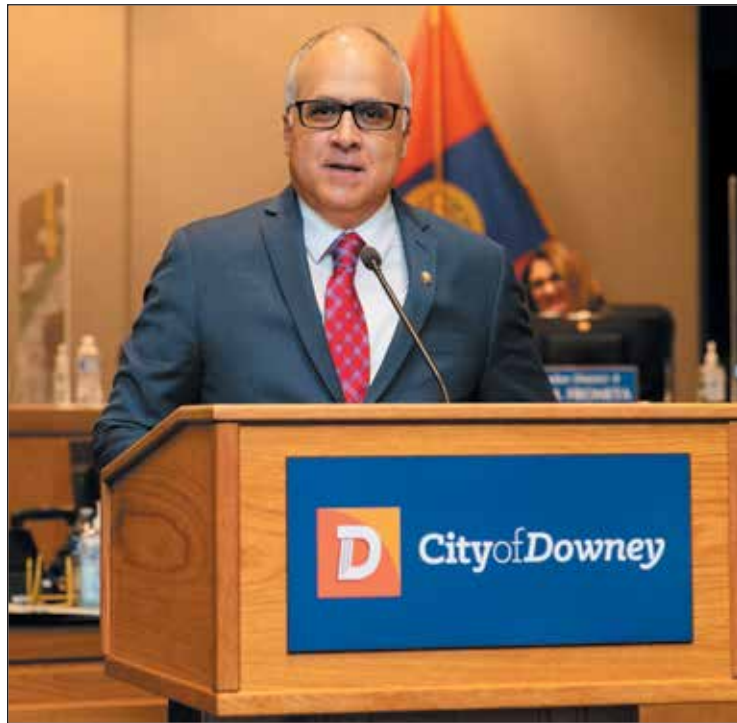
Yet Frometa seemed unwilling to budge. Trujillo entertained ultimate appointee Horn or leaving the seat vacant, but Lujan was a non-starter (though he would not say why).

Meanwhile, Councilman Hector Sosa ended up being more of a mediator and/or referee. Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez stayed quiet, but regardless she will never align herself with Frometa anyway.

Ultimately, the council selected Horn through some gritted teeth, but in doing so it exposed that the divide on the dais is still very much intact; there are two very distinct factions on our city council, and they don't always play nice with one another.

And no disrespect intended to Horn, but he was a dark horse in every sense of the word; it was painfully obvious that he was not the first, nor the second, nor maybe even the third desired option. But now he's here, and it's anyone's guess how he will fit in with the current council.

There has been a lot of talk about "bringing stability back to Downey" and "brighter days are ahead," but Tuesday's proceedings



Hector Sosa is promising in his new role on the Downey City Council but the body still struggles to find basic common ground, writes staff writer Alex Dominguez.

told a much different story.

Hector Sosa was MVP of the night

Sosa is the rookie member of the bunch, but he held himself well in his first big test as a council member.

When the city council found themselves at an impasse and tempers started to flare between the mayor and mayor pro tem, it was Sosa who kept his cool and tried to keep dialogue moving.

He had his obvious choice: he said he preferred Lujan for his experience (there may have been some alignment with Frometa on that front as well, but I digress).

Still, he ultimately conceded and compromised (albeit obviously frustrated in doing so) in order to move the city forward.

As the new guy on the block, Sosa could have easily taken a back seat. It was impressive and – to a certain extent, refreshing – to see him take an active role in the procedure.

Catherine Alvarez will not (or cannot) speak for herself

At a time when she should be fighting for her political life, Alvarez seemed uninvested and/or uninterested in contributing to the matter at hand.

As previously stated, Alvarez remained mostly quiet through the affair. Even when the city council became deadlocked and she was asked by Sosa for her thoughts on the candidates, Alvarez became defensive and agitated, saying, "I don't want to give my point of view, and I don't think you have to make me talk."

Her lack of a voice became even more telling later in the meeting, after she made her only attempt at a nomination, suggesting Elvira Meraz.

Though it seemingly came out

of a combination of exhaustion, exasperation, and desperation, Sosa surprisingly gave Alvarez the second she needed to put Meraz's appointment to a vote.

However, when Trujillo voiced concerns over a mutual restraining order that had been filed against Meraz over 10 years ago and the position it might put the city in, Alvarez immediately withdrew her motion.

Even since her campaign, there has been sporadic chatter that Alvarez has had others in her ear, telling her what to say and how to vote. True or not, she did herself no favors in dispelling those rumors.

The last three years have changed how Downey views its council members, forever

You may have read a story this week about candidate Meraz and a mutual restraining order that she was a part of a decade ago.

During her interview, she was asked about the situation by Frometa. It ultimately was a point of contention with her with Trujillo.

Look, it's not a fun thing to write those kinds of "controversial" stories. I don't seek them out; in fact, I dread them. But in the end, they're important to try and cut through the gossip and paint a clearer picture.

Council members and candidates are held to a higher standard. Residents want to know about their representatives (or prospective representatives), and what they may bring to the city. And especially after the events of 2020 to now, there has been a vocalized desire to know about the skeletons in their closet.

L.A. County homeless agency names new chief executive officer

■ Officials hope the new executive will have better success in getting people off the streets.

By City News Service

LOS ANGELES - Va Lecia Adams Kellum, president and CEO of St. Joseph's Center, will be the next CEO of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority after a LAHSA commission vote Monday.

Adams Kellum was introduced Monday at a news briefing at City Hall, flanked by Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, County Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Hahn and other officials.

Her appointment comes as Bass is attempting to address the city's homelessness crisis immediately upon taking office. She declared a state of emergency over homelessness as her first official act and has stressed collaboration with the county and LAHSA, a joint powers authority coordinated by both the city and county.

"Together, we will transform LAHSA into an instrument of systemic change and a model for addressing homelessness on our streets," Adams Kellum said. "Each of us knows the time is now for action."

Adams Kellum said it was "very difficult" for her to leave St. Joseph's, the social services organization that she has led since 2008, overseeing nearly 400 staff and a \$49 million budget to conduct a variety of programs for the unhoused and low-income families.

St. Joseph's quadrupled its staff and increased its reach under Adams Kellum's leadership, according to her official bio.

Adams Kellum was also appointed by Gov. Gavin Newsom

to serve on the state's Department of Housing and Community Development's No Place Like Home Program Advisory Committee.

"This is a time of great change," Adams Kellum told LAHSA's commission earlier in the day. "It's a time for us to be in the center of the process of transformation and healing. You will see in me a go-getter. You will see someone that doesn't take no for an answer."

Adams Kellum will make \$430,000 a year in the role and is scheduled to start on or before March 24. Bass said Kellum will initially work out of the mayor's office to help implement Inside Safe initiative, Bass' program intended to bring people living in encampments into permanent housing. Adams Kellum has already led the two initial deployments of the program in Hollywood and Venice.

"She has spent years innovating and developing superior and successful ways to transition people from the streets and into lasting stability and permanent housing," Bass said.

Adams Kellum's experience allows her to "jump in immediately with urgency and is a perfect fit to help lead Los Angeles forward on housing people and restoring our neighborhoods," according to Bass.

The 2022 homeless count by



Va Lecia Adams Kellum

LAHSA revealed 41,980 unhoused people in the city of Los Angeles, up 1.7% from 2020. There are 69,144 unhoused people in the county, an increase of 4.1%.

Adams Kellum takes over for Stephen David Simon, who was appointed LAHSA's interim executive director in September. Prior to Simon, Kristina Dixon and Molly Rysman had served as acting co-executive directors since April.

Hahn said that Adams Kellum's appointment is another example of the city and county "pushing the reset button" in addressing the homelessness crisis.

"You also have the hopes and expectations of LA County residents, as well as the 70,000 people that are sleeping on our streets," Hahn said. "There is a lot of riding on your talent, your vision, your passion."

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FDA's vaccine advisers to meet to consider the future of Covid-19 vaccinations

Health officials are considering how often we should be vaccinated and against which strains.

WASHINGTON D.C. – A panel of independent experts that advises the US Food and Drug Administration on its vaccine decisions will hold a full day of meetings Thursday to consider what the future of Covid-19 vaccination should look like in the United States.

Currently, the US is offering two types of Covid-19 vaccines. The first shots people get – also called the primary series – contain a single set of instructions that teach the immune system to fight off the original version of the virus, which emerged in 2019.

The problem is that this index strain is no longer circulating. It was overrun months ago by an ever-evolving parade of new variants.

So last year, in consultation with its vaccine advisers, the FDA decided that it was time to update the vaccines. These new bivalent shots contain two sets of instructions; one set reminds the immune system about the original version of the coronavirus, and the second set teaches the immune system to recognize and fight off Omicron's BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants, which emerged in the US last year.

People who have had their



primary series of shots – nearly 70% of all Americans – were advised to get the new two-strain booster late last year in an effort to upgrade their protection against the latest variants.

Will yearly Covid-19 shots catch on?

But uptake of the new boosters has been slow. Just 15% of the population has gotten one since they were first offered in September.

A separate but related problem is that previously unvaccinated Americans – a group that includes infants and young children who are just reaching the age of eligibility for their Covid-19 shots – are still being immunized against a virus strain that they're not likely to ever

encounter.

So the FDA's advisers are expected to vote Thursday on whether the US should be offering just one type of Covid-19 shot for both the primary and booster doses. The committee is also expected to consider how many strains of the virus should be in the shot and how and when those strains should be chosen.

The idea is that most people would be urged to get an updated Covid-19 shot once a year, the same way they do for influenza. People who are unlikely to have an adequate response to a single dose of the vaccine – such as the elderly or those with a weakened immune system – would be advised to get two doses each year, as would people who are getting Covid-19

vaccines for the first time.

Are bivalent shots effective? And safe?

Another big question likely to be considered by the advisory committee is just how well the two-strain shots are working.

Early studies on the effectiveness of these new vaccines have been mixed. Some have suggested that they offer better protection compared with the original single-strain shots, while others have concluded that the protection is about the same.

On Wednesday, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released one of the first real-world looks at the effectiveness of the bivalent boosters against the Omicron subvariants BA.5 and XBB and XBB.1.5.

That study, which used the results of nearly 30,000 Covid-19 tests taken at pharmacies, determined that on average, the bivalent boosters are cutting the risk of a symptomatic infection by about half, even against the rapidly spreading XBB.1.5 subvariant. Protection against severe disease and death is likely to be even higher.

Another question the FDA advisory committee will probably consider is how safe the bivalent boosters seem to be.

The CDC and the FDA said this month that they had detected a potential safety signal with the Pfizer boosters. In a single database of medical records from a group of large hospital systems in the US, the updated Pfizer boosters were associated with a higher risk of strokes caused by blood clots in people over the age of 65.

The CDC said it has looked for – but failed to find – the same safety signal in other databases and in other countries that use the Pfizer vaccines. It continues to update its evaluations with new data, but the agency said that it seems to be a statistical fluke and that no changes to vaccination recommendations are warranted at this time.

High school senior finds hope in music

WHITTIER – Pioneer High School senior Lucas Lopez has had to endure many challenges in his education. As a member of a military family, he spent years traveling the country, bouncing from school to school; as the brother of family members who have been diagnosed with a rare genetic condition, he has mourned siblings who have passed away at a young age.

Through it all, Lopez has found a home at Pioneer High and a family of friends in the Titan band, where he has played trumpet since joining as a freshman. Academically, Lopez has challenged himself with honors and Advanced Placement classes, maintaining a 3.25 GPA, and plans to study music composition and music therapy in college.

For overcoming obstacles in his education and serving as a role model for others, Lopez was recognized with an Award of Merit by the Whittier Union Board of Trustees during its Jan. 17 Board meeting.

"Thank you to the Board for allowing me to represent Pioneer High School, it is quite an honor," Lopez said. "Pioneer has provided me with so much during the past four years and I am very thankful. It feels so good going to Pioneer every day because there is always something new going on and I love my music classes. I'd like to also recognize and thank my family and friends for always being there and supporting me."

After years of living on military bases – which made it difficult to make friends and form genuine connections – Lopez and his family relocated permanently to Whittier, just prior to his freshman year. Lopez quickly bonded with his Titan bandmates and said that for the first time he was able to establish long-term friendships with his classmates.

At home, Lopez remained close with and cared for his older sister Hannah, one of his two siblings diagnosed with Sanfilippo syndrome, a genetic condition that targets the brain and nervous system. This condition had also claimed Lopez's younger brother, Aiden, at three years old.

In the summer before Lopez's senior year, tragedy struck the Lopez family twice. First, Lopez's grandmother died and then Hannah lost her battle with Sanfilippo syndrome. Though the grieving process has been difficult, Lopez said he has found a system of support through his friends and Pioneer High's student well-being program.

It hasn't been easy, as Lopez has had to deal with his own health issues, as when he suffered a public panic attack on campus. Connecting with Pioneer High social worker Karen Gonzalez, Lopez now employs a series of breathing techniques and coping strategies when he is overwhelmed or beginning to panic. On campus, Lopez is a frequent visitor to the school's tranquility lounge, where he goes when he needs to escape.

Another calming method Lopez employs is to carry a notebook with him at all times, where he writes down notes and song lyrics. After his sister Hannah died, Lopez used the notebook to write a song for her as a way to remember and honor her. Lopez believes sharing his story is important to help other students get through difficult times.

Inspired by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Lopez understands that life is full of choices, and he chooses to try and find the good, motivated by King's quote, "If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward."

"Lucas inspires his classmates and teachers every single day," Pioneer High Principal Mary Chapman said. "We are so proud of Lucas for overcoming the obstacles in his path and moving forward in his life. We are so happy Lucas has found the band, his friends and a true sense of self as a Pioneer High student. We look forward to hearing about his bright future."

In Memory of



Diane De Wald

September 4, 1944 - January 10, 2023

We regretfully announce the passing of Diane E. De Wald, 78, of Downey. Diane passed away on January 10, 2023, after short illness.

Diane was born to Wanda and Jim De Wald on September 4, 1944. An independent and vibrant personality from the beginning. Diane graduated from Warren High School in 1962.

Diane was a loving sister, aunt, and friend. Diane would help anyone, any creature or any organization that needed it. Diane

had a light that surrounded her in all she did and would pass her smile and radiance onto everyone she would meet. Diane did not look at the world for what it could do, but what she could do for it. Diane believed in good and lived every day on her own terms.

In her younger years Diane was a star drummer in the Warren High School Band "leading the march". Her sense of style and fashion led her to become more prominent in the South Gate community and chaired the South Gate Beauty Pageant. Diane taught vacation Bible school for over ten years, and brought so much joy to the children through the love and word of God. Diane was involved in the agape Christians group for over twenty years. Diane had many causes near and dear to her, volunteering and donating, to end hunger, underfunded schools on reservations, build pastures and facilities for neglected horses. Diane was a huge supporter of Fail-Safe 4 Felines, here in Downey. She was active in her neighborhood watch program for many years. The work Diane did changed, enriched and saved lives.

Diane was never afraid to try new things or to stand out and speak out for what she believed. In this way we could all be more like her.

Diane's heart was with her sister Renee, niece Andria, great niece Skylar and great nephew Tyler, friends and her kitties, Milo, Lacy, Blacky and Tortie.

From pool parties with cousins, to spending lunch with her sister, these are just some of the moments we can hang onto, because it is not goodbye, it is a see you later.

Services were held January 25, 2023, at Rose Hills Memorial Park - Hillside Chapel.

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It's in the United States' best interests to help China with Covid

By Michael Callahan

Michael Callahan is an infectious disease physician scientist at Massachusetts General Hospital.

China rolled back its longstanding pandemic strategy “zero Covid,” which had protected the country for nearly three years, in early December. This reversal came after historic public protests calling for an ease in restrictions but amid concern that there was not enough immunity to adequately protect the population.

The timing could not have been worse. A few weeks into a post-zero-Covid reality, the nation’s largest annual migration for the Lunar New Year, which ends in February, has begun. After years of restrictions, travel for 2023 is anticipated to be enormous as urban employees travel home to celebrate with family and friends. The combination of densely packed public transit systems, winter conditions and multigenerational gatherings is so ideal for the study of disease transmission that the Lunar New Year is a common tabletop simulation for training public health officials. This year we’ll actually see any fallout.

The challenge will be made harder by the arrival of the coronavirus’s most infectious subvariant to date, XBB1.5. In the United States, which has high vaccination rates using highly protective vaccines, XBB1.5 accounts for nearly half of all Covid cases. If the U.S. experience is any indication, XBB1.5 could be devastating if it spreads widely in China. Domestically made Chinese vaccines — Beijing has so far refused to import American mRNA vaccines — may provide less lasting protection against the virus and its variants. This is something the world will watch unfold in the weeks ahead.

What can the United States do, presuming our government is motivated to do anything? Given Beijing’s threats to Taiwan, its oppression of Uighurs and efforts to block the investigation into the origins of the coronavirus, Congress may be inclined to take a hard

line on China or not do anything for the Chinese government at all. And the newly seated Congress is even more hawkish.

But doing nothing is a dangerous game. A refusal to help could not only cause incalculable suffering and deaths; it risks harming our own hard-earned gains to end the pandemic.

Given the current politics on both sides, direct government agreements seem unlikely. Over the past few years, decades-old U.S.-Chinese research collaborations, including my own research on emerging disease, have decreased. Beijing has also dragged its feet on transparent virus surveillance. However, some U.S.- Chinese academic and commercial partnerships have continued throughout the pandemic in areas such as clinical trials and vaccine research and development. With imagination, several of these collaborations could be quickly redirected to assist China in the coming weeks.

For example, in 2021, the U.S. National Academy of Engineering, the Chinese Academy of Engineering and the Royal Academy of Engineering in Britain issued a joint statement affirming their commitment to facilitate global action to respond to the pandemic through engineering approaches, including sharing public health information. In December, at least one online pharmacy in China began selling the Covid drug Paxlovid, made by the American pharmaceutical company Pfizer, directly to patients. The pharmacy shipped Paxlovid to any Chinese person with a positive coronavirus test. If the Beijing government were to tie the government’s home test result reporting system to the commercial Paxlovid home delivery providers, many lives could be saved.

What can the U.S. government do to help? Although the Chinese government has refused lifesaving assistance from the United States, Chinese physicians, patients and families devastated by Covid have not. U.S. agencies might save more lives and prevent more disruption of the Chinese economy — and our own — by bypassing Beijing and leaning on longstanding academic and commercial partnerships to go directly to the provinces,

communities, companies, hospitals and individuals that have the most to lose.

Some potential solutions include the exportation of successful strategies from the United States’ Operation Warp Speed playbook, which accelerated the delivery of mRNA vaccines from the manufacturer into people’s arms. This huge logistical challenge can be revised for the rapid deployment of a new Chinese-made mRNA vaccine. Other possible initiatives include sharing disaster medicine protocols that extend hospital drug stockpiles to treat many more patients and sharing pandemic-proven strategies to help protect Chinese health care workers during Covid surges. These include prioritizing the protection of bedside nurses, using telemedicine consultants to increase available physicians and grouping clinical workers to reduce workplace infection and absenteeism. One high-impact technology approach would be to share U.S. taxpayer-funded intellectual property that could make average Chinese vaccines more potent.

Those who think the Chinese government is unlikely to cooperate need to do their homework. Though it’s still early, Pfizer was able to secure a deal with China to sell Paxlovid through a state-owned company. In September, Merck & Co. also made a deal with the Chinese state-owned drugmaker Sinopharm to import and market the antiviral medication molnupiravir in China.

Any solution that saves lives, avoids the collapse of the Chinese health care system and reduces the chance of a pandemic reboot is in our national interest. A pandemic catastrophe in China will reverberate around the world, making it a hugely crucial outbreak to contain. Many low-cost solutions are based on hard lessons learned by U.S. health care, and many of these are readily transferable to sister hospitals in China. This will have a trivial cost for taxpayers. It is also in the interest of U.S. national health security — provided you believe pandemics are made far worse by apathy, small thinking and politics.

George Santos' denial was a real drag

By Jennifer Boylan

Jennifer Finney Boylan is a professor of English at Barnard College of Columbia University and a fellow at Harvard University's Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study.

My first thought, when I read that, during his salad days, Rep. George Santos had seemingly performed as a drag queen, was, “Finally! Something about him that’s appealing!”

But almost as soon as the news broke that our favorite congressional dissembler apparently had a former life as “Kitara Ravache,” he felt it necessary to step forward and deny the whole thing.

I don’t know what disappointed me more, the possibility that he might never have really been a drag performer or that, if true, he felt it necessary to deny it. (On Saturday, Santos admitted to dressing as a woman but denied being a drag queen, telling reporters: “No, I was not a drag queen in Brazil, guys. I was young and I had fun at a festival. Sue me for having a life.”)

Why, I wondered, did Santos (R-N.Y.) feel so strongly to respond to this particular controversy? What was there about wearing a dress that was somehow more shameful than, say, lying about the Holocaust, or making up stories about 9/11?

On Instagram, a former friend of Santos’s, Eula Rochard — a Brazilian drag queen — posted a photograph of herself that sure looks like she’s with the young man then known as Anthony. The photo shows him in a lovely red off-the-shoulder sequined dress, brunette wig and a pair of dangly earrings. A second source quoted by Reuters avowed that the young Mr. Santos had, during this same time period, aspired to be Miss Gay Rio de Janeiro.

But the congressman said that the claims were “categorically false” and added that he would not be “distracted nor fazed by this.”

Previously, when confronted with a long string of fabrications, from claiming that he was a volleyball star at a college he never attended to his tale about having worked at Goldman Sachs, he never felt it necessary to respond with much more than, “I have my story to tell and it will be told next week.” Which he never really got around to doing.

But an accusation that he once performed in drag — which would put him in the perfectly normal company of Rudy Giuliani — this, apparently, could not stand.

For me, looking upon that photo — in which the person shown, let the record show, looks fantastic — it is impossible not to think of the Chico Marx (not Groucho) line, “Who are you gonna believe, me or your own eyes?”

My disappointment that Santos found it necessary to disavow something that, unlike his lies, should really be no source of shame, went deeper the more I thought about it. There’s a trope about “deceit” in the national conversation around transgender people — that we are somehow not what we appear to be, that we are going

through the turmoil of transition not to find a sense of hard-won authenticity but instead as part of some kind of imaginary plot to harm the womenfolk.

Santos isn’t trans, but it can’t be good to have this new element folded into the larger story of the congressman as a liar and a deceiver. It’s exactly this trope that has done people like me so much harm.

It also doesn’t help that my fellow progressives are finding so much merriment in the Santos drag story. The amusement, on the surface, is about busting him, once again, for his hypocrisy, and if so: fair enough. But there’s something deeper and meaner in the laughter, too, I think, as if the one thing that might bring Republicans and Democrats together is their shared disdain for a man in a dress.

It’s Republicans, though, who are attempting to turn that disdain into national policy. In a season in which the GOP appears to have no policy agenda besides obstruction, opposition to drag queens appears to be one of the few things that the current Republican Party actually believes in.

Santos was elected last fall as the first non-incumbent gay Republican member of Congress. Which on the surface seemed like a good thing, some of his actual politics notwithstanding. The more queer people we have in Congress, the more likely it is that our voices will be heard. Also, the more gay Republicans who make it to Congress, the more likely that members of the GOP might come to understand that sexual orientation, and gender identity, aren’t issues unique to liberals. We’re everybody.

In the end, though, there’s no such thing as “actual politics

notwithstanding.” Upon arrival in Congress, Santos seemed inclined to join the House Freedom Caucus. That would be the group of conservative legislators committed to, among other things, rolling back marriage equality and employment protections for LGBTQ Americans. They appear to believe that any suggestion that queer lives can be fulfilling, and normal, and fun is part of some (actually fictional) program of “grooming” children into being gay, or lesbian, or trans.

No one can “turn” a child gay, in the same way that no one can “turn” a child straight. What you can do is “turn” someone from being a close-minded bigot and into someone more accepting of all the many different ways there are of being human.

With the latest twist of his story, George Santos had an opportunity to make people think well of him again. He might have said, “It’s true I did drag in my younger days; that was a fun time and I want everyone to know that I support everyone’s right to pursue their dreams, whether they are part of my LGBTQ community or part of some other marginalized group still seeking full equality under the law.”

He could have said that, and for a single moment, won back a little of the respect he’s lost since his election.

But he didn’t. Because the crowd he seeks to join has no place in their hearts for anyone who is different. Because the crowd he seeks to join is less interested in legislation than destruction. Because the crowd he seeks to join isn’t really all that concerned with whether the things it says are true.

No lie.

Don't compare Trump to Biden

Dear Editor:

Documents stored at Mar-a-Lago were known to be there by the National Archives as well as the F.B.I. As President, Donald Trump had the authority to declassify the documents, which he did and stored them at Mar-a-Lago where his security police kept watch over them.

The National Archives requested some of the documents returned to them and asked Trump to secure the others with a new padlock, both of which Trump complied with, and told them that they were welcome to more documents if they wanted them.

Since 2015, the Democrats were adamant in finding something criminal against Trump by any and many means – two impeachments, special councils, and the January 6th investigation. These failed attempts to disclose any criminal activity led the Democrats to initiate the FBI raid of Mar-a-Lago to find something – anything with which to indict Trump and prevent him from running for president in 2024, and attempt once again to break up the Democrats’ aristocracy in D.C.

In contrast, a whistleblower is alleged to have disclosed the location of classified material in the Penn-Biden Center, Biden’s Delaware home, and inside Biden’s garage secured by Biden’s Corvette. Biden as Vice President had no authority to declassify the documents and contends to have no knowledge as to how they were placed in his facilities.

I, as well as others I’m sure, would like some answers. Who, why, and how did the documents appear before the mid-term elections but not disclosed until after the election?

Bottom line: Trump was the giver of light – energy independence, booming economy, low inflation, no new wars, brokering peace between Israel and some Muslim countries, securing our southern border, and plans to leave Afghanistan after removing Americans and qualified Afghans, our equipment, maintaining the Bagram Airport which costs the United States millions to build with 2500 military, and lastly remove troops not needed.

Biden is the deliverer of darkness – begging Saudi Arabia and Venezuela for oil, flattening our economy, responsible for the death of 13 U.S. military because of the withdrawal fiasco from Afghanistan and the weakness shown which prompted Putin to invade Ukraine, and most importantly welcoming illegal immigrants into our country with wide open arms and borders.

The difference between Trump’s actions and Biden’s is, as the old cliché goes, like night and day.

Martha Morrissy
Downey

Vote yes to recall Alvarez

Dear Editor:

Downey Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez is androgynous but she is not Kristen McMenamy.

There is currently an effort underway to recall her. It would be unfair to vote yes for her recall without knowing her accomplishments. Here is what she has done:

1. Has criminal record of shoplifting.
2. Has committed welfare fraud.
3. Has been evicted twice for non-paying
4. Has arrest warrants for not showing up in court.
5. Has been cited for inhumane treatment of her son.

I am sure that Ms. Alvarez would vote yes to recall a person with such a colorful record of accomplishments. We should all do likewise and vote yes to recall Catherine Alvarez.

We will then have brought decency back to city government in Downey.

Jorge Montero
Downey

Let's trade Tucker Carlson

Dear Editor:

Tucker Carlson was very critical of the Brittney Griner prisoner swap. And the fact that she was released instead of ex US Marine Paul Whelan. Ok fine.

Apparently Tucker Carlson is very popular with the current Russian government (you know, the ones attacking Ukraine). They appear to like what he says about the our country. Ok fine.

And now Tucker Carlson is at least partially responsible for the demise of the M&M cartoon characters. That is not fine. The loss of those cartoon characters was the final straw.

I propose that the US government offer to swap Tucker Carlson for Paul Whelan. We get back a citizen who served in our country’s armed forces and get rid of someone who tears our country down and is destroying our cartoons.

That would be a win-win in my opinion.

Gina Grissom
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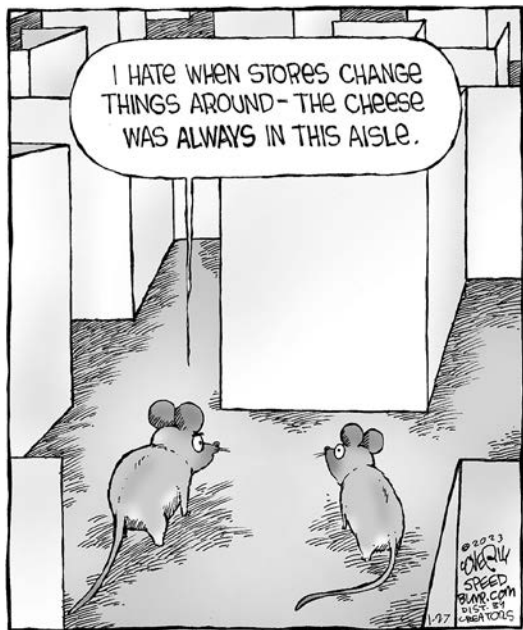
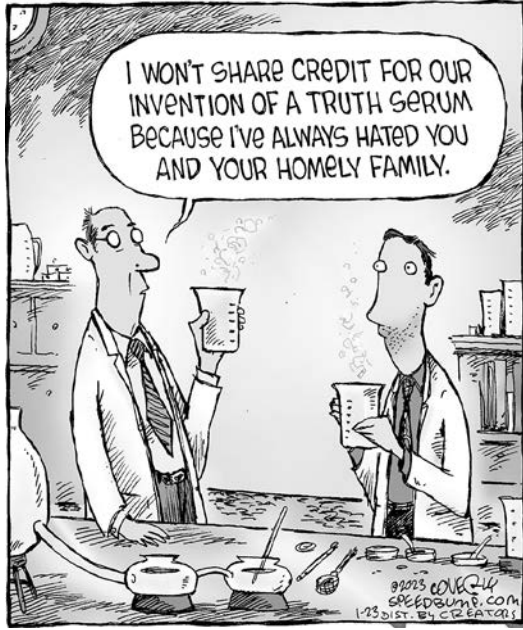
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1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: 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 Mel Sanchez 562-665-4125.
 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 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
 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.
 10:30 am: Ballroom dance class, at Downey Community Center, call 776 7270.
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.
 7 pm: Royal Rangers Outpost 132, at Desert Reign Church, call 562-861-6011.
 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., 11:30 am: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 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: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.
 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.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 2nd Thurs., 12 pm: 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.
 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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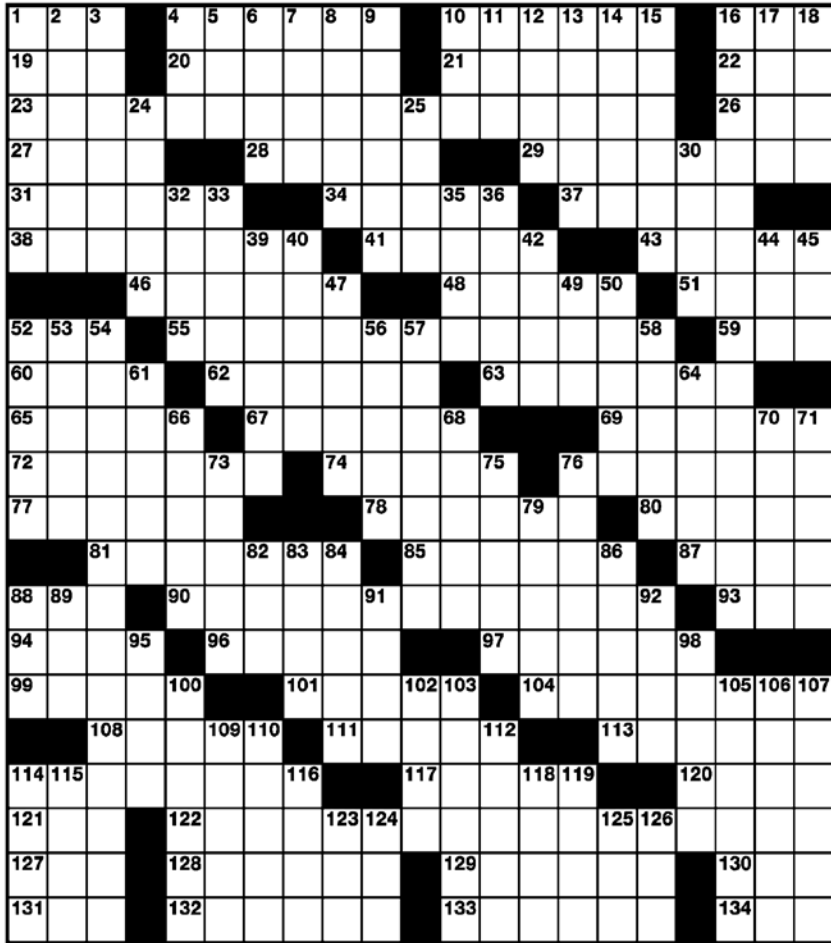
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 - 55 Wastes time and energy futilely
 - 59 Monopolize
 - 60 Minimal musical groups
 - 62 Serengeti scavengers
 - 63 Convention address
 - 65 "Are you in?"
 - 67 Puts forth, as force
 - 69 Shape of many a chalet
 - 72 Embossed art
 - 74 Pulitzer composer Ned
 - 76 Sunday shopping ban
 - 77 Home-building bird
 - 78 Kiribati's capital
 - 80 Old-school "Cool!"
 - 81 Some Louvre works
 - 85 Subject to a fine, say
 - 87 Long haul
 - 88 "Barbary" beast
 - 90 Watches films online
 - 93 ER roles
 - 94 Guitar range
 - 96 Can't help but
 - 97 Provides new gear for
 - 99 Bend forward and downward
 - 101 Toy truck giant
 - 104 Disposable injection units
 - 108 Some redshares
 - 111 Seasonal songs
 - 113 Top-speed run
 - 114 Defensive walls
 - 117 Stuck together
 - 120 Bring to ruin
 - 121 Orbital path
 - 122 Starts moving in earnest
 - 127 Tool and ___ company
 - 128 Father of the Titans
 - 129 Moon of Jupiter
 - 130 One in a flock
 - 131 ___ in "Stockholm"
 - 132 Packing a punch
 - 133 Gyrocompass inventor
 - 134 Blog feed format: Abbr.
- DOWN**
- 1 Render harmless
 - 2 Ancient prophet
 - 3 NASCAR topper
 - 4 Passports, for short
 - 5 Cry audibly
 - 6 Cameo stone
 - 7 Spot for a soak
 - 8 Dumas swordsman
 - 9 Hershey brand
 - 10 Fried rice morsel
 - 11 Your choice of
 - 12 Hoarse voice
 - 13 Air Force aerobat, familiarly
 - 14 Church dignitary
 - 15 Some farm machines
 - 16 Warns of danger
 - 17 Warm greeting
 - 18 Natural balm
 - 24 Remove by percolation, as soil
 - 25 Creator of Mickey and Minnie
 - 30 "___ to please"
 - 32 Hunk of bacon
 - 33 Synagogue scroll
 - 35 Backing for plaster
 - 36 Animated ogre
 - 39 Assent
 - 40 Suburban London county
 - 42 Metallic fabric
 - 44 In years past
 - 45 Chicken portion
 - 47 More reasonable
 - 49 Playfully evasive
 - 50 Of sound quality
 - 52 Accessorize
 - 53 Blender setting
 - 54 Combines several's supplies
 - 56 Divination deck
 - 57 Sandal features
 - 58 Far from enjoyable
 - 61 Set of furniture
 - 64 Armour's Spam rival
 - 66 Freezing temperatures
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 - 79 Bard's title spouses
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 - 92 Very short distance
 - 95 Japanese noodles
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 - 112 Dawn
 - 114 Stationer's stock
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 - 118 To be, to Henri
 - 119 Cabinet cover
 - 123 Convent member
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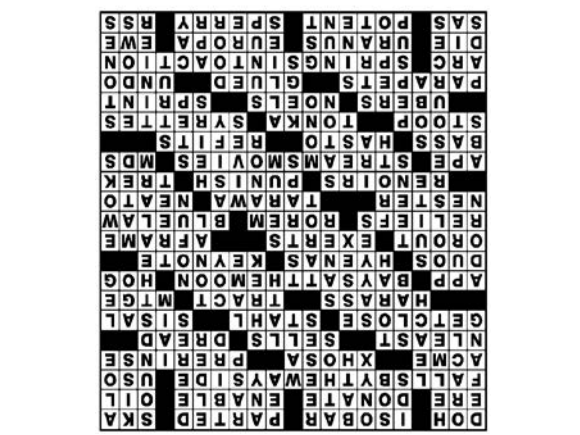


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A dazzling night with the symphony

■ Hundreds attended Saturday's live concert and art show at the Downey Theatre, featuring Downey's professional orchestra.

By **Lorine Parks**
Society Editor

From the clear sky in the evening, to the glissandos of the clarinets and the silk of the strings, the Downey Symphony Orchestra's evening was a hit.

The Downey Theatre's lobby was buzzing as music lovers arrived. Dottie Nadalski was to receive a plaque for conducting the Orchestra after her successful bid for the baton, and Carol Kearns and several other friends came to cheer for her.

Tom Hutchinson greeted friends, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Adler, of the WAVE newspaper, collected their programs. Barbara and Greg Welch attended, as did Mary Stevens, Larry Lewis and Marge Lewis, Katie and Bill Hare, and Maru and Jorge Montero.

The Downey Art Coalition (DAC) show "It's a Beautiful Life," in the Mezzanine Gallery, attracted patrons. Carolina del Toro, photographer and co-founder of DAC and ceramicist husband Jorge Toro, both had pieces entered. Alistair Hunter, DAC president was showing some small paintings to a family with children, and Pat Gil and her husband supervised.

As always the Downey theatre's glass elevator offers a surprising panoramic view of Downey. At night, the water in the fountain in the Theatre's Plaza is illuminated with blue lights.

Before the concert began,

Downey Symphonic Society President Anthony Crespo welcomed the audience and thanked everyone for supporting the arts. Mark Keller, longtime Board member is retiring, and Anthony thanked him for his services as House Manager for the Concerts. A tribute to Mark and his years in the theatre was in the printed program.

The house lights dimmed and Concert Master Carolyn Osborn, and Music Director and Conductor Sharon Lavery, came on stage. In an unusual tribute to the Baroque period and the vivacious Vivaldi Concerto Rustica that they played, the orchestra remained standing as they performed. "We thought you'd like to see a recreation of a recital around 1700," conductor Sharon said.

Then came the Percy Grainger arrangement of An Irish Tune from County Derry, and Sharon introduced it. "I'm Irish," she said, and then read the poignant words to the melody, better known as Danny Boy. I have seen Sharon conduct works of passion, like Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, but never have seen her pour her heart out more than she did with this haunting tune that speaks of the break-up of families in Ireland. Sharon really took ownership of the piece.

A special treat was in store with Aaron Copeland's Concerto for Clarinet, Strings, Piano and Harp, the latter two being stringed instruments even though they are classed as percussion. "I did not have a large battery of percussion to achieve jazzy effects," said Copeland, "so I used slapping basses and whacking harp sounds to simulate them."

The piece was commissioned by Benny Goodman, and as Sharon pointed out, it could have been written for Kelli O'Connor, our soloist with whom Sharon has played in festivals. Kelli took the stage in a long black one-sleeved gown that left her one arm completely bare and free. A long stripe of pale blue flowed from her sleeve in a cascade to her toe.

And blues we heard, and jazz. Afro-Cuban rhythms, and slippery clarinet cadenzas, fast and then faster. At the finale the conductor and the soloist turned to each other with delighted smiles, and Sharon stepped down from the podium to embrace her colleague.

The audience broke into applause and a standing ovation, and were rewarded by that rare virtuoso's gift, an encore. Kelli played, without orchestral backing, a piece that might have been Gershwin, or Benny Goodman himself, or something classical. It was all showy fingerwork, triple tonguing, and fireworks.

During Intermission, concert goers were talking about the new idea, to gather after the concert at the next-door Embassy Suites. Musicians and artists who had exhibited, and audience were all planning to go. Hop Morrison was spotted, and Dorothy Pemberton,

and the Symphony's good friend Berniece Mancebo Stumps, looking radiant and enthusiastic as ever. President Anthony, his family and fiancée Gloria were enjoying the program.

As we filed back for the big Tchaikovsky piece, Serenade for Strings, I noticed that one of the women seated in front of us was holding a little dog, a crossbreed mainly miniature poodle with her curly winter coat. The dog's name was Bentley, "like the car," her owner London said. She and friend Adriana are both friends of Conductor Sharon. It's a tradition one sees in Europe where well-mannered lap dogs accompany their humans to restaurants and concerts. But the sound is always like spinning music into silk.

Tchaikovsky's music rolled out, both dreamy and lively. The lingering, lilting main theme is repeated with variations, and interspersed by lively peasant dance music. But the sound is always like spinning music into silk.

The happy score in two major keys is unusual for Tchaikovsky, known for his Pathétique Symphony and the ballet Swan Lake. This was infused with the pleasure of being alive, like the art

show's title, "It's a Beautiful Life."

As always, Sharon stood among the orchestra and let them take the audience's applause, as if to say, "This is your symphony orchestra, Downey."

Instead of the ending with the last note played on stage, this night was different. A stream of concert goers, musicians and artists left the Theatre and walked down the steps from the plazas right into the Suites, for an after-concert social hour.

The attendance exceeded expectations. How delightful to see orchestra members, their violins in their cases and strapped to their backs, sharing a glass with each other. Yes, they rarely

let their instruments leave their side. But the cozy atmosphere of the Brickstone Bar's Lounge encouraged several to stand the cases in a corner with other instruments to make a lively impromptu sculpture.

Many also remarked that the Embassy Suites Lounge was warmer than the Theatre had been. The real warmth came from the pleasure musicians had mingling with others. The way to start up a conversation with a musician is to thank them for their performance. That makes them blossom. Camaraderie, as one remarked. That was the right word for an all-encompassing evening.

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The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2022

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thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/IPING HAN CHANG, OWNER

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) WILLIAM MARQUEZ, 25 ARGONNE AVE APT #10, LONG BEACH CA 90803, OWNER THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 5, 2022

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The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 1/1/1978

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/ANDRE LARON STEWART, OWNER THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES ON JANUARY 3, 2023 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 of the Business and Professions Code. 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.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022278579
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) RAMOS PARTY RENTALS, 16503 S PANNES AVE, COMPTON CA 90221, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) LUIS F RAMOS RODRIGUEZ, 16503 S PANNES AVE, COMPTON CA 90221 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/LUIS F RAMOS RODRIGUEZ, OWNER THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 28, 2022 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 of the Business and Professions Code. 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 Downey Patriot 1/12/23, 1/19/23, 1/26/23, 2/2/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022279861
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CLARA'S HOUSE KEEPING, 5705 HELIOTROPE, MAYWOOD CA 90270, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JESUS R CHIQUETE-BELTRAN, 5705 HELIOTROPE

AV. MAYWOOD CA 90270 (2) MARIA CLARA CHIQUETE, 5705 HELIOTROPE, MAYWOOD CA 90270

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

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

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). S/JESUS R CHIQUETE-BELTRAN, HUSBAND

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 29, 2022

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 of the Business and Professions Code. 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 Downey Patriot 1/12/23, 1/19/23, 1/26/23, 2/2/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2022270219
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALCANTARA RECYCLING, 18287 BONNIE LN, FONTANA CA 92335, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALBERTO ALCANTARA SANCHEZ, 18287 BONNIE LN, FONTANA CA 92335 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2022

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/ALBERTO ALCANTARA SANCHEZ, OWNER THIS STATEMENT WAS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF LOS ANGELES ON DECEMBER 15, 2022 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 of the Business and Professions Code. 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 Downey Patriot 1/26/23, 2/2/23, 2/9/23, 2/16/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023013655
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) SIMPLY CRAFTED MARKETS, 8528 5TH ST #D, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARTHA ISA AVENDANO, 8528 5TH ST #D, DOWNEY CA 90241 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2022

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).

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**

File Number 2023008037
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PRIMEBAM
PRODUCTS, 9527 GREENING AVE,
WHITTIER CA 90605, COUNTY OF LOS
ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FERNANDO CORNELIO MORQUECHO
JR., 9527 GREENING AVE, WHITTIER
CA 90605
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an
Individual
The date registrant started to transact
business under the fictitious business name
or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this
statement is true and correct. (A registrant
who declares as true any material matter
pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business
and Professions Code that the registrant
knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to exceed one
thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/FERNANDO CORNELIO MORQUECHO
JR., OWNER, FERNANDO CORQUECHO
JR.

This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 12, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision
(a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name
Statement generally expires at the end of
five years from the date on which it was
filed in the office of the County Clerk, except,
as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920,
where it expires 40 days after any change in
the facts set forth in the statement pursuant
to Section 17913 other than a change in the
residence address of a registered owner. A
new Fictitious Business Name Statement
must be filed before the expiration. Effective
January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business
Name Statement must be accompanied by
the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself
authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious
Business Name in violation of the rights of
another under Federal, State or Common
Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business
and Professions Code).

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1/26/23, 2/2/23, 2/9/23, 2/16/23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**

File Number 2023004989
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THE FINE
TOUCH MOBIE, 1430 S WHITE
AVE, POMONA CA 91766, COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CARLOS
ALBERTO MUÑOZ CABRERA, 1430 S
WHITE AVE, POMONA CA 91766
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an
Individual
The date registrant started to transact
business under the fictitious business name
or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this
statement is true and correct. (A registrant
who declares as true any material matter
pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business
and Professions Code that the registrant
knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to exceed one
thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/CARLOS ALBERTO MUÑOZ CABRERA,
OWNER

This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 9, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision
(a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name
Statement generally expires at the end of
five years from the date on which it was
filed in the office of the County Clerk, except,
as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920,
where it expires 40 days after any change in
the facts set forth in the statement pursuant
to Section 17913 other than a change in the
residence address of a registered owner. A
new Fictitious Business Name Statement
must be filed before the expiration. Effective
January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business
Name Statement must be accompanied by
the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself
authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious
Business Name in violation of the rights of
another under Federal, State or Common
Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business
and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot
1/12/23, 1/19/23, 1/26/23, 2/2/23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**

File Number 2023008813
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE)
DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) ALLSTATE
FINANCE, 240 N. VIRGIL AVE. #16A,
LOS ANGELES CA 90004, COUNTY OF
LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization
Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ATLAS
CAPITAL, INC., 240 N. VIRGIL AVENUE
16A, LOS ANGELES CA 90004
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a
Corporation
The date registrant started to transact
business under the fictitious business name
or names listed above: 01/2018
I declare that all the information in this
statement is true and correct. (A registrant
who declares as true any material matter
pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business
and Professions Code that the registrant
knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to exceed one
thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ATLAS CAPITAL, INC., PRESIDENT,
SOL SHOWER

This statement was filed with the County
Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 12, 2023
Notice - In accordance with Subdivision
(a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name
Statement generally expires at the end of
five years from the date on which it was
filed in the office of the County Clerk, except,
as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920,
where it expires 40 days after any change in
the facts set forth in the statement pursuant
to Section 17913 other than a change in the
residence address of a registered owner. A
new Fictitious Business Name Statement
must be filed before the expiration. Effective
January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business
Name Statement must be accompanied by
the affidavit of identity form.
The filing of this statement does not of itself
authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious
Business Name in violation of the rights of
another under Federal, State or Common
Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business
and Professions Code).

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1/19/23, 1/26/23, 2/2/23, 2/9/23

GOVERNMENT

**CITY OF DOWNEY
Notice of Funding Availability
(NOFA)**

**PY 2023-2024 Community
Development Block Grant
(CDBG) Program**

**APPLICATIONS DUE
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

The City of Downey is pleased to
announce the availability of
approximately \$148,522 in Community
Development Block Grant (CDBG)
funds for organizations that provide
public services to low- and moderate-
income residents during the 2023-2024
Program Year. Funding for this Notice
of Funding Availability (NOFA) is
made available pursuant to the Federal
Housing and Community Development
Act of 1974, as amended.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Applicants
must demonstrate the service to be
provided will principally benefit
persons of low- and moderate-income
(households earning less than 80% of
Area Median Income). Examples of
eligible services include, but are not
limited to, those concerned with
employment, crime prevention,
childcare, health, drug abuse,
education, welfare, or recreation.
Priority for funding will be given to
those applicants meeting one of the
Strategic Plan goals included in the
PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

HOW TO APPLY: Interested
Applicants will need to submit a
"Public Service" application which is
located at our website: www.downeyca.org/publicserviceapp. The deadline
for submitting applications is 5:00 PM
on Monday February 13, 2023. Any
applications received after this time
will not be accepted. Applicants are
encouraged to submit their applications
well in advance of this deadline to
ensure confirmation of receipt prior to
the deadline.

Should you have any questions regarding
this NOFA please contact Jessica J.
Flores, Economic Development and
Housing Manager at (562) 904-7152 or
jflores@downeyca.org.

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1/19/23, 1/26/23, 2/2/23, 2/9/23

**CITY OF DOWNEY
PUBLIC NOTICE OF
CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
LIMITATIONS & VOLUNTARY
EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR
DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL
ELECTIONS**

Notice is hereby given that in
accordance with Downey Ordinance
No. 20-1421, Section 2943(B)(1)(2); and,
Section 2945 (A)(1)(2), these are the
Campaign Contribution Limitations
and Voluntary Expenditure Limit
for candidates and their controlled
committees. The Voluntary Expenditure
Limit shall be automatically adjusted
annually following the November
2020 election based on the increase
or decrease in the Los Angeles-Long
Beach-Anaheim, All Urban Consumers,
Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the
prior twelve (12) month period ending
on August 31.

**CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
LIMITATIONS:**
For City Council elections in Districts 1
through 4, candidates or their controlled
committees may accept contributions of
up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)
from any single person in any single
election.

For City Council elections in District 5,
candidates or their controlled
committees may accept contributions of
up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)
from any single person in any single
election.

**VOLUNTARY EXPENDITURE
LIMIT:**

For City Council elections in Districts
1 through 4, no candidate or the
candidate's controlled committee who
voluntarily accepts the expenditure
limit shall make campaign
expenditures, including the expenditure
of loan proceeds, in excess of an
amount equal to forty-five thousand,
seven hundred dollars (\$45,700.00).

For City Council elections in District
5, no candidate or the candidate's
controlled committee who voluntarily
accepts the expenditure limit shall
make campaign expenditures,
including the expenditure of loan
proceeds, in excess of an amount equal
to seventy-four thousand, two hundred
dollars (\$74,200.00).

For additional information, please
contact the City Clerk's Office at (562)
904-7280.

M. Alicia Duarte, CMC
City Clerk

The Downey Patriot
1/26/23

LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with the provisions of the
California Uniform Commercial Code, there
being due and unpaid storage and other
charges related to the storage for which
DOMINGUEZ HILLS ESTATES is entitled
to a lien as Warehouse on the goods
hereinafter described, and due notice having
been given to the parties known to claim an
interest, and the time specified in such notice
for payment of such charges having expired,
notice is hereby given that these goods
will be sold at public auction at **19009 S
Laurel Park Road, Space 448, Dominguez
Hills, California 90220 on February 13,
2023 at 10:00 a.m.** The following is a brief
description of the property to be sold:
A 1980 Somerset Mobilehome, Decal

numbers(s) LAJ7900, Serial Number(s)
GW20CALSM5456A, GW20CALSM5456B,
HUD/Label/Insignia Number(s) 206812,
206813, 60 feet in length, 24 feet in width.

Purchase of the mobilehome and its contents
by any party will require its removal from
Dominguez Hills Estates

Name of Owner: Jose Barajas

Amount Due: \$6,228.84

Dated at Sunnyvale, California

January 20, 2023
By: JUDY C. TSAI
Attorney for Dominguez Hills Estates
710 Lakeway Drive, Suite 180
Sunnyvale, CA 94085
(408) 775-8848

The Downey Patriot
1/26/23, 2/2/23

NOTICES

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 22NWCP00506**
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner
DIEGO ANDRES DE LA CERDA filed a petition
with this court for a decree changing
names as follows:
Present name (1) DIEGO ANDRES DE
LA CERDA to Proposed name (1) DIEGO
ANDRES BUCIO DE LA CERDA
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons
interested in this matter appear before this
court at the hearing indicated below to show
cause, if any, why the petition for change of
name should not be granted. Any person
objecting to the name changes described
above must file a written objection that
includes the reasons for the objection at
least two court days before the matter is
scheduled to be heard and must appear at
the hearing to show cause why the petition
should not be granted. If no written objection
is timely filed, the court may grant the petition
without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MARCH 3, 2023, 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 29, 2022
Judge Margaret M. Bernal
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
**DIEGO ANDRES DE LA CERDA
9886 LYNDRORA ST
DOWNEY CA 90242
562-302-8901**

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1/5/23, 1/12/23, 1/19/23, 1/26/23

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00019**
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner
MAYRA LUCIA MACIAS AND OSCAR
OMAR ZUNIGA filed a petition with this
court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MAXIMILIANO MACIAS
ZUNIGA to Proposed name (1) OSCAR
KYLAN ZUNIGA

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons
interested in this matter appear before this
court at the hearing indicated below to show
cause, if any, why the petition for change of
name should not be granted. Any person
objecting to the name changes described
above must file a written objection that
includes the reasons for the objection at
least two court days before the matter is
scheduled to be heard and must appear at
the hearing to show cause why the petition
should not be granted. If no written objection
is timely filed, the court may grant the petition
without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MARCH 17, 2023, 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, THE
JANUARY 18, 2023**
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
**MAYRA LUCIA MACIAS
3815 EAST 52ND STREET
MAYWOOD, CA, 90270
(323) 378-0862
Maciasmayra7@gmail.com**

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00008**
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner MICHAEL BAER MANONGDO
filed a petition with this court for a decree
changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MICHAEL BAER
MANONGDO to Proposed name (1)
MICHAEL MANONGDO BAER
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.

Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
**MICHAEL BAER MANONGDO
10001 W FONTAGE RD SPC 19
SOUTH GATE CA 90280
(323) 687-8340
Michael_baer615@outlook.com**

The Downey Patriot
1/12/23, 1/19/23, 1/26/23, 2/2/23

PROBATE

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
WILLIE P. CEPE aka
WILFREDO P. CEPE
Case No. 23STPB00438**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
contingent creditors, and persons who may
otherwise be interested in the will or estate,
or both, of WILLIE P. CEPE aka WILFREDO
P. CEPE
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed
by Andrew P. Cepe in the Superior Court of
California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that
Andrew P. Cepe be appointed as personal
representative to administer the estate of
the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to
administer the estate under the Independent
Administration of Estates Act. (This authority
will allow the personal representative to
take many actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain very
important actions, however, the personal
representative will be required to give notice
to interested persons unless they have
waived notice or consented to the proposed
action.) The independent administration
authority will be granted unless an interested
person files an objection to the petition and
shows good cause why the court should not
grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held
on Feb. 21, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No.
79 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles,
CA 90012.

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

Other California statutes and legal authority
may affect your rights as a creditor. You
may want to consult with an attorney
knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the
court. If you are a person interested in the
estate, you may file with the court a Request
for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing
of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets
or of any petition or account as provided in
Probate Code section 1250. A Request for
Special Notice form is available from the
court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:
**JOHN DAVIES ESQ
SBN 140676
LAW OFFICES OF
JOHN DAVIES
11278 LOS ALAMITOS BLVD
STE 804
LOS ALAMITOS CA 90720
CN993437 CEPE Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 2023**

CN993437
The Downey Patriot
1/26/23, 2/2/23, 2/9/23

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
LOUISE G. SHAMMAS
aka LOUISE SHAMMAS
Case No. 23STPB00201**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
contingent creditors, and persons who may
otherwise be interested in the will or estate,
or both, of LOUISE G. SHAMMAS aka
LOUISE SHAMMAS
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been
filed by Jacqueline K. Shammias in the
Superior Court of California, County of LOS
ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that
Jacqueline K. Shammias be appointed as
personal representative to administer the
estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to
administer the estate under the Independent
Administration of Estates Act. (This authority
will allow the personal representative to
take many actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain very
important actions, however, the personal
representative will be required to give notice
to interested persons unless they have
waived notice or consented to the proposed
action.) The independent administration
authority will be granted unless an interested
person files an objection to the petition and
shows good cause why the court should not
grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held
on Feb. 14, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No.
44 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles,
CA 90012.

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

Other California statutes and legal authority
may affect your rights as a creditor. You
may want to consult with an attorney
knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the
court. If you are a person interested in the
estate, you may file with the court a Request
for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing
of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets
or of any petition or account as provided in
Probate Code section 1250. A Request for
Special Notice form is available from the
court clerk.

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**SUMMONS
(Civil Harassment Restraining Order)**
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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CONDADO DE LOS ANGELES
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PASADENA, CA 91101
CASE NUMBER: 22PDRO01319**

*If ordered by a judge to use this form,
complete items 1 and 2 only.
Si un juez le ha ordenado llenar este
formulario, llene solo los puntos 1 y 2.*

1. Person asking for protection:
La persona que solicita protección
HOLLY SMITH

2. NOTICE TO (name of person to be
restrained): AVISO A (nombre de la
persona a ser restringida):
HECTOR MEZA

**The person in 1 is asking for a Civil
Harassment Restraining Order against
you.**
La persona en 1 está pidiendo una orden
de restricción de acoso civil contra usted.

The court will complete the rest of this form
El tribunal llenará el resto de este formulario

You have a court date
Tiene una audiencia en la corte

Date Fecha: JANUARY 25, 2023
Time Hora: 8:30am
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Name and address of court, if different from
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your life in other ways, including preventing
you from having guns and ammunition. If
you do not go to your court date, the judge
could grant everything that the person in 1
asked the judge to order.

**¿Qué pasa si no voy a mi cita en la
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una orden de restricción que limita su
contacto con la persona en 1. Una orden
de restricción en su contra puede tener
otras consecuencias, como prohibirle tener
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la persona en 1.

**How do I find out what the person in 1
is asking for?**
To find out what the person in 1 is asking
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at the top of the page 1. Ask the court clerk
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request for restraining order will be on form
CH-100, Request for Civil Harassment
Restraining Order.

**¿Cómo puedo entender lo que pide la
persona en 1?**
Para entender lo que pide la persona en
1, vaya al tribunal en la dirección indicada
en la parte superior de la página 1. Pida al
secretario de la corte permiso para ver el
expediente de su caso. Tendrá que darle
al secretario el número de su caso, que
aparece arriba y en la página 1. La solicitud
de una orden de restricción se hace en el
formulario CH-100. Solicitud de orden de
restricción de acoso civil.

Where can I get help?
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local court's self-help center. Go to www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp to find your local
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¿Dónde puedo

Monterey Park police chief defends delay in notifying public of mass shooter

MONTEREY PARK - The police chief in the California city where 20 people were shot - 11 fatally - at a ballroom dance hall defended his decision not to warn the public for hours that a killer was on the loose, saying Wednesday he didn't have enough information to effectively alert residents.

Monterey Park Chief Scott Wiese said police in the region were alerted and it didn't make sense to send out a warning at night to residents in the predominantly Asian American city even after learning the suspect may have targeted a nearby dance club after the massacre.

"I'm not going to send my officers door to door waking people up and telling them that we're looking for a male Asian in Monterey Park," Wiese told The Associated Press. "It's not going to do us any good."

The shooting at Star Ballroom Dance Studio at 10:22 p.m. Saturday occurred just an hour or so after tens of thousands of people attended Lunar New Year festivities in the city. The public wasn't notified of the mass shooting for five hours, raising questions about why an alert wasn't sent to people in the area.

Huu Can Tran, 72, who was said to frequent the dance hall and fancied himself as an instructor, carried out the shooting with a submachine gun-style semi-automatic weapon with large capacity magazine, authorities said.

Tran fled in a white van before officers arrived at the scene of chaotic carnage and about 20 minutes later he entered another dance hall in nearby Alhambra, where an employee confronted and disarmed him during a brief struggle.

Chris Grollnek, an active shooter expert, said police never should have waited so long to warn the public about the possible threat posed by a gunman at large. The city had access to an automated alert system and even putting out a little information would have been better than nothing.

"They should have gotten the word out sooner," Grollnek said. "I think everybody's lucky he didn't make it to a third location."

Wiese, who had been sworn in as chief two days before Saturday's shooting, said he quickly learned about the second incident at the Lai Lai Ballroom but it wasn't immediately clear the two were connected.

Patrol officers in Monterey Park and Alhambra traded details of their two incidents, prompting investigators to look into a potential connection, Wiese said.

"We put that together pretty quickly but we still had very limited information," he said.

Wiese said they were piecing together information from some 40



witnesses - many of whom didn't speak English - and didn't want to broadcast incorrect information. He said that notifying other local, state and federal agencies gave them the ability to get the word out.

A sheriff's official confirmed the fatalities to the AP shortly before 2:36 a.m. Sunday but it wasn't until roughly an hour later - some five hours after the shooting - that law enforcement first mentioned a suspect was at-large.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna said his department's decision to release information was "strategic" but promised a review of the timeline.

"When we started putting out public information, the priority was to get this person into custody," Luna said Monday. His department, which is handling the investigation, hasn't released information about the shooting since Monday.

The first news conference about the shooting was held Sunday morning by a sheriff's captain. Several hours later, Tran was found dead in his van from a self-inflicted gunshot, authorities said. A handgun was found in the vehicle.

The slayings during what should have been joyful Lunar New Year celebrations sent ripples of fear through Asian American communities that were already dealing with increased hatred and violence directed at them.

Less than 48 hours later, a gunman in Northern California shot eight fellow farmworkers - killing seven - at mushroom farms in Half Moon Bay. The shooter was of Chinese descent and most of the victims were Asian.

Outside the locked gates of Star Dance Studio, a popular venue for older Asian Americans, a memorial grew higher Wednesday with mounds of bouquets and balloons.

Sabine Slome, who works as a pharmaceutical representative in the city, wept after paying her respects and leaving behind flowers.

"I just pray that we will learn from this," she said. "It's just heartbreaking. How many more shootings?"

Hearts were scribbled in pink and red chalk in the parking lot where the first victim was killed in her car.

"Monterey Park I hope you know how loved you are," a message read.

Large photos of seven of the victims were propped up and framed by white roses. Flowers framed names of the other four dead.

"This is the place where we go out to eat," said Ryan Yamada, who was with his 74-year-old mother. "We can't just pretend this is some other person's problem."

Vice President Kamala Harris visited the memorial in the dance studio parking lot on Wednesday, pausing as she passed by each of the large, rose-framed photos and names of the victims. She placed a large bouquet of yellow and white flowers alongside scores of others.

Speaking briefly to reporters, Harris relayed sentiments on behalf of President Joe Biden and called for stricter gun control laws.

"Tragically we keep saying the same things," Harris said. "Congress must act."

"Can they do something? Yes. Should they do something? Yes. Will they do something? That is where we all must speak up," Harris said.

Pope Francis was among those offering condolences, saying in a message to the Los Angeles archbishop that he "implores the divine gifts of healing and

consolation upon the injured and bereaved."

Wiese said he's seen a lot during his three decade career, but some of the first officers on the scene were rookies who had never faced such carnage and the trauma will be hard to forget.

Paramedics were loading the wounded into ambulances and treating others inside when the chief arrived. There were bodies every 10 feet: some slumped over tables, others sprawled on the dance floor.

"It's hard to put words to it," he said. "It takes your breath away when you see it. And it kind of burns the image into your brain."

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Warren senior guard Rodrigo Garcia goes up for a lay-up against a Bellflower player Wednesday. Warren defeated Bellflower at Warren, 76-42. (Photo by Mia Hattery)

POET'S CORNER

Little Owl (Athene noctua)

It's not what we see, but what sees us
Makes us who we are.
Do you remember years ago on Spetses,
Under the evening star,
As the surf rolled and rolled on its glass dowel
We strolled along the sea road
And spied a little owl
Less a bird
Than a small clay jar
balanced implausibly on an olive branch,
A drab still vessel attuned to whatever stirred,
near or far:
Hedgehog shuffling among windfall of figs,
Gecko, mouse.
Then she swiveled the orbit of her gaze upon us
Like the Cyclops eye-beam of a lighthouse.

A. E. Stalling, Like, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2018

As the poem moves towards the end, the watcher becomes the watched. To be seen is to realize that your perspective is folded within a larger one. The world is larger than we had thought. Stallings grew up in Decatur, Georgia, and in 1999 moved with her family to Athens, Greece. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

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Existing Home Sales 4.7 million -23.8% Year-Over-Year	Median Sales Price \$384,800 +8.4% Year-Over-Year	Market Outlook Although existing home sales declined, tight inventory led to an increase in the median sales price.
New Single Family Homes Volatile lumber prices have added \$14,345 to the average price.	New Home Starts 1.4 million -7.7% Year-Over-Year	Market Outlook New home starts are still below the rate that homes were built prior to the pandemic. The projected number of single-family housing unit starts in 2023 is estimated to be over 1.2 million.
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