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RECALLED

Catherine Alvarez removed from office in landslide Downey election

■ Approximately 90% of ballots cast were in favor of recalling Catherine Alvarez. Her last day in office is Feb. 10.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - In Downey's first recall election in city history, Councilwoman Catherine Alvarez was successfully ousted from office by the voters of District 3.

Early results from the Los Angeles County Registrar's office showed Alvarez overwhelmingly behind in the polls, with over 2,900 (over 90%) votes for her removal.

At the time of writing, Alvarez had only mustered 318 votes in favor of her retention.

Election results will still need to be certified by the county to be official, currently scheduled to happen on Feb. 10. Alvarez will then be immediately removed from office.

Alvarez did not respond to a Downey Patriot email asking for comment, however appeared to concede her defeat in a statement Tuesday evening, pinning blame against "Downey landlords" as she has for the last several months.

"Tonight, I was recalled because I stood up against the Downey landlords," she wrote. "They have been getting more aggressive about evicting tenants. And now, they got their wish to evict the only tenant on the Downey City Council. They want zero representation for working class families."

Alvarez's statement was first reported by the Press Telegram.

Despite her claims, proponents of the recall maintained throughout their campaign that they sought to recall Alvarez because they felt she had "deceived Downey voters" when she ran for office in 2020 by not disclosing her prior criminal history.

"This recall was about fairness and accountability," they said in a statement sent to the Patriot Tuesday evening. "Voters deserve to know if a candidate has been arrested, and in this case, Catherine Alvarez had numerous arrests that she hid from voters. She never would have been elected had District 3 residents known of her prior arrests."

"Even after taking office, Alvarez showed no inclination of a desire to change. She was cited by Code Enforcement after her son was found living on the floor of a utility room closet in her apartment building. Alvarez also voted against a Code of Ethics for the city council and said the American flag 'brings



Catherine Alvarez speaks at a Havana Nights concert in Downey in 2021. (City of Downey photo)

her pain.'

"Supporters of the recall included former Mayors Rick Rodriguez, Mario A. Guerra, Alex Saab, and current mayor Claudia Frometa. The recall was organized and driven entirely by District 3 residents.

"This week's election marks a significant day for Downey. It's a turning point for our community, the start of restoring character and decency to the city council. Residents may not always agree on policies and ideas, but we stand united in agreement that our elected representatives should be honest, trustworthy and have Downey's best interest at heart."

Mayor Claudia Frometa said it was "a new day for our city."

"The message from D-3 residents is loud and clear, character counts in this community," she said in a statement to the Patriot. "You cannot lie, steal and defraud your way onto a position of leadership, not in Downey. Ethics and transparency matter."

"Thank you District 3 residents for taking back our Downey. A special thank you to the recall team and all those who worked tirelessly to restore our city."

Rodriguez, whom Alvarez replaced after he opted not to run for reelection for reasons of health, called it "a great day for Downey."

"The voters have spoken, and she's out of office. That's a great



Catherine Alvarez protests outside the home of a Whittier councilmember in 2020. (Photo by Eric Pierce)

thing," said Rodriguez. "It was a lot of work. We are very fortunate that our residents, you know, they stood up and they took charge. They took charge of the idea of recalling somebody that is not fit for office, and they did it."

Voter turnout was relatively low.

According to the county

registrar's online results page, only 3,225 (just under 19%) of eligible voters cast their ballots. Of those who voted, a vast majority (2,656, or 82%) did so early via vote by mail.

Alvarez's recall does come at significant cost to the city.

Tuesday's election cost the city \$571,000. With Alvarez's successful

recall, the city will spend another \$571,000 for a special election, likely to take place in November, according to a city staff report presented to the city council in October last year. Per the city's charter, the city will not be able to appoint an interim council member in the meantime.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday	73°	
Saturday	73°	
Sunday	66°	

ON THIS DAY

1848: The United States and Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican War. The treaty granted the U.S. 525,000 square miles of previous Mexican land (now Arizona, California, western Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah).

1887: The first Groundhog Day was held, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

1912: Frederick Rodman Law performed what was considered the first motion-picture stunt, parachuting from the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor.

1943: The Battle of Stalingrad in World War II ended with the surrender of German troops to the Soviets.

1971: Idi Amin declared himself president of Uganda and for the next eight years headed a regime that was noted for its brutality.

1979: Sid Vicious of the Sex Pistols, early proponents of British punk rock, died of a drug overdose in New York City.

1980: The FBI's undercover criminal investigation known as Abscam was revealed to the public; it resulted in the convictions of various elected officials on an assortment of bribery and corruption charges.

1990: South African President F.W. de Klerk lifted the 30-year ban on the African National Congress, resulting in the release from prison of Nelson Mandela and marking the beginning of the end of apartheid.

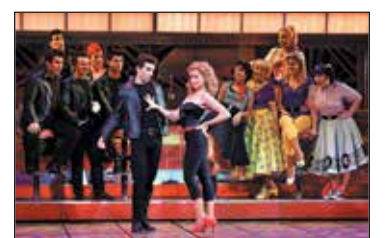
2004: Swiss tennis player Roger Federer became the No. 1 ranked men's singles player, a position he would hold for a record 237 weeks.

2014: Actor Philip Seymour Hoffman died of a heroin overdose in New York City.

Birthdays

Reality TV star **Duane Chapman** (70), supermodel **Christie Brinkley** (69), pop singer **Shakira** (46), Spanish soccer player **Gerard Piqué** (36) and actress **Julia Fox** (33).

THINGS TO DO



Grease

All Weekend
La Mirada Theater for the Performing Arts

After a whirlwind summer romance, leather-clad greaser Danny and girl-next-door Sandy are unexpectedly reunited when she transfers to Rydell High for senior year. But can they survive the trials and tribulations of teenage life and find true love?

Who is Timothy Horn?

■ He's 60, retired and unmarried with no children. We don't know much else about Downey's newest council member.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - In a surprising move, the Downey city council last week selected fringe candidate Timothy Horn to fill the vacant District 1 seat until voters can select their next representative in November.

Not much was known about



Councilman Timothy Horn

Horn when he was chosen by the city council on a 4-0 vote. He was sworn in Thursday.

In an interview with the Downey Patriot, Horn, 60, says he has lived in Downey for 50 years since the age of 10. He attended high school at Pius X (now St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy). He is unmarried, with no children.

After a 30-year career as a tax specialist, Horn says he entered an "early retirement."

He says he began to get involved with the community back in the 80's.

"We used to have a VITA program, Volunteer Income Tax [Assistance], where you assist people who cannot file their

returns," said Horn. "I got my training; I was going to college at the time. And then from there, I took on the central role - which includes Long Beach, Lakewood, parts of Orange County all the way up to Huntington Beach, and some of the cities just north here, Pico Rivera and Santa Fe Springs - and I became almost like the director on a public basis; not paid, it's a community service."

He says he also helped with canned food drives and elderly assistance, before his career took him away from his volunteer work.

Horn wouldn't return to

community service until 2021 when he was appointed to the Public Works Committee by then Mayor Pro Tem Blanca Pacheco.

"I got back into the city trying to do whatever I can," said Horn.

Now sitting in her former seat, Horn says he's looking for a "higher standard."

"Sometimes I'm harsh...I want to see improvements," said Horn. "I'm looking for better things than we're doing now."

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Horn is Downey's new swing vote

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At his interview with the City Council, Horn focused specifically on issues of public safety and parking.

"There are a lot of areas where parking is the problem," said Horn.

On public safety and crime, Horn says he's trying to "think ahead."

"When it happens, then it's too late," said Horn. "If I can put lighting, or a crosswalk, or figure a way that someone doesn't get hurt crossing the street, I want to do it now, and give a possibility that that person does not get hit, even killed."

Horn enters at an extremely

critical time for the city, with several department heads - including longtime City Manager Gilbert Livas - having left over the last year. He will now be included in the discussions around and ultimate hiring of a new city manager, which he says is the "key issue" and shouldn't "be taken lightly."

"When you get internal people leaving at the high levels - the mid manager and the top manager, and then the employees - it's like cutting the head off," said Horn. "Who do I follow? Is something wrong? Everybody's bailing ship. Is it the city council, are they the problem? Because we have no leadership."

"I'm coming in late, but I'm really taking a hard clash at the city

manager."

Horn acknowledged he is a "swing vote" on the current council.

"I know there's some politics going on. Nobody knows me; I'm not a political figure," said Horn. "I'm going to do what I think is right, my constituents think is right, and for the city at large."

At this time, it is up in the air if Horn will run for the seat come the election later this year.

"I'm using this as an apprenticeship right now," said Horn. "Tell me what the problems are, let's see if I can work it out."



Ben Dickow speaks at an event marking the 20th anniversary of the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

Space center honors fallen astronauts on disaster anniversary

■ It's been 20 years since the loss of the Columbia shuttle and its seven crew members.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - On the 37th anniversary of the Challenger Space Shuttle tragedy, the Columbia Memorial Space Center on Saturday commemorated the astronauts lost in the Apollo 1, Challenger, and Columbia tragedies.

The CMSC has commemorated the anniversaries of the Apollo capsule and shuttle losses every year. Downey's space museum serves as the national memorial to the Columbia disaster, which cost the lives of seven astronauts 20 years ago.

"Space travel, it's a risk that we as a society are willing to take, but risks always come with some sort of downside to it," said Ben Dickow, Executive Director of the CMSC. "It's amazing to me when we commemorate these three crews, all the astronauts, that despite all that, we have still decided this is worth pushing and taking the risk and investigating these things, because it's progressing us as a human species. So, we want to acknowledge that; that's kind of what today brings home for us."

The day-long celebration included a guest speaker, new exhibits, special activities, and the premier of a new play.

Guest Speaker Tina Castillo was an intern at Downey's Rockwell plant at the time of the first shuttle



Tina Castillo investigated the Columbia accident. She spoke Saturday at the Columbia Memorial Space Center in Downey. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

launch in 1981. She would be part of the AlphaSTAR team who would investigate the Columbia accident.

"It was a grieving experience, because the shuttle was family to me," said Castillo. "I worked on Columbia. I worked on the Challenger. I was out in Palmdale helping with the actual vehicle installations for the (thermal) tiles and doing the stress analysis for both. So, to have something like that happen was devastating to me; it was like losing a family member."

Castillo said there was "no hesitation" when she was asked to be part of the forensics team.

"When you have a tragedy like that, you want to know what happens; you want to solve it, you

want to understand it, and you want to make sure that it doesn't happen again," said Castillo. "Remember, we still had more flights to go; we didn't want them to be at risk."

Now so many years later, Castillo suggested it's important to remember the tragic events in order to be more informed in the future.

"Whatever we can learn from what happened to us makes us better at making those decisions in the future, whether it be engineering, leadership, or execution," said Castillo. "This is one of the things that we want to do, is help the incoming generation learn from this."

Downey Theatre presents:

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February 10th- 8:00pm
The Downey Theatre presents: Mariachi Rock Revolution

February 11th- 7:00pm
Varsity Vocals presents: 2023 ICCA West Quarterfinal

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CRIME REPORT

On Jan. 20 at 2:20 am, officers were dispatched to the area of Imperial Hwy. and Columbia Way regarding a traffic collision with injuries. Upon officers' arrival they determined it was a single-car traffic collision which collided into a light pole. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle sustained injuries. The driver was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment. The Traffic Unit is investigating.

On Jan. 20 at 9:15 pm, officers were dispatched to Home Depot, 7121 Firestone Blvd regarding a robbery. The suspect entered Home Depot and selected various tools. The suspect then exited the store without paying. When confronted by Loss Prevention Officers, the suspect assaulted them. The suspect then fled the scene. The Detective Bureau is investigating.

On Jan. 20, at 9:45 pm, officers were dispatched to 8201 2nd St regarding a disturbance. The victims were standing around their vehicle when the suspects arrived. A verbal altercation ensued and the suspects pointed a firearm at the victims. The suspects then fled the location. Officers located the suspect's vehicle and the suspects were arrested. A loaded firearm was located in the vehicle.

On Jan. 21, at 4:05 am, officers were dispatched to the Downey Inn, 11510 Lakewood Blvd regarding an assault. A male was observed assaulting a female. Officers checked the hotel and located a male matching the description. The male was cooperative and gave officers permission to check his hotel room. Officers found the victim who sustained injuries. The victim was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment. The suspect was arrested and the Detective Bureau responded to continue the investigation.

On Jan. 23 at 7:50 am, officers located a vehicle wanted for carjacking in the area of Bellflower Blvd. and the 105 Freeway. The suspects fled from officers but were located nearby. Both suspects were arrested. A firearm was located in the suspect's vehicle.

On Jan. 27 at 9:40 pm, officers responded to the area of 12500 Brookshire Ave. regarding a robbery. The suspect demanded the victim's purse and threatened to shoot her if she did not comply. Detectives are investigating.

On Jan. 28 at 11:10 am, officers responded to a burglary alarm in the area of 12700 Bellflower Blvd. When officers arrived, they observed the suspect in a vehicle to the rear of the location. During the investigation, narcotics and a loaded firearm were found in the suspect's possession. The suspect was arrested.

On Jan. 28 at 11:10 am, officers responded to the Bank of America at 8201 2nd St. regarding a person tampering with the ATM. Officers located the person and later found a card skimming device on the ATM. The suspect was arrested.

Gas Co. debuts hydrogen home in Downey

■ The model home is powered by clean, renewable hydrogen and is being called a model for future home-building.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY - The Southern California Gas Company unveiled their [H2]IE Innovation Experience ([H2]IE) in Downey on Monday, the first of its kind in North America.

The [H2]IE centers around a state-of-the-art microgrid which powers a 2,000 square-foot home with clean, renewable hydrogen made from solar electricity on-site. It is located at the SoCalGas Energy Resource Center.

In a news release, SoCal Gas CEO Scott Drury said the project "demonstrates how the gas and electric grids - working together - can help California reach net-zero emissions more quickly, affordably, and reliably."

Addressing Monday's crowd, he said attendees should be "proud."

"On New Year's Eve in 1849, a group of people gathered to see Thomas Edison demonstrate his electric lightbulb. People came together because they were excited to see an energy innovation that would change the future," said Drury. "This excited group of people here in California, and in Downey, is going to witness some energy innovation today."

In attendance to help celebrate So Cal Gas's achievement was California Lieutenant Governor Eleni Koumalakis.

"This hydrogen innovation experience brings together several cutting-edge clean energy technologies - solar power, battery storage, and green hydrogen - all in one place," said Koumalakis. "This demonstrates an energy future that is clean, reliable, and carbon free. We can see it - not just talk about it, but see it - right in front of us



today."

Also on hand for the unveiling were local government officials, including Senator Bob Archuleta, Assemblywoman Blanca Pacheco, and Councilman Hector Sosa.

Archuleta said California would "set the pace."

"Hydrogen is on its way," said Archuleta. "We will be feeding hydrogen throughout the nation one day, but we're going to start here in California, and I will tell you this, The Gas Company is definitely leading the way."

During her remarks, Pacheco made her first official public announcement of Assembly Bill 324.

"Following a process similar to California's renewable portfolio standard, the goal is to jumpstart production to decarbonize the existing natural gas system, and

lower the cost of the fuel for a potential dedicated hydrogen system in the future," said Pacheco.

"Diversifying the utilities renewable procurement portfolios to include hydrogen reduces risks, improves California's chances of reaching its ambitious carbon-neutrality goals, increases competition between decarbonization pathways, and provides Californians access to a decarbonization pathway that many

expect to provide lower, long-term costs."

Sosa said the city was "honored to host" the [H2]IE, and was "looking forward to a brighter future."

"We're really proud that SoCal Gas chose the city of Downey to host this, the first hydrogen home of its kind," said Sosa.

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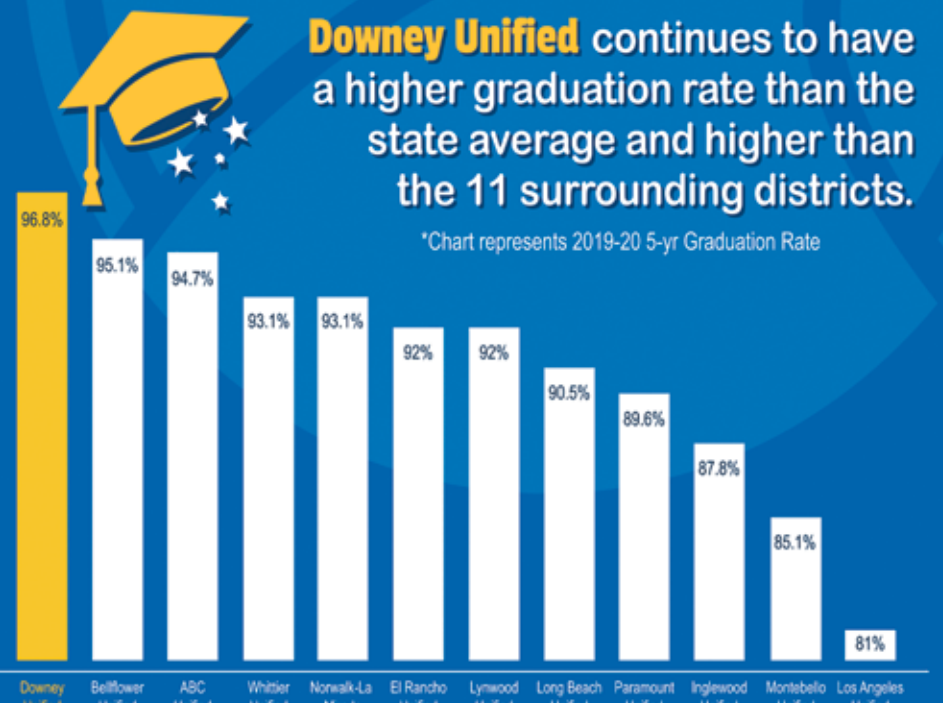
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*According to U.S. News & World Report



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Farmer John slaughterhouse in Vernon closing this month

Animal rights advocates says pigs were tortured at the facility; about 2,000 workers are being laid off.

By David Weiner
City News Service

VERNON – The Farmer John slaughterhouse in Vernon is slated to close for good in a matter of days, leaving about 2,000 workers with uncertain futures -- but animal rights activists are saying good riddance to a facility they say tortures and kills thousands of animals every day.

Smithfield, in June 2022, announced plans to close the slaughterhouse, citing the rising costs of doing business in California. Company officials said they were providing transition assistance to employees at the plant -- which until 2019 made the iconic Dodger Dogs sold at Dodger Stadium -- including "relocation options" to other Smithfield facilities and farms.

"We are grateful to our team members in the Western region for their dedication and invaluable contributions to our mission. We are committed to providing financial and other transition assistance to employees impacted by this difficult decision," Smithfield Chief Operating Officer Brady Stewart said in June.

A Smithfield representative told City News Service on Wednesday that while the plant's final day has not yet been determined, "we anticipate wrapping up operations before the middle of February."

"We have offered transition assistance to all Vernon team

members and are meeting individually with those who have expressed interest in employment at other Smithfield locations," the company's statement added.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn has also pledged to assist workers who will be displaced after the plant closes. The Board of Supervisors approved a motion in June aimed at ensuring workers are provided with placement and other assistance.

John Grant, president of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 770, which represents union meat-packers at the plant, said at the time he hoped another operator takes over the operation. A union spokeswoman told CNS there are roughly 1,500 UFCW workers at the plant, with other workers represented by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Future plans for the site are currently unclear.

Meanwhile, animal rights activists are holding the last in a series of regular vigils outside the plant to call attention to the plight of the thousands of pigs trucked there every day. There have been vigils each day this week at 3049 E. Vernon Ave., with the final one planned as an all-night event from 7 p.m. Thursday until 7 a.m. Friday, "or until the last pig arrives," according to organizers.

The vigils have taken place for years, organized by L.A. Animal Save and the Animal Alliance Network, with a small number of activists holding candles and providing water to animals crammed tightly into the back of trucks on their way into the plant.

Actor Joaquin Phoenix, a vegan and animal rights activist, has been a frequent participant, and even attended a vigil the night he won a Screen Actors Guild award for best actor in 2020 for 2019's "Joker."

"The closure of the Farmer John slaughterhouse is only the end of a chapter in a book that is still being written, a book in which we continue to advocate for the liberation of all animals who suffer in these oppressive systems," Phoenix said in a statement this week from the set of that film's sequel, "Joker: Folie à Deux," according to PlantBasedNews.org.

"I am thankful to L.A. Animal Save and everyone in this community who has shown these animals the only kindness and respect they have ever known," he continued. "You have taken the pain of bearing witness, and turned it into effective, peaceful, diplomatic advocacy for animals. Although it saddens me that I can't be there at this time, it's been my privilege to stand alongside these activists, and it's our duty to continue this fight."

Animal rights groups say baby pigs are raised in cramped conditions until they are loaded onto trucks bound for the slaughterhouse.

"They are packed into trucks with over a hundred of them piled together, often without room to move freely," according to the Animal Alliance Network's website. "These pigs are usually raised in warehouses without windows and the first time they see the light is when they are loaded onto these trucks."

More extreme activists with the group Direct Action Everywhere have occasionally entered the plant or attempted to shut down its operations in recent years. Dozens of DXE activists were arrested

in 2020, with some chaining themselves to slaughter machinery.

More recently, DXE posted video last month shot by activist Raven Deerbrook, who claims she sneaked into the slaughterhouse with a fake uniform and badge to capture the plant's "stunning" procedures, in which pigs are lowered into a chamber filled with carbon dioxide before they're placed onto a conveyor belt to be hung up and butchered.

Deerbrook says she witnessed pigs suffering extreme pain and terror and screaming in anguish for nearly a minute before appearing to lose consciousness.

Smithfield spokesperson Ray Atkinson told CNS that "the American Veterinary Medical Association, the World Organisation for Animal Health, and many other authorities on animal health recognize carbon dioxide stunning as a humane method for food animals. Carbon dioxide stunning quickly renders hogs into a state of analgesia."

"We asked a third-party animal welfare expert to review and provide observations on the video footage. Their observation: While there is a period of time during initial carbon dioxide exposure when pigs may feel discomfort and demonstrate aversive behaviors, this time is brief. The majority of the footage shows the pigs in an unconscious state and insensible to pain and movements are involuntary, not a response to the animals' perception of the CO2. These types of involuntary movements occur with most other stunning/euthanasia methods as well," Atkinson said.

The activists behind this week's vigils were hoping to rescue at least one pig from the plant, and started a "Save The Last Pig" campaign on social media.

Bicyclist killed in hit-and-run

DOWNEY – A male bicyclist was killed when he was struck by a vehicle whose driver failed to stop, authorities said Monday.

The crash occurred about 10:40 p.m. on Telegraph Road around Pico Vista Road, Downey police Sgt. T. McCarthy told City News Service.

The bicyclist was pronounced dead at the scene, McCarthy said.

Telegraph Road was shut down between Pico Vista Road and the San Gabriel River (605) Freeway for the investigation, he said.

News video from the scene showed the bicyclist's body under a yellow tarp as officers investigated the crash in steady rain.

Weather may have been a factor in the crash, McCarthy said.

Multiple area Walmarts evacuated after threats

SANTA FE SPRINGS – A trio of Los Angeles County Walmarts have been the subject of reported armed intruders over the last 24 hours, including one Sunday in Santa Fe Springs that was evacuated as a result.

Whittier police responded to reports of a man with a gun and surrounded a Walmart in Santa Fe Springs around 1:30 p.m. at 13310 Telegraph Road, according to the department. Walmart employees evacuated store patrons as police swarmed the front door.

Additional resources from the L.A. County Sheriff's Department and La Habra Police Department were called in. Around 2:15 p.m., officers cleared the store of the potential threat, police said.

This was the third Walmart in the last 24 hours to have received a threat of an armed intruder, police said.

Saturday night in Rosemead, LASD deputies responded to a report of an armed intruder at 1827 Walnut Grove Ave., north of the Pomona (60) Freeway in South San Gabriel. That report proved to be unfounded.

Around noon that day, sheriff's deputies swarmed the Walmart at 8500 Washington Blvd., west of the Rosemead (19) Freeway, on reports of a gunman. That report was also unfounded.

Both reports came in the midst of multiple mass shootings dating to the beginning of the year.

Arc Walk returns March 25 with live event

DOWNEY – The Arc Walk for Independence is returning with an in-person event Saturday, March 25, at Stonewood Center.

Now in its 27th year, the walk raises money for The Arc - Los Angeles & Orange Counties, a facility that provides jobs and services to people with intellectual disabilities.

Arc Walk participants can choose from a 1 or 3-mile route to walk or run.

Sponsorship opportunities are available starting at \$500. For details, contact Emilio Sosa at esososa@thearcloac.org or call (562) 855-3481.

Derby racing at Stonewood

DOWNEY – The Greater L.A. Scout Pio Pico District is hosting pushcart derby racing Saturday, Feb. 11, at Stonewood Center.

The public is invited to attend and test drive a pushcart and learn about the scouting program.

Racing is from 8 am to 1:30 pm. For more details, contact Mary Gaither at mgait30724@aol.com.

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Live comedy at Stay Gallery

DOWNEY – Stay Gallery is hosting a night of live comedy Saturday, Feb. 18, starting at 8 pm.

The show is produced by Downey native and comedian Alex Caron, and hosted by Mason Le Compte.

Comedians previously featured at The Comedy Store, Laugh Factory and The Improv are scheduled to perform.

Tickets are \$10 if purchased online at staygallery.org/comedy and \$15 at the door.

Cerritos theater surpasses \$3.1M in ticket sales

CERRITOS – Ticket sales for the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) 2022-23 season have reached \$3.1 million at the half season mark.

This number equates to approximately 37,500 seats sold and exceeds ticket sales projections for the 2022-23 season.

Last year at this time, ticket sales for the 2021-22 season were at approximately \$1.8 million.

Included in the 2022-23 season are more than 40 performances of shows featuring Dave Koz, Jay Leno, Chicago, The Jacksons, Lea Salonga and more. The Chicago show is sold out.

"We are thrilled with the success of the theater this season," remarked Cerritos Mayor Chuong Vo. "The CCPA is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, and an exciting 2023-2024 season is currently being planned."

In Memory of

Debbie Powell (Minnich)

Debbie Powell (Minnich), 69, passed away Saturday January 21st at her home in Downey, CA with members of her family next to her. Debbie was born in 1953 in Pennsylvania and moved to Downey with her parents and sister when she was very young and lived in Downey for most of her life.

Debbie graduated from Downey High School in 1971 and went on to earn an AA Degree in Business-Accounting from what was then called Cerritos Junior College. She worked at "the Broadway" department store in Stonewood Center, where she started to date her future husband, John, who was a co-worker. They had met previously at the Moravian Church of Downey where they were both long-time members. They were married in 1974 and had two children, Eric and Alyson.

Debbie had worked at Thrifty Oil Company, also known as Golden Springs Development Company, for 45 years before she retired. Debbie and John liked road trips, hiking, bicycling, kayaking, and visited many national parks, as well as train trips with their children to see relatives and parts of the United States better seen from the ground rather than by air. They also went on many cruises, to places like Alaska, Canada and Mexico.

Debbie is survived by her husband John and their two children, Eric and Alyson, as well as her brother and sister and two grandchildren.

Services for Debbie will be on February 9th at 10 AM at Miller Mies Mortuary in Downey, followed by burial at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier.

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DeSantis is wrong about Black studies

By Mark Whitaker

Mark Whitaker is a journalist and the author of "Saying It Loud: 1966 – The Year Black Power Challenged the Civil Rights Movement," which will be published on Feb. 7.

In the latest salvo in his war on "wokeness," Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has announced support for a statewide ban on a new Advanced Placement class on African American studies that will be officially unveiled this week at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. In defending the ban, DeSantis (R) and his allies at Florida's Department of Education relied on a draft framework for the curriculum, and cherry-picked from roughly a hundred proposed topics to object to a handful of buzzwords, including "reparations" and "intersectionality," as well as Black feminism and Black queer activism. "We want education, not indoctrination," DeSantis declared.

DeSantis's attack on this new high school curriculum is an extension of a bill he signed into state law last year called the Stop Wrongs to Our Kids and Employees Act. This provocatively entitled "Stop WOKE" Act prohibits Florida schools from teaching history in any way that generalizes about what members of one racial group have done to members of another racial group in the past. "No one should be instructed to feel as if they are not equal or shamed because of their race," DeSantis said at that signing, turning language that once might have applied to minorities on its head to signal to today's White students and their parents that they shouldn't be made to feel bad about anything their ancestors did to Black people.

Although DeSantis and his allies have insisted that they are not against teaching "the history of African Americans," their rhetoric suggests that they are hostile to the idea of treating Black studies as a separate field of study, and that they believe it serves only to turn impressionable young people of different backgrounds against one another. "These dangerous concepts seek to divide Americans, rather than unite them," said Richard Corcoran, Florida's commissioner of education, when the Stop WOKE Act was passed.

Yet, as I discovered in reporting a book about the pivotal year in Black history that was 1966, when the push for Black studies began at what is now San Francisco State University, the original advocates of this idea had something very different in mind. At the time, their focus was on encouraging Black people themselves to understand and celebrate their role in the American story — and thus to feel a greater stake in American citizenry at a time of intense racial turmoil. If the AP curriculum that has grown out of that movement seems more designed to tell that story than to reassure White students, that's no accident. But teenagers of all races can benefit from the wider understanding of our history that Black studies have helped foster.

In addition to the dawn of Black studies, 1966 saw an extraordinary flowering of "Black consciousness" on other fronts. Firebrand Stokely Carmichael displaced future congressman John Lewis as chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and popularized the slogan "Black Power!" Huey Newton and Bobby Seale formed the Black Panther Party for Self-Defense in Oakland, Calif., with its trademark berets and leather jackets. Afros and dashikis sprouted, and the first Kwanzaa was

celebrated.

But, at a deeper level, the Black Power movement was just the latest manifestation of a "nationalist" strain in African American history that stretched back for more than a century, to the days of Marcus Garvey and before. The key difference was that Garvey and previous nationalist leaders believed that the only answer to the miserable condition of Black people in America was to seek a separate homeland elsewhere. By contrast, the Black Power generation embraced the idea of a new culture that would allow Black people to feel a greater sense of pride and heritage while staying put in the United States.

Malcolm X, who remained a hero to Black Power leaders even after his assassination in 1965, was the foremost proponent of this philosophy. Born Malcolm Little, he was the son of Garvey followers who traveled the country during his early childhood spreading the idea of a Black exodus to a new home in Africa or the Caribbean. But Malcolm himself came to believe that nationalism was a psychological, not a geographical, condition.

After Malcolm was killed, the Black Beat poet LeRoi Jones moved from Greenwich Village to Harlem, founded the Black Arts Movement, changed his name to Amiri Baraka, and was then invited to San Francisco to help pioneer that first Black studies curriculum. In an influential essay, Baraka credited Malcolm with the idea that no matter where they were, "Black People are a race, a culture, a Nation ... Our land is where we live."

In the winter of 1966, a Black Texas native named Jimmy Garrett enrolled in what was then San Francisco State College. Already 23, Garrett had been a Freedom Rider and a fundraiser for SNCC in Los Angeles, where he sought support from Hollywood liberals such as Jane Fonda, Marlon Brando and Elizabeth Taylor. Now, he was determined to win a bet with a fellow SNCC organizer that he could form a Black student union on a predominantly White campus. When he circulated a manifesto entitled "Justification for Black Studies," Garrett recalled, it was at first a bid to foster "collective consciousness" among a tiny Black student population that at the time was balkanized between jocks, wonks, and fraternity and sorority types.

With the rise of Black Power in 1966 also came a White political backlash that helped elect Ronald Reagan governor of California and propelled a rightward swing in midterm voting that set the stage for Richard M. Nixon's presidential run two years later. As that backlash grew uglier, Eugene Genovese, a well-known White scholar of American slavery, predicted that the study of Black history would provide a refuge for Black people on campus who might otherwise turn to violence, answering calls to armed revolution from the likes of Eldridge Cleaver of the Black Panthers. "We may expect to arrive, therefore, at a new view of Afro-American history, whatever the political outcome of the present turmoil," Genovese wrote in a prominent academic journal.

A half-century later, most states have accepted the value of teaching some African American history, and Florida's constitution even requires it. So why the attack on this AP course? DeSantis told reporters that it was because the proposed curriculum promotes a far-left "agenda" without presenting opposing views. A quick scan of the draft framework shows otherwise. On its last page, the

framework recommends 25 books and texts that have achieved a "strong consensus" among educators as essential to the African American studies canon, including such classics as "The Souls of Black Folk" by W.E.B. Du Bois and Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Letter From a Birmingham Jail."

But the top 25 list also includes a 1926 essay called "The Negro Art Hokum" by George Schuyler, a longtime conservative columnist for the Pittsburgh Courier, a widely read Black newspaper, blasting the idea that African American art was different from any other kind of art as "self-evident foolishness." Why did the scores of eminent scholars and veteran teachers involved in vetting the AP course recommend Schuyler's essay, which reads as decidedly un-woke today? Clearly, they wanted to expose students to different points of view and stimulate classroom debate.

Among the contemporary Black scholars singled out as unacceptable by the Florida critics was Leslie Kay Jones, a Rutgers University sociologist who has argued that Black people provide vast amounts of free content to Twitter and Facebook without reflecting on the role those platforms might play in perpetuating a white supremacist "superstructure." Reached for comment by the Associated Press, Jones said she assumed that any good high school teacher would use her writing as a jumping off point to encourage students "to come to their own conclusions through an evaluation of primary and secondary texts." As Jones put it, "Is Ron DeSantis claiming that Florida students are unable to formulate their own opinions?"

A skeptic would say that DeSantis actually doesn't care about the educational arguments and is simply grandstanding to get attention and support for an expected presidential run. But far more than transitory politics is at stake. In America, teaching history in high school has long been seen as having not just an educational but a deeper civic purpose. DeSantis seems to be playing to his political base by harking back to a day when that meant offering students a one-size-fits-all, uplifting national story dominated by the noble deeds of great White men. But as far back as the 1960s, members of the Black Power generation announced they were no longer accepting that sanitized narrative, and since then they have been joined by millions of young women and members of other ethnic and LGBTQ communities.

In today's world, preserving a sense of shared American identity requires allowing young people to understand our history in all its complexity. If Florida officials were wise, they would realize that means helping students of all backgrounds see themselves in our past, so they can better envision themselves in our future.

A tale of two presidents

Dear Editor:

The first and only thing that came to mind after I read Martha Morrissy's letter about Trump and Biden and the classified documents is that I don't ever want her on a jury deciding my fate. ("Don't Compare Trump to Biden," Letters to the Editor, 1/26/23)

She has a right to her opinions, even if they're nothing but rehashed material she's heard on Fox News.

The only thing she got right is Donald Trump's name. There wasn't one other thing that approached truth or reality and that reflected the enclosed bubble she lives in. Many of us get a wider spectrum of news so we are better positioned to assess and evaluate what comes our way. That's the least I would expect in a juror.

There's no way Ms. Morrissy could perform such a taxing duty that obviously involves listening, thinking, evaluating, reaching a conclusion based on the factual material presented. She doesn't recognize facts and can't separate fact from fiction. She's what the propagandist looks for. That's fine and good. She's just not suited to sit on a jury.

Muriel Schuerman Downey

Dear Editor:

I agree, please do not compare Trump or Biden, or even former VP Mike Pence's recent classified document discovery.

First, I must point out numerous inaccuracies in Ms. Morrissy's version of events. She writes, "The National Archives requested some of the documents returned to them and asked Trump to secure the others with a new padlock." This is not true by any means. By law, presidents and vice presidents must return government documents to the National Archives when they leave office.

Ms. Morrissy's claim that a President has the authority to declassify documents is partly true with Executive Privilege. But the different levels of classification still require rules and procedures requiring agencies or departments to do their assessments including redaction.

It was President Biden's personal lawyer (not a whistleblower) who first discovered the documents and notified the DOJ and National Archives the same day they were found, and they were returned the next day. The National Archives was not even aware the documents were missing. This was not the case with former President Trump's possession of classified documents; the National Archives were aware of the classified documents being taken to Mar-a-Lago. They requested their return for close to 18 months, with Trump continuing to obstruct, claiming the documents were his to keep, this ending with the FBI search warrant.

In reference to Ms. Morrissy's darkness and light between President Biden and former President Trump. I believe former President Trump incited the darkest day in American history on January 6, 2020. That day he attacked our Capitol and lives were lost and changed forever.

Joanne Gallo Downey

Dear Editor:

It is obvious Ms. Morrissy regards former President Donald Trump as an absolute study in brilliance.

Now, if the guy is so brilliant, how come he doesn't understand the fact that he lost the election? His denial has gone on so long, and with such certitude, the possibility exists that he lacks the ability to interpret facts properly, or indeed, fully realize exactly what a fact is.

Incidentally, if Joe Biden and Donald Trump were up for an election one month from now, I don't think it would even be close, Biden would win in a landslide.

Fortunately, the majority of people in this country have brains.

Jack Russell Downey

How ideological foes united on ideas for the Constitution

By Jeffrey Rosen and Sal Khan

Jeffrey Rosen is president and CEO of the National Constitution Center. Sal Khan is CEO of Khan Academy. They are creating a free online course focused on the Constitution and its history.

Political polarization, the conventional wisdom goes, has made our Constitution unamendable. The supermajorities required to propose and ratify constitutional amendments — two-thirds in both houses of Congress plus three-fourths of the states — are now unobtainable. As a result, as Jill Lepore reported in the New Yorker, the United States has one of the lowest amendment rates in the world.

And yet, there might be more agreement on constitutional change than meets the eye.

That's the surprising lesson that emerged from a virtual convention of conservative, progressive and libertarian legal scholars organized by the National Constitution Center.

It began when we convened three teams of well-known law professors — conservative, libertarian and progressive — to draft new constitutions from scratch. All three teams converged around basic reforms, including the need to strengthen congressional oversight of the president and to increase Congress's control over federal spending and regulations.

Encouraged by this consensus, the three teams gathered together for a Zoom convention in August to see if they could agree on specific amendments to the existing Constitution.

And after a week of dialogue, deliberation and compromise, the ideologically diverse delegates agreed on proposals for five pathbreaking amendments:

The 28th Amendment would eliminate the natural-born

citizenship requirement for the presidency. If the amendment passed, Henry Kissinger and Arnold Schwarzenegger could run for president.

The 29th Amendment would allow for legislative vetoes of executive and regulatory actions. All three teams shared concerns about an imperial presidency and a runaway administrative state, typically a conservative and libertarian bugaboo. And they all found a solution in resurrecting the legislative veto, which allows Congress to negate executive actions by majority vote. Congress exercised this power from 1932 until the Supreme Court struck it down in 1983, a decision that the delegates' amendment would overrule.

The 30th Amendment would seek to avoid partisan impeachments while making it easier to remove dangerous presidents. It would reform the presidential impeachment process by replacing "Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors" as cause for impeachment with "serious criminal acts, or for serious abuse of the public trust." In other words, not all crimes would be impeachable and not all impeachable conduct would be criminal. And while the current Constitution requires a majority of the House to impeach and two-thirds of the Senate to convict, the amendment would change both thresholds to three-fifths, making it harder to impeach but easier to convict.

The 31st Amendment would set 18-year term limits for Supreme Court justices, with staggered terms allowing for a vacancy every two years. Thus each president would get to appoint two Supreme Court justices per four-year term, regularizing and de-politicizing the Supreme Court confirmation process. It would also require the Senate to vote on all nominees. (In other words, no ignoring Merrick Garland.) If a sitting justice died or left the court, the president would nominate a successor to fill out the end of that term.

The 32nd Amendment would make proposing and ratifying future amendments a little easier. Congress could propose amendments by a three-fifths vote of both Houses (down from two-thirds), and amendments would become law when ratified by two-thirds of the states (down from three-fourths). The delegates also added an alternative, population-based amendment track, so that small states couldn't block overwhelming majorities from changing the Constitution. On this other track, states representing two-thirds of the national population could force Congress to propose amendments, and states representing three-fourths of the population could call a Constitutional Convention themselves. And all proposed amendments would go into effect if ratified by states representing three-fourths of the population.

What unites all five amendments is a focus on the structures of government rather than individual rights. By preventing all power from being concentrated in one place, all are designed to ensure that each of the three branches can check the others or that all three branches are ultimately responsible to the people.

Watching the delegates deliberate so thoughtfully felt like watching modern-day founders. And sustaining the whole project was the spirit of compromise. No delegates got their ideal solutions, but they did get solutions that were better than the status quo. Their training in constitutional history and law was key to helping the delegates focus on long-term consequences rather than immediate partisan advantage.

The delegates to the virtual convention hope to present their five amendments to Congress and start the process of building the support necessary to ratify them. Whether or not they succeed, they have already shown us there is more that unites Americans when it comes to the Constitution than our broken political system suggests.

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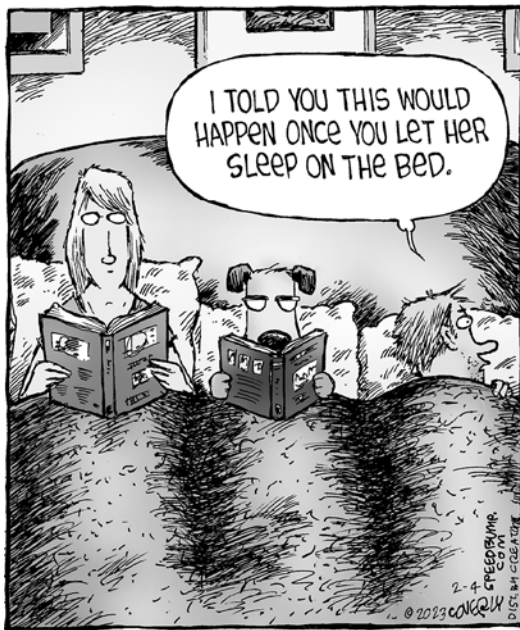
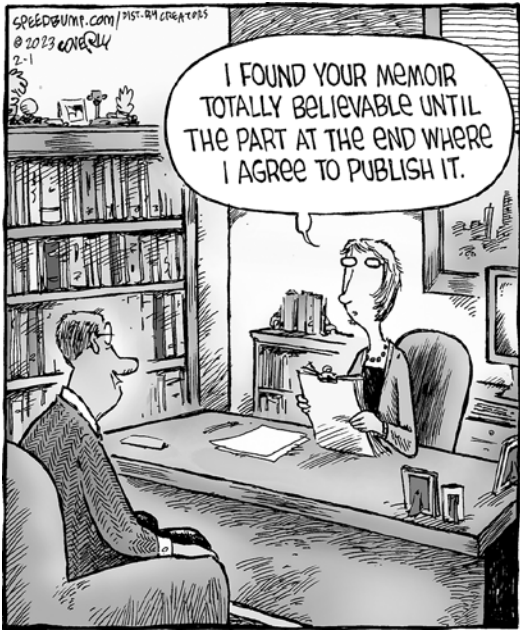
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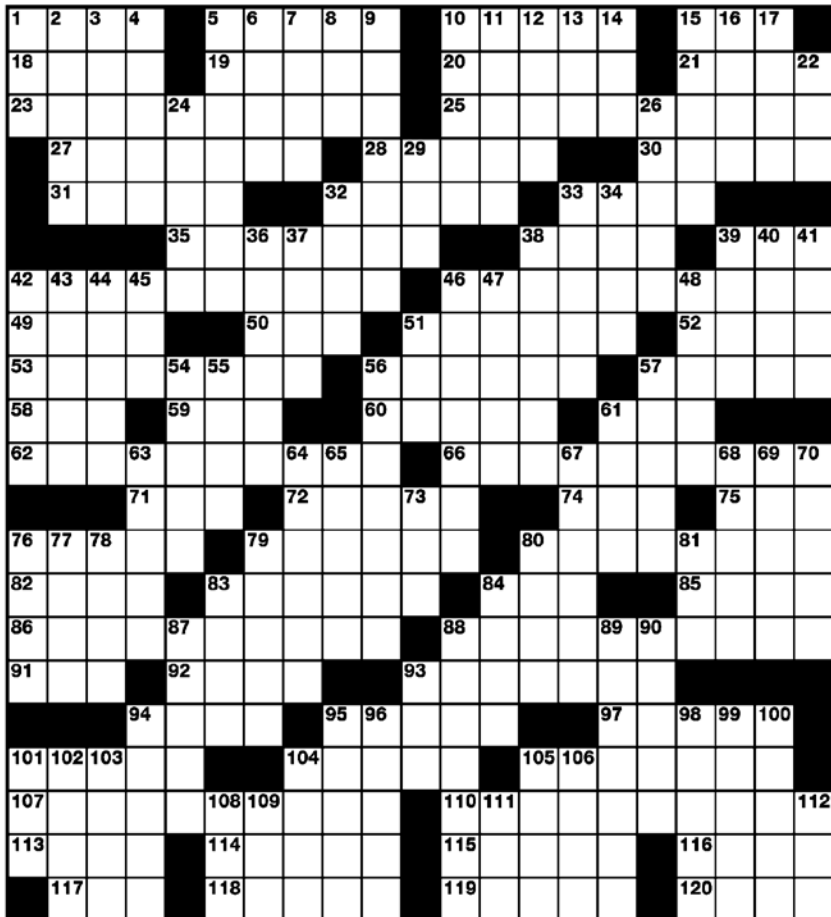
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Mariachi Rock Revolution bringing unique sound to Downey



■ Mariacho Rock combines traditional mariachi with modern rock and electronics. They will play the Downey Theatre on Feb. 10.

DOWNEY – The Downey Theatre’s 2022-23 season continues February 10, when the Mariachi Rock Revolution dazzles and delights Downey with their own unique take on the art form.

A spectacle of sight and sound, Mariachi Rock Revolution features a

metal-fueled and mariachi-infused combo of traditional mariachi and modern rock and electronica.

Song selections include “metallized” mariachi standards plus covers of well-known metal/rock hits, woven together into a show rife with dark imagery, Mexican folklore, and stunning lighting and visual effects.

Created by Austin, Texas Latinx rocker/electric violinist Haydn Vitera, the 8-member band plays both traditional mariachi

instruments, such as the trumpet and vihuela, and more modern instruments, such as the electric violin, delivered in the context of a modern metal band.

The group eschews traditional mariachi attire-the traje de

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charo-and decorate their faces in traditional Mexican sugar skull face paint, adding to their intense and dramatic performance.

Mariachi Rock Revolution perform sold-out shows; recently they’ve collaborated with rock violinists and vocalists on a

signature version of Ozzy Osborn and Lita Ford’s “Close My Eyes Forever.”

Tickets are \$55.00 and are on sale now at the Theatre box office (562) 861-8211 or www.DowneyTheatre.org

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Friday, February 10, 2023

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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BEYOND INFINTIL**, 5150 CANDLEWOOD ST, 19F LAKEWOOD CA 90717, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 5928 GREENTOP ST, LAKEWOOD CA 90173

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ROBERTO ERIC BARRERA GARAY, 5928 GREENTOP ST, LAKEWOOD CA 90713

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 12/2018

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/ROBERTO ERIC BARRERA GARAY, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 24, 2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023013850

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **C.B.E. ROOFING CO.**, 5716 PICKERING AVE, WHITTIER CA 90601, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) VIRGINIA A EGBAKKEN, 5716 PICKERING AVE, WHITTIER CA 90601

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/1980

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/VIRGINIA A EGBAKKEN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 19, 2023

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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 #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARTHA ISA AVENDANO, 8528 5TH ST #D, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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/MARTHA ISA AVENDANO, OWNER

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The Downey Patriot
1/26/23, 2/2/23, 2/9/23, 2/16/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023004093

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **THE GATHERING CAFE**, 4203 MONTAIR AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90808, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) KEO CHARITIES, 4203 MONTAIR AVE, LONG BEACH CA 90808

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

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

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

S/KEO CHARITIES, CEO, SAMONE KEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 6, 2023

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023004989

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **THE FINE TOUCH MOBILE DETAIL**, 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 MUNOZ 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

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023019498

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **3-MATTRESS GALLERY**, 901 E 61ST ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90001, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GUADALUPE CERVANTES, 901 E 61ST ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90001

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 11/2022

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/GUADALUPE CERVANTES, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 26, 2023

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2/2/23, 2/9/23, 2/16/23, 2/23/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023008025

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **LG METAL FINISHING**, 8226 SORENSEN AVE, UNIT C, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GABRIEL ALVAREZ, 8226 SORENSEN AVE, UNIT C, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670

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

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

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

S/GABRIEL ALVAREZ, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 12, 2023

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The Downey Patriot
1/26/23, 2/2/23, 2/9/23, 2/16/23

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2023016841

FILE NO: 2019100545 DATE FILED: APRIL 16, 2019

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): HOMESTYLE DONUTS

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 11425 TELEGRAPH RD, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA, 90670

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANDY TEE CHAO, 317 S ORANGE AVE, MONTEREY PARK CA 91755

If Corporation or LLC - Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A

Business was conducted by: an Individual

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

S/ANDY TEE CHAO, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on JANUARY 24, 2023

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022275152

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **MARQUEZ TRUCKING DELIVERY AND SERVICE**, 25 ARGONNE AVE APT #10, LONG BEACH CA 90803, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) WILLIAM MARQUEZ, 25 ARGONNE AVE APT#10, LONG BEACH CA 90803

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/WILLIAM MARQUEZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 21, 2022

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023018376

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **ABOGADOS DISPONIBLES**, 13428 DEMPSTER AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ALDANA MARKETING INC, 13428 DEMPSTER AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

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

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S/ALDANA MARKETING INC, PRESIDENT, RONALD VICENTE ALDANA ALMAZAN

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 25, 2023

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023005356

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **JOYA SERVICES**, 3618 MILKYWAY CT, PALMDALE CA 93550, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JUAN JOSE JOYA MORAN, 3618 MILKYWAY CT, PALMDALE CA 93550

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2023

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S/JUAN JOSE JOYA MORAN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 10, 2023

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2022277815

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **ATONCE PLUMBING**, 6104 E OLYMPIC BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA 90022, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDUAR JOSUE RAMOS GUINAC, 6104 E OLYMPIC BLVD, LOS ANGELES CA 90022

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/EDUAR JOSUE RAMOS GUINAC, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on DECEMBER 27, 2022

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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 #0N: 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 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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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
PLN-22-00147

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All interested parties are invited to submit written comments and/or to attend and give testimony. The agenda and staff report, which provides a detailed description and analysis of this project, will be posted to the City Boards and Commission Meetings page of the City's website (<http://www.downeyca.org>) on the Friday prior to the public hearing.

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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-22-00147

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 15th day of February, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Downey City Hall, 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, California. At that time and place, consideration will be given to the following:

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As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorically Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guideline Section No. 15301 (Class 1, Existing Facilities).

NOTE: STATE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65009 NOTICE: If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Division at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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

For more information contact Associate Planner Irving Anaya, at 562-904-7154 or at ianaya@downeyca.org.

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LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT

This public notice reflects a Postponement of the referenced RFQ.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) #19DEC22PM HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LUSD) hereafter the "District" is postponing the Request for Qualification for Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) equipment and Indoor/Outdoor Lighting Systems (LS).

Phone calls for information concerning this RFQ will not be accepted. The Mandatory Job Walk for Tuesday, February 7, 2023 is also postponed until further notice.

Lynwood Unified School District (LUSD)
11321 Bullis Rd, Lynwood, CA 90262

*****It is improper for any potential respondent to contact any Board Member or employee of LUSD other than the Purchasing Department during the solicitation process, related to this RFQ.*****

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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 Funding Manager at (562) 904-7152 or iflores@downeyca.org.

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LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Lynwood Unified School District (LUSD) is inviting all interested licensed contractors to submit information for inclusion on (LUSD) list of pre-qualified Informal Bidders for Public and Maintenance Works Projects. Contractors are required to provide: 1.) Company name; 2.) Contact name; 3.) Mailing address; 4.)

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Department: C, Room: 312
 The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD, NORWALK CA 90650
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **DOWNEY PATRIOT**
 JANUARY 09, 2023
 JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
MICHAEL BAER MANONGDO
 10001 W FRONTAGE RD SPC 19
 SOUTH GATE CA 90280
 (323) 687-8340
 Michael_baer615@outlook.com

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23CHCP00027
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MIA CHUNG filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name (1) MIA CHUNG to Proposed name (1) MI YONG PAE
 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 30, 2023, Time: 8:30 a.m., Department: F51, Room: N/A
 The address of the court is 9425 PENFIELD AVENUE, ROOM 1200 CHATSWORTH, CA 91311
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **THE DOWNEY PATRIOT**
 JANUARY 26, 2023
 DAVID B. GELFOUND
 Judge of the Superior Court
 Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
MIA CHUNG
 26654 BEECHER LANE
 STEVENSON RANCH CA 91381
 (213) 507-0189
 mcca@ymail.com

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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

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. Shammas in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
 THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jacqueline K. Shammas 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

Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for petitioner:
DANIEL J WILSON ESQ
SBN 106487
WILSON & WILSON
 8141 E 2ND STREET STE 501
 DOWNEY CA 90241
 CN993415 SHAMMAS Jan 26, Feb 2, 9, 2023

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TRUSTEE SALES
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 22-30786-BA-CA Title No. 2232863 A.P.N. 6283-012-004 ATTENTION RECORDER: THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO AN ATTACHED SUMMARY IS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTOR ONLY PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE SECTION 2923.3 NOTE: THERE IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION IN THIS DOCUMENT ATTACHED YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 09/26/2011. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, (cashier's check(s) must be made payable to National Default Servicing Corporation), drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state; will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made in an "as is" condition, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding

title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Linda J Hester Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 10/19/2011 as Instrument No. 20111415042 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 03/09/2023 at 9:00 AM Place of Sale: Doubletree Hotel Los Angeles-Norwalk, Vineyard Ballroom, 13111 Sycamore Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$74,028.63 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 12120 Cornuta Ave, Downey, CA 90242-3103 A.P.N.: 6283-012-004 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2) and (c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgage, beneficiary, trustee, or a court,

pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 22-30786-BA-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-30786-BA-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. *Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 01/26/2023 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1465 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 800-280-2832; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative A-FN4772543 02/02/2023, 02/09/2023, 02/16/2023

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PMA boys basketball extends win streak to 34 games

■ It's a remarkable turnaround for St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy, which was 7-29 just three years ago.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

DOWNEY - With a 33-game league winning streak, a CIF-Southern Section Division 3AA No. 1 ranking and a third consecutive league title, the St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy (PMA) Boys basketball team is on a massive roll.

That roll continued Monday (January 30) over visiting Paraclete with a resounding 95-72 Camino Real League win on senior night.

With the win, the Warriors improved to 23-4 and 9-0 in league. Paraclete, ranked first in CIF Division 3 A, falls to 22-4 and 5-2. This is also PMA's first year in the Camino Real League, after competing in the Santa Fe League.

Behind all of the accolades is fifth-year coach Donte Archie.

"It's been a good thing (the streak) for us, building the program and the guys are buying in and working hard," Donte said of the 34-game league winning streak.

Actually, it was a rough beginning for Archie in his first year in 2018-19, as PMA was 7-29 overall and only 1-9 in league.

But that all changed drastically the next year in what has to be one of the biggest turn arounds in local high school basketball history.

The next season the Warriors won a CIF championship and advanced to the Southern California Regional finals, finishing at 29-7.

In Donte's next four seasons to date, they have an 81-21 overall record.

This year's team, which didn't have one player on that 2019 championship, has one big goal to accomplish - a CIF-SS and state title.

That all stems from a 51-46 semifinal loss last year to Bishop Diego in the CIF-SS D 3A playoffs.

After accomplishing the goal of league champions, that (semifinal loss in '22) was on the players' minds as they get ready for the playoffs. PMA concluded the Camino Real League schedule with a 76-61 win over Bishop Amat Wednesday night to complete a trifecta - three perfect undefeated league seasons at 10-0.

Riley led all scorers with 45 points, while Langford added 12.

"We came in after that semifinal loss and had a week to talk it

over and get back into it for state playoffs," 6-6 junior guard Tyrone Riley said. "After state we worked hard for this year and want to go after a championship and for sure are going after it now."

Riley, who scored 23 points (6-11 FT, 1 3-pointer) in the game against Paraclete, is ranked No. 49 in the ESPN 2024 top 60 ranking. He also has multiple NCAA DI offers.

"Coming into this game we told our seniors the we weren't going to lose this game," said Riley, who averages 24.5 points per game (53% from the field), 10 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 2.3 steals. "We came out laser focused and were talking it out during the school day."

Leading all scorers in the game was center Douglas Langford with 24 points (2-4 FT), which included two big dunks. Langford, who is 6-8, is shooting 53% from field this season with 15 points per game average, 11.4 rebounds, 2.1 blocks and 1.3 steals.

"For the team, it's very important (with me under the basket) and our other big is not here right now, because he lost his father and he is back in New York.

"Every time I step on the court, I do it for him (Edmari Binion)."

Langford, who is only a sophomore, had great things to say about Archie.

"He pushed me, he believed in me when I have my down days," he said. "I love playing for him. I believe he's a division I coach. I'm just grateful he gave me the opportunity to play basketball at this high school."

Also in double figures for the Warriors was junior guard Tylon Williams with 11 points (1 3-pointer). Sophomore guard Saul Anaya added nine points, which were all three pointers, along with sophomore guard Tariq Bridges with eight points. Bridges is

averaging 10.1 points per game.

Three players added four points each for the Warriors - Emmanuel Gillam, Shaun Fonoimoana and the loudest cheer went up for guard Andrew Rivas. Darrin Poland, Jr. added a basket.

"Andrew, we call him the money man," Langford said. "He's our leader, he's our captain and it was exciting to see him score and we wanted him to go for 10 points. It means a lot for us that we can cherish."

Leading the way for Paraclete was senior forward Donovan Ware with 20 points (4 3-pointers), followed by junior guard Mister Burnside with 15 (3 3-pointers). Also in double figures was junior guard DJ Phillips with 10. Titus Morris and Devon Marshall had nine and eight points, respectively.

Archie reflected for a minute in a nearly empty gym after the game, then added, "Like I told my team, it's great that we're doing this and having a good record, but if we don't win it all, it will be all be for nothing," he said. "This group has put in long days and long nights and I love it here.

"It's a great group with good grades and they all get a taste of what it's like in college. It's a great atmosphere here. It's a great school, great environment, and it's a blessing. I know, at the end of the day, the spot I was supposed to be at was here and it's been great ever since."

Paraclete, which forced PMA into an overtime game in their last outing before losing by two points, 71-69, came out energized in the game on Monday and matched the Warriors point-for-point in the early going. The Spirit even had a brief lead, 14-11 on a 3-pointer by Ware with 3:31 left in the opening quarter.

However, that was it for the Spirit, as they were outscored, 13-5, in the last 3:20 seconds of the

opening quarter, which included a 3-pointer at the buzzer by Williams which put the senior night crowd into a frenzy. The Warriors led 24-19 after one period.

On an 11-2 run from late in the first to early in the second quarter, Langford scored eight points in the second quarter, which was highlighted by a thundering dunk with 3:31 left in the half for the 15-point, 40-25 lead. Riley and Williams scored six each in the quarter for the Warriors.

PMA led at the half, 47-30.

Paraclete began the third quarter with a 9-2 run to dwindle the lead down to 10 points, 49-39. But PMA answered with their own 12-2 run, which was highlighted by two 3-pointers by Anaya and another highlight dunk by Langford and they led, 61-41, with three minutes left in the third. Late in the quarter, Riley and Anaya scored consecutive 3-pointers to continue the scoring assault.

"I started off slow at first, then I had to keep shooting and shooting until I hit at least one (3-pointer), then I get hot," said Anaya, who shoots 36% from beyond the arc. "I want to thank my teammates for getting me the ball and trusting me to take those kinds of shots."

With subs coming in for both

teams in the final quarter, the Warriors had their biggest lead of the game at 30 points on a short jumper by Fonoimoana with 4:30 left.

Rivas, who was one of the two seniors honored before the game, excited the crowd and the Warriors bench with a short jumper and

a driving layup with less than a minute left in the game.

Now that the regular season has ended, the team will await the release of the playoff brackets, which will be announced on the CIF-SS website Sunday (Feb. 5) at noon.

POET'S CORNER

In Praise of Craziess, Of a Certain Kind

On cold evenings
my grandmother,
with ownership of half her mind-
the other half having flown back to Bohemia-
spread newspapers over the porch floor
so, she said, the garden ants could crawl beneath,
as under a blanket, and keep warm,
and what shall I wish for, for myself,
but, being so struck by the lightning of years,
to be like her with what is left, that loving.

Mary Oliver. *New and Selected Poems: Volume Two*, Beacon Press, 2007

The occasion of the poem is the speaker's grandmother's dementia. But the poems' focus is a kind of universal love. What ties the two together is the craziness of loving, the emotion that makes us human. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

What's Ahead for the Housing Market

Although experts believe that the market will shift to being more favorable for buyers, mortgage rates and inflation are impacting many Americans' decisions to buy or sell a home. But there is good news. For those who want to buy a home, there is less competition. And because inventory is still tight, sellers will still be able to sell their homes if priced right.

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.
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