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Vietnam veterans remembered

Downey recognized Vietnam War Veteran's Day on Wednesday with a wreath placed at the Downey Veteran's Memorial just outside of City Hall.

Wednesday marked 50 years since the last United States combat troops left Vietnam in 1973.

In total, 24 Downey residents lost their lives in the conflict. Their names are:

Juan Garay-Garcia, Daniel E. Eckernrode, Charles W. Koontz, Jr., Robert A. Thompson, Johnny L. Edwards, Michael N. Andersen, Danny E. Ward, Ronald H. Chilcott, Pablo Duran, James C. Houghton, Donald M. Munden, Charles Laurer, Niel E. Harvey, Steven P. Barnett, James D. Valov, John E. Lortz III, Wayne C. Harmon, Michael Cheroff, Durand G. Ligett, Jon L. Messer, Steven C. Patterson, Clifford L. Whipple, Robert R. Bohler, and Craig E. Williams.



Weekend at a Glance

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ON THIS DAY

1853: Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh, one of the greatest Post-Impressionists, known for works that convey not only keen observations of nature but the anguish of a mental illness, was born.

1855: In one of the origins of the American Civil War, "Border Ruffians" from Missouri invaded Kansas and forced election of a pro-slavery legislature.

1858 Hyman L. Lipman of Philadelphia received a U.S. patent for a pencil with an attached eraser.

1867: William H. Seward, secretary of state under U.S. President Andrew Johnson, signed the Alaska Purchase, a treaty ceding Russian North America to the United States for a price—\$7.2 million—that amounted to about two cents per acre.

1955: Grace Kelly and Marlon Brando won the Oscars for "Best Actress" and "Best Actor" at the 27th Academy Awards, hosted by the Pantages Theater.

1981: In Washington, D.C., barely two months after his inauguration as the 40th president of the United States, Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously wounded by would-be assassin John W. Hinckley, Jr.



1987: Prince released his ninth album, the critically acclaimed "Sign o' the Times."

2002: Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, who was queen consort of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (1936–52), died in her sleep at Windsor Castle at age 101.

2002: Ashanti dominated the American Top 10, with her Ja Rule collaboration "Always On Time" at #4, her Fat Joe duet "What's Luv?" at #5, and her solo track "Foolish" at #9.

2003: A law banning cigarette smoking in all places of employment, including restaurants and bars, went into effect in New York City.

2017: SpaceX conducted the world's first reflight of an orbital class rocket.

2017: Rosie Hamlin of Rosie & the Originals, known for the hit "Angel Baby," died at age 71.

Birthdays

Actor **Warren Beatty** (86), guitarist **Eric Clapton** (78), rapper **MC Hammer** (61), singer **Celine Dion** (55), jazz singer **Norah Jones** (44), and country singer **Thomas Rhett** (33).

Mayor hopes Ojos Locos reconsiders Downey restaurant

■ Construction is underway on an Ojos Locos restaurant, a brand that has been criticized for attracting crime and sexualizing its staff.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Is Ojos Locos still coming to Downey?

As construction on the former Denny's site — located at 8350 Firestone Blvd. — progresses, city planning staff have said that Ojos Locos is still believed to be the future tenant.

No opening date has been publicly revealed.

However, Mayor Claudia M. Frometa has said that she hopes to coordinate a meeting between both parties in order to find a compromise.



"Regarding Ojos Locos, the site owner is still moving forward with the plans as approved," said Frometa. "However, given the owner has other restaurants as part of his portfolio of eateries, I

have directed staff to reach out and schedule a meeting between all of us.

"While I value businesses and business investments in our great city, I do not believe Ojos Locos

belongs in Downey. There isn't a week I don't hear from concerned families and parents about their opposition to this restaurant opening in our city.

As the Mayor, I am advocating for my residents and hope to persuade the restaurateur to bring a different type of restaurant to our community, one that we can all embrace and welcome wholeheartedly."

The restaurant's initial announcement was met with fierce opposition by resident and council members alike, especially over the scantily-clad waitresses and apparent safety concerns.

At a city council meeting back in March last year, Mayor Pro Tem Mario Trujillo said that Ojos Locos "should take their tax dollars elsewhere." He would later indicate that he planned to rally constituents to send the message that the

restaurant was not welcome in Downey.

Ojos Locos would push back on many of residents' concerns, claiming that the risqué lingerie seen across other locations' social media pages were for "special events" only, and was not what was intended for the new Downey site.

Regardless, the city moved to take action against the attire, approving an ordinance establishing a dress code for food handler's city wide.

However, it remains to be seen what more the city could legally do, as officials have insisted that they cannot pick and choose what businesses set up shop within city limits.

Ojos Locos Sports Cantina is a chain restaurant with 21 locations across Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

Downey's Rebekah Ruswick named Special Education Administrator of the Year

■ Dr. Ruswick oversees special education at Downey Unified School District and has been lauded by educators and parents.

DOWNEY — The Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) has selected Downey Unified's Dr. Rebekah Ruswick as their Region 14 Special Education Administrator of the Year.

Each year, ACSA Region 14 honors the outstanding achievement of school administrators of the more than 20 Los Angeles County school and community college districts, serving diverse communities from Beverly Hills to Long Beach.

This is the fourth administrator in Downey Unified to be honored by ACSA for this award in the last six years.

Ruswick is receiving this distinguished honor for her strong

commitment to educational quality, student achievement, and her active promotion of safe and effective learning in equitable and inclusive ways.

She is also recognized for championing professional growth opportunities for her extensive team, ranging from educational to social-emotional support staff that provide special education services, both inside the classroom and in Downey Unified's Wellness Centers.

"As Director of one of our district's largest departments, serving approximately 3,500 students, Dr. Ruswick's position requires her to be a strong leader and possess an unwavering code of ethics," expressed Dr. Wayne Shannon, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education in Downey Unified.

"All students receiving services from our Special Education staff as

well as our robust Clinical School Therapist teams, are learning in environments that encourage rigor and achievement while receiving critical support for their individual needs. Dr. Ruswick's empowerment and appreciation of her staff makes significant educational opportunities more widely available all while positively impacting the mental well-being of all our students."

The award application submitted on Ruswick's behalf notes that "her efforts have greatly strengthened relationships with district families of students with exceptional needs."

Two such examples were the district's first-ever Sensory Inclusive Fall Festival hosted at Warren High School in October, as well as launching informative bi-monthly parent training sessions for Downey Unified families.



In addition, her introduction of dedicated teaching models at the high school level has increased the number of students with exceptional needs who are able to graduate with the necessary credits to apply for college.

Ruswick will be formally recognized at the ACSA Region 14 Awards Banquet on April 27, in Redondo Beach.

Downey Symphony performing special Latin-flavored concert

■ The April 8 concert will feature music by Mexican composer Juan Pablo Contreras and others.

By Lorine Parks
Society Editor

DOWNEY — Danzon! Now we're dancing!

"I built the program," said Sharon Lavery, Music Director for the Downey Symphonic Society, "thinking about the plethora of 'Latin flavored' repertoire in the classical music genre."

Latin is the umbrella word for Spanish-speaking countries as well as those of indigenous American ancestry and culture. The concert showcases all of that.

This April 8 performance

of the Downey Symphony Orchestra will also feature Marichitlan!, a work by Juan Pablo Contreras, and a Giovanni Santos world premiere. Both composers will be present.

"We'll open," said director and conductor Sharon, "with Andalusian Spanish composer Manuel de Falla's Ritual Fire Dance from El Amor Brujo."

With incantatory rhythm, a young Andalusian gypsy girl dances around the campfire at midnight with the ghost of her dead husband, whirling faster and faster to cast off his spell.

Marichitlan! brings the New World to the stage. Composer Juan Pablo Contreras is the youngest Mexican classical music composer to be nominated

for a Latin Grammy Award, and Juan Pablo will be in the house that evening. Hearing Marichitlan! (Mariachiland) is like being in a Mariachi Plaza with multiple mariachis interrupting each other and competing to win over the crowd.

"I wanted to celebrate my Mexican heritage," said Juan Pablo, "with a very positive and vibrant orchestral work, and felt that mariachi music was the perfect source of inspiration to do so. Mariachitlan is my favorite work in my catalog, and it is the best representation of who I am as a composer. It's an orchestral homage to my birthplace, the Mexican state of Jalisco, where mariachi music originated"

"Juan Pablo was a student of mine," said Sharon, "at USC Thornton School of Music, in my graduate instrumental conducting class. That's where we first met, and we've been friends and colleagues ever since."

Danzon! the next piece, by Arturo Márquez, born in Álamos, Sonora, is one of the most popular Mexican contemporary classical music compositions. The dance style named danzón has its origins in Cuba, with African origins, but is a very important part of the folklore of the Mexican state of Veracruz.

Similar to a tango, the

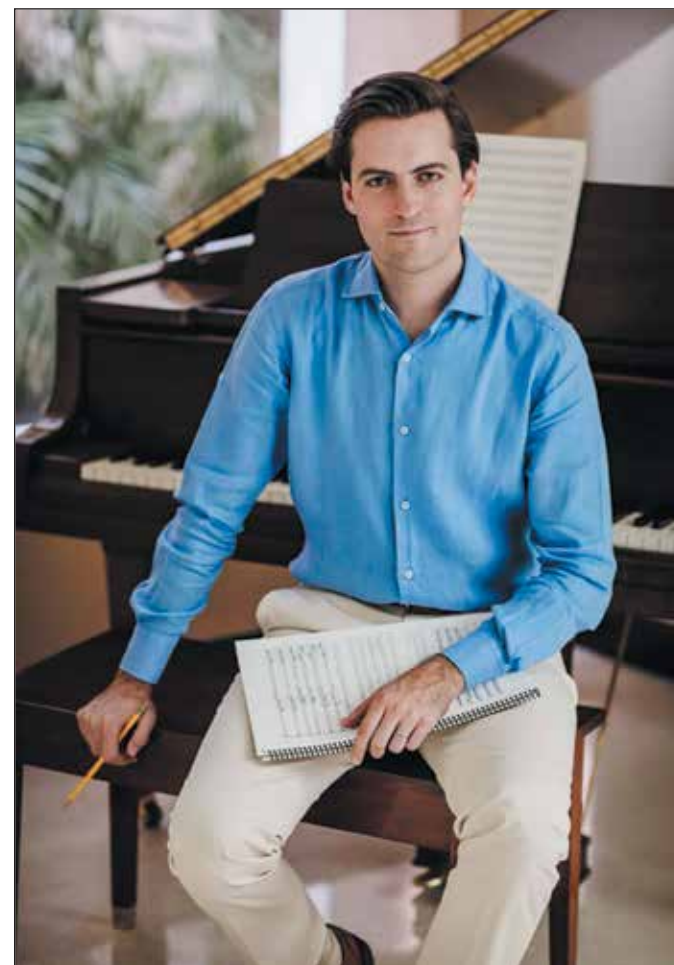
Mexican danzón has the syncopated rhythms and melancholy melodies. Composer Márquez wrote Danzon No. 2 for full orchestra, and the piece features solos for clarinet, oboe, piano, violin, double bass, French horn, trumpet, flute, and piccolo. Each instrument is highlighted with solo lines.

After the intermission the annual April auction for Conductor Sharon's baton next April will take place. The bidding is lively and it's always amazing how many patrons have been saving up. It's not often one gets the opportunity to lead a professional group like the full Downey Symphony Orchestra.

Earlier in the evening, the winner of last April's auction will have conducted a piece to start the evening festivities. The winner also gets free conducting lessons from Music Director Sharon at rehearsal, and a picture of themselves in action.

After the excitement of the auction, Sharon will conduct a world premier, Fanfare For Earth, by Giovanni Santo. The son of a Cuban father and a Dominican mother, he was raised in Puerto Rico.

"Gio was a former member of our ensembles here at USC Thornton," Sharon said, "years ago when he was completing his Master's degree in trumpet



Juan Pablo Contreras

performance. Now he teaches at La Sierra College. He too has been a friend and colleague ever since."

The Mahler Lieder, poems by the poet Friedrich Rückert set to the music of Mahler's emotional world, and Capriccio Española by Rimsky-Korsakov, an

orchestral suite based on lively Spanish folk melodies, will complete the program.

The Mahler songs will be sung by baritone Anthony Moreno, who is of Spanish Portuguese descent.

"I've always wanted to perform these Rückert Lieder," said Sharon, "so when Anthony suggested them, I was thrilled."

In Capriccio Español, Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov lets the whole orchestra contribute to recreating the Spanish countryside. In the alboradas (dawn songs) we hear the promise of heat later in the day, in blistering solos by the clarinet and violin, with tambourine and snare drum.

For the finale, Rimsky-Korsakov turns to the fandango, the most widespread of the Spanish dances. Every section of the orchestra takes its turn leading the dance famous for its sensuality before finishing in a riotous whirl of colors.

Tickets are available for the Saturday, April 8, concert at 8 pm at the Downey Theatre box office. Tickets can also be purchased by calling (562) 861-8211 and online at downeytheatre.org.



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Downey resident Lupe Rodriguez and Denise De Leon pose with 50 family and friends during a recent visit to Cuba.

Downey High School's dance team won a national title at USA Nationals two weeks ago in Anaheim. Downey won first place for small hip-hop and third place in large lyrical and large hip-hop.

"They have been training all year and couldn't have done it without all the hard work, sweat and dedication," parents said. "Thanks to the director of the dance team, Leslie Patterson, and the two coaches, Alicia and Cassie."

Titan Tow awarded police contract

DOWNEY — The city of Downey approved on Tuesday a three-year, non-exclusive franchise agreement with Titan Towing for its transportation and storage services.

Per the terms of the contract, Titan will pay the city a franchise fee equal to 20% of its gross revenues attributable to towing, storage, and impound services provided pursuant to the agreement with the city for vehicles towed, stored, or impounded when a storage form has been completed and a department case number has been assigned.

According to a report presented by Downey Police Chief Leslie Murray, the police impound approximately 1,300 vehicles a year, typically for parking in no stopping zones, expired registration over six months, five or more unpaid parking citations, arrest of driver (when necessary), and for evidence when the vehicle is involved in a crime.

In Memory of

Ruth Rollins

March 19, 1923 - March 13, 2023



Ruth Rollins passed away peacefully at home on March 13 in Downey, of natural causes at the age of 99, six days short of her 100th birthday. Ruth was born in Bakersfield, California to Robert Raikes Shull and Susie Adeline Wilson. Her family originally lived in Taft, California where her dad worked as a foreman in the oil fields.

They later moved to Long Beach before eventually moving to Downey. She attended the local schools and graduated from Compton High School and Compton Junior College in 1942.

Upon graduation from Compton J.C. she was employed at Alcoa from 1942 to 1950.

Ruth met and married William B. Rollins, Jr. in 1947. They settled in Compton and Bill began his educational career. They soon started their family and moved to Downey in 1952.

Ruth was active in her children's schools, becoming a member of the Parents' Club (a pre-PTA organization) and PTA, often serving as the president. She received a Lifetime Membership in PTA for her work.

Once her last child graduated from high school in 1976 she decided to work for the Downey Unified School District and began as a substitute clerk and secretary ending as the Attendance Clerk at Rio Hondo Elementary School in 1993.

Ruth lost her husband, Bill, in March of 2012 after 65 years of marriage.

Ruth was the matriarch of the Rollins family, providing sage advice and acting as a role model for us all. She was beloved by her four children, Bill (Candace), Bob (Kelley), Gary (Valerie) and Jane (Dale), 13 terrific grandchildren and 27 wonderful great-grandchildren. All of us have our special memories of 'Ruth,' 'Mom' and 'Grandma' which will keep us smiling forever.

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In Memory of



Margaret Jane Chelling

October 15, 1923 - March 7, 2023

Margaret Jane Chelling passed away surrounded by her loving family in the early morning hours of March 7, 2023. She was born Margaret Jane Ferguson in Rochester, MN on October 15, 1923 and raised in Red Wing, MN. She braved the Minnesota winters and excelled as a student, school journalist and actor in school plays. She was also named First Runner Up in the Miss Red Wing Pageant. She played Lisa Doolittle in My Fair Lady and could recite lines with a perfect cockney accent throughout her life. Jane left Minnesota and drove to Los Angeles with her family as a young lady during World War II. Mom supported her nation working at the Douglas Aircraft Company during the war. She became a teacher and shortly after coming to Los Angeles met a fellow Minnesotan, Edward, a U.S. Army Air Forces crewman, at the Hollywood Palladium. Jane married Edward shortly after the war and raised a family of six children. She enjoyed traveling with Edward and the family, was a Dodgers and Lakers fan and was an active member of St. Pius X and Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishes. She was also an avid bowler in the Coffee Breakers League at Downey's Del Rio Lanes and was bowling over one hundred well into her nineties.

Those of you reading this and who have gotten this far need to know that this may be a different kind of obituary. Yes, we all may peruse the obituary pages from time to time. And yes, everyone on these pages is a special human being to their friends and families. You've read the facts about our Mom, but Jane Chelling is truly extraordinary. Our Mom stayed here for us for more than ninety-nine years. She is the most loving, warm, gentle and beautiful person we've ever known. She is one of those special people who never in her entire life knowingly hurt anyone, deserted anyone or failed to be there when we needed her. She's been here every second of our lives and she loves with all her heart. The world changes forever when a person who has always been there for you, who you knew would do anything for you, who you could always trust, leaves this world. That kind of love happens only once in a lifetime.

There are approximately 100 billion stars in the Milky Way Galaxy. Coincidentally that is just about the same number as the number of human beings who have ever lived on earth. So, when you look up at the stars in the night sky you are really looking at stars that represent humanity and the people you have loved. For us, the brightest of those stars will always be our Mom.

We're not writing about Mom here in the past tense and that's deliberate because we're never going to say goodbye. Mom would be proud of that stubborn Irish side. Instead we're simply saying to Mom: "Farewell for now and see you soon, this side or the other." Mom's Irish heart will understand and ... she'll live in our hearts forever. We love you so much Mom.

The Downey Symphonic Society Presents *iDanzón!*

Saturday, April 8, 2023 - 8PM
Downey Symphony Orchestra
Sharon Lavery, Conductor
6:30pm - "Mother Earth" Art Exhibit
Produced by the Downey Arts Coalition
7:15pm - Pre-Concert Talk

Opening Piece to be conducted by Christopher Parks, 2022 Baton Auction Winner
Ritual Fire Dance from El Amor Brujo
- De Falla
Mariachitlán - Juan Pablo Contreras
Danzón No.2 - Arturo Márquez
Fanfare for Earth (world premiere)
- Giovanni Santos
Rückert Lieder - Gustav Mahler
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Capriccio espagnol, Op. 34
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What’s wrong with drag queens?

By Susan Estrich

Susan Estrich is a lawyer, professor, author and first woman president of Harvard Law Review.

A friend on Facebook posted a picture of Bob Hope in drag, entertaining the troops. No Republican legislators in sight. No protests. No problem.

Comedian Melissa McCarthy is right. In a viral post, she defended drag queens. Why not? We’ve all been entertained by drag shows all our lives.

Why all of a sudden is this a national danger deserving of legislative action?

The answer is not that children need protection from RuPaul.

It’s about how you play wedge politics, how you find issues that divide people. That’s what the culture wars are all about. It’s not a matter of solving the nation’s most pressing problems. It’s about dividing people along ideological lines and using conscious and unconscious bias for political benefit. That’s what is going on here, and it is for sure a dangerous game, not because drag queens are dangerous but because playing politics with prejudice is.

Drag queens pose no bigger threat to our communities than transgender women in sports do. These are issues right-wing extremists have gotten hold of because they work politically, not because they’ve suddenly taken an interest in women’s sports or children’s story hours, much less because there’s some crisis demanding attention in these arenas.

But it’s an effort whose impact is not limited to cross-dressing entertainers or competitive women athletes.

Wikipedia defines a drag queen as “a person, usually male, who uses drag clothing and makeup to imitate and often exaggerate female gender signifiers and gender roles for entertainment purposes. Historically, drag queens have usually been gay men, and part of gay culture.”



Jackie Gleason and Bob Hope dress in drag during a 1975 performance.

Banning drag shows, as Tennessee has now led the nation in doing, is banning what has been a part of gay culture and entertainment for decades. It is not a “neutral” act. It is plainly discriminatory along gender lines, and it raises all kinds of gender issues.

Activists are right to see such efforts as the tip of the iceberg of discrimination and to be concerned about the message that is being sent. Because there is indeed a message that is intended — a message about who and what is acceptable and tolerable, and who will not be accepted and tolerated.

Because it’s not just about drag queens. It’s about recognizing and accepting people who are different and about taking on gender roles rather than being bound by them. Drag queens make us laugh as they take on gender issues. They explode stereotypes. They use laughter as a weapon against ignorance. It’s not just about falsies

and fancy makeup. They challenge us at every level. We laugh with them, at ourselves. “La Cage Aux Folles.” Acceptance is the ultimate act.

And it’s not just about transgender athletes who are being banned. It’s also about recognizing that not everyone fits squarely into the binary system, that human sexuality takes more forms than traditional heterosexuality. It’s about acceptance as opposed to rejection.

Drag shows are, at their core, political speech in the sense that they challenge our perception of gender and gender roles and force us to reexamine familiar stereotypes even as we laugh at the exaggerated representations of femininity. To prohibit them is to send a message that gender roles are sacrosanct and cannot be challenged. That is the iceberg. Drag shows are the tip.

This country is failing its children

By Esau McCaulley

Esau McCaulley is theologian in residence at Progressive Baptist Church, a historically Black congregation in Chicago and author of the forthcoming memoir “How Far to the Promised Land: One Black Family’s Story of Hope and Survival in the American South.”

The formal clothes of children are endearing. Take a suit or a dress and shrink it down to a size appropriate for elementary school kids and the cuteness factor is undeniable. This is because we all know that ties, button-down shirts and stately dresses are not really the province of the young. Children belong in things that can get dirty, splashed by mud or ripped by sliding into second base or tussling with a classmate.

But tiny caskets? Of course, we revolt. Death is not supposed to visit the lives of our daughters in pigtails or stalk our sons who still have gaps in their teeth.

The parents of three young children at the Covenant School in Nashville now have to choose final outfits and caskets for their children because a shooter entered a school with assault-style rifles and a handgun.

The killer, who also took the lives of three adults at the school, was another in a long line of murderers whose ideologies vary as much as the objects of their violence: Asians, African Americans, Black church attendees, members of the L.G.B.T.Q. community, former classmates, moviegoers, grocery shoppers and Christian school students and staff. The one thing that unites these killers is the easy access they had to weapons, owing to the laws that exist in our republic.

There are many ways to judge the success or failure of a country. We can look at its economy, the strength of its military or the quality of its education. We can examine the soundness of our bridges or the smoothness of our highways. But what if we used a different standard? We should judge a nation by a simple metric: the number of weeping parents it allows, the small caskets it tolerates.

The debate around gun control is not new, of course, and each tragedy brings a fresh wave of calls for common sense gun regulation. The adversaries of reform will rebuke us for turning a tragedy, the deaths of six innocent people, into an occasion to debate politics. We will be urged to offer prayers for the victims and their families while we await the appropriate time to discuss the more difficult issues. But too often it seems that rather than waiting for the right time, politicians are simply trying to wait out the news cycle.

I am a son of the Black church, so I am well versed in such delaying tactics. We have not had the luxury of time to mourn. When domestic terrorists bombed the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., in 1963, murdering four of our little girls, Martin Luther King Jr. used the eulogy he delivered in the presence of the children’s caskets to challenge the church and the government to change.

He said: “These children — unoffending, innocent, and beautiful — were the victims of one of the most vicious and tragic crimes ever perpetrated against humanity. And yet they died nobly. They are the martyred heroines of a holy crusade for freedom and human dignity. And so this afternoon in a real sense they have something to say to each of us in their death. They have something to say to every minister of the gospel who has remained silent behind the safe security of stained-glass windows. They have something to say to every politician.”

The deaths of the children spoke to the state of anti-Blackness in America. In death, their blood cried out for justice and transformation. Similarly, every single young body riddled with bullets from guns that we could control preaches a sermon. They issue a word of condemnation, a Jeremiad.

Do not misunderstand: I believe in the power of prayer. But the Christian response can’t be limited to it. That assumes that all activity on behalf of the innocent lies in the hands of the almighty when the Christian Scriptures themselves suggest that God will

judge us according to how we treat the most vulnerable. We should not be accountable for only the fervency of our intercession but also for the relentlessness of our actions.

Taylor Schumann is a shooting survivor, wife, mom, Christian and advocate for gun reform. The author of the book “When Thoughts and Prayers Aren’t Enough: A Shooting Survivor’s Journey Into the Realities of Gun Violence,” she says that some people who resist gun reform do so out of fear, but they are looking at it the wrong way. “The desire for gun control does not come from a place of wanting to take away something, but rather to save something else: fellow human beings,” she told me. “We’ve tried so many things to reduce gun violence, everything except widespread gun reform. If there were another way to do it, I believe we would’ve found it by now.” Ms. Schumann is right. We have not found another answer and so we are left with a question, which is: Whom do we love more, our guns or our children?

My wife and I had occasion to visit Edinburgh, Scotland, last summer. Strolling along its cobbled roads, we wandered into one of the many old churches. Carved into the cool stone walls were names of those long dead.

All that we could know about them was the year of their birth and the day of their passing. The life that took place in the middle was lost to history. We noticed that a few lived very brief lives, dying as children. My wife and I wondered what had befallen them — illness, accident or some other tragedy? The disquiet around the death of the young echoes through the centuries.

Years from now, when those of us alive today have gone the way of all flesh, others will wander through our graveyards. They will see the waves of tombstones commemorating children with not enough years between the first number and the last. But unlike those children in Scotland, the cause of those tragedies will not be a mystery. The undeniable testimony of our actions will be that our children kept dying because some of us did not love them enough.

How to save patients money by ending one type of insurance coverage

By Erin E. Trish and Karen Van Nuys

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Even if they have health insurance, Americans routinely face surprisingly high charges at the pharmacy counter. A radical-sounding solution would drastically curtail this experience and save billions of dollars in the bargain: End insurance coverage for low-cost generic drugs, which represent 90 percent of all prescriptions.

Health insurance once made essential medicines affordable and, for expensive brand-name drugs that can treat cancer or control rare diseases, it still does. But as insurance and intermediary practices have evolved, they have made generics pricier.

These medicines, which are identical copies of brand-name drugs whose patent protection has expired, can be profitably produced at a 99 percent discount from the brand-name price. This explains why generics account for only 18 percent of total drug spending. What’s more, their average price has been falling, from \$22 in 2009 to \$17 in 2018.

Yet insurance coverage has enabled middlemen to feast on billions of these prescriptions each year, keeping prices higher than they need to be. Consumers see the result in a crazy-quilt of price tags that vary from pharmacy to pharmacy and in insurance co-payments that often exceed the entire retail price of the drugs.

In 2018, Medicare paid 21 percent — \$2.6 billion — more for generics than their cash prices at Costco, our research found. And that was for just 184 of the most common generic drugs.

Eliminating insurance for generics might make patients nervous at first, but the payoff would be stable and affordable prices. An opaque, profit-generating structure that provides no value for patients would be stripped away. Premiums could be reduced to account for the narrower coverage that results.

Insurance provides real value only when there is the chance of substantial loss, and that isn’t the case with cheap generics. A good analogy is auto insurance. A typical car-insurance plan doesn’t cover oil changes, because they are predictable and inexpensive. As a result, they are readily available from mechanics and express oil shops, and prices are transparent, comparable and kept low by competition. But car insurance is needed when accidents happen and repairs are expensive. In medicine, the insurance extends down to the equivalent of the oil change, making something that should be simple and cheap complicated and more expensive.

Insurance companies stay in the generics game through subsidiaries called pharmacy benefit managers. PBMs are middlemen that manage drug benefits for health insurers, employers, unions and government entities, and they contract with pharmacies to deliver the drugs to beneficiaries. PBMs capture profits from each prescription sold, and this artificially raises the costs of generic drugs. Their contracts commonly require pharmacies to give the PBM their lowest price when accepting

reimbursement for a prescription. As a result, most pharmacies are careful to set cash prices higher than their negotiated PBM rates, which means they don’t offer competitive cash prices to customers at the counter.

What’s worse, PBMs sometimes take money directly from patients. Commercially insured patients’ co-payments for generic prescriptions exceed the total cost of the medicine 28 percent of the time, a practice known as a “copay clawback,” a USC Schaeffer Center study found. PBMs can also reimburse a pharmacy one price while charging health plans a higher one and pocket the difference, a tactic known as “spread pricing.” They also control formularies — the lists of drugs that their clients will cover — which can exclude cheap generics if higher priced brand-name drugs provide more room for PBM profits.

All these practices subvert the Hatch-Waxman Act, a 1984 bipartisan law that jump-started production of low-cost generics. Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) and Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) brought drug industry leaders together to agree on a strategy to provide brand-name drug makers longer monopolies (to encourage innovation) while giving generic drug makers an abbreviated approval process (to encourage access and affordability). Now, a market that is being gamed to inflate generic prices threatens that balance.

Cash-only pharmacies such as Blueberry Pharmacy and Mark Cuban’s Cost Plus Drug Company are already demonstrating the benefits of cutting out the middlemen in generic drug sales. But to establish a truly robust and transparent cash market in which consumers could decide whether to fill their prescriptions using insurance or cash, pharmacies nationwide would need to be protected against retaliation from PBMs. An important first step is to outlaw the anticompetitive “best price” contracts that PBMs impose on pharmacies and that keep them from offering competitive cash prices.

Saying goodbye to insurance for generic drugs might also mean that pharmacies would need to establish new systems to track prescriptions to check for drug interactions and other elements of care coordination. But the cost and difficulty of such efforts on behalf of patient safety are minuscule compared with the needless expense of middleman profiteering involved in generic sales today.

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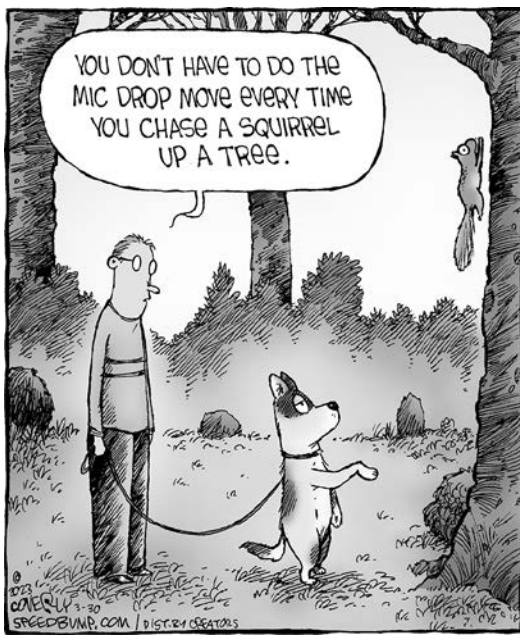
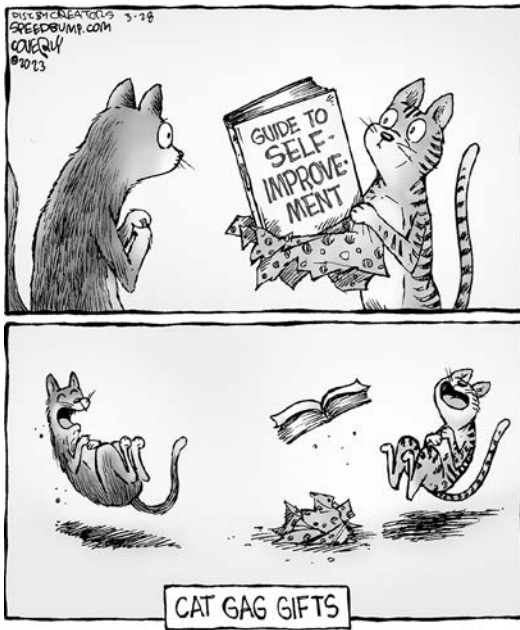
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 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at Downey City Council Chamber at City Hall, for more info call 299-5462.
 4th Mon., 5 pm: Green Task 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., 11:30 am: Downey Dog Obedience Club, for information please call Gina 869-5213 or Valerie 420-2972.
 3rd Wed., 10 am: Los Angeles County Quilters Guild, at Women's Club, call 860-8821 or 927-3635.
 3rd Wed., 6:00 pm: Sister Cities of Downey, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call Gloria Nezahualcoyotl (562) 776-6136.
 4th Wed., 7:30 pm: US Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 5-10, First Presbyterian Church, call Brian 419-5420.
 Wed. & Fri., 10:15 am: Senior Bingo, at Apollo Park, call 904-7223

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 7:30 am.: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
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 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
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 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.
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 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

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

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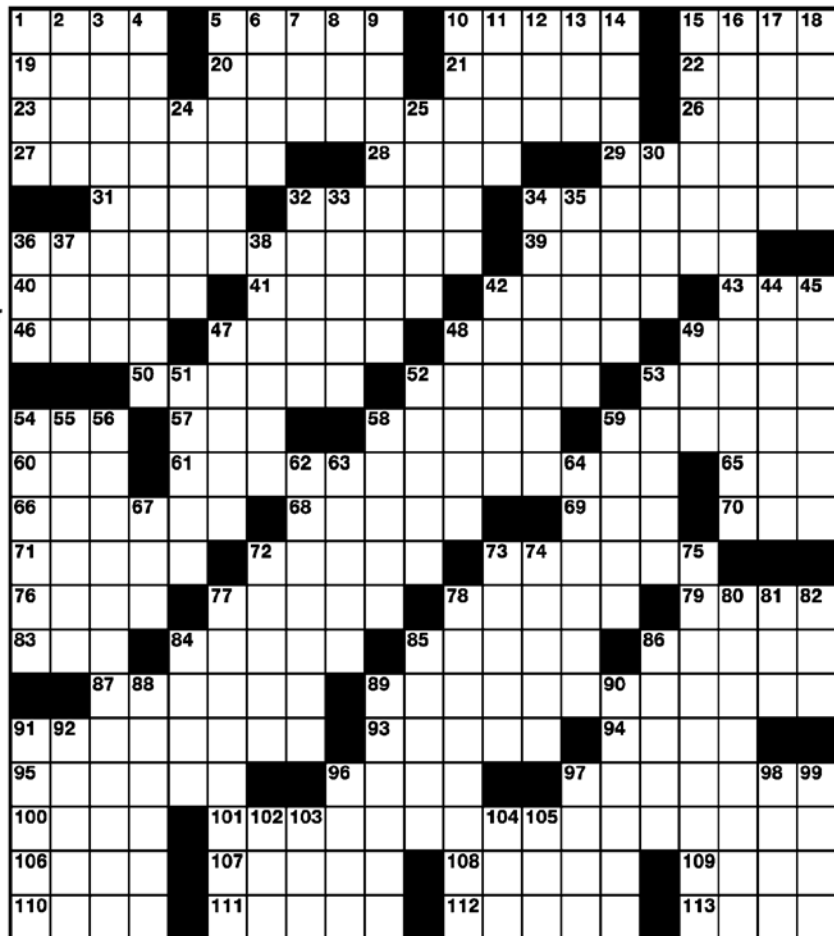
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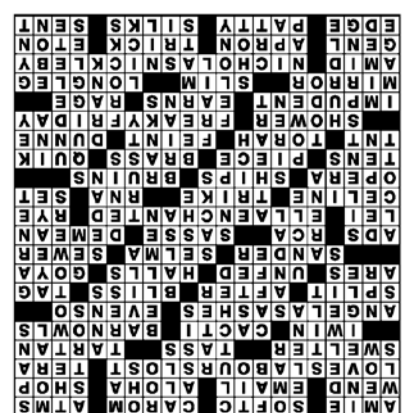
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Warren stays in first place with 3-0 win over Downey

■ Both teams were undefeated heading into Tuesday's Gateway League matchup.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

DOWNEY — In the early going of the Gateway League action for boys volleyball, it looks like a Downey-Warren show until the showdown in the last match of the regular season.

Coming into Tuesday's match, both teams were undefeated in league with 3-0 records. The nearest teams in the standings (Lynwood, Paramount and Dominguez) all had a combined three league wins between them.

In recent years it has been a back-and-forth Downey-Warren league champion in the old San Gabriel Valley League. Downey, which split with Warren, 1-1, in league and also won in a tournament game against the Bears last year, is the defending champion.

Previous to that, Warren won in '21, followed by a back-to-back Viking championship in '18 and '19.

Warren won in 2017 with a 10-1 record. The last team other than Downey or Warren to win league was Gahr in 2016.

Downey and Warren will face each other for a possible league title on the line Thursday (April 20) at Downey.

In Thursday's match, which was played in front of a nearly full gym at Warren, the Bears won, 25-15, 25-14, 25-13 to improve to 4-0 in league and 12-5 overall.

Downey slips to 3-1 and 9-11.

"We just happen to have some guys that have stuck around with me in the program and stayed here," Warren coach Scott Lane said. "I have fourth-year seniors, guys that have been with me since they were freshmen. It's starting to pay off a little bit and it looks smooth."

In the opening set with Warren holding a 10-point, 23-13 lead, the Bears had a net error, and the Warren server committed a service error and Downey trailed, 23-15.

The Bears scored the last two points to take a 1-0 lead in the best of five sets.

The second game was a close through the first half of the set, with the Bears holding a three-point, 12-9 lead. Both sophomore outside hitters Madden Iamaleava and senior Sergio Garcia led the Bears



Downey senior opposite Owen Rosales is shown taking a shot against Warren's Sergio Garcia that was blocked Tuesday (March 28) in a Gateway League match. Warren won, 3-0. (Photo by John Sherrard)

early with two big kills each.

"Having two pin hitters (outside) relieves some stress off of me," Garcia said. "It really makes a big difference. Iamaleava, who holds down the other side, didn't play last season due to football commitments.

Garcia, who no doubt has the biggest serve on the team, kept the pressure up throughout the match with his booming serves.

Downey senior libero, Diego Fierro, did his best to ward off multiple hits by both Garcia and Iamaleava in the match.

"My serve felt phenomenal (Tuesday)," Garcia added. "It was completely more consistent and was feeling it (Tuesday).

"I've played here for three years and I'll be honest, it's just amazing and it hypes me up with everyone cheering."

Garcia was referring to the longstanding rival between the two schools and the packed gym.

"(Fierro) has been with us for a really, really long time," said second-year Downey coach Matthew Lostetter, of his senior libero. "We like to face a lot of DI schools early and he sees big arms

early on. He should be used to it and seen lots of high-level swings."

Warren began to pull away with a 7-1 run, behind two kills by Garcia and one by Iamaleava, to build up a 19-10 advantage.

Downey senior opposite Owen Rosales and senior middle Charles Rhinelander each had a kill to briefly slow down the Bears to trail 20-12.

"It's a big deal and it's the only two high schools in Downey," said Rosales, of the rivalry. "The games are always a big deal, and the crowds are always here, and the games are always tight.

"I think the team just need to focus in and lock in, because we have the talent and good enough players. It's just harnessing that and being able to use it on the court and use it all the way and we should be good."

The Bears finished off the set with a 6-2 run for the 25-14 win.

Just near the end of the set for

the Vikings, junior outside Nathan Thai stopped Warren from a set point with a kill, to trail, 24-14.

A big hit by Rosales, was beyond the back line to give the win to Warren.

The third set saw Warren get off to a quick start, building up a 13-6 lead.

Highlighting the lead were more big kills by Garcia and Iamaleava. In the first half of the set, Downey only had three offensive points, which included a big kill from Rhinelander. The rest of the Bears' points came off of their own mistakes.

The latter part of the set was mostly all Warren, as they finished with a 12-5 run to finish off the match.

The Downey crowd became energized in the set after a kill by Rhinelander, to trail, 13-8. That was followed by two hits out of bounds by the Bears, and Downey was the closest since earlier in the set.

Warren led, 13-10.

A few minutes later in the set, Rhinelander had a big block at the net to again trail by three, 15-12.

However, that was the second to last point of the match for the Vikings, as Garcia's six serving points basically put the match away.

Iamaleava finished off the match with a kill up high for the win.

Madden Iamaleava and the rest of the Warren team was without their big hitter, Nico Iamaleava, who finished school early to get ready for the next level at Tennessee for his football career.

Nico Iamaleava, who was a big part of the Warren volleyball program and Madden's older brother, was about to begin Spring practice for Tennessee soon.

"If Nico was on our team (this year), that would be disgusting," smiled Maddon Iamaleava, of the

"what if's" had he played volleyball this season.

"It didn't necessarily hurt us, because we knew coming into the season, we weren't going to have Nico, so we were mentally prepared as a team to (build) around the people we have."

Lostetter, who graduated from Downey, said of the long-running rivalry, "We've had a long history of this rivalry, and honestly however stressful it can be, it's something that both sides can look forward to.

"Something that Scotty (Lane) and I look forward to is if we could increase the level of volleyball in this community with these two big competitors here. We don't have a lot of clubs in the area, but we're trying to extend that branch over to our middle schools. We have four here in the city."

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Kiwanis car show this Saturday

DOWNEY — Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis is hosting a car show and small business soiree this Saturday, April 1, at Downey High School.

The public is invited to attend and admire nearly 200 classic cars, while shopping from 80 local businesses and food booths.

There will also be raffles with proceeds benefiting the new Downey YMCA.

The free event is from 9 am to 2 pm in the Downey High south parking lot.

Downey tax preparer pleads guilty to filing false returns

DOWNEY — An Orange County man pleaded guilty last week to knowingly preparing nearly 400 fraudulent federal income tax returns that caused a loss of more than \$750,000 to the IRS by inflating his clients' tax refunds without their knowledge and then pocketing the difference between the clients' true refunds and the inflated ones.

Raudel Sandoval, 48, of Placentia, pleaded guilty to two counts of aiding and assisting in the preparation of false and fraudulent tax returns.

According to his plea agreement, Sandoval is a licensed tax preparer and owns RSE Sandoval España Inc., a Downey-based tax preparation company. Sandoval willfully prepared hundreds of false federal and state income tax returns for clients for the tax years 2015 through 2018. On these returns, he claimed false or inflated amounts of the child tax credit, business losses, short-term capital losses and other items to which the taxpayer clients were not entitled.

Sandoval falsified the tax returns with deductions and credits that his clients did not incur or had not informed him about. He also inflated the amounts of deductions and credits that his clients were entitled to claim.

When he finished preparing a tax return, Sandoval gave his clients copies of their returns that were true and correct, but falsely told them that he would file their true-and-correct copies with the IRS on their behalf.

Then, Sandoval inflated his clients' returns with false and fraudulent deductions and credits and filed these false tax returns with the IRS. The false returns showed a larger refund than on the true-and-correct copies Sandoval had given to his clients.

Sandoval then directed the inflated refunds to himself. He did so by changing the bank account and routing numbers on the filed returns to a bank account he controlled. Sandoval controlled more than 100 bank accounts with several different banks and opened many of the accounts in his clients' names. But he was the accounts' only authorized signor. Several of the Sandoval-owned bank accounts had the name "Federal Tax Refund Processing."

Sandoval directed the IRS to send the inflated refunds through a third-party refund processor to be deposited into an account he controlled. Other times, he caused the IRS to mail a check of the inflated refund to his business address. He then would deposit the check into one of his accounts.

After receiving the inflated refund, Sandoval transferred a portion of it — the amount his clients were expecting to receive based on the true-and-correct tax return copies — to one of his "Federal Tax Refund Processing" accounts. Sandoval then transferred that money to his clients' bank accounts, causing them to believe their refunds were from a legitimate government source.

Sandoval kept the difference between the true refund and the inflated refund.

For the tax years 2015 through 2018, Sandoval willfully understated his clients' tax liabilities and caused a loss of \$758,550 to the IRS, caused by the filing of at least 389 fraudulent income tax returns.

United States District Judge Sherilyn Peace Garnett scheduled a September 6 sentencing hearing, at which time Sandoval will face a statutory maximum sentence of three years in federal prison for each count.

IRS Criminal Investigation investigated this matter.



Anthony Hildebrand, assistant fire chief for the Downey Fire Department, was sworn in recently as the newest member of Downey Los Amigos Kiwanis. Hildebrand grew up locally, attending St. John Bosco High School. He joined the Downey Fire Department in 2003.

Hildebrand is pictured with Councilman Hector Sosa.

Fire chief is guest speaker

DOWNEY — Downey fire chief Dan Hurlock will be the guest speaker at the Downey Historical Society's April 27 meeting starting at 6:30 pm at the Barbara J. Riley Community and Senior Center.

Hurlock was hired by the Downey Fire Department in April 2000 and was promoted several times before being named chief in 2021. He oversees all aspects of the fire department.

The April 27 meeting is free and open to the public.

POET'S CORNER

Clabberbabbble

How usage changes usage: with so many people in the cities, and so few geese, nobody is silly as a goose anymore, and the word anserine

looks like something the w has been left out of: so unexpected; in fact, silly as a goose: makes me think of some English hamlet, houses clustered

at a bend in the road where a bridge crosses a stream: a gaggle swishing leisurely off hissing and shrieking in mock protest at the boy

driving the weed pickers to the fields: animals were television then, so much time to learn the ways of geese and time to dream

a gooseless world in no need of tending: and think of the dark lively trees the brookbanks had spared and the shattering among waterstones where

the brookfall fell: now, it's video and digital and Internet and VCR, usage doing away with geese, specially ganders, high-billed meanies.

A. R. Ammons, Poetry Oct.-Nov., 1997

Our language is dependent on colloquialisms. Ammons shows what we have lost when we replace farm and barn references with technological ones, and then he uses new word forms in fresh combinations. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks

Downey shows off programs for Vietnamese delegates

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Downey Unified welcomed over 20 delegates from Vietnam this week, visiting Lewis Elementary and Warren High Schools to learn more about STEM opportunities CTE pathways offered to students.

The delegates spent much of Monday morning touring Lewis and Warren, speaking with teachers and staff while observing students in many of the STEM and pathway programs.

Many of the delegates expressed excitement over DUSD's offerings.

"Actually, we are very surprised about your activity here," said Lam Nguyen Hai Long, CEO of Quang Trung Software City Development Company LTD. in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. "We learned a lot from your schools, and I do believe that after this trip, we can apply the new programs, technology to our schools in Vietnam. This is a good picture for our group."

Lewis Principal Allison Box said it was "an honor" to host the visitors.

"Our district, I mean we believe to be globally competitive and to have those really critical global connections, and that is something that having the delegates here visiting our campus, it's a learning experience - not just for them — it's a huge learning experience for us as an entire school and as a district," said Box. "To have those partnerships, it's invaluable.

"My hopes are, as they're able to walk through our classrooms, is to be able to see learning is alive; kids are engaged, they're excited, and it really is about access and opportunity for all students. That's why we've really worked hard over the last years in building our programs."

Dr. Cari White, Principal at Warren called the opportunity to show off the STEM programming "a win for our school and our community."

"Having the Vietnamese delegation express interest in learning about the work our district is doing around the CTE pathways, and them visiting to see the hands-on work of our students and staff just validates the direction our district is going."

Superintendent Dr. John Garcia shared White's sentiment.

"It's a great compliment, it's incredibly gratifying, and quite frankly it's very validating for the work that our schools are doing, and we as a district are doing in particular related to STEM and 21st century learning," said Garcia.

Board of Education President Giggy Perez-Saab said she was "proud of our district."

"It's obvious how we are globally competitive, and we try to provide nothing but the best for our students," said Saab.



LEGAL NOTICES

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023045062

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AMOR NAIL LOUNGE, 7952 FLORENCE AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) T FAMILY 2 LLC, 7952 FLORENCE AVE., DOWNEY CA 90240

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/T FAMILY 2 LLC, CEO, THAO CAO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 1, 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.

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The Downey Patriot 3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/6/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023063186

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) G. DAVIS SECURITY CONSULTANT, 15719 EUCLALYPTUS AVE, APT 19, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF

LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GARY RUSSELL DAVIS JR, 15719 EUCLALYPTUS AVE, APT 19, BELLFLOWER CA 90706 State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2023

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S/GARY RUSSELL DAVIS JR, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 22, 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.

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The Downey Patriot 3/30/23, 4/6/23, 4/13/23, 4/20/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023045041

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BELLA SKYE BALLEONS, 9753 HOMESTEAD ST, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELVA BARRAGAN, 9753 HOMESTEAD ST, PICO RIVERA CA 90660

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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/ELVA BARRAGAN, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 1, 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.

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The Downey Patriot 3/9/23, 3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023046427

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) PLATANO BRUNCH, 9063 FLORENCE AVE. APT. 504, DOWNEY CA 90240, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ELVA BARRAGAN, 9753 HOMESTEAD ST, PICO RIVERA CA 90660

State of Incorporation: N/A THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 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 / GUILLERMO RODRIGUEZ SOTOMAYOR, OWNER This statement was filed with the County

Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 2, 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.

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The Downey Patriot 3/9/23, 3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023063635

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) BARTLETT MOTEL, 2364 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY, LOMITA CA 90717, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 668 ALICIA WAY, BUENA PARK CA 90620

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PURVI HOTEL GROUP, INC., 2364 PACIFIC COAST HWY, LOMITA CA 90717 State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2023 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/PURVI HOTEL GROUP, INC., PRESIDENT, DIPAK PATEL This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 22, 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

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The Downey Patriot 3/30/23, 4/6/23, 4/13/23, 4/20/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023057946

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CILICIA ANNE BRUGHELLI, 8452 GARDEN VIEW AVE, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2023

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/CILICIA ANNE BRUGHELLI, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 16, 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.

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The Downey Patriot 3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/13/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023053796

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) CORGAN CASUAL AND SPORT, 9231 SAN MIGUEL AVE. APARTMENT A, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) FERNANDO CORONEL, 9231 SAN MIGUEL AVE. APARTMENT A, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2023

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S/FERNANDO CORONEL, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 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.

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The Downey Patriot 3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/6/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023048906

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) THEE MOBILE GROOMIST (2) MAGICS MOBILE

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The Downey Patriot
3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/6/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023054900
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) NEST & NICHE TRADE, 13203 CORNUTA AVENUE, DOWNEY, CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, P.O. BOX 40942, DOWNEY CA 90239

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NICKY MEJIA, 13203 CORNUTA AVE., DOWNEY CA 90242

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2023

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/NICKY MEJIA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 13, 2023

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The Downey Patriot
3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/6/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023064708
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) COLINS TIRES SHOP, 1110 W PHILLIPS BLVD, POMONA CA 91766, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 7081 MACKINAW CT, MIRA LOMA CA 91752

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AC TRANSPORTATIONS, INC., 7081 MACKINAW CT, MIRA LOMA CA 91752

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2023

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S/AC TRANSPORTATIONS, INC., SECRETARY, CYNTHIA COLIN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 23, 2023

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The Downey Patriot
3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/6/23

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

FILE NO: 201219273 DATE FILED: AUGUST 12, 2015

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): RINSED AUTO DETAILING
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 7917 LEEDS STREET, DOWNEY, CA, 90242

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MIGUEL ANGEL RIVERA, 7917 LEEDS STREET, DOWNEY CA 90242

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

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

S/MIGUEL ANGEL RIVERA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on MARCH 9, 2023

The Downey Patriot
3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/6/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023038805
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MARISCOS EL BORRACHO, 3535 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD, LYNNWOOD CA 90262, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JAPHET MURILLO, 3535 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD, LYNNWOOD CA 90262

State of Incorporation: CA THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: an Individual

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2023

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S/JAPHET MURILLO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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The Downey Patriot
3/9/23, 3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023058900
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) AM DESIGN CONSTRUCTION, 31 EAST 65TH STREET, LONG BEACH CA 90805,

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE FELIPE MARTINEZ, 3031 EAST 65TH STREET, LONG BEACH CA 90805

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

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

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S/JOSE FELIPE MARTINEZ, OWNER
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The Downey Patriot
3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/6/23, 4/13/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023064708
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) COLINS TIRES SHOP, 1110 W PHILLIPS BLVD, POMONA CA 91766, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 7081 MACKINAW CT, MIRA LOMA CA 91752

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) AC TRANSPORTATIONS, INC., 7081 MACKINAW CT, MIRA LOMA CA 91752

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2023

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/AC TRANSPORTATIONS, INC., SECRETARY, CYNTHIA COLIN
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 23, 2023

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023046234
THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TOP WORLD ENTERTAINMENT, 10509 BORSON STREET, NORWALK CA 90650, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SAMUEL MAGANA, 10509 BORSON STREET, NORWALK CA 90650

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2017

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

S/SAMUEL MAGANA, OWNER, SAMUEL MAGANA
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 1, 2023

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GOVERNMENT

CITY OF DOWNEY SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE ADOPTED

ON MARCH 28, 2023, THE DOWNEY CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED THE

FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-1505, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY AMENDING SECTION 3199.10 OF THE DOWNEY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE SPEED LIMITS FOR FIRESTONE BOULEVARD BETWEEN OLD RIVER SCHOOL ROAD AND THE WEST CITY LIMIT

AYES: Council Members: Horn, Sosa, Mayor Frometa
NOES: Council Member: None.
ABSENT: Council Member: Trujillo
ABSTAIN: Council Member: None.

The following is a summary of the adopted Ordinance:

The Ordinance decreases the posted speed limit on Firestone Boulevard between Old River School Road and the west city limit from 40 to 35 MPH as the result of the recent completion of Engineering and Traffic surveys conducted along this portion of Firestone Boulevard in accordance with the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

Note: A certified copy of the full text of the Ordinance is available 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
3/30/23

NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00084
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ROSARIO ELISA AGUINIGA ACOSTA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) ROSARIO ELISA AGUINIGA ACOSTA to Proposed name (1) ROSARIO ELISA AGUINIGA-SANCHEZ
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: May 8, 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 MARCH 9, 2023

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
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The Downey Patriot
3/16/23, 3/23/23, 3/30/23, 4/6/23

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The following property will be sold by written bid by 9:00 a.m. MST on 4/6/2023
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Transportation Alliance Bank 4185 Harrison Blvd Ogden, UT 84403

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3/30/23, 4/6/23

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

CASE NUMBER: 23NWCP00099
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ALEXANDRA GARCIA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) ALEXANDRA GARCIA to Proposed name (1) ALEXANDRA BRIZO
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: MAY 26, 2023, Time: 9:30 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 MARCH 23, 2023

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
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3/30/23, 4/6/23, 4/13/23, 4/20/23

PROBATE

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF JOE GOMEZ BASURTO DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STEPHANIE BASURTO, 7838 LYNDORA STREET DOWNEY, CA 90242 (562) 413-

9672 is the personal representative of the ESTATE OF JOE GOMEZ BASURTO, who is deceased.

The personal representative HAS BEGUN ADMINISTRATION of the decedent's estate in the SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 111 N. HILL STREET LOS ANGELES 90012 STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE CASE NUMBER: 22STPB11594

YOU MUST FILE YOUR CLAIM with the court clerk (address in item 2a) AND mail or deliver a copy to the personal representative before the last to occur of the following dates: **Four months** after FEBRUARY 15, 2023, the date letters (authority to act for the estate) were first issued to a general personal representative, as defined in subdivision (b) of section 58 of the California Probate Code, OR **60 days** after, the date this notice was mailed or personally delivered to you.

LATE CLAIMS: If you do not file your claim within the time required by law, you must file a petition with the court for permission to file a late claim as provided in Probate Code section 9103. Not all claims are eligible for additional time to file. See section 9103(a). EFFECT OF OTHER LAWS: 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.

WHERE TO GET A CREDITOR'S CLAIM FORM: If a Creditor's Claim (form DE-172) did not accompany this notice, you may obtain a copy of the form from any superior court clerk or from the person who sent you this notice. You may also access a fillable version of the form on the Internet at www.courts.ca.gov/forms under the form group Probate-Decedents' Estates. A letter to the court stating your claim is not sufficient. FAILURE TO FILE A CLAIM: Failure to file a claim with the court and serve a copy of the claim on the personal representative will in most instances invalidate your claim. IF YOU MAIL YOUR CLAIM: If you use the mail to file your claim with the court, for your protection you should send your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested. If you use the mail to serve a copy of your claim on the personal representative, you should also use certified mail.

The Downey Patriot
3/30/23, 4/6/23, 4/13/23

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EDITH E. BIDDLECOMB Case No. 23STPB02486

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EDITH E. BIDDLECOMB

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Gloria E. Barnes in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Gloria E. Barnes 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 13, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 5 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: JOHN DAVIES ESQ SBN 140676 LAW OFFICES OF JOHN DAVIES 11278 LOS ALAMITOS BLVD

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BETTY JANE ZUPANCIC Case No. 23STPB02554

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BETTY JANE ZUPANCIC

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by James D. Zupanic in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE

Arrival of spring also brings allergy season

Contributed by Kaiser Permanente

For many people, as spring arrived on Monday, March 20, it brought feelings of renewal, new beginnings, budding leaves, blooming flowers, and – yes – those dreadful allergies!

Except for this year, experts say allergy season actually arrived earlier than expected and will only intensify. That's primarily due to the wet, rainy weather Southern California is experiencing, resulting in more vegetation and consequently – more pollen.

"It appears that more people are already struggling with their allergies," said Dr. Salima Thobani, an allergy, asthma and immunology physician with Kaiser Permanente Southern California. "Things are likely to get worse before they get better, mainly due to the weather conditions we've experienced that have resulted in more pollen in the air."

According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, more than 50 million Americans experience various types of allergies each year. Additionally, allergies are the sixth leading cause of chronic illness in the U.S.

With the arrival of spring, Dr. Thobani noted allergies are likely to increase as the weather gets warmer and drier. That's because trees, grasses and weeds will release tiny grains into the air to fertilize other plants, and as we breathe them in, those who have allergies are likely to suffer, she explained.

According to Dr. Thobani, symptoms of seasonal allergies include:

- Runny, stuffy or itchy nose.
- Sneezing.
- Itchy, watery eyes.
- Headache and fatigue.
- Sore throat or coughing.

Dr. Thobani notes you can reduce your allergy symptom and exposure to pollen by:

- Limiting the time you spend outside when pollen counts are high (during mid-day and afternoon).
- Rinsing your eyes with cool water or saline eyedrops to remove clinging pollen after you come indoors.
- Keeping your house and car windows closed; using your air conditioning system can be helpful.
- Wearing a pollen mask or dust mask if you need to mow the lawn or when pollen counts are high.
- Taking a shower and changing your clothes after you work or play outside.
- Wearing sunglasses when outdoors to avoid getting pollen in your eyes.

Although there's no cure for seasonal allergies, Dr. Thobani noted there are several medications, including antihistamines and nasal steroids, which can provide relief and help you breathe a little easier. Over the counter antihistamines that can be effective include loratadine (Claritin), fexofenadine (Allegra), or cetirizine (Zyrtec).

The benefit of these medicines is that they cause less drowsiness compared to other common antihistamines such as diphenhydramine (Benadryl) or chlorpheniramine (Chlortrimeton), she noted.

Dr. Thobani advised those with allergies to take their 24-hour allergy medication before going to bed to maximize the effect when they need it the most. "That's because allergy symptoms – such as a runny nose, weepy eyes and sneezing – typically peak in the morning hours," she explained.

If you have a history of moderate or more severe allergy symptoms, Dr. Thobani recommended that you start a steroid nasal spray and continue it through the allergy season. These medicines are available over the counter without a need for a prescription, and include fluticasone (Flonase) or triamcinolone (Nasacort).

Kaiser Permanente offers valuable information on its website on how you can better handle your allergies.

Seven CHP officers charged in man's death

■ A registered nurse was also charged in connection with the death of Edward Bronstein in 2020.

LOS ANGELES — Seven California Highway Patrol officers and a registered nurse were charged for the 2020 death of a man who was being restrained on the ground and repeatedly said he could not breathe, Los Angeles County District Attorney George Gascón announced in a news conference.

Edward Bronstein, 38, was killed in police custody in March 2020 after officers pulled him over in Los Angeles County after suspecting he was driving under the influence.

Officers obtained a warrant to get a blood sample from Bronstein, who initially resisted but then agreed as officers restrained him while he was on the ground.

Bronstein became unresponsive and was later pronounced dead.

Seven CHP officers were charged Wednesday with one count of involuntary manslaughter and one count of assault by an officer, while the nurse who took a sample of Bronstein's blood was charged with one count of involuntary manslaughter, according to the complaint.

In body camera video released last year as part of a federal lawsuit against CHP and those allegedly involved, Bronstein is heard repeatedly telling officers, "I can't breathe," while pinned on the ground.

Those same three words were echoed by George Floyd less than two months later before he was killed when he was restrained by Minneapolis police in May 2020.

Floyd's murder sparked national and global protests against

police brutality and racial injustices, spurring a national reckoning over the way law enforcement treats Black Americans. The officer who killed Floyd, Derek Chauvin, was convicted of murder in April 2021.

"These officers had a legal duty to Mr. Bronstein," Gascón said. "He was in custody. We believe that they failed their duty and their failure was criminally negligent, causing his death." He added that "police accountability is essential to public safety."

Bronstein's father, Edward Tapia, said Wednesday he is "glad we came to this point where they can prosecute so they can't hurt nobody else."

"I don't know what to say. What happened is something I can't bear with yet," he said.

Bronstein's family filed a federal wrongful death lawsuit against the state of California, CHP

and individual officers who were on scene when Bronstein was killed

The lawsuit, filed in the Central District of California, alleged officers used "excessive and objectively unreasonable" force against Bronstein, who was "unarmed, restrained, and surrounded by uniformed peace officers." That excessive force "was also a result of the negligent employment, negligent retention, and negligent supervision" of the officers by the CHP, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit sought unspecified compensatory damages and requested a jury trial.

The eight people charged Wednesday will be arraigned later, the district attorney's office said in a release. The case remains under investigation by CHP, the office said.

Man arrested for assault on girl at OC library

■ **NEWS BRIEFS:** Christopher Eduard is also accused of groping a girl inside a Target.

IRVINE — A Los Angeles man accused of exposing himself at an Orange County library and sexually assaulting a 9-year-old girl was taken back to jail for another similar crime, police said.

The Irvine Police Department said 53-year-old Christopher Eduard was arrested Tuesday for a 2021 case in which he allegedly groped an 11-year-old girl inside a Target store on Jamboree Road.

As of Wednesday night, he remained jailed without bail.

Eduard was initially arrested on March 21 for the alleged sex assault at the OC Library - Heritage Park Regional Branch on Yale Avenue.

In that incident, police said Eduard exposed himself and assaulted the 9-year-old after asking her if she could help him film a video.

The 9-year-old was at the library with her mother, who later alerted police. Police said "evidence" was found at his home linking him to that crime.

In that case, Eduard is facing charges of child molestation, production of child pornography and false imprisonment of a minor during the production of child pornography.

Meanwhile, investigators believe Eduard is responsible for other crimes.

"There's a great distance between Los Angeles where he lives and Irvine and we are concerned that he may have engaged in this behavior with other victims who may not have reported it to police," said IPD Lt. Bill Bingham.

Anyone with information is

urged to contact the Irvine Police Department.

Pursuit ends in crash in Long Beach

A man who led Seal Beach police on a chase that ended in a deadly multi-car crash Tuesday night was wanted by the U.S. Marshal's Office, officials said.

The chase began when a Seal Beach Police Department officer stopped a couple in a silver 2006 Lexus sedan at around 8 p.m. Tuesday for a traffic violation near Marina Drive and Pacific Coast Highway, according to Seal Beach police Lt. Julia Clasby.

"While the officer was conducting a records check of the female, the male moved into the driver's seat and accelerated away from the location of the stop," Clasby said in a news release.

The suspect, Chaz Lamar Long, a 39-year-old resident of Antioch, allegedly refused to stop and kept driving on PCH. At one point, police said Long briefly drove on the wrong side of the road.

After a brief chase, the fleeing driver ran a red light and slammed into eight cars at PCH and 2nd Street in Long Beach, Clasby said.

Long allegedly ran away from the scene, but was taken into

custody after an officer used a Taser on him.

Clasby told reporters Wednesday night that an infant and the female passenger were inside the vehicle with Long.

The woman was injured in the crash and taken to a hospital. Her

name was not released. An infant in the vehicle with the suspects was taken to a hospital for observation.

Clasby said police later discovered Long had an outstanding federal no-bail warrant for weapons violations. He was also transported to a hospital for unspecified injuries but was later released.

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-Konagni

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-Lari P.

Review

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Marie & Angelo (the Picarelli Team) helped me sell my mother's home in Downey. It was a trust sale and I am the Trustee. I live 70+ miles away in a neighboring county and could only come to town periodically. The Picarelli team went above and beyond to manage the entire process from start to finish with amazing speed. I was completely on board with the competitive pricing strategy they came up with, starting with the asking price. Marie & Angelo recommended a short list of the most cost effective improvements to do to the house & Angelo managed those projects thru to closure (everything from getting bids & overseeing the contractors.) Marie was highly communicative & responsive and kept me apprised every step of the way. Despite being a soft market, Marie was able to generate incredible buzz on the listing, and we received 13 offers on the house well above the asking price within 2-3 days of going on the market. She also negotiated a number of other issues to successful closure. To say I'm satisfied is quite an understatement. The level of experience and expertise you get with the Picarelli team is unparalleled.

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BIG Raffle table and BIG 50/50 Food, Live Music, Vendors are welcome \$20 a space Trophies Awards \$20 Entry pay at registration day of show.

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