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# CHAMPS! PMA wins second CIF title in four years

■ Tyrone Riley scores 33 points to lead St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy past La Serna.

By John M. Sherrard  
Contributor

**ONTARIO** — For the second time in four years, the St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy (PMA) High School Boys Basketball team has captured the CIF Championship.

This year's title was in dominating fashion, as the Warriors defeated La Serna, 79-48 in the Division 3 AA title game at Colony High Saturday (February 25).

In addition, the Warriors advanced to CIF State and won in a first round game Tuesday (Feb. 28) over visiting Westchester, 70-62.

St. Pius X-St Matthias played a CIF-State second-round game at Orange Lutheran (21-11) Thursday (March 2) but results were not available at press time.

Last season, the Warriors (30-4) lost to Bishop Diego in the CIF semifinals in Division 3A and were determined to go a step further this year.

"It was amazing to win and win as a family and as a group," PMA junior guard Tyrone Riley said. "That was our goal and now we have one more goal (to win state).

"It's a different environment than this (CIF-SS), but I think we're all ready. We're young and we have championship game experience under our belt now, so I think we're ready."

Ready they were, as they raced out to a 20-10 first-quarter lead over La Serna (27-6) in the CIF D 3AA title game. Riley led the Warriors with eight first-quarter points.

After one of his layups, Riley looked toward his home crowd, which nearly filled one side of the gym and gave a fist pump.

"I feed off of the crowds' energy during the game. That's just what I need," Riley said.

Leading the way for the Warriors was Riley with a game-high 33 points, followed by Langford with 16 and Tylon Williams with nine points.

Sophomore guard Tyriq Bridges had six points.

"When we won Section 7 (summer tournament), that brought us closer and that's where we grew as a team," said Langford, who is from Belize. "State was a goal, and this was one step closer to our goal.

"Our coach told us that me and Tyrone had to step up this year. Once we locked in and came together, we saw what we could accomplish and did that."

La Serna was led by junior guard Gabriel Lewis with 13 points, while senior Marco Montano added 10 (3 3-pointers) and senior guard Daniel Angulo had nine (2 3-pointers).

By halftime, the Warriors had doubled their lead, 42-21. In the last 2:50 of the second quarter, with PMA leading, 31-20, they went on an 11-1 run to end the half.

Riley highlighted it with a dunk to end the half.

Riley and sophomore guard Shaun Fonoimoana had six points each to lead the 19-point third quarter for the Warriors and the 23-point, 61-38, lead.

Early in the fourth quarter, Langford had his moment with a dunk by the 6-8 forward and the 69-38 lead.

One player for PMA, Darrin Poland, Jr., was a member of the team during the first championship and will now have two rings.

"The turning point for this team was the Section 7 tournament in the summer in Arizona," PMA coach Donte Archie said. "It showed that we could win a game when it really matters in a do or die situation.

"We just had to drill in to our players to take nobody for granted. This week we had a full week to prepare. We went a little harder on them the first couple of days.

"In the beginning we weren't playing good defense and we let them (La Serna) get to the basket. That's what we wanted, because we didn't want them to shoot a lot of threes."

On the play of Langford and Riley, Archie said: "As long as Doug keeps progressing and keep getting better and better, that's what we want from him," he said. "Tyrone is getting better too, but he is coming into his own. They all like each other and like being around each other."

### PMA wins CIF-State first-round game over Westchester

In the opening round of state, Riley (12 rebounds) and junior guard Tylon Williams led with 19 points each, followed by Langford and Bridges (5 rebounds) with 15 and 13 points, respectively. Langford also had 20 rebounds, three blocks and three steals.

Westchester was led by senior Jonathan Choyce with 18 points, while senior Andrew Martin added



St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy senior guard Tyrone Riley completes a slam dunk in a CIF-Southern Section D 3AA Championship game. PMA defeated La Serna, 79-48, to win the title Saturday. (Photo by Fred Moayed)

13 points.

"We were always on the edge of going over the top," Archie said of the game against Westchester. "We controlled the game."

Archie complimented the play of Langford and Williams: "Doug was the catalyst on defense and controlled the game and Tylon (Williams) played big (Tuesday)."

After jumping out to a 20-13 first-quarter lead, the second quarter was virtually even, as Westchester outscored PMA by a bucket, 17-15 and were only five points down at the half, 35-30.

Westchester outscored PMA in the second half, 35-32.

### What they said:

**LaTasha Gardner, Tyrone Riley's mom:** "This moment is priceless. My son has this list that he created for his self for his 2023 goals and a CIF Championship was on the top. I think they all came together (Section 7 Summer tournament) and stayed together and communicated with each other and they got to know each other a little bit better.

"Before Coach (Donte Archie) even knew who Tyrone was, he wanted Tyrone as a player in seventh grade. We were at an AAU tournament at St. Pius and he said, 'that's going to be my star player.'"



**Terri Langford, Douglas Langford's mom:** "I can tell you that watching the boys grow together is an amazing thing. They have definitely learned to trust each other. They've also learned how to hold each other accountable. That's the most amazing thing in a team sport.

"We come from a small country in Central America (Belize) and our son has been gifted an opportunity and he's been living a dream that so many kids his age have."

**Douglas Langford, PMA sophomore forward:** "It was incredible for my mom and dad coming out here for the championship game (from Belize).

It's something that I dreamed about. I begged them and they made it possible to get here."

**Tariq Bridges, PMA sophomore guard:** "It means a lot (to win). We put in a lot of work. We've had our ups and downs. At the beginning of the season, we had a goal and stuck to it and worked hard. Seeing it be a reality now and that we can go far and we got the 'chip, it just means a lot.

"From a domination standpoint, it's really defense and coach always tells us in the beginning of the game, our key things have to be defense, aggression and rebounding and the offense will come."

# Chick-fil-A design plans approved

■ Chick-fil-A's plans for a third Downey restaurant, this one replacing Frantone's and Chris's Burgers, were approved Wednesday by the Planning Commission.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** — The Downey Planning Commission gave the green light on Wednesday for Chick-fil-A to take over the current Frantone's Pizza site.

Frantone's and neighboring Chris's Burgers, located at 9180 and 9148 Telegraph Rd. respectively, will both be demolished to make way for a 4,777 square foot Chick-

fil-A, including three drive-thru lanes and an outdoor seating area.

The fast-food chicken location is anticipated to operate similarly to others within the chain, Monday through Saturday from 6 am to 11:30 pm.

Frantone's has been a mainstay in Downey since opening in 1964. Ownership confirmed in late January that the Downey location would be closing at the end of the summer, while the Cerritos location would remain open.

There were several somber comments from members of the Planning Commission expressing sadness to see Frantone's go.

Commissioner Mario Guerra said that "he'd rather have

Frantone's than Chick-fil-A."

"We have property owners rights, and as much as I don't want Johnny and Anthony [Tesoriero] to sell their property, they want to sell it and they've chosen this operator," said Guerra.

"We don't have a choice of operators either, although this is a good company in many ways. We have seven McDonalds in the city of Downey, and the only reason we have that is because residents keep going to McDonalds...The fact this is the third Chick-fil-A, more power to the residents who are supporting Chick-fil-A for whatever reason.

"Yes, I'd rather keep Frantone's there; I don't have that choice..."

Planning commission chair

Horacio Ortiz Jr. said Frantone's "left a great impact on our community."

"What I would say is that's why it's important to support local businesses, so that we can continue thriving together," said Ortiz. "It is [Frantone's] who have dramatically changed a lot of people's lives, and my life, so I appreciate what you have done."

Property owner Anthony Tesoriero said that he and his brother were "very happy to have [Chick-fil-A] on our property."

"I'm very glad to hear that you hate to see us go, but this is our end game, and this is something we'd like to do," said Tesoriero. "We actually chose Chick-fil-A

because we feel that they have a very good reputation in the existing neighborhoods, and in our existing stores here, and they're a very, very good company.

"They seem to express the same type of attitude about the city's they're in. We've always tried to give back to our community as much as possible; it's been our thing. And they also are that type of business, and that was one of the reasons we chose them."

Chick-fil-A has more than 2,600 stores in the United States.

The restaurant chain generated \$16.7 billion in sales in 2021 and is the third largest restaurant chain in the United States behind Starbucks and McDonald's.

## Weekend at a Glance

Friday 64°

Saturday 61°

Sunday 59°

### ON THIS DAY

**1865:** Confederate forces under General Jubal A. Early suffered a decisive defeat that ended Southern resistance in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, during the American Civil War, and the Confederacy collapsed the following month.

**1867:** Over U.S. President Andrew Johnson's veto, Radical Republicans in Congress passed the Tenure of Office Act, forbidding the president to remove civil officers without senatorial consent.

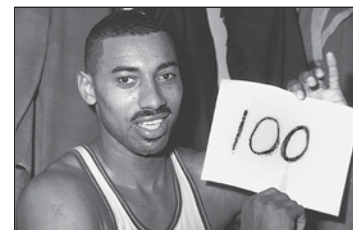
**1877:** Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the disputed presidential election of 1876 after a special Electoral Commission awarded him all contested electoral votes; he was sworn into office the following day.

**1917:** The Jones-Shafroth Act took effect, designating Puerto Rico as a territory of the United States, "organized but unincorporated," and conferring U.S. citizenship collectively on Puerto Ricans.

**1933:** The landmark monster movie "King Kong" had its world premiere; in addition to pioneering special effects by Willis O'Brien, it was the first significant feature film to star an animated character.

**1956:** The North African country of Morocco, situated directly across the Strait of Gibraltar from Spain, proclaimed independence from France.

**1962:** Wilt Chamberlain scored a record 100 points in an NBA game.



**1965:** "The Sound of Music," a film adaptation of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical play, premiered; the movie was a commercial success and won an Oscar for best picture.

**1978:** In one of history's most famous cases of body-snatching, two men steal the corpse of the revered film actor Charles Chaplin from a cemetery in the Swiss village of Corsier-sur-Vevey.

**1988:** U2 won its first Grammy Awards, taking Album of the Year and Best Performance by Rock Duo or Group for "The Joshua Tree."

### Birthdays

Rock singer **Jon Bon Jovi** (61), "James Bond" actor **Daniel Craig** (55), Coldplay singer **Chris Martin** (46), comedy actress **Rebel Wilson** (43), retired football player **Reggie Bush** (38), pop singer **James Arthur** (35), country singer **Luke Combs** (33) and pop singer **Becky G** (26).



# Cerritos College seeks funding to build student housing

**NORWALK** — To tackle the persistent problem of student homelessness, Cerritos College is seeking state grant funding to build affordable on-campus student housing through the Higher Education Student Housing Grant Program.

In addition to its request for nearly \$70 million in grant dollars, the Cerritos College Board of Trustees is also contributing \$12 million to ensure the District's bid for funding is competitive.

If accepted, the combined funding will be used to build an \$80-million student housing project that features about 400 affordable beds by 2026. The complex will be located along Studebaker Road, directly across from the college's Health Science Building.

Cerritos College is widely known for its pioneering efforts on affordable student housing. In 2020, the college opened The Village, California's first community college housing development exclusively for students facing homelessness.

The Village serves 28 students; however, additional housing support is needed as more than 50 percent of Cerritos College students were reported to face housing insecurity and had difficulty paying rent or a mortgage, according to the 2019 #RealCollege Survey.

If the college's student housing grant application is approved, the District can offer below-market-rate housing units at \$717 per bed, including utilities.

"Home insecurity among students is increasing statewide, but above all, L.A. County's typical rent for a one-bedroom apartment is among the highest, costing up to \$1,800 per month. We must eliminate the burden our students face of paying for expensive rent and provide them with a safe and secure living environment, which ultimately will lead them to complete their educational goals on time," said Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Jose L. Fierro.

Cerritos College continues to offer innovative student support services. In addition to The Village, the campus opened the Falcon's Nest, a centralized network of resources that provides students with basic needs support, including food, clothing, and hygiene. The College also launched its Metro GoPass program, which provides students with a free transit pass.

"Addressing the basic needs of our students is a major goal for the Board of Trustees, and that includes housing students who face homelessness," echoed Cerritos College Board President Dr. Shin Liu. "Having more affordable student housing is crucial so students can focus on getting their education and building their future."

# Things you didn't know about Downey

By Bobbi E. Bruce  
Downey Historical Society

The following is a Westways article published in June 1957 after author Lucile Popenoe visited Downey.

There is gracious living in Downey: proud of its 32 churches, one being a Moravian Church, said to be the only one west of the Mississippi.

Each Christmas, tourists flock to see the block-coordinated holiday decorations where entire neighborhoods combine in one unified theme of decorations. Young and old alike have their say, not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

Just like Miss Judith Hill, 87 years young, still keeps an eagle eye on the Marker Preserving Kitchen, where for more than a quarter of a century, prized recipes have been fashioned into world-famous preserves in individually cooked portions, a product of the same home industry begun by the original Mr. Marker. A great fancier of flowers, he and Miss Hill devised a unique gift-packaging where true replicas of various flowers are fashioned in candy. Miss Hill even today shows up bright and early in the morning at the old Marker home on Lexington-Gallatin Road, where she supervises the output of this unusual establishment.

"What a delightful day of sightseeing," our guest sighed as we again drove onto the freeway. "Meeting such mentally alert and charming people who have long since passed their allotted span makes me, too, feel hopeful for a few years longer," she chuckled.

"They certainly are proud of their little city and just keep growing with it," I replied. "Maybe that's the answer to it all."

culminating a six to eight month Chamber of Commerce project.

A regal purple and white plant, the Everlasting Flower was described to the City Council by architect Robert W. Essig of the Chamber's beautification committee as "amazingly lasting." The botanical name is *Statice*, more commonly called Everlasting. A true *Statice* has small, evergreen leaves in basal rosettes, from which rises a rigid, stiff flowering stalk, at the end of which is a dense, globed-shaped head of chaffy flowers. Just below the head is a series of membranous colored bracts, two of them united into a sort of sheath. They are purple and white, lavender, or pink. They are long lasting, and very suitable for drying.

► This article was published in the Press Telegram, April 5, 1989:

After the Civil War, many people fled the destruction in the South for the hope of a new and better life elsewhere. One of the emigrants was Texas farmer-minister William V. Justice, who settled in the region known as Los Nietos, which is now Downey.

In January 1869, Justice organized a revival meeting at an old school building at the end of town and held the initial services for a new church. The denomination was for the First Christian Church of California. The congregation began with a membership of six and boasted among its many of the community's prominent families — Crawford, Rives, Pangborn, and etc.

After the turn of the century, however, the membership dwindled, and in 1910 the church stopped services, allowing another congregation to use the facilities that had been built at 4th and New Streets. After about 11 years' occupancy, the latter group claimed ownership of the property, but former members and their descendants rose up to protest such action. The matter was settled in court in favor of the original group, which then set about restoring its congregation.

In August 1923, the Rev. C. Edward Sewall was called from Oregon for the task of revitalizing and building upon what remained of the original membership. The Sewalls had two children, Monnie and her brother Arvey. She, now Monnie Keays, has remained

in Downey and is still active in First Christian Church. She has a treasury of stories about Downey in those earlier years, and about her own girlhood days in the parsonage.

She remembers that her father's meager salary was supplemented by produce grown in the then fertile farming community.

When the Depression hit, it was only moderately worse for the Sewalls since they were already accustomed to being poor. Of course, their income was reduced even lower, and for some time her father's salary consisted only of what remained from the offering after the bills were paid.

"But mother redyed our clothes and had our shoes resoled, and somehow we got through it," she said.

Monnie and Arvey were given \$5 per month to keep the church clean.

All children, Mrs. Keays still believes, need a private place where they can be alone. Her hideaway was the church belfry.

"There," she says, "I could look out upon the town, daydream, and pretend that I was on top of the world."

Theirs was a musical family, and the teenagers often performed for lodge and service club meetings. Monnie "drew the funeral detail" as well, frequently playing for services at which her father officiated, and thus getting an early exposure to the sorrowful side of life.

Generally, those were happy times and she enjoyed her years at Downey Union High School.

Mrs. Keays recalls that there

was one thoroughfare in town at that time (Crawford Street, now Downey Avenue), one general store for groceries and dry goods, two drug stores and two doctors. There was no hospital.

There was no mail delivery, but at 3 pm each day everyone gathered at the post office where they would attempt to solve all the problems of the world while awaiting the distribution of daily mail.

A favorite family entertainment was simply to go for a drive through the countryside to enjoy the fragrance of the orange blossoms and the smog-less moonlit evenings.

"We never locked our doors in those days," she added. "And one could walk outdoors of an evening without fear."

When her father died in 1938, the church was in the midst of a building program, and the members felt they needed someone familiar with their plans to carry on the project. In a move nearly unprecedented for that day, the officials of the church asked the pastor's widow to assume his leadership responsibilities. She agreed to do so until a permanent replacement could be found. That took 13 years.

Mrs. Keays contrasted the pastoral styles of her parents, saying that while her father never hesitated to speak his mind, her mother tended to be more of a peacemaker and a calming, stabilizing influence. She was a source of great comfort, recalls her daughter, to families who faced the anguish of seeing their sons go to war.

# Trader Joe's open to location on Firestone

**DOWNEY** — Trader Joe's is open to the idea of opening a grocery store in Downey but it must be located on Firestone Boulevard, according to a report presented to the City Council on Tuesday.

"Trader Joe's has expressed

interest in exploring a new store in Downey if the right site was available on Firestone Boulevard to accommodate their needs," interim assistant city manager Vaniah De Rojas wrote in the staff report.

According to De Rojas, the city most recently approached Trader Joe's about taking over the Big Lots property next to Foot Locker after the discount retailer closed last year.

"Unfortunately, Trader Joe's stated that the Big Lots property does not meet their parking requirements," the report states.

City officials also proposed the former Hometown Buffet site but that was redeveloped into Diosa after Trader Joe's declined.

De Rojas said the city is also in communication with Sprouts, which is looking for a commercial site north of Firestone Boulevard.

Complicating the issue is that Sprouts "typically requests tenant improvements to be completed by the property owner or management company so they are move-in ready at the start of their lease," according to the report.

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► The following was taken from a clipping in the city scrapbook, dated June 30, 1963:

The Everlasting Flower has been accepted by the City Council as Downey's official flower,

**Downey Theatre presents:**

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# City delays decision on YMCA funding

■ The YMCA is seeking financial assistance from the City of Downey as it looks to build a new facility.

By Alex Dominguez  
Staff Writer

**DOWNEY** — No definitive answer came out of Tuesday discussions on whether or not the city would decide to financially aid the construction of the new YMCA building.

The Downey YMCA is currently in the midst of fundraising over \$14 million for a new building that will replace the current structure, which was opened in 1963 and already deteriorating at the time of its closure during the pandemic.

It was clear early on that members of the city council wished to support the Downey YMCA. Still, cost and timing would make it a difficult decision to make.

With the city preparing to break ground on an extensive and costly expansion of the Columbia

Memorial Space Center to house the space shuttle Inspiration mock up later this year, Mayor Claudia M. Frometa said the city council needed to think about the financial implication and commitment.

“There are two really big capital projects that are ticking, and monies need to be allocated for that,” said Frometa. “The space center is significantly underfunded. We have probably \$11 million for that project, and we need at least double that.”

“As much as we all want to support this [YMCA] project, we need to be thoughtful. If we are about to embark on a fundraising campaign for this center, that is also a legacy project, it would be a little difficult for the city to do a significant contribution, or one that really makes a dent on what the YMCA is trying to achieve.”

She added that she would not support dipping into the city’s reserves, and that the city could not provide the entirety of the deficit that the Y project currently faces.

Mayor Pro Tem Mario Trujillo,

however, preferred to prioritize the YMCA, emphasizing the services it provided to the community, specifically the youth and the senior population.

“If I look at the space center, we’re going to get this fantastic location; I see it someday where kids are going to visit, and that’s going to help us maintain the great history of the city. I understand that,” said Trujillo.

“But these are critical services that the YMCA provides to our residents at no cost to us. Services to our seniors, to our youth. Particularly the youth; they don’t have a location to go to if you will.”

He said the space shuttle mock-up “could wait.”

“If I again have to choose [between] the housing of the mock-up or the YMCA, I’m with the YMCA,” said Trujillo. “We’ll get to the mock up later.”

Councilman Hector Sosa said that he did not want to “pit both [projects] against each other.”

“The mock up is a very

important project for the city of Downey. Of course we’d like to help the Y if we’re able to,” said Sosa.

“I honestly feel this is a topic we need to go through at budgeting if we want to make a sound decision. Go through the budgeting process, look at the numbers; the numbers tell us the story and what we’re able to do, and then do the best we can on both fronts.”

As it stands now, the Y has raised around \$11 million.

Members of the Downey YMCA Board of Managers were on hand Tuesday to give a presentation to the city council in an attempt to solicit funding and administrative support from the city, stopping short of naming a specific amount.

The new 20,000 square foot facility is designed to include an outdoor basketball court, pickleball courts, a child activity center, indoor pool, men’s, women’s, and family locker rooms, state-of-the-art fitness center, holistic health community space, and dedicated parking with electric vehicle charging stations and a secured



A fundraising effort is underway to build a new YMCA facility in Downey. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

entrance.

The building will also be ADA compliant and inclusive.

Board member Steve Roberson said that “We are going to have a new YMCA here in Downey come heck or high water,” but they need the city to be “proactive.”

“Help us; be proactive in helping us get this YMCA built,” said Roberson. “The sooner we get it built, the better for the entire city.”

The City Council will likely make its final decision during budget discussions later this year.

# Supervisors back measure supporting job applicants with arrests, convictions

■ Proposed legislation would prohibit businesses from using criminal convictions as reasons not to hire.

By City News Service

**LOS ANGELES** — Most businesses in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County would be barred from excluding job applicants with past criminal records during the hiring process under a proposal backed unanimously Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors.

The board voted unanimously to direct its staff to draft a comprehensive Fair Chance ordinance, which would codify and enhance a similar state law that was enacted in 2018.

County staff were directed to return to the board with a draft ordinance in 90 days for further consideration.

Supervisor Holly Mitchell, who co-authored the motion with Supervisor Hilda Solis, noted that many employers already adhere to regulations that prevent them from inquiring about applicants’ criminal history or considering it in the hiring process, but “we still have a long way to go making it real for every job seeker.”

Mitchell noted that “more than a quarter of formerly incarcerated individuals are unemployed on average.” Those people “are more likely to experience homelessness,



live in poverty or deal with health issues,” she said.

Their motion recognized the existence of the state’s 2018 Fair Chance Act, but said there have been shortcomings in its implementation and enforcement. It noted that some other jurisdictions, including the city of Los Angeles, have enacted their own local requirements to provide protections for job-seekers with arrests or convictions on their records.

areas, or for employers with five or more employees with county contracts or leases.

Specifically, the county’s proposal would require employers to make it clear in job solicitations and advertisements that qualified applicants with arrest or conviction records will be considered. It would also bar employers from asking applicants to voluntarily disclose information about their criminal history. Employers would also be barred from considering in hiring decisions an arrest that did not lead to a conviction, participation in a diversion program, convictions that have been dismissed or expunged, motor vehicle offenses, juvenile justice adjudications or convictions more than seven years old.

The proposal would include various other requirements for employers and would establish penalties of \$500 for a first violation, \$1,000 for a second violation and \$2,000 for a third and subsequent violations. At least half of those fines would be awarded to the affected job applicant.

Supervisor Janice Hahn also asked that the ordinance apply specifically to the county’s own hiring processes.

“I think this is a good first step as we really try to be so much more

inclusive and less discriminatory in how we allow people to apply for good paying jobs,” Hahn said.

Supervisor Kathryn Barger introduced a “friendly amendment” to the proposal calling on county

staff to also consult with local business organizations, nonprofits and other stakeholder groups when drafting the ordinance, while also calling for reports every two years on the impact of the policy and its effect on recidivism.

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# Soroptimist issues Live Your Dream grants

By Lorine Parks  
Society Editor

Each year since 1972 Soroptimist of Downey has offered Live Your Dream grants to women who are single heads of households, to offset costs of childcare, tuition, books, and transportation.

There are always scholarships available for 18-year-olds fresh out of high school. What makes Live Your Dream awards special is that they are designed to help women who passed that threshold years ago, women who now have more than themselves to care for, with only themselves to rely on.

Speaker Carrie Rios, a club past president and single mom, told how she herself was helped by this Award. When a high achiever like Rios shares how much Soroptimist helped her, it is an empowering moment for those who have worked hard to raise these scholarship funds.

She said “Soroptimist is women empowering other women” as the Soroptimist of Downey presented four women with life-changing scholarship awards on Feb. 16.

“Your life can only be changed by you,” Carrie said, “and not until you are ready. This award is huge, and it’s beautiful.”

“Childcare is difficult for single moms to pay for and that alone makes it difficult to go back to school. And that’s where the Live Your Dream award comes in. Now I’m paying back by becoming a Soroptimist and working to give other women who are turning their lives around the chance they deserve.”

Soroptimist is a small but mighty service organization that works tirelessly year-round raising funds with gala social activities and other money-makers dedicated to improving the lives of other women and children who need their help and support. The proceeds

go to support all their many causes, like Preventing Human Trafficking, and Ending Domestic Violence. The Live Your Dream Scholarship Awards are the most important event of the year, the time when the club members can personally meet the local beneficiaries of their efforts and hear their stories.

It was a lively evening, with all nine children of the four awardees present with their mothers. Everyone was dressed up for the event, and they all said how proud they were of their moms for achieving this award. Their mothers, the awardees, were busy keeping an eye on the young ones.

President Linda Haines welcomed the award winners to the dinner ceremony. For the event, Soroptimist chose the Arc of Downey and Southern California, on Woodruff Avenue. The Arc’s Culinary Skills Department catered the affair with macaroni salad and a buffet of several kinds of lettuce and dressings, many toppings like mushrooms and grated parmesan cheese, and fillings

like cubes of turkey and ham. An endless supply of chocolate chip cookies, also baked by Arc clients in the culinary program, were the popular dessert. The kids cleaned their plates and went back for more.

President Linda was assisted by Lola Abrahamian, Camino Real Region Governor, who drove up from San Clement for the special evening. Judges included Maris Minyard, Martha Sodemani, and Andra Macomber.

Awardee Domonique Young has a small business, Eternity of Dreams, also the name of her book of poems and a website where she sells candles and keepsakes. Her book, Eternity of Dreams, is the story of Domonique’s life.

She spent much of her childhood bouncing around the foster care system, estimating she was in up to 40 different homes. Now the mother of four, she wants to provide support and to encourage those suffering with mental health issues.

“Life is what you make of. I’m a single mom,” Young said,



Domonique with Eytan, 3 and Evenlyn, 3; with Aydan, 11, and Heaven, 9. (Photo by Lorine Parks)

“rocking and rolling.”

Denia Aguilera was born in San Pedro and is a single head of a household of four. Daughter Autumn Buchanan, 11, goes to Hooper Elementary in LA, a school that enrolls 98% economically disadvantaged students. Her older daughter Michaela brought her 6-month-old son to support Aguilera, who wants to be a nurse or counselor assistant. She estimates that she needs one and a half more years at Los Angeles Harbor College in Wilmington, where in-state tuition is \$1,238.

Aguilera heard about the Live Your Dreams award from school counselors.

Heather Salas with daughter Hailey, 9, who goes to Old River

Elementary School in Downey, has just moved here from Jersey City, NJ. Salas already has her LVN degree and has transferred her phlebotomy certificate to California. She works for ViaCare, but she wants to enroll in CSU Dominguez Hills in their School of Nursing, a school that facilitates the development of entry-level nurses.

Mayra Castillo came with her 1-year-old Dylan. Castillo is 28 and wants to go into sports medicine and study kinesiology at CSU Dominguez Hills.

Top prize was \$1,500, and the winner goes on to a Regional Soroptimist competition, where she ultimately can earn as much as \$20,000.

## POET'S CORNER

### Fire and Ice

Some say the world will end in fire,  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favor fire.  
But if it had to perish twice,  
I think I know enough of hate  
To say that for destruction ice  
Is also great  
And would suffice.

Robert Frost, New Hampshire, Henry Holt, 1923

After this week's cold, rain, and hail, even we Southern Californians got to know enough of ice to feel Frost's metaphor for hate and greed and desire. Shivering helps when reading this poem. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.



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# Helping Ukraine prepares us for a looming confrontation with China

By Gabriel Scheinmann

*Gabriel Scheinmann is executive director of the Alexander Hamilton Society.*

U.S. military aid to Ukraine’s self-defense, critics allege, is making America’s military less prepared and less potent. In particular, the decrepit state of our defense industrial base, and its inability to produce replacement stores of even the most basic armaments, means that any ammunition, platform or system allocated to Ukraine’s defense is one that becomes unavailable for Taiwan’s.

But these critics are wrong. Russia’s disastrous attack on Ukraine and the United States’ still-too-timid military support for Kyiv will help, not hurt, efforts to deter a cross-strait Chinese attack. In fact, continued military aid to Ukraine might be the only thing that saves the U.S. military from its peacetime atrophy.

The critics’ case is strong. A report from the Center for Strategic and International Studies estimates that it will take five years to replenish the supply of Javelin missiles we provided Ukraine. Some weapons systems that we’ve provided, such as Stingers and M-777 howitzers, are not in production at all. The Biden administration is supposedly not providing much-needed ATACMS to Ukraine partly out of fear that the United States might not have enough in reserve for its own readiness. There is a nearly \$19 billion and growing backlog of approved, but undelivered arms to Taiwan, just as a U.S. Air Force general predicts war with China could come in 2025. In an age of military resource scarcity, choosing to deal Russia a heavy blow, critics lament, is a luxury that is making a Chinese victory more likely.

But this argument conflates cause for consequence. Our constraints are real but are the product of policy choices — choices that have left us unprepared for a dangerous world that reemerged more than a decade ago.

Years of focusing on counterterrorism and counterinsurgency operations led our leaders to dismiss high-tempo, conventional warfare as archaic. As then-Secretary of State John F. Kerry

incredulously put it when Vladimir Putin launched his first invasion of Ukraine in 2014, “You just don’t in the 21st century behave in 19th-century fashion by invading another country on completely trumped-up pretext.” Well, apparently you do. The current conflict in Ukraine is the largest land war in Europe since World War II.

And it’s not that we merely prepared for the wrong kind of conflict. After the end of the Cold War, many Americans convinced themselves that a peaceful, and permanent, liberal world order had arrived. This, in turn, has led to a 30-year decline in defense spending. When the Berlin Wall stood, the United States was spending 26.5 percent of federal outlays on defense; today, it is less than half that, a post-World War II low. And President Biden’s proposed defense budget would take it even lower than in the isolationist 1930s.

Declining demand has led to a wave of industry consolidations; what was once 50 prime contractors has become five. Three decades ago, the missiles and munitions sector had 30 contractors working directly with the government; today, there are only seven. The United States has few manufacturing lines for even the most basic things. The Pentagon sources its ammunition from only six plants. The sole plant that produces tanks was nearly closed in 2018, and the Army plans on building a mere 22 tanks in fiscal 2023. The Navy has averaged 10 ships below procurement plans since 2017 and currently possesses only four public shipyards. When asked if it should open a fifth, Adm. Daryl Caudle, commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command, replied, “I need six.” As Lockheed Martin CEO James Taiclet recently said: “The U.S. defense industrial base is scoped for maximum efficiency at peacetime production rates.”

Paradoxically, the greatly expanded U.S. effort to support Ukraine might be our best chance at providing the necessary shock therapy to snap us out of our complacency. It has brought popular attention and political scrutiny to the problem. Just before the Russian invasion last year, the Defense Department issued a report titled “State of Competition within the Defense Industrial Base,” in which it acknowledged the downward spiral caused by declining procurement. In the scramble to identify, update and transport

military materiel to Ukraine, the United States has taken the first — and most difficult — step of fixing the problem: acknowledging there is a problem in the first place.

The Russian invasion has allowed the United States to conduct a dry run of exactly the sort of policies that deterring or defeating a Chinese attack on Taiwan would require: active defense industrial production lines, an efficient logistics network to get those arms into the field, a coalition of allies providing significant firepower and aid, an increase in energy exports to sustain our allies, and economic pressure to punish and degrade the aggressor. It is a fallacy to suggest that the \$30 billion in military materiel provided to Ukraine thus far would have gone to Taiwan deterrence scenarios instead. Had Beijing attacked Taiwan a year ago, the United States would have been just as unprepared to support Taiwan’s defense as it is today.

Despite some opposition in both parties, major, long-term investments in the defense industrial base could get sustainable bipartisan support. Military investment is the original industrial policy; it is a government effort to support the growth of a strategic part of our economy that is critical for national security. In 1985, the defense industry consisted of 3 million workers; today, it is 1.1 million. In the past five years alone, the defense industrial base has lost more than 17,000 companies. A major investment in our own industry, to supply the weaponry necessary to make Russia lose, could unite defense hawks and populists, labor and business, internationalists and nationalists alike.

What’s lacking is the political will and imagination to make a comprehensive case. Defunding our military is a choice with consequences. Doubling our defense spending would still only put it in the lowest range of Cold War levels. Without doing so, we risk the possibility that — much like Pearl Harbor — only after the United States has been attacked will the arsenal of democracy roar.

## A PPP plan for East Palestine

By J.D. Vance

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East Palestine is a small town of about 5,000 in the northeast area of Ohio along the state border with Pennsylvania. Its median income is \$44,498, and 71 percent of its voters supported Donald Trump in 2020. Like many towns near Youngstown, Ohio, it has suffered substantially from the wave of deindustrialization that saw millions of jobs leave for China, Mexico and other countries.

Because of this, the concerns of residents have focused on economic development questions over the past several years. How do they lure back industry? How do they support the town’s small businesses? How do they persuade some of their young people to return home after college or military service lures them away? How do they provide good jobs to those who never left at all?

Every one of those challenges has gotten much more difficult.

The catastrophic Norfolk Southern train crash this month, which led to the spilling and burn-off of highly toxic chemicals, has forced residents of East Palestine (pronounced “palace-teen”) to ask altogether different questions. Given the chemical release, is the air breathable? Is the water drinkable? Can I still raise a family here? Will our small town survive?

The public safety concerns take precedence. So far, air and water tests performed by the Environmental Protection Agency, Norfolk Southern and local officials have been encouraging. Most people I’ve spoken to are highly skeptical of both the train company and

the federal EPA, but they are heartened by the fact that their friends and neighbors are testing the water, too. While many drink the city water, much of the surrounding area’s residents rely on private wells. These folks will need consistent, timely testing for months or even years, and so far many have been frustrated by the wait times necessary to get their well water tested.

The lack of public trust means that many of East Palestine’s residents will continue to doubt that their community is safe. We cannot just order them to believe the same public health authorities who — in their view, at least — bungled the response to the covid-19 pandemic. Even if air and water tests show little acute risk of exposure, residents want to know what could happen to those who breathe that air and drink that water for years. Indeed, chronic exposure to vinyl chloride and other chemicals present on the derailed train may be the most pressing public health issue facing East Palestine. And our public health and environmental authorities are, by their own admission, not well equipped to monitor and address chronic exposure.

But East Palestine has a longer-term perception problem, too. Residents must rebuild an already stressed local economy, in a media environment where every story about the health concerns of residents drives people and capital away from their town.

I spoke to one young couple who own a successful dog breeding and training business. The day after the train crash, four of their dogs began vomiting. They moved their dogs to a relative’s home far away and don’t plan to return. Another woman told me she’s not

worried about drinking the water herself, but she is worried what a decade of drinking that water will do to her grandchildren. She hopes to leave town as soon as she can. A local farmer who raises chickens and hay on her property put the matter bluntly: “Do you think anyone wants animal feed from a farm in East Palestine? Do you think anyone wants eggs from me?”

Unfortunately, she has a point. No matter how much independent testing shows the worst of the environmental catastrophe is behind us, East Palestine will be dealing with bad perception, and its economic consequences, for years.

The mayor, a good man with an impossible job, told me that about half of his constituents are terrified and half of them just want the media circus to go home so they can get to work rebuilding the community they love. We can help, not just tomorrow but months from now. East Palestine needs long-term investment, from both the federal government and Norfolk Southern Railway. Without special refinancing, homeowners will be underwater as flight from the community drives home prices lower, decimating the tax base on which local schools and public services rely. Farms will require direct support. Underfunded schools will need help. East Palestine will need its own version of the Paycheck Protection Program to protect workers and businesses who lost their livelihoods because of the decisions of others.

Otherwise, an entire town of good people will suffer mightily through no fault of their own.

## How Biden helped Congress cut Social Security 40 years ago

By Andrew G. Biggs and James C. Capretta

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President Biden has pledged to oppose any and all cuts to restore the critically underfunded Social Security system to solvency. This makes for good politics for Biden and congressional Democrats. But it is bad for the Americans who will depend on the nation’s retirement and disability program in the future. With most Democrats opposing benefit reductions and Republicans opposing

any tax increases, policymakers are at an impasse. Waiting to act until 2035, when the system’s trust fund is projected to run dry, will only make the solution more painful.

Biden himself should know this — because he was directly involved with one bipartisan compromise that kept Social Security solvent for decades and another that failed to pass.

The successful compromise was reached in 1983, when Social Security was mere months away from insolvency. For two years, Republicans and Democrats had been engaged in heated rhetoric over what to do about it. The main players in this drama were a who’s who of the era: They included noted economist Alan Greenspan, appointed by President Ronald Reagan to head a commission on the retirement program; House Speaker Thomas P. “Tip” O’Neill Jr. (D-Mass.); Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee; and Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) and Bob Dole (R-Kan.), who eventually led the bipartisan compromise. They fought for their positions and then negotiated a plan that served the country’s interests.

The reforms they settled on reduced benefits in three important ways. First, the “normal retirement age” at which full benefits could be received was gradually increased from 65 to 67. This provision did not restrict the age at which benefits could be claimed, but imposed an effective 13 percent benefit cut on anyone claiming benefits before the normal age. Second, the reforms made Social Security benefits subject to income taxes, a de facto means test on retirees with incomes above \$25,000. And third, cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for retirement benefits were delayed. Together, these benefits reductions accounted for more than two-thirds of the reforms’ improvement to Social Security’s finances. Tax increases, which included an increase in the rate paid by self-employed workers and the more rapid implementation of a payroll tax rate increase already scheduled to take place, generated most of the rest of the improvement.

Twenty-six Senate Democrats voted to support the agreement, including Biden. In April 1983, Reagan signed it into law. And Social Security remained solvent for decades.

In 2012, the Obama-Biden administration proposed a budget for the next fiscal year that would have reduced Social Security COLAs as part of a “grand bargain” with congressional Republicans to reduce budget deficits in general. The proposal would have adopted a new measure of inflation to calculate COLAs, the “chain-weighted” consumer price index, which the Bureau of Labor Statistics considered to be an improved measure of the cost of living but would result generally in lower COLAs, including for seniors already taking their Social Security benefits. As vice president, Biden was the administration’s point man in the bipartisan budget talks, which eventually broke down when Republicans backed away from tax-rate increases. But it’s important for Democrats to note that the Obama-Biden administration had been ready to accept reducing Social Security benefits for current retirees as part of a compromise.

Congressional Republicans, for their part, need to banish any illusions that a bipartisan deal would not include tax increases, most likely on higher income Americans. Republicans don’t have to like raising taxes any more than Democrats like reducing the growth of benefits. But accepting policies you don’t like is the price of a bipartisan fix — the only possible solution to Social Security insolvency.

Social Security’s financing hasn’t gotten any better since 2012. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office predicted last year that over the next 75 years, the system will be underfunded by 27 percent — more than double the shortfall the agency predicted 10 years earlier. Perhaps worse, both political parties’ willingness to engage on fiscal issues has only declined as past concerns over deficits and debt are being ignored.

Biden has an opportunity to be a president who — like Reagan — saves Social Security. His decades of experience on Capitol Hill, including previous efforts on Social Security reforms, are what is needed to get Democrats and Republicans in Congress to put aside their differences and make the difficult decisions needed to protect this important program for current and future retirees.

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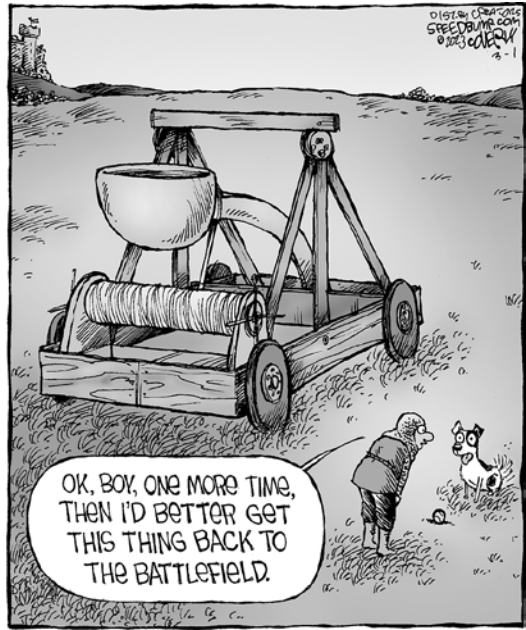
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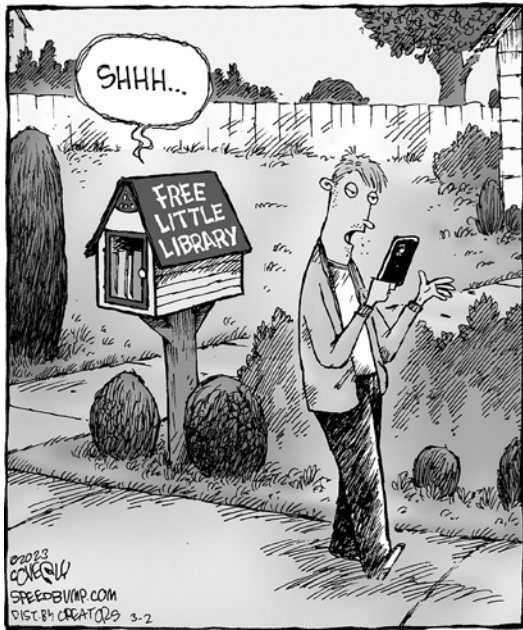
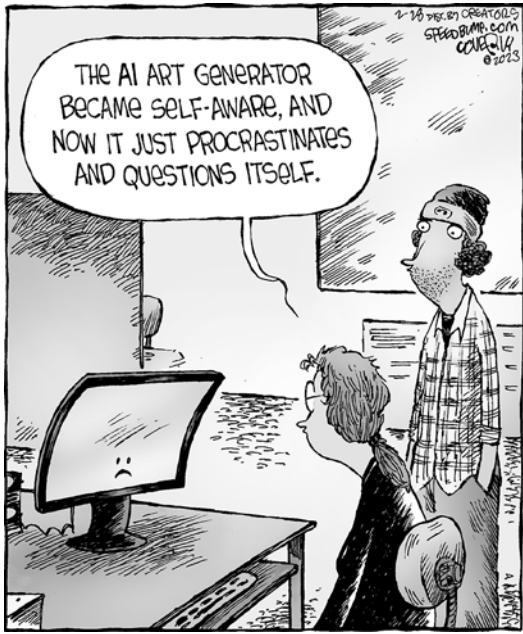
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 1st Tue., 4:00pm.: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.  
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.  
 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.  
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT,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

### Regularly Scheduled Meetings

#### MONDAYS

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

#### TUESDAYS

9 am: Quilters group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.  
 9:30 am: Downey Seniors Club, at Apollo Park, call Irene Vallini at 328-7039.  
 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza at 652-4399.  
 12 pm: Rotary Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Mel Sanchez 562-665-4125.  
 6 pm: Toastmasters Club 587, at First Baptist Church, contact Salvador Cervantes: tmsalcpuede@gmail.com.  
 7 pm: Downey Knights of Columbus Bingo, at 11231 Rives Ave., call 923-1932.  
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.  
 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.  
 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.  
 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.  
 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.  
 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.  
 Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

#### WEDNESDAYS

7 am: Kiwanis Club, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Steve Roberson at 927-2626.  
 10:30 am: Ballroom dance class, at Downey Community Center, call 776 7270.  
 1 pm: Women's Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call Marie Puch at 869-4366.  
 7 pm: Royal Rangers Outpost 132, at Desert Reign Church, call 562-861-6011.  
 1st Wed., 11 am: Woman's Club of Downey, call Cheryl Olson 833-8954.  
 1st Wed., 11:30 am: Downey Coordinating Council, call Bobbi Bruce 440-5416.  
 1st Wed., 7:30 pm: Downey Stamp Club, at Maude Price School cafeteria, call 928-3028.  
 2nd Wed., 11:30 am: Christian Women's Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.  
 2nd Wed., 3:30 pm: Keep Downey Beautiful, at City Hall, call 904-7102.  
 2nd Wed., 7 pm: Downey Model A Club, at Gallatin School Cafeteria, call 484-8415.  
 3rd Wed.,: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.  
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.  
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.  
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.  
 Wed.& Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

#### THURSDAYS

7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.  
 7:30 am.: Sorooptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.  
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.  
 12 pm: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.  
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.  
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.  
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.  
 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.  
 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.  
 2nd Thurs., 12 pm: Creative Purposes, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.  
 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.  
 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.  
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.  
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.  
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

#### FRIDAYS

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

#### SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.

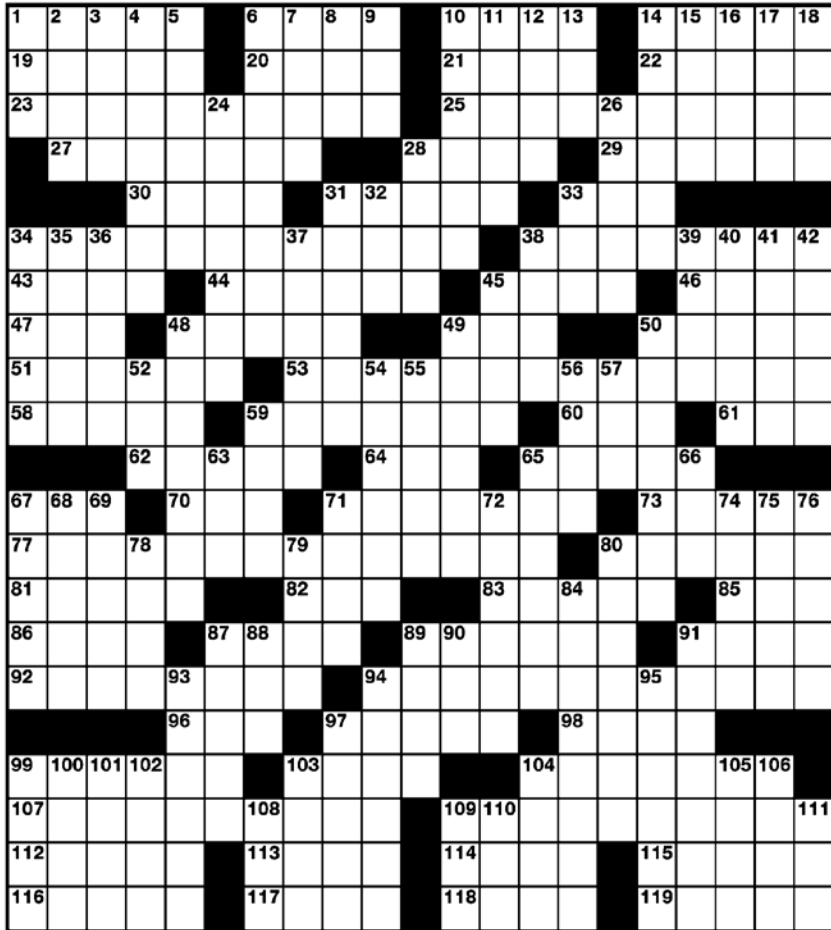
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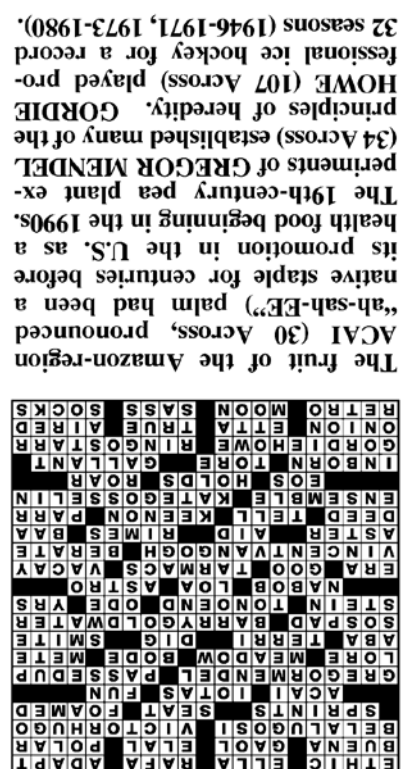


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# Legal Notices

thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
S/AMY E. MCCAMMON, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 10, 2023

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2023031746

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CHROS CASTLE, 10240 ROSECRANS AVE PMB 509, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) INFINITE RAVE LLC, 8927 GARDENDALE ST APT D, DOWNEY CA 90242  
State of Incorporation: CA  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Limited Liability Company  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/INFINITE RAVE LLC, CEO, RAYMOND VEITIA  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 10, 2023

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2023024928

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) G.A. CLEANING SERVICES, 155 WEST 126TH STREET, LOS ANGELES CA 90061, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARITZA ORTIZ, 155 WEST 126TH STREET, LOS ANGELES CA 90061  
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/MARITZA ORTIZ, OWNER  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 2, 2023

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**The Downey Patriot**  
2/9/23, 2/16/23, 2/23/23, 3/2/23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File Number 2023012986

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) GOLF ACADEMY 64 (2) GOLF 64, 9103 1/2 ARGAREY ST, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #0N: N/A  
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARTIN J. FLORES, 9103 1/2 MARGARET ST, DOWNEY CA 90241  
State of Incorporation: N/A  
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual  
The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/MARTIN J. FLORES, OWNER, MARTIN J. FLORES  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JANUARY 18, 2023

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2/9/23, 2/16/23, 2/23/23, 3/2/23

**GOVERNMENT**

**DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS / INVITATION TO BID**

Notice is hereby given that the governing

board ("Board") of the Downey Unified School District ("District") will receive sealed bids to construct the following project:

**DUSD Bid #22/23-14 - Doty and Sussman MS Food Science Classrooms ("Project" or "Contract")**

located at Doty Middle School, 10301 Woodruff Ave., Downey, California 90241 and Sussman Middle School, 12500 Birchdale Ave., Downey, California 90241.

Contractors must submit sealed bids on or before 10 AM on April 7, 2023 at the District Office Facilities Department, located at T-5, 11627 Brookshire Ave., Downey, CA 90241 at or after which time the District will open the bids and publicly read them aloud. Any claim by a Bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with Public Contract Code § 5100, et seq. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the Bidder. The District is not responsible for Bids that are received after the deadline noted above.

The Project consists of:

**Converting an existing classroom into Food Science Classrooms at Doty and Sussman Middle Schools**

All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders.

To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California Contractor Licenses: B  
The Bidder's license(s) must be active and in good standing at the time of the bid opening and must remain so throughout the term of the Contract.

As security for its Bid, each Bidder shall provide with its Bid form:

- a bid bond issued by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District, • cash, or
- a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the Downey Unified School District

In the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price. This bid security shall be a guarantee that the Bidder shall, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the contract for the Project.

The successful Bidder may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of Public Contract Code § 22300.

The successful Bidder and its subcontractors shall pay all workers on the Project not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to Labor Code § 1770 et seq. Prevailing wage rates are on file with the District and are available to any interested party on request or at [www.dir.ca.gov/oppr/statistics\\_and\\_databases.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/oppr/statistics_and_databases.html). Bidders and Bidders' subcontractors shall comply with the registration and qualification requirements pursuant to Labor Code § 1725.5 & 1771.1.

A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on March 17, 2023 starting at 8 AM at Doty Middle School, 10301 Woodruff Ave., Downey, CA 90241 and going to Sussman Middle School, 12500 Birchdale Ave., Downey, CA 90241. All prospective Bidders are required to sign in at the Administration Building at each site. The Site Visit is expected to take approximately an hour. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

Contract Documents are available on or after March 17, 2023, for review at the District Facilities Office. In addition, Contract Documents are available on the district website: <https://web.dusd.net/purchasing/bids>.

The District's Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful Bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no Bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.

The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible Bidder based on: The base bid amount only.

**The Downey Patriot**  
3/2/23, 3/9/23

**CITY OF DOWNEY**

**NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY AMENDING PART 10 ("STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING") OF CHAPTER 1 ("TRAFFIC REGULATIONS") OF ARTICLE III ("PUBLIC SAFETY") OF THE DOWNEY MUNICIPAL CODE**

Notice is hereby given that on March 14, 2023, the City Council of the City of Downey will consider the adoption of a proposed Ordinance to amend Part 10 of Chapter 1 of Article III of the Downey Municipal Code. The following is a summary of the proposed Ordinance:

The proposed Ordinance would regulate the parking of oversized vehicles (including recreational vehicles) on public streets, alleys, and highways in an effort to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community from the hazards posed by the parking of such oversized vehicles. The ordinance would also provide for a program whereby residents of the City would be able to obtain permits for the temporary overnight parking of recreational vehicles on public streets.

Note: The above is a simply a summary of the Ordinance. To obtain a full understanding of the Ordinance it should be read in its entirety. A certified copy of the full text of the Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's office at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, or on the City's website at <http://www.downeyca.org>.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC  
City Clerk

**The Downey Patriot**  
3/2/23

**CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 23-19 6TH STREET WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (WESTERN AVENUE TO LA REINA AVENUE)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 16, 2023, which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 23-19 6th Street Water System Improvements (Western Avenue to La Reina Avenue)**.

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of the construction of water system improvements on 6th Street from Western Avenue to La Reina Avenue, as shown on the contract plans. The work to be performed consists of potable water main improvements including the installation of new main, fire hydrant assemblies, water service lines, meters and boxes; installation of gate valves, tees, bends, thrust blocks, and fittings; abandoning of existing water mains, service lines, and other associated facilities; removal and salvaging of existing fire hydrant assemblies, existing water meters, and boxes; clearing and grubbing; trenching, backfilling and compacting; asphalt concrete (AC) pavement reconstruction; reconstruction of miscellaneous PCC improvements, landscaping, irrigation, and other existing improvements disturbed during the course of construction; traffic control; and all labor, tools, materials, equipment, and appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 23-19.

**Plans and Specifications** for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$45.00 per set**. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

**BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 23-19.** Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, upon award, be bound to enter into a contract with the City on the terms of the bid. The Bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract.

Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure, Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

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

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

In accordance with California Labor Code Section 1771, any Contractor or Subcontractor shall be qualified to (a) bid on or be listed in a bid proposal on or after March 1, 2015, or (b) engage in the performance of this Work after April 1, 2015, unless registered and qualified to perform the Work pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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

**The Downey Patriot**  
3/2/23, 3/9/23

**CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SITE PLAN REVIEW AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PLN-21-00181**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 15th day of March, 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:

**A Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit (PLN-21-00181)** to allow an existing gas station the off-sale of beer and wine (Type 20 Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license) and to convert existing auto work bays to retail area for a convenience market and walk-in cooler located at 12603 Paramount Boulevard.

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.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, per CEQA Guidelines, Section 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](mailto:ADACoordinator@downeyca.org), Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

For more information contact Senior Planner Gerardo Marquez, at 562-904-7154 or at [gmarquez@downeyca.org](mailto:gmarquez@downeyca.org).

**The Downey Patriot**  
3/2/23

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INTENTION OF DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONSIDER ENTERING INTO AN ENERGY CONSERVATION SERVICE CONTRACT WITH SOLAR DG CA DOWNEY, LLC PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 4217.10, ET SEQ.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the intention of the Governing Board of the Downey Unified School District ("District"), pursuant to the terms of Government Code section 4217.12, to consider entering into an energy conservation service contract with Solar DG CA Downey, LLC ("Luminace"), in the form of a solar power purchase agreement, for the design, installation, operation and maintenance of photovoltaic systems at various District sites ("Contract").

The Board will consider facts and testimony to determine whether the Contract is in the best interests of the District and whether the anticipated cost of the thermal, electrical, or other energy that would have been consumed under the Contract will be less than the anticipated cost of the thermal, electrical, or other energy that would have been consumed without the Contract.

The time and place set for the public hearing on the intention of the Governing Board of the District to consider entering into the Contract is **March 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as practicable, at the trace at Homey Board Room on the Ballesteros Administration Center, 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241.

Testimony of all interested persons for or against the proposed Contract will be heard. Protests may be made orally or in writing. Any protest pertaining to the regularity or sufficiency of the proceedings shall be in writing and shall clearly set forth the irregularities and defects to which the objection is made. All written protests shall be submitted to the District on or before the time set for the hearing. The District may waive any irregularities in the form or content of any written notice and at the hearing may correct minor defects in the proceedings. Written protests may be withdrawn, in writing, at any time before the conclusion of the hearing.

DATED: Wednesday, March 1 2023

John A. Garcia, Jr., Ph.D.  
Superintendent  
Downey Unified School District

**The Downey Patriot**  
3/2/23

**CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council ("Council") of the City of Downey ("City") will hold a Public Hearing on March 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Downey Council Chambers, located at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, concerning proposed increases to the concealed carry permitting fees ("Fees").

At the Public Hearing, members of the public will be afforded an opportunity to make oral or written presentations concerning the proposed new Fees. All interested persons may present oral comments and information at the Public Hearing or may e-mail public comments to [ccpubliccomment@downeyca.org](mailto:ccpubliccomment@downeyca.org) or submit their written comments to the City Clerk's office in person at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241 no later than 2:00 p.m. on the day of the Public Hearing.

Members of the public may view the livestream of the meeting as listed below:

1. **Zoom Teleconference:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84288923601>  
Meeting ID: 842 8892 3601 Dial-In: (888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247

2. **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/DowneyCityCouncilMeetings>

The data supporting the Fees is available for review at City Hall, located at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, CA 90241, during regular office hours. Any further information may be obtained by contacting Sergeant Paul Edwards, Downey Police Department at (562) 904-2335.

Maria Alicia Duarte, CMC  
City Clerk

**The Downey Patriot**  
3/2/23, 3/9/23

**CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNED SIGN PROGRAM PLN-22-00138**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the DOWNEY CITY PLANNING COMMISSION on the 15th day of March, 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:

**PLANNED SIGN PROGRAM (PLN-22-00138):** A Planned Sign Program will affect all business of the addresses of 10301-10315 Lakewood Boulevard commercial center. The request of the sign program is to integrate all signs of the commercial property into a unified design.

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.

As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this request has been found to be Categorical Exempt from CEQA, pursuant to Guideline Section No. 15311 (Class 11, Accessory Structures). Categorical Exemptions are projects, which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and have been exempted from the requirements of CEQA. Class 11 consist of projects that involve replacement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial including on-premise signs

**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](mailto:ADACoordinator@downeyca.org), Phone: 562-299-6619, Fax: 562-923-6388, and California Relay 711.

For more information contact Assistant Planner Abraham Luna, at 562-904-7154 or at [aluna@downeyca.org](mailto:aluna@downeyca.org).

**The Downey Patriot**  
3/2/23

**CITY OF DOWNEY NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 23-21 STAMPS ROAD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (CHEROKEE DRIVE NORTH)**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey until 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 16, 2023 which hour the proposed bids will be publicly opened and read in the City Hall at 11111 Brookshire Ave, Downey, California for **Capital Improvement Project No. 23-21 Stamps Road Water System Improvements (Cherokee Drive North)**.

The work to be performed under this Contract generally consists of the construction of water system improvements on Stamps Road, North of Cherokee Drive, as shown on the contract plans. The work to be performed consists of potable water main improvements including the installation of new main, fire hydrant assemblies, water service lines, meters and boxes; installation of gate valves, tees, bends, thrust blocks, and fittings; abandoning of existing water mains, service lines, and other associated facilities; removal and salvaging of existing fire hydrant assemblies, existing water meters, and boxes; clearing and grubbing; trenching, backfilling and compacting; asphalt concrete (AC) pavement reconstruction; reconstruction of miscellaneous PCC improvements, landscaping, irrigation, and other existing improvements disturbed during the course of construction; traffic control; and all labor, tools, materials, equipment, and appurtenant work thereto necessary for the proper construction of the contemplated improvements, in accordance with Plans and Specifications entitled Capital Improvement Project No. 23-21.

**Plans and Specifications** for this project are on file in the office of the City Cashier at 11111 Brookshire Ave., Downey, California, where they may be examined and copies obtained at a cost of **\$45.00 per set**. The cost of said Plans and Specifications is **non-refundable** and purchased Plans and Specifications need not be returned. Plans and Specifications may be mailed for an additional charge of \$20 via On-Trac Overnight courier.

**BIDS MUST BE MADE ON THE PROPOSAL FORM INCLUDED IN THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT NO. 23-21.** Each bid shall be accompanied by cash, a certified or cashier's check or by a corporate surety bond issued by a surety company, admitted to do business in the State of California, on the form furnished by the City as guarantee that bidder will, if an award is made to him/her in accordance with the terms of his/her bid; promptly secure Workers' Compensation insurance, liability insurance, execute a contract in the required form, and furnish satisfactory bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract ("Performance Bond") and for the payment of claims of materialmen and laborers thereunder ("Payment Bond"). Said cash, check or bidder's bond shall be in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The Performance and Payment Bond shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the bid price named in the contract.

Only bonds issued by companies admitted to do business in the State of California will be accepted in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.311. Failure to submit acceptable Payment and Performance Bonds as required shall result in a rejection of the bid and a forfeiture of the proposal guarantee.

The Contractor shall abide by the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1770-1781, et seq. In accordance with the provisions of the California Labor Code § 1773, the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the work is to be performed has been obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, a copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Downey and will be made available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall post a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages at

the job site. The Contractor, and any Subcontractor under him/her, shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rates of wages to all workers employed in the execution of the contract.

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



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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: APRIL 26, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT FEBRUARY 27, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner CRISTINA MADRILL OREA FOR NOAH EMANUEL TURREY
3562 E. 58TH ST.
MAYWOOD CA 90270
(323) 534-0646

the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT FEBRUARY 24, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner KARLA FLORES
6610 LINDESEY AVE
PICO RIVERA CA 90660
(949) 533-2128
Karla.i.d14@gmail.com
The Downey Patriot
3/2/23, 3/9/23, 3/16/23, 3/23/23
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00028
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ESTELA GOMEZ FOR JACKELINE STEPHANIE MEZA GOMEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) JACKELINE STEPHANIE MEZA GOMEZ to Proposed name (1) JACKELINE CONSUELO
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 27, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT JANUARY 27, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner ESTELA GOMEZ
9068 ARTESIA BLVD BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
562-340-2185

CITATION FREEDOM FROM PARENTAL CUSTODY AND CONTROL (ABANDONMENT) (Re: ADOPTION)
In the Matter of: CHRISTOPHER DAMIEN GUERRERO, Minor(s)
A person(s) who should be declared from the custody and control of his/her (their) parent or parents.
TO: JOSE EFREN GUERRERO and to all persons claiming to be the father or mother of said minor or person(s) above named.
By order of this Court you are hereby cited and (required to) (may) appear before the Judge Presiding in Department 406 of the above entitled court, located at Children's Court 201 Centre Plaza Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91754 on MARCH 28, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why said person should not be declared free from the control of his/her (their) parents according to the petition on file herein.
You are hereby notified of the provisions of Family Code 7860 which provide the judge shall advise the minor and the parents, if present, of the right to have counsel present. The Court may appoint counsel to represent the minor whether or not the minor is able to afford counsel, and if they are unable to afford counsel, shall appoint counsel to represent the parents.
The petition filed herein is for the purpose of freeing the subject child for placement for adoption.
Dated: 01/05/2023
SHERRI R. CARTER, Executive Officer/ Clerk of Court, By: T. Hernandez, Deputy
JESSICA B. CHA, CFLS (SBN 248071)
LAW OFFICES OF J. CHA & ASSOCIATES
1245 CABILLO PARK DRIVE
SANTA ANA, CA 92701
T: 949-423-6933
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONERS: MARIA ERNESITINA PADILLA AND JESSE JOHN PADILLA
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of LOS ANGELES
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOEL ESPIRITU 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 MARCH 24, 2023 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 44 Room 418 located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 N. HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE
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: JOEL ESPIRITU
1036 VIA LA PAZ
SAN PEDRO, CA 90732
562-292-5798
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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: DANIEL J WILSON ESQ
SBN 106487
WILSON & WILSON
8141 E 2ND STREET
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2/16/23, 2/23/23, 3/2/23
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF IRENE A. DIAZ-ERAS aka IRENE A. DIAZ
Case No. 22STPB1310
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of IRENE A. DIAZ-ERAS aka IRENE A. DIAZ
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by David Diaz and Christina Diaz in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that David Diaz and Christina Diaz be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 27, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 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: KWI YONG LEE, ESQ.
SBN 249693
LAW OFFICE OF KWI YONG LEE
4220 ADMIRABLE DRIVE
RANCHO PALOS VERDES CA 90275
CN994209 RENAULT Feb 16,23, Mar 2, 2023

shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 17, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 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: KWI YONG LEE, ESQ.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANDREA YSAIS CHAVEZ
Case No. 22STPB07581
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of TOMAS CHAVEZ
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: ANDREA YSAIS CHAVEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDREA YSAIS CHAVEZ 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 MARCH 24, 2023 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 67 Room N/A located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 N. HILL STREET, 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: Christina D. Bennett, Esq., SBN 251842 ; Fred S. Peters, Esq., SBN: 269419
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cbennett@pisdlaw.com; fpeters@psldlaw.com
Petitioner, Andrea Ysaïs Chavez
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the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT FEBRUARY 24, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner KARLA FLORES FOR SOPHIA GRACE MORA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) SOPHIA GRACE MORA to Proposed name (1) SOPHIA GRACE MORA-FLORES
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: APRIL 26, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT JANUARY 03, 2023
MARGARET M. BERNAL
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner SONIA MARIA COLIN
12000 WASHINGTON BLVD.
WHITTIER, CA, 90606
(562) 658-7078
agoodeveryday@gmail.com
The Downey Patriot
3/2/23, 3/9/23, 3/16/23, 3/23/23

the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT FEBRUARY 24, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner MARIA MELANIA RINCON
9120 BEVERLY RD.
PICO RIVERA, CA 90660
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melanierincon@yahoo.com
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2/9/23, 2/16/23, 2/23/23, 3/2/23
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00040
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LOREN KAY CHRISWELL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) LOREN KAY CHRISWELL to Proposed name (1) LOREN KAY CRISWELL
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 27, 2023, Time: 10:00 a.m., Department: 72, Room: 731
The address of the court is 111 N HILL ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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 FEBRUARY 03, 2023
CURTIS A. KIN, JUDGE
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner LOREN KAY CHRISWELL
5024 CLARA STREET. CUDAHY, CA 90206
(323) 963-0579
The Downey Patriot
3/2/23, 3/9/23, 3/16/23, 3/23/23

the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT FEBRUARY 24, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner MARIA MELANIA RINCON
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00040
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA MELANIA RINCON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MARIA MELANIA RINCON to Proposed name (1) MELANIA RINCON
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: APRIL 5, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT FEBRUARY 3, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner MARIA MELANIA RINCON
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of LOS ANGELES
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOEL ESPIRITU 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 MARCH 6, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 4 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.
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Attorney for petitioner: DANIEL J WILSON ESQ
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF FRANK RENAULT
Case No. 23STPB01512
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of FRANK RENAULT
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Lorraine Fontes in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Lorraine Fontes be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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Case No. 23STPB01512
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A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 17, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ANDREA YSAIS CHAVEZ
Case No. 22STPB07581
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of TOMAS CHAVEZ
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: ANDREA YSAIS CHAVEZ in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANDREA YSAIS CHAVEZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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A HEARING on the petition will be held on MARCH 24, 2023 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 67 Room N/A located at SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 N. HILL STREET, 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.
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the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT FEBRUARY 24, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00040
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SONIA MARIA COLIN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) SONIA MARIA COLIN to Proposed name (1) JACQUELINE SONIA COLIN
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: MARCH 3, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
The address of the court is 12720 NORWALK BLVD. NORWALK, CA 90650
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, THE DOWNEY PATRIOT JANUARY 03, 2023
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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00040
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner MARIA MELANIA RINCON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Present name (1) MARIA MELANIA RINCON to Proposed name (1) MELANIA RINCON
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.
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Date: APRIL 5, 2023, Time: 10:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312
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A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, DOWNEY PATRIOT FEBRUARY 3, 2023
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of LOS ANGELES
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOEL ESPIRITU be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Lorraine Fontes



## Kiwanis hosting Casino Night fundraiser

**DOWNEY** — The Downey Noon Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Casino Night fundraiser Friday, March 24, at the Azar Event Center in Santa Fe Springs.

Themed “March Madness,” the event is from 6-10 pm will feature many opportunities to raise money for the club’s charitable endeavors, such as high school leadership conventions and activities and youth clubs at Downey middle schools.

In addition, funds raised at Casino Night will benefit holiday service projects helping TLC, LA CADA and Southern California Alcohol and Drug Programs, plus Kiwanis International Children’s Fund and the Kiwanis Family House in Sacramento, among others.

Cost to attend is \$75. For tickets, email Evelyn Aguilar at [evsalnias@sbcglobal.net](mailto:evsalnias@sbcglobal.net).

## OLPH Guild accepting grant applications

**DOWNEY** — The Women’s Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church is now accepting applications from non-profit community organizations for grants for the 2023-2024 year.

Last year the OLPH Women’s Guild awarded \$8,575 to fund educational programs, student supplies and various ministries within our local community.

Applications are available on the Guild website at [womensguild.olphdowney.com](http://womensguild.olphdowney.com). Deadline for submitting applications is: March 30.

Please send applications to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 10727 S. Downey Ave., Downey, CA 90241. Attention: Women’s Guild.

## Magician Lance Burton performing in Cerritos

**CERRITOS** — Magician Lance Burton returns to the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) with a new live show featuring a mix of illusions, sleight-of-hand, audience participation, and acclaimed guest stars.

Tickets start at \$70 for the 8 pm show on Friday, March 24.

For three decades, Burton was a Las Vegas headliner, performing more than 15,000 shows for more than 15 million fans. He caught Hollywood’s attention, leading to appearances on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson, Late Show with David Letterman, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The View, and The World’s Greatest Magic. Burton also hosted specials for The History Channel, Discovery, Animal Planet, and The Family Channel.

Shortly after his 20th birthday, Burton became the first winner of the coveted “Gold Medal for Excellence” from the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He won the grand prize at the 1982 FISM (Fédération International Sociéte de Magie) competition in Switzerland, becoming the first American and the youngest performer to claim the honor. Burton was twice crowned “Magician of the Year” by the Academy of Magical Arts.

For tickets or more information, call (562) 916-8500 or go to [cerritoscenter.com](http://cerritoscenter.com).

Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts is located at 12700 Center Court Drive, Cerritos.

## SoCalGas announces \$10 million in relief

**DOWNEY** — Reacting to unprecedented prices, Southern California Gas Co. announced Monday \$10 million in funding to help customers pay their bills.

The company said it committed \$5 million in funding to the Gas Assistance Fund, a program administered by the United Way that provides income-qualified customers with one-time grants to help pay their natural gas bills.

SoCalGas also announced it will contribute \$4 million to relaunch its popular Fueling Our Communities program, a collaboration with local food banks and nonprofits that has provided free meals and groceries to thousands of Californians facing food insecurity since 2020.

In addition, SoCalGas said it will contribute \$1 million in aid to small restaurant owners through the Restaurants Care Resilience Fund, a fund that was started in 2021 to help small restaurants with improvements, employee retention and to manage debt and rising costs.

Millions of Southern California families have been opening their utility bills to sticker shock.

“This winter’s unprecedented natural gas prices, on top of already high inflation, have been a real hardship for many Southern Californians, especially our most vulnerable, our seniors, and people facing difficult circumstances, said SoCalGas CEO, Scott Drury in a statement.

## Crime Report

On Feb. 13 at 1:55 pm, officers located a vehicle wanted for carjacking. A pursuit ensued and the two occupants of the vehicle were eventually arrested.

On Feb. 14 at 8:15 pm, officers responded to 8840 Apollo Way regarding an assault. The victim stated a male at the location threw a rock at him causing minor injuries. The male left the scene with several other males on foot. The investigation is ongoing.

On Feb. 16 at 5:30 pm, officers responded to Rio San Gabriel Park regarding a male vandalizing a park bench with spray paint. Officers arrived and located the male. The male was arrested for vandalizing city property.

On Feb. 16 at 8:15 pm, officers responded to Independence Park regarding a male vandalizing a park bench with spray paint. Officers arrived and located the male. The male was arrested for vandalizing city property.

On Feb. 19 at 12:20 am, officers responded to the area of 11200 Old River School Rd regarding a traffic collision into a building. Officers arrived and located the driver of the vehicle at the scene. No one inside of the building was injured. The driver was later arrested for DUI.

On Feb. 20 at 3:15 pm, officers responded to the Stonewood Mall regarding a grand theft. Officers determined the suspect had stolen \$5,000 in jewelry and fled the scene. Detectives are investigating.

On Feb. 21 at 11 pm, officers located a stolen vehicle being driven in the area of Lakewood Blvd and Gardendale St. Officers stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver.

On Feb. 23 at 10 pm, officers responded to Circle K at 12000 Paramount Blvd regarding a robbery. Officers determined the suspect assaulted the clerk while stealing items from the store and fled. The next day, detectives identified, located and arrested the suspect for robbery.

On Feb. 25 at 11:05 pm, officers were patrolling the area of 11500 Bellflower Blvd when they located an occupied stolen vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a firearm, narcotics and counterfeit money. Both occupants of the vehicle were arrested.

## Detectives seeking additional sexual assault victims

**BELLFLOWER** — Detectives from the Lakewood Sheriff’s Station Monday sought additional potential victims of the man charged with sexually assaulting a girl in Bellflower.

Mario Luis Chavez, 42, is accused of approaching a girl in front of a convenience store on the 17600 block of Bellflower Boulevard, near Ramona Street, around 10 p.m. on Feb. 16, asking her where she was going, then forcing the girl into his vehicle and driving away, according to the Sheriff’s Information Bureau.

Chavez allegedly proceeded to sexually assault the victim while in the car, described as a white 2004 Chevrolet Malibu Maxx, detectives said.

Chavez was described as 5 feet, 9 inches tall, Hispanic, weighing 200 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. He has an Aries symbol on his left forearm, an “M” on his right hand, “Long Live Them,” and a face tattoo on his left bicep.

Any additional potential victims or anyone with additional information about this case is encouraged to call the Lakewood Sheriff’s Station at 562-623-3548. People preferring to remain anonymous should call Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477.

## Councilman Horn to speak to chamber

**DOWNEY** — Councilman Timothy Horn will be the guest speaker at the Downey Chamber of Commerce’s City Affairs meeting Wednesday, March 15, at 12 pm inside the chamber’s board room.

Horn was appointed to the city council earlier this year to represent Downey’s District 1.

## Space Center hosting Drones Day

**DOWNEY** — Learn, watch and participate in a free Drones Day event this Saturday, March 4, at the Columbia Memorial Space Center.

Presented by the young women of the space center’s Girls in STEM Club, participants can learn how to fly a drone and watch a drone soccer game.

There will also be drone-related activities throughout the facility, indoors and outdoors, throughout the day.

The day includes presentations about the drone engineering and design process and a discussion about the sport of drone soccer with a top woman player.

Representatives from Sato Drone Soccer Team, the Fullerton Drone Lab, Rio Hondo College, the Long Beach Rocketry Club and Pilots & Drones will be in attendance.

The event is free and open to all ages. The event is from 10 am to 5 pm.

## Downey to give camp, swim lesson discounts for multi-sibling families

**DOWNEY** — The city of Downey will now offer discounts to families with multiple children enrolled in its seasonal day camps and aquatic programming.

The city council approved the discounts unanimously at their meeting Tuesday.

Currently, the city’s 10-week seasonal day camps are offered at a rate of \$150 per week for residents. Swim lessons are offered at \$64 per session.

With the new discounts, families with multiple siblings enrolled will only be charged \$120 per week for day camps and \$51 per aquatic session; about a 20% markdown.

In total, Parks and Recreation staff anticipate a \$2,000 loss in revenues associated with the day camp, as well as an approximate \$1,500 loss from aquatics.

However, Parks and Recreation director Jason Chacon said that “recreation is not a money making business.”

“We are a people and service-providing business,” said Chacon. “So it is not something that is detrimental to any bottom lines for us because it’s a service to provide and we actually give families more resources who want to have multiple children be able to go to our classes.”

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- 4 beds | 2 baths
- 1,701 sq. ft.
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**118 REVIEWS ★★★★★**

**MARKET UPDATE DOWNEY**

MEDIAN SALES PRICE:  
**\$775,000**  
(NO CHANGE)

SP/LP RATIO  
**100%**  
(102.3% LAST YEAR)

DAYS ON MARKET  
**14 DAYS**  
(10 DAYS LAST YEAR)

NUMBER OF SALES:  
**21 SALES**  
(26 LAST YEAR)

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- 9444 ARLEE, SFS | \$605,000
- 16458 PASADA, WH | \$1,050,000
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