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Horacio Ortiz launches city council bid

■ A member of the Downey planning commission who voted against Ojos Locos, Ortiz is running on a platform of “family values” and unity.

By Eric Pierce
Editor

DOWNEY — Horacio Ortiz Jr., chair of the Downey planning commission and owner of El Pescador restaurant, is running for City Council in District 1.

The special election will take place in November.

Ortiz has lived in Downey for more than 30 years. He and his family own 15 El Pescador restaurants, including the Downey Landing location.

“I am proud to call Downey home, a city with family values, ethics and character rooted at its core,” Ortiz said. “As chairman of the Planning Commission, I have witnessed an unprecedented divide that has created instability and taken a hold of progress. I will make it a priority to unite the community that I love.”

As a planning commissioner, Ortiz notably voted against allowing Ojos Locos to open in Downey. He was the only commissioner to do so.

Ortiz said he is running on a platform “dedicated to public safety, improving quality of life, reducing homelessness and helping small businesses thrive in Downey.”

Ortiz is a board member with the Downey Rose Float Association and also volunteers with Gangs Out of Downey and Downey Kiwanis. He and his family co-founded a nonprofit that has so far funded 26 cleft palate surgeries for low-income families and their children.

The Ortiz family also funds students from low-income neighborhoods to visit the Museum of Latin Art Institute (MOLA) to give them an opportunity to experience the arts.

According to a press release, Ortiz is endorsed by Rep. Robert Garcia (CA-42), L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn, Assemblywoman Blanca Pacheco, and Mayor Pro Tem Mario Trujillo.

He is also backed by the entire Downey planning commission, including former mayor Mario A. Guerra, Carrie Uva and Miguel Duarte.

“Horacio Ortiz is known for his service-first attitude,” said Pacheco, who resigned the District 1 seat last year after being elected to the Assembly. “He is a familiar face at many community events, always serving others. Horacio will continue to improve the quality of life of all Downey residents. I’m proud to endorse him as the best candidate for my former seat on the Downey city council.”

To read Horacio’s full bio, see the list of his endorsements and learn more about his positions please visit www.HoracioOrtizforDowney.com.



Sewage spill closes streets

DOWNEY — An estimated 250,000 gallons of sewage spilled into the Los Angeles River, closing local beaches, authorities said Friday.

According to the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, equipment from one of its maintenance crews malfunctioned and caused a temporary blockage in the sewer. At 9:40 a.m. Thursday, the blockage caused sewage to overflow into the street at Burns Avenue and Rives Avenue in Downey.

“Although our staff worked to set up containment to prevent sewage from reaching receiving waters, we estimate that 250,000 gallons of sewage reached the Los Angeles River before our crews could fully contain the sewage that spilled into a local storm drain. Local public health officials have been notified and are expected to close local beaches as a safety precaution,” sanitation district officials said.

“Our crews will be sampling water in the river and ocean for signs of bacteria to help officials determine when it is safe to reopen beaches.”

The spill was contained at 11:40 a.m. Thursday, Downey authorities said, and sanitation teams have been cleaning the affected area.

“Residents living within the area are allowed access to their homes. Others that don’t live within the area are asked to avoid the area for the remainder of today,” they said.

Long Beach City Health Officer Dr. Anissa Davis ordered all open coastal swimming areas in Long Beach temporarily closed for water contact due to a sewage spill.

The city’s Health Department’s Recreational Water Quality Health Inspection Team is monitoring water quality along the affected beach sites.

State law requires temporary closure and posting at beaches in these situations, out of an abundance of caution, until the water quality meets state requirements.



Women of Distinction honorees Jennifer DeKay, Linda Salomon-Saldana, Julie Garcia, Sarah Sarofeem, Alejandra Gamez, and Arlene Lopez flanked by Giggy Perez-Saab and President Linda Haines of Soroptimist. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

Six women leaders honored by Downey Soroptimist

■ Honorees included Jennifer DeKay, Alejandra Gamez, Julie Garcia, Arlene Lopez, Linda Saldana and Sarah Sarofeem.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Soroptimist International of Downey held its 2023 Women of Distinction awards dinner on Thursday, honoring six leaders and volunteers from throughout the community.

Julie Garcia was given the Ruby Award: For Women Helping Women. Sarah Sarofeem was awarded the Violet Richardson Award. Jennifer DeKay, Alejandra Gamez, Arlene Lopez, and Linda Salomon-Saldana were all named “Women of Distinction.”

Of each honoree, Chairperson Giggy Perez-Saab said they were “ordinary women doing extraordinary things in extraordinary ways to benefit our girls.”

Garcia, who was born and raised in Downey, has been an active volunteer. She began volunteering as a Room Mom Coordinator and Fundraising Coordinator at Calvary Chapel Christian School of Downey, leading her to an 18-year stint as the full-time Activities Director.

Garcia is entering her ninth year with Gangs out of Downey, where she is a former president. She is also a nine-year member of the Assistance League of Downey, where she has served as one of the Assisten’s Chairmen for four years.

Garcia has been married to husband Dave for 28 years. They have two sons, Jonathan and Joshua, and four grandchildren.

Sarofeem, 17, is a senior at Downey High School. Since she began volunteering at the age of 8, she has accumulated over 1,000 volunteer hours.

Sarofeem has volunteered for several organizations, including Keep Downey Beautiful, Food Distribution with Downey First Christian Church, Kiwanis Club, and the Thirst Project Club, for which she helped raise over \$2,000. Sarofeem has also served four years in Assisten’s on the board as Historian and Corresponding Secretary within the years 2019-23. She has volunteered for Glamour Gowns, Downey Rose Float, Christmas Distribution, Operation School Bell, Second Tyme Around Thrift Store, Spring Tea, and Fashion Show. She is currently Miss Downey.



Alejandra Gamez and Giggy Perez-Saab embrace after Gamez receives her award. (Photo by Alex Dominguez)

She has also remained active in school, participating in the Downey Dance Team and the Associated Student Body.

Sarofeem will graduate next month, and will open up a new business alongside her brother — a modern European coffee shop called 112 Café — in the late fall. She will attend Cal State Long Beach in the fall, with hopes of becoming a plastic surgeon.

Jennifer DeKay is owner and publisher of the Downey Patriot newspaper. Since she took over the publication in 2006, she has invested in ramping up the paper’s website and social media presence, including the recent introduction of the LiveWire Podcast. At the end of 2022, she also created the Downey Collective, which targets independent entrepreneurs without brick-and-mortar locations, inviting them to take advantage of monthly pop-ups and other special events.

DeKay was raised in Downey, graduating from Downey High in 1990. She has been involved with the community from an early age, playing sports with the Downey YMCA and Downey Ponytail, and serving as a Miss Downey Princess in 1990 and 1991.

She recently served on the Downey Rose Float Board as President, First Vice President, Treasurer, and the Miss Downey Pageant Director.

She remains active in the community, now with her 13-year-old daughter Alexis.

Alejandra Gamez and her husband moved to Downey in the summer of 2008. In the fall of the same year, she became a member of Soroptimist of Downey.

In addition to her volunteerism with Soroptimist, Gamez has dedicated time to the Foley House in Whittier, True Lasting Connections (TLC), Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, Huntington Hospital in Pasadena, City of Hope in Duarte, and an immigration law firm, where she interpreted for Spanish speaking clients.

Gamez currently works for the Honorable Sandra Ikuta, Circuit Judge, at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Lopez was born in Cuba, emigrating to the United States at the age of 9-years-old. She would learn English as she progressed through the public school system, and immediately joined the workforce upon graduating high school. She married at 18, and put herself through college, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in accounting seven years later. That same year, she had her first child Adriana. She dedicated herself to her domestic duties until the sudden and tragic death of her first husband.

Forced back into the workplace, Lopez began her career as an accountant, subsequently getting her CPA license, and eventually becoming the first and only female partner in her accounting firm.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 80°

Saturday 84°

Sunday 79°

ON THIS DAY

1521: Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan was killed during a fight with inhabitants of Mactan Island, Philippines.

1667: Blind and impoverished, John Milton sold “Paradise Lost” to a printer for £10; considered to be Milton’s masterpiece, it helped solidify his reputation as one of the greatest English poets of all time.

1759: Mary Wollstonecraft—who, in “A Vindication of the Rights of Woman” (1792), was the first to advocate for British women’s suffrage—was born in London.

1822: Ulysses S. Grant, who commanded the Union armies during the late years of the American Civil War and later served as president of the United States, was born.

1865: The worst maritime disaster in U.S. history occurred when the overloaded steamship SS Sultana exploded on the Mississippi River, killing some 1,800 people, many of whom were former Union POWs returning home from the Civil War.

1960: After several years as an autonomous republic in the French Union, the West African country of Togo became independent.

1981: Xerox PARC debuted the first personal computer mouse.

1991: LeAnn Rimes, a pint-sized country music prodigy from Garland, Texas, competed as a junior vocalist on “Star Search,” where she wins the round singing the Marty Robbins classic “Don’t Worry.”

1992: British politician Betty Boothroyd became the first woman to be elected speaker of the House of Commons; she held the post until 2000.

1998: Sting, Elton John, James Taylor, Madonna, Billy Joel, Joe Cocker and others performed at New York City’s Carnegie Hall as part of the Rock for the Rainforest benefit concert.

2007: Mstislav Rostropovich, one of the most acclaimed cellists of the 20th century, died at age 80.

2014: Pope John Paul II was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI.

2014: The comedy news show “Last Week Tonight with John Oliver” debuted on HBO.

2016: Beyoncé kicked off her Formation tour with a show in Miami.

Birthdays

Basketball hall of famer **George Gervin** (71), conservative commentator **Larry Elder** (71), pop singer **Lizzo** (35) and former Dodgers shortstop **Corey Seager** (29).

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Exceptional Downey women honored

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She would remarry to her current husband Raul, and had a son, Alex. She would also help her husband start a business. She has also been a member of various organizations, including over 30 years with Soroptimist.

Salomon-Saldana currently serves on the Downey Unified School District Board of Education as its clerk, having been elected in 2020. Prior to her work on the School Board, she was the founder and former Executive Director of the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities.

She recently joined the Board of the Downey Symphonic Society. She is a past president of Maude Price Elementary PTA. She and her family support Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, and are active in Downey's Girl Scouts and Northwest Downey Little League.

Professionally, Salomon-Saldana is an Emmy award winning journalist and writer, with over 20 years of experience having produced investigative, community, and consumer stories for four local broadcast news stations in English and Spanish.

She is mother to three children - ages 10, 15, and 18 - who attend school within Downey Unified. She and her husband have been residents of Downey since 2001, and are business owners.

Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

I love my morning smoothie, and it always starts my day off right. I throw in spinach, avocado, Greek yogurt, peanut butter, blueberries, banana, milk, and even a few chocolate chips. A recent houseguest expressed surprise that I didn't include protein powder. In my mind, every ingredient of my shake (even the blueberries!) contains some protein, so I figure that I'm covered. Am I wrong?



Protein is important for all of our bodies, but each of us has different needs. High level athletes might need twice the protein, due to the energy they expend and the process of breaking down, repairing and building muscle. Many vegetarians and vegans choose protein powders to replace animal-based sources like meat, dairy or eggs. Post-operative patients and those recovering from various illnesses can benefit from more protein. Those who are trying to increase their muscle mass may want additional protein. Still others look for an easy, non-greasy meal.

There are different types of protein powder. It might be dehydrated from milk, soy, or other plants. It is typically mixed with water or other liquids, or added to foods. Which protein powder would you select?

Whey protein: Whey is a natural byproduct of making cheese from milk. It is quickly absorbed, is low in fat or even fat free, and is rich in amino acids, minerals, and vitamins. Note that some cheaper versions do contain additives, including sugar. Whey protein is well thought of; it is relatively cheap, low in fat and carbs, and because it is low in lactose, is tolerated well among those who are lactose intolerant. It is absorbed quickly, so can be useful before, during, and after working out.

Casein protein: Casein makes up 80% of milk protein. It is not appropriate for those who are lactose intolerant. It can be high in sodium, trigger allergies, cause bloating, and due to its slow digestion, is not as useful as a before, during or post-workout protein. It is often used at bedtime, or with a large meal when there is ample time for digestion.

Milk protein isolates: This is made up of 20% whey protein and 80% casein. The powder has both fast and slow acting proteins, but absorption is still slower than whey protein alone. It works well for those who are lactose intolerant.

Egg protein: This protein from eggs is inexpensive, full of amino acids, and high in protein quality. However, it can cause gas and bloating.

Soy protein: This plant-based alternative comes from soybeans. It can reduce cholesterol and help prevent heart problems. It is good for those with lactose intolerance. It has a complete amino acid profile (unlike other plant-based options), and is low in fat and carbs. However, research is still underway regarding its benefits and its relationship to estrogen-related cancers. It may be a lower quality protein than others, and in general, limiting our soy intake is a good idea.

Pea protein: This protein, made from peas, appears to perform relatively well. However, it lacks the amino acid methionine, so should be combined with another source of protein.

Rice protein: Rice protein is good for those with allergies to other protein sources, and for vegetarians. It is easily digested, but is not the best quality of the proteins listed here.

Regardless of which protein you might use, these powders are convenient. They can enhance the quantity and quality of protein in your diet, usually (but not always) in a cost-effective way. However, note that they do not contain the vitamins and minerals that would be in the actual food.

I would suggest that, for most of us, there is no great advantage to choosing a supplement over food. And, consider that too much protein (generally over 35% of daily calories) can lead to health issues, including nausea, cramps, fatigue, headaches and bloating. Too much protein can even potentially cause kidney damage, loss of calcium and bone weakness, and dehydration. And, many protein powders contain extra calories, oils, and sugar.

It will come as no great surprise to most of my readers that my recommendation is to eat a wholesome, balanced, high quality diet filled with fruits, vegetables, beans, nuts, dairy, seeds, fish, whole grains, and low-fat meats. If your protein intake is sufficient and evenly distributed among a variety of sources, then supplements are usually unnecessary. Still, if you have an additional need for protein, select a powder that suits you, and control the quantity you consume. Personally, I'm going to leave my morning smoothie recipe just as it is.

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Downey High hosts inaugural Suburban Valley track championships

■ Michelle Huerta of Warren and Aidan Dominguez of Downey won three individual events each.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

DOWNEY — In the inaugural Suburban Valley Conference Track and Field Championships, nearly 1,000 athletes from 10 schools filled Downey High School Friday and Saturday (April 21-22) in warm weather conditions.

Coming away with victories were the Downey boys, with a win over second-place Warren. Downey finished with 200 points, followed by Warren with 176.

The two talented track and field teams easily outdistanced the remaining schools. The nearest team to second-place Warren was Gahr with 74 points.

The Warren girls won in dominating fashion over Downey by more than doubling their score, 237-104.

A big part of that came from the first-place finishes in five of the individual running events, including the 1600 relay and also three field events.

Warren won all three distance races and Rebecca Romo won the 300m hurdles (49.99), along with a victory by Moriah Sanders in the 200 (26.83).

“We were confident that we were going to compete,” Warren coach Jay Waldron said. “We brought some throwers (underclassmen) up to varsity. That left our frosh-soph a little vulnerable but were still able to pull off a frosh-soph victory as well. So, we won both. We have a lot of young talent.

“For it to be the inaugural, it means something for sure.”

In the frosh-soph battle, it was the Downey boys versus Warren again. Downey easily won with 243.50 points to Warrens 108, while Warren won the girls competition over second-place Downey, 260.50-214.50.

However, the big news of the two-day championships were the individual accomplishments of two long distance athletes from Downey and Warren high schools.

Senior Michelle Huerta of Warren and junior Aidan Dominguez of Downey might of pulled off the biggest two individual performances in the area in years with each of their three-event sweeps. Huerta added a fourth championship, as she anchored the 1600 relay win.

“It (four wins) was a little bit of some pressure, but it was exciting, because not everyone does it (four events),” Huerta said. “You never know when the next person will do that. It was exciting.”

Huerta, who was once a shy, quiet athlete, slowly became a leader on the team.

“A lot of the girls look up to us, as seniors, and we kind of like had to lead them, so I had to talk,” said Huerta, with a chuckle. That’s something that I didn’t usually do. But, I think that bonding is important.”

Huerta, who has committed to UC San Diego next Fall, easily won the 1600 and 3200 runs, but had one of the top finishes of the day in a distance race that was decided by just .27 of a second.

“She was really quiet from the get-go,” Waldron added. “As a freshman, she was probably the shyest kid that we ever had. It was difficult, because she was kind of an elite athlete and coaching somebody like that makes it more difficult. And then we went to COVID. That was a very difficult time for her.

For the last year and a half,

we have been rebuilding and chasing personal best times that she had established early in her running career. Her personality came around and she is a bright mind, and she is a well-rounded athlete. I’m very proud of her.”

Dominguez also easily won two of his three races, the 1600 and 3200, but the 800 (2 seconds) was a bit closer for the tall and slender 6-1 runner.

“It’s really exciting,” said Dominguez, of the new conference alignment. “The fact that it’s a league meet, 11 teams, it brings out the energy. Racing against guys all together on the same night, all different athletes, it’s cool to see how we face off against them.

“I definitely love that it is on our home track.”

Dominguez said of his three wins, “It’s an honor,” he said. “Last year if you were to tell me that I would be in this position, I would have told you that you’re crazy. I surprised myself. I’m proud that I get to take home three medals this year.”

Gleason saw how much Dominguez improved over the last year. “He was outstanding,” Gleason said. “In fact, we had him in our PE class and we found some talent and we did last year. (Saturday), he won all three distance races, just like Huerta.”

He was the Gateway League Cross Country Champion this past season.

The last varsity relay event of the day for the boys brought the partial Downey crowd to its feet with the finish of the 1600.

Downey sophomore Jalen Kennedy and Gahr senior

Jacob Joseph were neck and neck heading into the final turn, but Kennedy put the final 100 meters into overdrive and with the athletes lining the edge of the track, he came away with the close win.

“I raced him (Joseph) in the open 400 individual race, and he went out really fast. In this relay, he changed the way he ran it and he just waited right behind me. He tried to pass me but the crowd helped and it was the last race and I just let it all out.”

Downey coach Bob Gleason was overjoyed after the completion of the huge event.

“I think they (athletes) put a lot of time and effort in this,” said Gleason, of the first of its kind Suburban Valley Conference Finals. “This is great. This is the first time that we’ve done this. It is the inaugural championship.

“As I said, this was for all of the marbles and we knew, if they beat us, it would have been the first time in 10 years.”

Warren throws coach Daniel Singh said of the two schools that dominated the day.

“It’s nice that the caliber of our programs coincides with everything,” he said. “Sprints are good, distance is good, throws are good. It’s what we talk about a lot going into conference. The expectations for one of our schools are good. That’s awesome for our city. There’s a rivalry component.”



Michelle Huerta of Warren and Aidan Dominguez of Downey (pictured) each won three individual events in the Suburban Valley Conference Track and Field Finals held at Downey High Saturday April 22.

(Photo by Nicholas Dominguez)

There’s a mini rivalry of sorts in two of the throws events, as both sophomore Kirssy Reyes of Warren and junior Summer Pugh of Downey have traded wins recently in the shot put and discus.

Reyes got the better of Pugh in the finals, as she won both the shot put and the discus.

Reyes outdistanced Pugh by two feet in the shot put (36’-3/4”-34-21/4”) and won the discus with a throw of 120-1/2”. Pugh was a distant 108-2”

behind Reyes.

After the first day of competition with eight of 16 events completed, the Downey boys held a slim, 90-82 lead, while the Warren girls held a more comfortable, 112-60 advantage.

Ten schools competed in the two-day event – Downey, Warren, La Mirada, Gahr,

Paramount, Bellflower, Norwalk, Lynwood, Mayfair, Dominguez and Firebaugh.

In the Downey boys one-sided victory, they dominated the running events after the two days with first-place finishes in six of the 10 running events and won five of the six field events.

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The Drifters, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy headline May lineup at Cerritos Center



The Drifters

CERRITOS — There's something for everyone this May at the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA).

Ukulele sensation Jake Shimabukuro kicks off the month with a performance on Friday, May 5 at 8 p.m. The award-winning musician has collaborated with industry greats, including Bette Midler, Yo-Yo Ma, Ziggy Marley and Chris Botti.

The New York Times praised Shimabukuro's "buoyant musicianship" and Rolling Stone called him a "musical hero." Ticket prices start at \$65.

Join The Kings of Disco — all former members of the world-famous group Village People — as they take you back to the days of platform

shoes, mirror balls, outrageous clothes, velvet ropes and nights filled with dancing on Sunday, May 7 at 7 p.m.

Jam to iconic disco hits from acts such as the Bee Gees; Donna Summer; Thelma Houston; Sylvester; Kool & the Gang; Earth, Wind & Fire; Commodores; The Brothers Johnson; Diana Ross; and ... the Village People. Tickets start at \$50.

Spend a nostalgic evening saluting three Rock & Roll Hall of Fame groups that were instrumental in creating the rock 'n' roll/doo-wop sound: The Drifters ("Under the Boardwalk," "This Magic Moment," "On Broadway"); The Platters ("Only You," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," "The Great Pretender"); and Cornell Gunter's Coasters ("Charlie Brown," "Yakety Yak," "Poison Ivy"). Tickets start at \$60 for this show on Saturday, May 13 at 8 p.m.

With its breakthrough role in the 1996 comedy "Swingers," Big Bad Voodoo Daddy intoxicated audiences and cast a spell on the American Contemporary swing scene. Known for its high-octane performances and the hits "Go Daddy-O," "You & Me & the Bottle Makes Three Tonight (Baby)" and "Mr. Pinstripe Suit," the band has appeared on "Dancing With the Stars" and Super Bowl XXXIII.

The group takes the CCPA stage at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 19. Tickets start at \$50.

The Los Angeles Times called it "the liveliest lineup of magic acts this side of Las Vegas!" See for yourself when "It's Magic!" comes to Cerritos on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m.

Featuring an all-new cast of award-winning performers from around the globe, the show is sure to leave audiences speechless and spellbound with sleight-of-hand illusions, stage tricks, comedy and variety acts. Ticket prices start at \$55.

It's a flashback to the '70s in this fun show "Direct From Sweden: The Music of ABBA," paying tribute to the signature sound and style of the iconic pop group that rocked music charts with hit after hit, including "The Winner Takes It All"; "Mamma Mia"; "Money, Money, Money"; and "Dancing Queen."

Tickets start at \$50 for this 8 p.m. performance on Friday, May 26.

Purchase tickets at cerritoscenter.com or by calling the Ticket Office at (562) 916-8500.

Downey honors police officer, firefighter of the year

■ Firefighter Kerry Nony and Downey Police Detective Corporal Lorraine Medina were selected by their peers to receive the awards.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Downey's Police and Fire Departments, city council and staff, and community leaders gathered on Tuesday to honor two extraordinary first responders at the 9th Annual Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year luncheon.

The event was held at the Rio Hondo Event Center.

Firefighter Kerry Nony and DPD Corporal Lorraine Medina were selected by their peers to receive the yearly awards.

Of Nony, Fire Chief Dan Hurlock said that he displayed the qualities of "leadership, passion, and dedication."

"There's four areas of leadership: there's leading in the organization, there's leading in teams, there's leading in relationships, and there's leading yourself. In order to be an effective leader in the first three areas, you have to master leading yourself, and Kerry has done that," said Hurlock.

"He's dedicated to doing the right things, helping others, showing up on time ready to work, taking responsibility for his actions...In the 22 years that Kerry has been a firefighter, he has had a focused passion on making station and work-life better for department members,

and providing the best service possible for the citizens of Downey."

Nony was emotional during his acceptance of the award, saying "it's been an honor to have this job."

"People always say, 'You have to find something that's worth doing,' and this is it," said Nony.

Nony has been with Downey Fire since May 2001.

Medina has been with Downey Police for 25 years (March 1998), starting off as a police assistant before eventually becoming an officer and subsequently moving through the detective's bureau, where she has spent 19 years and currently serves as general site investigator.

Downey Police Chief Leslie Murray said that Medina's "commitment and dedication" is "what really has marked her career."

"She's just that person who comes to work everyday, who's responsible, reliable, diligent, and I don't know anybody who takes their job as seriously as Lorraine does," said Murray.

In her acceptance, Medina expressed pride in being a part of the department.

"One of the main reasons that I wanted to be a police officer is that I thought this was an honorable profession," said Medina. "I love wearing this uniform...I love what it represents; I love what this badge represents."

The Downey Police and Fire Foundation, which is responsible for the annual ceremony, is a non-profit organization which supports police and fire personnel and their families in times of need. It was established shortly after the 1990 PACE Warehouse ambush.

In Memory of



Elizabeth "Beth" Damianakes

November 29, 1951 - March 31, 2023

Elizabeth "Beth" Damianakes, age 71, went home to the Father on March 31, 2023, in Palm City, Florida. Beth was born on November 29, 1951, in Lake Charles, Louisiana to Mickie and William "Billy" Dufrene. She moved to Southern California when she was 4 years old and lived most of her life in Downey, California. Beth went to grade school at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) in Downey. Her first 3 years of high school were at Notre Dame Academy in Los Angeles where she aspired to become a nun, but left to finish high school and graduate from St. Pius X High School in Downey. She attended Cerritos Community College and later received her BA degree from California State University, Fullerton.

Beth married William "Bill" Damianakes on September 29, 1990 at OLPH and they made Southern California their home for many years. She and Bill were very active in their OLPH parish, where they both served as Eucharistic Ministers for many years. Beth worked for 30 years at JC Penney in many different locations in the southland and she worked for 10 years at AAA in insurance.

When Beth retired in 2014, she and Bill moved to Palm City, Florida. They embraced their Palm City community and became very active at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church where she served as a Eucharistic Minister, an Extraordinary Minister to the Sick, taught youth catechism and served as President of the Holy Redeemer Women's Guild.

Beth loved sports, including snow skiing for many years. But her passion was scuba diving where she loved to photograph God's creatures and revel in the wonder of beautiful underwater habitats like coral reefs and kelp gardens. She and Bill travelled the world on wondrous dive trips, making many friends and incredible memories.

Beth was the kind of friend who always remembered your birthday, your anniversary, your kid's full baptismal names (and their birthdays), where you first met, where you had the most fun together and went on the craziest side trips and, with a mischievous smile, where you could find the next great adventure. She knew and loved her neighbors, making sure they had support when necessary and doggy treats when needed. Beth became a part of your life, filling it with grace and love and an infinite supply of patience and understanding.

Beth loved the Lord and was devoted to her faith and her faith communities. She loved teaching the kids, or as she said, "the children of God". Beth was the very definition of a beautiful soul and she will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Beth was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband Bill of 32 years, her son Andrew "Phil" Damianakes, her sister Leah (Steve) Maldonado, her nieces Nicole (Tim) Woolery and Adriane (Travis) Begley, her nephew Nathan (Alayna) Maldonado and numerous grand nieces, grand nephews, cousins, friends, and so many other she touched every day.

A Funeral Mass was held at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Palm City, Florida. Disposition of her ashes will be done at a later date in a private family ceremony. Condolences, thoughts and memories may be shared in the Guestbook at Forest Hills Palm City Chapel, www.foresthillspalmcityflorida.com/obits. Memorial donations may be made in Beth's honor to: Treasure Coast Hospice Foundation, 1201 SE Indian Street, Stuart, Florida 34997, 772/403-4547.

Be at peace dear Beth and rest in God's love forever.

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Editor's Note

With the exception of the two Letters to the Editor below, all op-eds in this week's issue were created by artificial intelligence. Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming the media landscape, and many newspapers are now using AI to improve their content creation, delivery, and engagement with their audiences.

AI can help newspapers to improve the accuracy and efficiency of their reporting. AI tools can be used to fact-check news stories and analyze data, reducing the risk of errors and improving the quality of reporting. AI can also be used to automate certain tasks, such as transcribing interviews or analyzing data, freeing up journalists to focus on more in-depth reporting.

Still, there are some challenges that must be addressed, including the potential for bias and ethical concerns. AI algorithms are only as unbiased as the data they are trained on, and there is a risk that biased data can lead to biased content.

The Downey Patriot has no plans to use AI in any significant way. Still, we're curious about its emerging use in journalism and encourage feedback to the editorials published this week.

Eric Pierce

The Carpenters left a musical legacy in Downey -- let's honor it

The Carpenters were one of the most successful musical duos of the 20th century, and their legacy is deeply intertwined with the city of Downey, California. Richard and Karen Carpenter grew up in Downey and attended local schools before going on to achieve worldwide fame with their distinctive sound and catchy melodies. It is crucial to preserve the memory of The Carpenters in Downey, both to honor their contributions to music and to celebrate the city's cultural heritage.

Firstly, preserving the memory of The Carpenters in Downey can help to promote the city's cultural identity and attract visitors to the area. The Carpenters' success has put Downey on the map, and their music is a source of pride for many residents. By preserving their memory, the city can showcase its rich cultural heritage and highlight the contributions of local artists to the world of music.

Moreover, preserving the memory of The Carpenters can help to inspire future generations of musicians and artists. The Carpenters' success story is a testament to the power of hard work, dedication, and perseverance, and their music continues to inspire people around the world. By celebrating their achievements, the city can encourage young people to pursue their own dreams and follow in the footsteps of Downey's most famous musical duo.

Additionally, preserving the memory of The Carpenters can have a positive economic impact on the city. The Carpenters' legacy is a draw for music lovers and fans of pop culture, and their music continues to be a source of revenue for the city. By promoting The Carpenters and their music, Downey can attract visitors and boost the local economy.

Despite their success and contributions to music, The Carpenters are often overlooked or forgotten in their hometown of Downey. It is crucial to preserve their memory and ensure that their legacy is not lost to future generations. This can be done through the creation of a museum or memorial dedicated to The Carpenters, as well as through the promotion of their music and recognition of their achievements.

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Sorry, Long Beach

Dear Editor:

Last Thursday morning (April 20), the city of Downey sent an unpleasant gift down to the city of Long Beach.

It seems that 250,000 gallons of raw sewage got bored with the usual trip down to the treatment facility in Carson, and instead decided to take a side trip down the Los Angeles River to Long Beach. (This was much to the chagrin of the Los Angeles County Sanitation District that was working on the line near Rives Avenue and Burns Street.)

The fine citizens of Long Beach, to their credit, didn't raise much of a stink about it. It seems their beaches had to be closed because of water pollution.

Phew! What a stink!

**Jack Russell
Downey**

Irrational fear of street vendors

Dear Editor:

Wow! I have so many thoughts about Ms. Morris's irrational and possibly racist diatribe against food vendors.

You may ask, "Why racist?" Well let's face it, most of these vendors are Latino immigrants. A lot of immigrants who come here tend not to have immediate access to jobs and they are very entrepreneurial, in that they create a job where there is none.

And isn't that the American way? Capitalism at it's finest.

Let me preface my next point by explaining that before I moved to Downey after the death of my dear grandmother, Irene, in 2009, I lived in Lynwood which one might say is a little more working class than Downey.

Street vendors were quite the norm. They are kind, regular people just trying to make a living. There's nothing really to be afraid of. They are humble regular working class folks. And you could say, street entrepreneurs.

Now let me get to some of the talking points of Ms. Morris's rant. In one part of her argument she points out that it's possible these vendors could be child sexual predators. She doesn't use the word "sexual" but it's clear she means child molesters.

If you want to see who the sexual predators are in your neighborhood around your schools, libraries, parks and shopping malls and just about anywhere children roam, you need look no further than the Megan's Law website, which is a sex offender registry. You will be awed and amazed and appalled at how many weirdos live in your neighborhood, under the radar, out of sight out of mind because people who are so worried about street vendors and homeless people regularly ignore the proverbial elephant in the room, the Megan's Law sex offender next door.

Next quote: "They're unfair competition for legitimate brick and mortar businesses."

Oh, watch out In & Out, or Raising Canes Chicken Fingers, Panda Express, Domino's, you got some real competition here.

Give me a break.

These little mom and pop vendors are not going to change the dynamic of the economy of Downey.

I can appreciate the idea of permits simply to demonstrate the hygienic quality of the cart. For food safety purposes.

Other than that I think the commentary by Ms. Morris is demonstrative of an irrational paranoid and possibly tribalistic attitude about a specific culture of people who are self enterprising and hard working souls, who merely want to make a living and experience the American dream that brought them here to this country in the first place.

**Greta Campbell
Downey**

Stay Gallery needs a financial commitment from Downey

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City councils are more effective when they stay non-partisan

Non-partisan city councils are a critical component of local government. These councils are made up of elected officials who are not affiliated with political parties and are therefore free to focus on the needs and concerns of their constituents.

One of the primary benefits of non-partisan city councils is that they promote transparency and accountability. When elected officials are not bound by party affiliations, they are less likely to be influenced by partisan interests, and more likely to be transparent and accountable to their constituents. This promotes a culture of open and honest communication between elected officials and the public, and encourages greater trust in local government.

Another important benefit of non-partisan city councils is that they foster collaboration and compromise. When elected officials are not constrained by party lines, they are free to work together on issues that matter to their communities, regardless of their political affiliations. This creates an environment of collaboration, where elected officials can come together to find solutions that benefit everyone, rather than being limited by party ideologies.

Non-partisan city councils also ensure a more diverse representation of the community. Political parties often have their own agendas and priorities, which may not always align with the needs of the community. Non-partisan city councils, on the other hand, allow for a wider range of perspectives and priorities to be represented in local government, ensuring that the needs of all members of the community are taken into consideration.

In addition, non-partisan city councils can lead to greater innovation and creativity in local government. When elected officials are not bound by partisan politics, they are free to think outside of the box and explore new ideas and approaches to solving problems. This can lead to innovative solutions to local issues and a more dynamic and responsive local government.

Finally, non-partisan city councils promote a sense of community and civic engagement. When elected officials are not aligned with political parties, they are more likely to engage with their constituents and promote a sense of community involvement in local governance. This can lead to greater civic engagement, a stronger sense of community, and a more responsive local government.

Despite these benefits, non-partisan city councils are not without their challenges. One of the primary challenges of non-partisan city councils is that it can be difficult for voters to understand the positions of individual candidates without the guidance of party affiliations. This can make it more challenging for voters to make informed decisions, particularly in local elections where there may be less media coverage or public attention.

Another challenge of non-partisan city councils is that they can be less effective in promoting party platforms and national policy agendas. While this is not necessarily a negative thing, it can be challenging for political parties to gain traction in local politics without a clear party affiliation.

Despite these challenges, non-partisan city councils remain an important component of local governance. By promoting transparency, collaboration, diversity, innovation, and civic engagement, non-partisan city councils ensure that local government is responsive, effective, and accountable to the community it serves.

For these reasons, it is important for communities to consider the benefits of non-partisan city councils when developing their local government structures.

Every successful downtown includes housing

Housing in downtowns plays a vital role in the economic and social development of a city. The benefits of having a strong downtown housing market are numerous, and it is essential that we recognize and promote the importance of housing in these areas.

One of the primary benefits of downtown housing is the positive impact it can have on the local economy. When people live in the downtown area, they are more likely to shop and spend money locally, which can lead to increased business activity and job creation. Additionally, the presence of a thriving residential community in the downtown area can attract new businesses, further boosting economic growth.

Moreover, downtown housing can help reduce traffic congestion and pollution. When people live in the heart of the city, they are more likely to use public transportation or walk to work, reducing the number of cars on the road and their associated environmental impacts.

Furthermore, downtown housing can help promote social cohesion and create a sense of community. By living in close proximity to one another, residents are more likely to interact and form bonds with their neighbors. This can help create a more

inclusive and welcoming atmosphere in the downtown area, promoting social and cultural diversity.

Despite these benefits, however, many cities continue to face a shortage of affordable housing in their downtown areas. This can lead to a variety of negative outcomes, including increased homelessness, gentrification, and displacement of long-time residents. It is crucial, therefore, that policymakers take steps to ensure that there is adequate affordable housing in downtown areas, including through the implementation of inclusionary zoning policies and the use of public funding to support the construction of affordable housing.

The importance of housing in downtowns cannot be overstated. The benefits of a thriving residential community in the heart of the city are many, including economic growth, reduced traffic and pollution, and increased social cohesion. By recognizing the vital role that housing plays in downtown areas and taking steps to promote its development, we can create vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive communities that benefit everyone.

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Lucas Mealy named La Mirada football coach

■ Mealy has previous stints coaching at St. John Bosco, Cerritos College and Orange High School.

By John M. Sherrard
Contributor

LA MIRADA — After a month-long search, La Mirada High School has named former Orange High assistant coach Lucas Mealy as its new football coach.

“We want to establish a brand and platform for these young men,” Mealy said. “We want to make sure that they know how we’re going to do things moving forward and what they’re going to get out of myself and the rest of the coaching staff. We also want to show the community how we’re going to do things in the long run.

“It’s going to take a lot of work and these young men I think are up to the task. Our ultimate goal from a football standpoint is to win. Those core principals are going to carry us over to where we want to be.

“We have a lot of things moving forward and we’re going to try and get things rolling as fast as we can.”

Mealy replaces former coach Mike Moschetti and hopes to bring the Matadores back into prominence for one of the areas top programs.

La Mirada athletic director Christine Mead said of the hiring, “Coach Mealy is ready to get started and is excited to begin Spring ball,” Mead said. “I believe he will bring great things to La Mirada. He has amazing energy and is so excited to bring his knowledge and

passion to this program. We are looking for great things from coach Mealy and his staff.”

Mealy, who was formally hired last Friday (April 21) and takes a head job for the first time, has also done stints at Cerritos College and St. John Bosco. He has been coaching for 11 yrs. While at Orange they went 19-7 with two league championships and CIF appearances.

Prior to the two years at Orange, Mealy was the quarterbacks coach at Fountain Valley during the shortened COVID Spring of 2021.

Before Fountain Valley, he was on the coaching staff for St. John Bosco as wide receiver and tight ends coach for six years. Mixed in that period for one year in 2016, Mealy was the tight ends coach at Cerritos College.

Mealy, who graduated from St. John Bosco in 2009, was an All-Trinity League player for three years as a tight end and wide receiver.

He started his college years at Cerritos College in 2009 and was an All-Conference tight end. He was part of a conference champion, won post-season bowl game and finished his two years with 61 receptions for 798 yards and 12 touchdowns.

He transferred to Adams State University in Colorado and was the starting tight end for two years.

He graduated from Adams State, majoring in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in Sports Management.

“We want to make sure the kids understand the philosophies that we’re going to implement in the day-to-day strategies on how we’re going to go about things,” Mealy added. “We want the kids to make sure that at the end of the day, its about them and not about me. We

want to make sure they are ready to play on Friday nights.”

Unfortunately, Mealy won’t get to have a real home game yet, as the new stadium appears to not be ready yet.

With the team on the “road” for the last four years playing home games at Excelsior, Mealy will have to wait until the 2024 season for the new digs.

“I think it’s a very exciting situation,” said Mealy, of the new stadium. “The first year (2023) I don’t believe we’ll have it. But, in the long run having a place to play our home games at, having a place for our kids to call home, I think is great for the young men.

“It’s great for the community. I know this community is super involved and super excited about everything.”



Lucas Mealy has been hired as La Mirada High School’s new football coach.

Photo by Keith Durflinger

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The Tree Agreement

The neighbor calls the *Siberian Elm* a “weed” tree, demands we hack it down, says the leaves overwhelm his property, the square backyard.

He’s collar-and-tie. A weed tree? Branches screen buildings, subway tracks, his patch of yard. We disagree, claim back the sap, heartwood, wild bark.

He declares the tree “hazardous.” We shelter under leaf-boards, crossway for squirrels, branch house for sparrows, jays. The balcony soaks up the shade.

Chatter-song drowns out cars below. Sun branches down. Leaves overwhelm. The tree will stay. We tell him “no.” Root deep through pavement, *Elm*.

Elise Paschen, Poetry, January 2016

As the daughter of Osage prima ballerina Maria Tallchief, Paschen is an enrolled member of the Osage Nation. She is the co-founder and co-editor of Poetry in Motion, a program that places poetry posters in subways and buses. Downey celebrates Arbor Day with a Drive-Through Tree Giveaway Event. Poetry Matters is curated by Lorine Parks.

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THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) S&R TRANSPORT, 12914 BROOKSHIRE AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RICARDO MARTINEZ, 12914 BROOKSHIRE AVE, DOWNEY CA 90242

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

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

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

S/RICARDO MARTINEZ, OWNER, RICARDO MARTINEZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 29, 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 2023067369

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) TRYON-DOWNEY, 10532 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 8141 EAST SECOND STREET STE 300, DOWNEY CA 90241

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) WOODY TRYON, 13189 SANDOVAL STREET, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670

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: 01/2018

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

S/WOODY TRYON, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 28, 2023 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 4/13/23, 4/20/23, 4/27/23, 5/4/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023053470

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HIGH CALIBER CLEANING SERVICES, 8521 FONTANA ST UNIT B, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MORENO FAMILY INDUSTRIES LLC, 8521 FONTANA ST UNIT B, DOWNEY CA 90241

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/MORENO FAMILY INDUSTRIES LLC, CEO, SANDRA SANTIAGO CELIS

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.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 4/6/23, 4/13/23, 4/20/23, 4/27/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023064497

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MIRANDA’S GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, 916 N. BRADFIELD AVE, COMPTON CA 90221, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NORMA LETICIA MIRANDA, 916 N BRADFIELD AVE, COMPTON CA 90221

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2018

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

S/NORMA LETICIA MIRANDA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 17, 2023 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 4/20/23, 4/27/23, 5/4/23, 5/11/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023080415

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) MIGHTY TECHS APPLIANCE REPAIR, 800 S MONTEBELLO BLVD, MONTEBELLO CA 90640, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) MARIA CALDERON, 800 S MONTEBELLO BLVD, MONTEBELLO CA 90640

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

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 04/2023

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/MARIA CALDERON, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 11, 2023 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 4/13/23, 4/20/23, 4/27/23, 5/4/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023066326

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) STAY FRESH LAUNDRY, 15112 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 15100 BELLFLOWER BLVD, BELLFLOWER CA 90706

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BRYANT TANN, 7833 KINGBEE STREET, 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/BRYANT TANN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 28, 2023 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 4/20/23, 4/27/23, 5/4/23, 5/11/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023076592

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) JOE AUTO GLASS, 7717 BIRCHLEAF AVE., PICO RIVERA CA 90660, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) JOSE

DEJESUS Q. QUIROZ, 7717 BIRCHLEAF AVE., 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: 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/JOSE DEJESUS Q. QUIROZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on APRIL 6, 2023 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law (see Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

The Downey Patriot 4/13/23, 4/20/23, 4/27/23, 5/4/23

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File Number 2023077631

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) HERMANDAD FINANCIERA, 12070 LAKEWOOD BLVD, 1166, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) GABRIELA GORVENA GALVAN, 12070 LAKEWOOD BLVD, 1166, DOWNEY CA 90242

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: 04/2023

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is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: **JUNE 7, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**
The address of the court is **NORWALK SUPERIOR COURT, 12720 NORWALK BOULEVARD NORWALK, CA 90650-3169**
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** APRIL 5, 2023
JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
HEATHER ELIZABETH KENNEDY NEELY 9044 BIGBY ST DOWNEY, CA, 90241 (562) 762-9070
Neelyheather212@gmail.com

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: PAUL HORN ESQ SBN 243227 PAUL HORN LAW GROUP PC 11404 SOUTH STREET CERRITOS CA 90703 CN995937 EDWARDS Apr 20,27, May 4, 2023

pidada al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.suorteca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a relamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desahcar el caso. The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 4050 MAIN STREET RIVERSIDE, CA 92501** The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): **HEATHER R. WHITEHEAD, 257307 WOLFE & WYMAN LLP 2212 DUPONT DRIVE IRVINE, CA 92612 (949) 472-9200**

secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Ornela O. Torres and Victor A. Muniz, wife and husband as joint tenants Duly Appointed Trustee: National Default Servicing Corporation Recorded 01/04/2007 as Instrument No. 20070017555 (or Book, Page) of the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California. Date of Sale: 05/26/2023 at 11:00 AM Place of Sale: By the fountain located at 400 Civic Center Plaza, Pomona, CA 91766 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$773,869.83 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 9320 La Reina Avenue, Downey, CA 90240 A.P.N.: 6361-006-014 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The requirements of California Civil Code Section 2923.5(b)(2)(2)(3)(5)(c) were fulfilled when the Notice of Default was recorded. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 714-730-2727 or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com/sales, using the file number assigned to this case 22-20845-SP-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are a "representative of eligible tenant buyers" you may be able to purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed

the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 888-264-4010, or visit this internet website www.ndscorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 22-20845-SP-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as a "representative of all eligible tenant buyers" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. *Pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code, the potential rights described herein shall apply only to public auctions taking place on or after January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, unless later extended. Date: 04/17/2023 National Default Servicing Corporation c/o Tiffany and Bosco, P.A., its agent, 1455 Frazee Road, Suite 820 San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free Phone: 888-264-4010 Sales Line 714-730-2727; Sales Website: www.ndscorp.com Connie Hernandez, Trustee Sales Representative 4781565 04/27/2023, 05/04/2023, 05/11/2023

disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:** If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. **NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:** The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (800) 683-2468 or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case D.077-518. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. For sales conducted after January 1, 2021, **NOTICE TO TENANT:** You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (800) 683-2468, or visit this internet website www.servicelinkasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case D.077-518 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. Date: 4/6/2023 PROBER AND RAPHAEL, ALC 20750 Ventura Blvd. #100 Woodland Hills, California 91364 Sale Line: (800) 683-2468 Rita Terzyan, Trustee Sale Officer A-4780742 04/13/2023, 04/20/2023, 04/27/2023

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF JANA L. EDWARDS aka JANA LOUISE EDWARDS aka JANA LOUISE HURD
Case No. 23STPB03699
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JANA L. EDWARDS aka JANA LOUISE EDWARDS aka JANA LOUISE HURD
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Andrea Foster in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Andrea Foster be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

SUMMONS

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) ON CROSS COMPLAINT TO ROE 1 JAIME EDGARDO HERNANDEZ CASTRO
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso): CVR12101786
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): JAMIE HERNANDEZ, AN INDIVIDUAL; AND ROES 1 THROUGH 25, INCLUSIVE
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): RIGOBERTO MUNOZ MUNOZ DBA R MUNOZ TRUCKING
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. **AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso un la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.suorteca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación,

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TRUSTEE SALES

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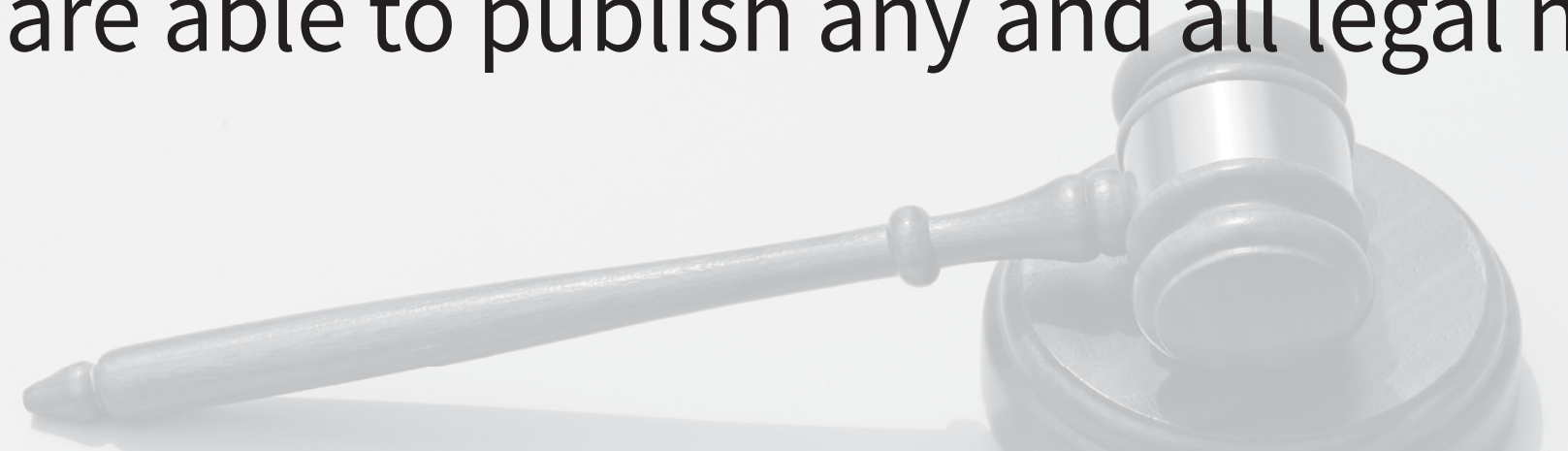
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Whittier school board member to resign

■ Dr. Ralph Pacheco will step down July 7, calling his resignation a “retirement.” He has served on the school board for 32 years.

WHITTIER — Dr. Ralph Pacheco, the longest-standing member of the Whittier Union High School District Board of Trustees, has announced his retirement from the board, culminating his 32 years of unwavering commitment and service to the District.

Pacheco, who currently serves as the Board Vice President, made the announcement to his colleagues and community members during an April 11 board meeting. He will officially retire from the Board of Trustees effective July 7.

His current term runs through November 2024.

“I want to take this moment to reflect on my 32 years of service to the Whittier

Union High School District,” Pacheco said during the meeting via teleconference.

“It has been an honor and privilege to serve alongside each of my colleagues during this time, and I am very humbled and grateful to have been elected by the community over all these years.

“I want to thank all those present this evening, as well as our dedicated teachers and staff, for their outstanding efforts in bringing out the best in our student body. I look forward to hearing about all of the success and achievements of our students and supporting the District as it continues to achieve and maintain excellence.”

Throughout his tenure, Pacheco has been an active member of the community, serving on many distinguished civic, college, and community service agency boards and commissions. He is also an ordained minister and co-

founder of the Leadership Capacity Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit faith-based organization supporting community development and education projects in California.

Pacheco’s wife, Deborah, has also been active in education and served as an elected member of the South Whittier School District Board of Education from 2001 to 2022. Together, they have three children and nine grandchildren, all of whom attended the Whittier Union High School District.

During his time on the Board, Pacheco collaborated with five distinct superintendents and played an instrumental role in advocating for and passing three separate community bond measures to benefit the District.

Pacheco supported the District’s construction and modernization project, which began in 1998 when

voters passed the \$98 million Measure C bond, and continued with the \$75 million Measure W bond in 2008. These bonds led to improvements to classrooms, libraries, gymnasiums, cafeterias, infrastructure and athletic facilities.

Subsequently, in 2020, Pacheco demonstrated his leadership abilities by steering the District toward the successful passage of the \$183 million Measure AA bond, which was designed to augment the infrastructure of each of the District’s comprehensive high schools and also provide security enhancements.

“It has been an absolute pleasure to serve alongside Dr. Pacheco throughout these years,” Board President Jaime López said. “Dr. Pacheco has always put the needs of students first and I have always admired his dedication to the success of the District. We are grateful to have such a distinguished individual on

the Board and will continue to advocate for student success every day, just as he did. Thank you, Dr. Pacheco.”

In addition to his service on the Board of Trustees, Pacheco served multiple terms as a Governing Board Member of the Tri-Cities Regional Occupational Program and as a formerly elected Trustee of the Río Hondo Community College District. He also taught as an Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies at Regency Bible College.

“Dr. Pacheco’s unwavering commitment to the District and its students has been a hallmark of his tenure, and we extend our deepest gratitude for his years of expert service,” Superintendent Dr. Monica Oviedo said.

“Whittier Union remains fully dedicated to doing Whatever It Takes to ensure the success of our students, and we will continue to



Dr. Ralph Pacheco

build upon the outstanding work that Dr. Pacheco has accomplished during his tenure. He will be greatly missed as a member of the Board of Trustees, but we know he will continue to achieve great things upon his retirement.”

During the Whittier Union Board meeting on Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m., the Board and Oviedo will discuss their next course of action. The meeting will be held at the District Board Room located at 9401 S. Painter Ave., Whittier.

Former Gahr principal named superintendent

CERRITOS — After a nationwide search, the ABC Unified School District Board of Education has selected Dr. Gina Zietlow as its next superintendent, pending formal board approval May 2.

Zietlow replaces Dr. Mary Sieu, who retired last August after serving in the role for over a decade.

Toan Nguyen, deputy superintendent and chief financial officer, has been the interim superintendent since Sieu’s retirement.

“After interviewing several candidates, Dr. Zietlow’s passion for students and this school district stood out,” said ABCUSD Board President Brad Beach. “She is a lifelong educator who has spent nearly three decades working for ABC as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, and leader.”

Zietlow earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Biola University, a Master of Arts in Instruction from Biola University, and a Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership from the University of La Verne.

She was an English teacher, cheer advisor, and activities director before becoming the assistant principal and then principal at Gahr High School, where she was named the Secondary Principal of the Year in California by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the State Secondary Principal of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), and the ACSA Region 14 Secondary Principal of the Year.

She has spent the past seven years in Human Resources, with the last six years as assistant superintendent.

“I want to thank the Board for their confidence and support,” said Zietlow. “I’ve spent my entire career working to ensure all students succeed, which will continue to be my guiding principle as superintendent. I also want to thank Mr. Nguyen for his time and significant contributions while serving as interim superintendent.”

Zietlow will begin in her new role as superintendent on May 15, 2023.

Cerritos College students graduating faster than before

NORWALK — Cerritos College is shortening students’ time to complete their degrees, according to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) 2022 data feedback report.

The number of Cerritos College students graduating within two years has doubled over the last five years, and students graduating within three years have increased by nearly 50 percent.

On average, Cerritos College students complete their degrees and certificates in less time than other local institutions, giving them an edge at transferring or entering the job market.

Completing a degree on time helps avoid accruing additional years of expenses and allows students to advance their social mobility faster.

Based on these findings, the Cerritos College Board of Trustees is working to establish ambitious goals to further increase graduation rates, improve academic momentum, and achieve early course success.

“Our talented faculty, staff, and administrators are going above and beyond to reduce barriers so that our students can complete

their education,” said Dr. Jose Fierro, president/superintendent of Cerritos College. “We want our students to increase their earning potential sooner rather than later and as an institution, we are ready to strive for the next level of student achievement.”

To achieve its ambitious goals that will boost students’ success, the college will establish a comprehensive master plan to launch in spring 2025.

This plan will include key performance indicators that will help Cerritos College develop interventions that ultimately support students in completing their degree and certificate goals in less time.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, 44% of 2015-16 first-time bachelor’s degree recipients completed their degree 48 months or less

after first enrolling in postsecondary education. One-half of those age 23 years or younger graduated in 45 months or less, compared with 162 months or less for those age 30 years or older.

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