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Alexsa Gimenez, Diego Campos are Downey High Athletes of the Year



Alexsa Gimenez is a three-time All-CIF water polo player who will play for UCLA in the fall while Diego Campos has been called "one of the most decorated water polo players" in school history. Both wrapped up their remarkable athletic careers at Downey High School last month. (COURTESY PHOTOS)

■ The water polo pair helped lead the Vikings to success over the last four years.

By John M. Sherrard Contributor

DOWNEY — In a program first for Downey High School, the boys and girls water polo team is the recipient of the Male and Female Athletes of the Year for the 2022-23 season.

Seniors Diego Campos and Alexa Gimenez were honored at the school's Baccalaureate Ceremony on May 30 in the stadium.

"We are very proud of Diego and Alexa at Downey High School," Downey Athletic Director Mark Rand said. "To have two athletes from the aquatics program is a testament to coach Uriel Villa and the programs he has developed and continues to expand."

"The success of these two athletes specifically shows their commitment to doing the job in the pool as well as the classroom. We are proud to have them representing the Vikings as multi-sport athletes and great students."

Campos was a big part of the CIF champion Vikings, as they won their third title ever and first in 50 years.

Campos, a goalie, helped Uriel Villa win his first championship as a head coach after winning three as a player at Montebello and one as an assistant coach.

"It's an honor to be decorated," Campos said. "It feels good, and all the hard work paid off with a little bit of luck here and there."

"It was a huge honor, and everybody was really proud. It was a cool moment. I had a lot of help — with the team, coaches and parents and a lot of support. It's pretty crazy."

Gimenez was just as shocked as her friend Diego was when the names were announced.

"It was surprising for me," Gimenez said. "When they called my name, it was a total surprise."

"We were sitting there, and they called Diego (Campos) up. We were congratulating him, and my friend told me, 'Do you think you will win the female athlete of the year award?' It was super surprising. It was also heart warming that my hard work was honored."

Campos — All-CIF Goalie

Highlighting the year for Campos, in addition to his athlete of the year award, was leading the team

in goal and winning the CIF Division IV Championship last November.

The Vikings, who also finished as CIF runners-up on five different occasions through the years, defeated Yucaipa, 10-5. Campos had eight saves in the game for Downey.

The Vikings led, 7-2, at halftime and Campos said after the game he had a feeling of a title. "Our defense really stepped up," said Campos, after the game last year. "At halftime it was a good indicator that we had a chance to win."

There was even a connection to the girls athlete of the year, as Ayelen Gimenez was on the staff of the boys team that season. Ayelen is the older sister of Alexa Gimenez.

Some of Campos' accomplishments through the years were: Freshman — He started as frosh-soph goalie, moved up to junior varsity and then was promoted to varsity backup for league and CIF. He finished with 48 saves in eight games.

Sophomore — It was a shortened season by COVID with no CIF playoffs.

Junior — He was named to the First-Team All-CIF. He led the team to the CIF D 5 semifinals, losing to eventual CIF Champion Carpinteria.

Senior — Led his team to a championship and was named CIF Player of the Year.

He finished with 320 saves in 30 games. A big turning point in the playoffs came in the semifinals. Campos had 16 saves against Schurr and had a crucial steal in the final minute of the game to seal the win.

Water Polo coach Uriel Villa said of Campos: "Diego is one of the most decorated water polo players in the history of Downey Water Polo. Downey won CIF in the 50s and again in 1972. We won CIF 50 years

after the last Downey Water Polo CIF championship, and we couldn't have done it without the dominant performances by Diego.

Campos, who came into high school only learning the basics of water polo in a recreational class at Cerritos College, had high praise for a coach that sees more than the average person in the water.

"It definitely helps a lot that he comes from that experience and has a different eye for the pool than the rest of us," Campos said.

Diego Campos — A favorite HS memory

"One of my favorite moments from my senior year was our prom," he said. "I had so much fun checking out the venue and seeing everyone dressed up, dancing, and just talking to all my friends there."

"Another moment that I will cherish is all the time I went out with my friends. Those were always a fun time."

Of course, a memory he will always remember in the pool was winning the first title in 50 years at Downey.

"A favorite moment from this season has to be winning CIF," explained Campos. "It was something a lot of people do not get to experience, but when you do it is the happiest moment of your life. It is so satisfying to see all your hard work pay off and get what you wanted all season."

Alexsa Gimenez — A scoring machine

Gimenez through the years: Freshman — She was second on the team in goals with 71, named Second Team All-CIF and was on the team that advanced to the D 4 quarterfinals.

Sophomore — COVID-shortened season with no CIF playoffs.

Junior — Gimenez was the first of three consecutive years as leading goal scorer with 95 and was named to the First-Team All-CIF and led her team to the CIF quarters. It was a one-goal loss to San Juan Hills.

Senior — Led the team again in goals with 117, advanced to the D 2 semifinals, losing to eventual champ Murrieta Valley and for the third time was named to the All-CIF team (First team).

Gimenez, who begins training for UCLA in September, finished with 283 career goals (not including COVID).

"It's a big accomplishment for the sport of water polo," said Gimenez, of the dual winners from the sport. "Out of this program comes a lot of hard workers. It's a big accomplishment for coach Villa."

Alexsa began swimming at nine years old and liked swimming better and didn't connect to water polo until she was in high school. "I didn't fall in love with water polo until I was in high school," Gimenez said. "Now that I'm going to UCLA, it's what helped me at Downey."

Coach Villa, who in seven seasons at Downey has had 12 players earn All-CIF honors, said of Gimenez: "Alexsa is one of two players to receive All-CIF three times," he said. She's the only player to be a two-time First-Team All-CIF player. She has the most goals in a season, most goals in a career and has helped establish Downey as one of the premier girls water polo programs in Southern California."

Gimenez' favorite memories

"My absolute favorite moment from senior year is definitely during the time my team and I spent together at Ventura on our overnight trip," Gimenez said.

The tournament was very competitive, perfect practice for the

pressure and competitiveness they would see in the CIF playoffs.

"I think many remember their game wins as the best part of being an athlete," she added. "I love to remember the moments that lead one up to that success. In this moment, before the call of that first whistle to start the game, I felt as though I already won. Looking around at my team with a large smile and ready to take on anything that was thrown at us."

"This moment marked the growth that we have had as a team, the confidence we built throughout countless hours of practice, and overall, the happiness in the family we built at Downey High School."

A second memory was their final game of the season this year.

"Another favorite moment from my senior year was our semifinal game at home (loss to Murietta Valley)," she remembered. "We did lose this game but the reason I think of it as such a memorable moment is because of the overall success my team has had. When I first came in (as a freshman), we were a D 4 team who made it to the quarterfinals. When I ended, we were a team who made it to the semifinals of D 2. Our success only continued to grow, and we paved a new milestone for Downey High School. Although it was a hurtful time at the moment, it marked happiness in the long run and success for such a wonderful team that I had the honor to lead as captain."

"I saw these girls work so hard in the weight room and in the water alongside me the whole year while managing schoolwork and personal troubles. We worked our hardest that game and that is all I can ask from my teammates, I was incredibly proud of how far we were able to go."

Weekend at a Glance

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Sunday 80°

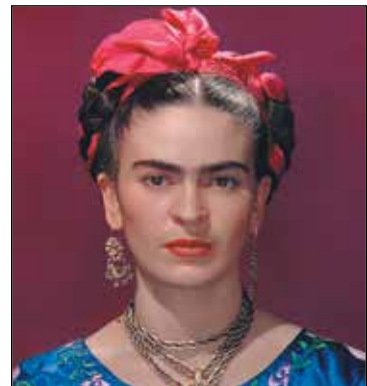
ON THIS DAY

1535: Humanist and statesman Thomas More was beheaded for refusing to accept King Henry VIII as head of the Church of England.

1885: Louis Pasteur successfully tested an antirabies vaccine.

1892: Ten people were killed after striking steelworkers clashed with private security near Pittsburgh.

1907: Mexican artist Frida Kahlo, noted for her intense, brilliantly coloured self-portraits, was born.



1928: The first full-length all-talking motion picture, "Lights of New York," premiered in New York City.

1933: The first Major League Baseball all-star game was played, in Chicago's Comiskey Park. The American League defeated the National League 4-2.

1942: Anne Frank and her family went into hiding in Amsterdam and lived in a secret annex—an experience documented in her diary, which became a classic of war literature—until their capture on August 4, 1944.

1957: Paul McCartney met John Lennon for the first time, at a church event in Liverpool, England, where the latter's band was performing; the duo would later form the Beatles, perhaps the most influential band in history.

2002: Tennis player Serena Williams defeated her sister Venus to win her first Wimbledon singles title.

Birthdays

Spiritual leader **Dalai Lama** (88), former President **George W. Bush** (77), "Rocky" star **Sylvester Stallone** (77), rapper **50 Cent** (48), "Sister, Sister" stars **Tia and Tamara Mowry** (45), comedian **Kevin Hart** (44), Lakers hall of famer **Pau Gasol** (43), fourth-place Padres shortstop **Manny Machado** (31), and NBA star **Zion Williamson** (23).

Concerts in the Park

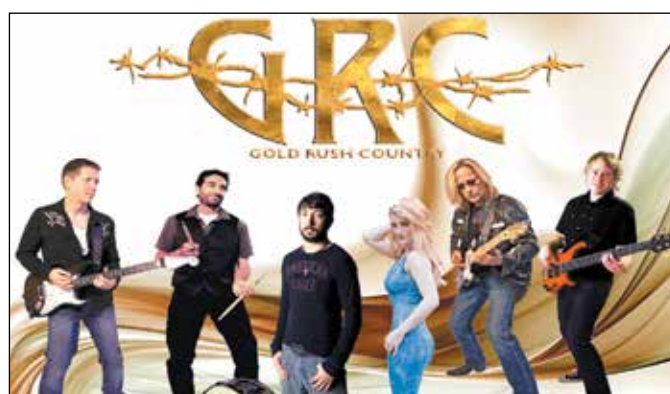
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Hate group opposes wellness center at Norwalk high schools

■ Opened in 2019, the facility offers teens resources related to sex, mental health and substance abuse.

By Vincent Medina
Contributor

NORWALK — The Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District board of education listened last week as Arthur Schaper, the California Mass Resistance field director, expressed unfounded claims about wellness centers at John Glenn and Southeast Academy high schools.

“These wellbeing centers, your staff, have been trained by Planned Parenthood,” Schaper said. “You have these counselors who teach kids they can change their sex like flipping a switch, it’s unacceptable.”

California Mass Resistance, an organization the Southern Poverty Law Center labeled a hate group, arrived at the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District board meeting on June 26 to oppose the Wellbeing Center and called for its removal.

The centers have been in operation since 2019.

The organization spread the unfounded claim on social media that Planned Parenthood trained the staff at the center. Schaper claimed, without evidence, that Planned Parenthood pushes an agenda of “sex mutilation” on students and influences them to become transgender.

The Torrance resident continued to call the LGBTQIA+ ideology a “cult and an illness,” as his California Mass Resistance supporters applauded. Schaper also accused the school board of hiding information on the center from parents and vowed to go door-to-door to spread his beliefs to the community.

NLMUSD superintendent John Lopez explained the district addressed most of Mass Resistance’s concerns of the Wellbeing Center with a fact sheet of frequently asked questions in February.

“The Wellbeing Center was approved by the board of education in 2019,” Lopez said. “They talked to the community members of John Glenn and got an intake of services they wanted.”

The services provided through the center are student-initiated, according to the FAQ. Students

are reminded to include parents in their care, as expressed in the district’s memorandum of understanding with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

A minor may consent to medical care related to contraception, the prevention, or the treatment of pregnancy without parental consent, according to state law.

The superintendent emphasized that Planned Parenthood is not involved with the Wellbeing Center, after the board voted against the Planned Parenthood component in August 2022.

Wellbeing Center staff are trained by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Lopez said he was confused about how Schaper and Mass Resistance tied LGBTQIA+ into the Wellbeing Center.

“It’s disappointing that we have an opportunity to help our community by giving them resources they need and groups are putting a spin on things that aren’t happening,” Lopez said. “LGBTQIA+ wasn’t even addressed in any of our frequently asked questions because that never came up until now.”

The Wellbeing Center provides health education, information about substance abuse, mental health and stress reduction groups. Masters Level Health Educators from the LACDPH are present to support students, teach sexual health and provide sexually active young people with counseling, according to the FAQ.

A registered nurse is also available for on-site testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, condoms, over-the-counter emergency



Arthur Schaper, the California Mass Resistance field director, touted unsupported claims about the John Glenn and Southeast Academy High School Wellbeing Center during a Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District board meeting on June 26. (PHOTO BY VINCENT MEDINA)

contraception, pregnancy tests and sexual health information for students.

The FAQ emphasizes that parents can also utilize the Wellbeing Center. Classes at the center teach parents about teen health, how to discuss alcohol and drugs with their child, and how to effectively explain sexual decision-making.

Statistics from the LACDPH were referenced in the FAQ as the district illustrated the necessity for a Wellbeing Center:

Approximately 21.4% of high school students in LA County currently drink alcohol. Among sexually active students, one in five drank alcohol or used

drugs before their last sexual intercourse, according to the LACDPH.

In LA County, approximately 45.3% of high schoolers felt sad or hopeless almost every day for two or more weeks, and 26.6% seriously considered attempting suicide.

Among high school students in the county, approximately 28% reported having sex and 20% are sexually active. LACDPH reported 44% of sexually active students did not use a condom last time and 78% are not using birth control.

Despite his lack of evidence, Schaper called the fact sheet “baloney.” Supporters continued expressing opposition to Planned Parenthood and transgender people during public comments.

Brenda Lebsack, a pastor at the Assembly of God Church in Norwalk, alleged she used a Planned Parenthood chat number and pretended to be a child confused about her gender.


“They took me to a site that talked about puberty blockers, saying that if you’re confused about your gender, don’t worry, because the Q in LGBTQ means queer or questioning,” Lebsack said.

The pastor accused Planned Parenthood of promoting sexual pleasures to children. However, she was referring to the Planned Parenthood glossary, where the definitions of such words must be looked for and searched.

As Schaper said California Mass Resistance would return to the district to oppose the Wellbeing Center, Lopez encouraged community members to navigate the district website for accurate information.

“We encourage parents to get in touch with their school principals or district staff and we’ll provide them the information,” Lopez said. “We’ll send out information as well and reach out to our community.”

In Memory of
Jackie O’Dell
September 30, 1950 - June 17, 2023



Jackie Lynn O’Dell was born on September 30, 1950. She was the daughter of Jack and Ellen O’Dell. A daughter to a truck driver, she spent her childhood in the city of Downey, CA. As a young adult, she would move to West Hollywood, while working as a High School History teacher in the downtown Los Angeles area. She eventually moved back to her childhood home in Downey, upon the passing of both her parents. As an educator, she was a mentor, teacher, and mother to many students at Belmont High School, before transferring to a neighboring school (Roybal LC). She was beloved by her students. Many of her students considered her family. Many of whom she would remain in contact with, even after graduation. Her kindness and generosity was unmatched as well as her love and passion for education. There wasn’t much she wouldn’t do to uphold the well being of her students. She would eventually retire in 2016. Once retired, her dedication to the youth would not end there. She served as a volunteer tutor at the Downey Public Library. There, she would read and share stories to children in the neighborhood, along with teaching English to English Language Learners. On June 17, 2023, she would eventually pass, leaving behind a multitude of children and young adults that she would consider her family. A celebration of life is upcoming. If you would like to attend please contact Jose Hernandez at moc4040@aol.com

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Real estate broker Daniel Andrade installed as chamber of commerce president

■ Andrade takes over as president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce, pledging to help local businesses.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY — Real estate broker Daniel Andrade was installed as the next president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce at its annual Installation, Awards, and Anniversary Luncheon held at the Embassy Suites on Thursday.

Sworn in by Mayor Claudia M. Frometa, in front of many of Downey's officials and business community, Andrade — of Beautiful Homes Real Estate — said “we can do more together.”

“That’s what the Chamber is about; it’s about all of us supporting each other and making ourselves better,” said Andrade. “If you have an issue, definitely reach out to us, because we’re here to support you.”



Daniel Andrade was sworn-in as the new president of the Downey Chamber of Commerce by Mayor Claudia M. Frometa at a luncheon at the Embassy Suites. (PHOTO BY ALEX DOMINGUEZ)

His newly established executive board will consist of President Elect Rain Neg, Vice Presidents Jeannie Wood and Jennifer DeKay, Immediate Past President Carmen Gonzalez, and Treasurer Jesse Gallardo.

The afternoon’s festivities also served as a moment to give thanks to the aforementioned Gonzalez, who described her 2022-23 term as a “bravo year.”

“This journey has been extra special to me. Being a long-time

resident of Downey, and being associated with the Chamber since 2014, the last 12 months have taught me a lot and has been nonstop,” said Gonzalez.

Under Gonzalez, the Chamber welcomed new members, hosting 14 ribbon-cutting events, hosted a breakfast tax seminar, hosted monthly city affairs meetings, ambassadors lunch meetings, a recycling event, a women’s empowerment conference, the annual Christmas parade and street fair.

Gonzalez expressed thanks in her closing remarks.

“I’d like to thank our ambassadors, city leaders, chamber members, local elected representatives, city staff, our mayor and city council,” said Gonzalez. “It has been an honor to have worked with you all throughout the year.”

The Chamber concluded the event by recognizing its longtime members and giving out several awards, including:

- Large Business of the Year:

Athens Services

- Small Business of the Year: Tech Builders

- Rookie of the Year: Springhill Suites by Marriott

- Director of the Year: Jeannie

Wood

- Ambassador of the Year: Maria Rubidoux

- Volunteer of the Year: Joanna Peterson

- Woman of the Year: Cathi Calvert

After Supreme Court ruling, Cerritos College pledges ‘equitable access’ to education

■ College officials called the Supreme Court’s decision to end affirmative action ‘deeply upsetting.’

NORWALK — In response to the Supreme Court ending affirmative action in higher education, Cerritos College released a statement stating it “stands in support of equitable access to education for students of all backgrounds.”

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled June 29 that the race-conscious admissions systems used by Harvard University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill are unconstitutional, illegally violating the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.

“[The] Supreme Court’s ruling on Affirmative Action is deeply upsetting,” said Dr. Jose Fierro, Cerritos College president and superintendent. “For more than four decades, Affirmative Action policies have helped equalize the college admissions process, considering a student’s racial background as one factor in their overall experience and qualifications.

“Despite the Supreme Court’s decision, we, at Cerritos College, are committed to creating access and opportunity for all

students, including those from marginalized backgrounds.”

Board president Dr. Shin Liu called the Supreme Court’s ruling “quite unsettling.”

“The Justices are on the wrong side of history and have rolled back years of hard work for equity and access to higher education for Black and Latino students,” Liu said. “This ruling makes our work even more focused as we continue the fight to ensure our students receive the best education possible regardless of their background.

We reaffirm our strong support for increasing student achievement for historically underrepresented students and diversity among faculty, students, staff, and programs.”

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote the opinion for the conservative majority, saying the Harvard and University of North Carolina admissions programs violated the Equal Protection Clause because they failed to offer “measurable” objectives to justify the use of race.

He said the programs involve

racial stereotyping and had no specific endpoint.

The opinion claims the court was not expressly overturning prior cases authorizing race-based affirmative action, and suggested that how race has affected an applicant’s life can still be part of how their application is considered.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor, joined by Justice Elena Kagan and Ketanji Brown Jackson, issued a dissent, saying the opinion “rolls back decades of precedent and momentous progress.”

In a demonstration of the controversial nature of the case, justices read their dissents from the bench for the first time since 2019.

There are exemptions to the Supreme Court’s decision.

The ruling says that US military service academies can continue to take race into consideration as a factor in admissions.

During oral arguments, Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar stressed the unique

interests of the military and argued that race-based admissions programs further the nation’s compelling interest of diversity.

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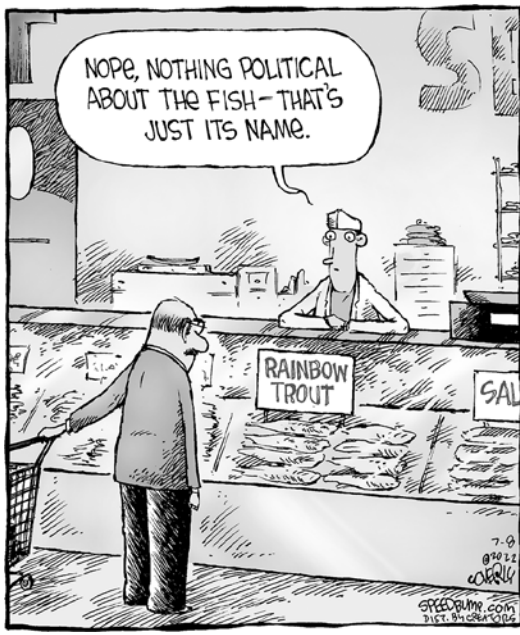
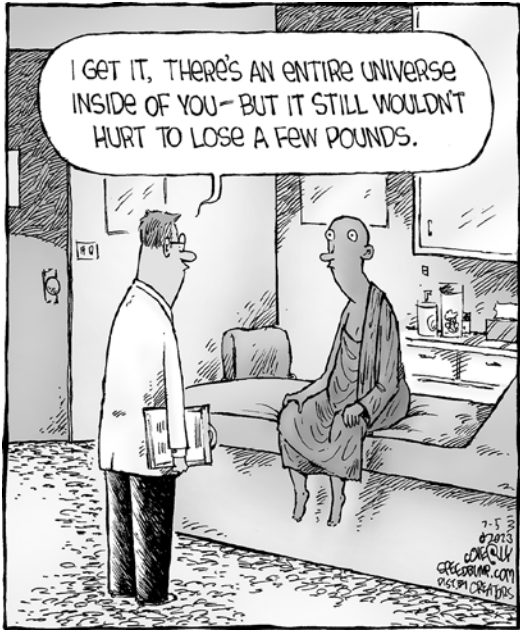
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- 1st Tue., 4:00pm: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
- 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
- 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: Library Advisory Board, at Downey City Library.
- 3rd Thurs., 6:30pm: CERT, at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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

MONDAYS

- 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 2, at Downey United Methodist Church, call 869-6478.
- 4:30 pm: Courage Forward Meeting, at 10829 New St, 2nd Floor, call 213-545-6810.
- 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 441, at Apollo Park, email scoutmaster@downeyboyscouts.com.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Master Chorale, at Cornerstone Church, contact info@downeymasterchorale.org.
- 1st Tues., 7:30 am: Gangs Out of Downey, at City Hall training room.
- 2nd Tues., 6 pm: Downey Fly Fishers, at Apollo Park, call 425-7936.
- 3rd Tues., 12 pm: Downey Newcomers Club, call Marilyn 928-2623.
- 3rd Tues., 6:30 pm: Community Emergency Response Team meeting, Fire station 1, 12222 Paramount.
- 3rd Tues., 6 pm: American Legion #270, at Sizzler Restaurant, call 544-0372.
- Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am: Downey Bocce Club, at 7850 Quill Drive, call John Fiorenza 652-4399

WEDNESDAYS

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

THURSDAYS

- 7:30 am: Connections Networking, at Bob's Big Boy, for info., call Nick Smith, 861-5222.
- 7:30 am: Soroptimist Int'l of Downey, for information, call Mia Vasquez, 806-3217.
- 9:30 am: Take off Pounds Sensibly, at Barabara Riley Senior Center, call (800) 932-8677.
- 12 pm: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.
- 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
- 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
- 7 pm: Boy Scout Troop 351, at Furman Park, contact 562-500-5093 for more information.
- 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
- 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.
- 1st Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
- 2nd Thurs., 12 pm: Creative Purposes, call Bill Wallace 923-2311.
- 2nd Thurs., 7:30 pm: Beaming Rebel Foxes Collectors Club, call Carl D. Jones at 923-2400.
- 2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:30 pm: Downey Lions Club, at Mimi's, call Lenora (310) 283-9825.
- 3rd Thurs., 4 pm: Public Works Committee, at City Hall Training Room.
- 4th Thurs., 10 am: Assistance League, at Casa De Parley Johnson, call 869-0232.
- 4th Thurs., 7:30 pm: Downey Historical Society programs, at Community Center, call 862-2777.

FRIDAYS

- 7:30 am: Pro Networkers, at Mimi's Cafe, call Barbara Briley Beard at 869-7618.

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

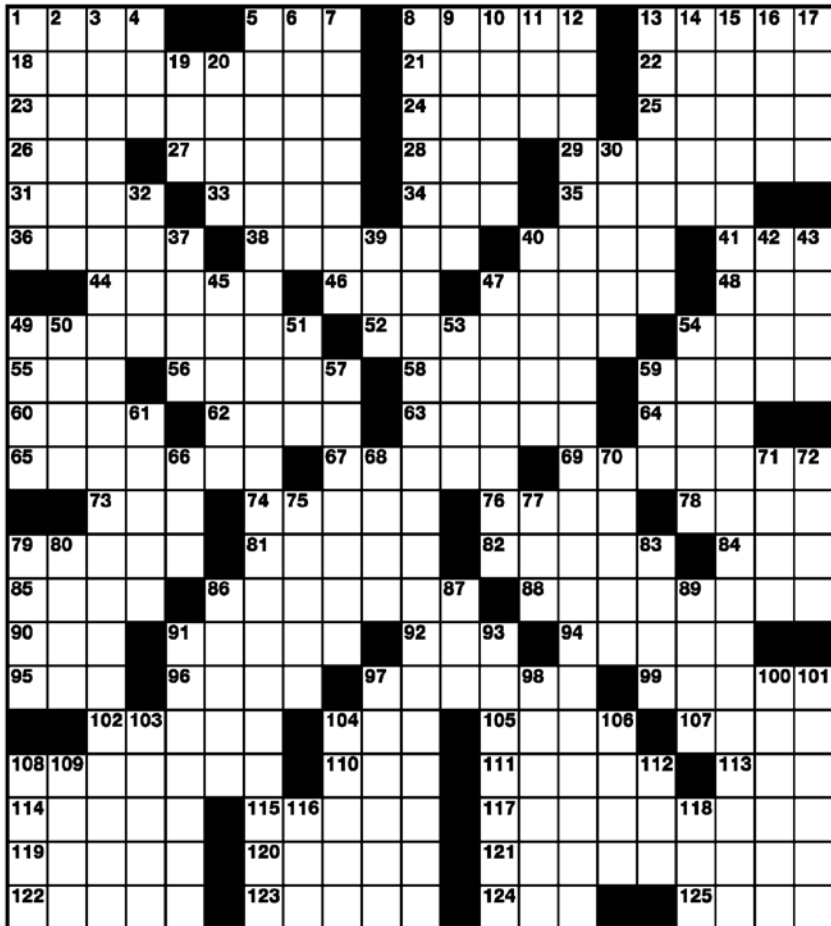
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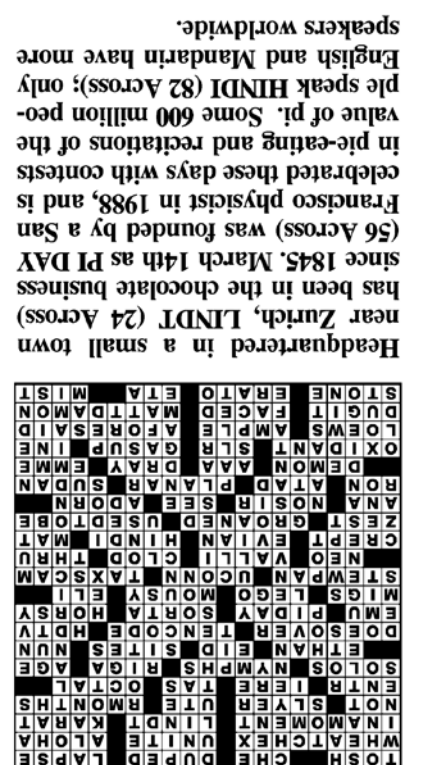


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Expulsion of female pastors will only speed the Southern Baptists' decline

By Rick Warren

Rick Warren is the founder of Saddleback Church and author of "The Purpose Driven Life."

Amid an unprecedented decline within the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), the nation's largest Protestant denomination has elected to expel several churches for their interpretations of Scripture. That action has fueled a larger conversation about the future of the denomination to which I have belonged my entire life.

I was not surprised by the vote of the SBC to expel Saddleback Church, the congregation my wife, Kay, and I founded 43 years ago, for giving three longtime female staff members "pastor of" titles. There are now perhaps nearly 2,000 other SBC churches around the United States worried they will be next.

The SBC executive committee's unprecedented decision has opened a Pandora's box of unintended consequences that will fundamentally destroy several tenets of the Baptist faith upon which the Convention was founded.

The SBC has been in decline since the Baptist Faith and Message confession was revised in 2000 to add a prohibition against female pastors. Then in 2015, just eight years ago, an amendment to the SBC constitution weaponized that confession, turning it into an enforceable creed.

For 400 years, Baptists have been anti-creed — but not anymore. Sadly, I think the decline in the SBC's size and influence will continue as the Convention suffers one self-inflicted wound after another. These problems have weakened the identity,

structure, mission and strategies for cooperation that once made the SBC a powerful force for the kingdom of God and for good in our society.

Some SBC leaders seem unable to admit it or talk about it, but denial is dishonesty. This is not a glitch or the result of a pandemic; it is a trajectory on which we have been for a while, and we should recognize the accompanying hypocrisies. No longer can we afford to avoid admitting our faults.

Those who care about the SBC should be concerned: Why would leadership want to further reduce a dwindling denomination? If ever we needed more believers operating in their God-given gifts and teaching abilities, it is now.

The SBC representatives — they are called "messengers" — who voted not to reinstate Saddleback and two other churches could have avoided a costly decade of inquisition and infighting that now looms. They could have avoided the inevitable and painful purging of the roughly 2,000 SBC churches that have already designated female staff as pastors. Instead, they have helped ensure that the once great SBC will be known as the Shrinking Baptist Convention.

That grieves my heart. Many SBC churches have given women the title of "pastor" for various tasks, such as children's pastor, youth pastor, associate pastor or missions pastor. However, to remain "in friendly cooperation" with the SBC, none of that will now be allowed. The debate is over an English word — "pastor" — that is not even in the Bible, though "pastors" (plural) appears once, in a list of spiritual gifts of service but not in the context of an office or title of status. Not a single man or woman is called a

"pastor" in the New Testament in any English translation.

Recognizing that the SBC's executive committee consists of mostly male members, I should note that men treat this as a theological issue. Women, however, see it as an existential issue, because it denies the gifts, talents and skills they were sovereignly given by God. It thwarts their identity. We'll never get 100 percent of Baptists to agree 100 percent on 100 percent of doctrine, but we should be able to agree on the common mission to which we have been called.

The SBC's decision is disappointing to me, given my family's four-generation history as Southern Baptists. I spoke out at the SBC meeting in New Orleans this month to support the frightened pastors and frustrated women in service around the country. But we need to get back to the main thing.

In some of his last words on Earth, Jesus commanded his followers to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

These marching orders are known today as the Great Commission. Nearly 2,000 years have passed since Jesus assigned to us the most important task of all time, and yet there are still people and places across the globe who have never once had the opportunity to hear the good news of the Gospel.

To fulfill the Great Commission, we need everyone in the church using all of their gifts. We cannot finish the task with 50 percent of the team forced to sit on the bench. We need everybody on the field.

The Supreme Court made generational poverty more difficult to break

By Rachel Clark

Rachel Clark is a former school teacher now working in the tech industry.

For my whole adult life, debt and financial hardship has dictated my path, first through a cycle of generational poverty and now in the form of student debt. With Friday's Supreme Court decision, it looks as if I have many years ahead of student loan repayment. It could take, quite literally, the rest of my working life before my student loans are paid off.

Last week, the Supreme Court blocked President Joe Biden's student loan forgiveness plan. In a 6-3 ruling, the Court found that the Department of Education "doesn't have the authority to cancel \$430 billion of student loan principal." This is devastating news.

I was elated when I first heard about Biden's student loan forgiveness plan which seemed designed to help someone just like me — dedicated and hardworking but without much in the way of assets or savings. My profession, teaching, wasn't exactly what one could call lucrative.

The odds were always against me going to college. I grew up in central Georgia in a low income household, the eldest of three children. I was the first of my family to attend a four-year university. My family had no experience with the college application process. We also were not familiar with the complicated financial aid loan application form, known as the FAFSA, that all students need to fill out when applying for financial assistance.

After submitting my FAFSA forms, I applied for aid from my college and to my disbelief, I was told that I had an expected family contribution of zero dollars. Naively, I assumed this meant that almost all of the costs of my education would be covered by my college. I discovered later just how mistaken I was.

I received two types of grant funding during my time in college: A program called the HOPE scholarship, funded by the state lottery, which apportioned grants on the basis of academic achievement; and a federal Pell Grant, for students who demonstrate financial need.

Funding for the HOPE scholarship, which never came close to covering my college expenses, ended shortly after I began school. Once it ended, I was left with my Pell Grant as the only way to pay for tuition and fees, room and board, books and incidentals. It didn't come close.

So even though I was a full time student, I still had to work a full-time job to make ends meet. Working sometimes took a toll on my grades but I persevered and managed somehow to graduate with a degree in English, with a 3.4 GPA.

To this day, I find it baffling that these programs, which are put in place for people like me who come from families with no personal assets or financial security nets, still leave students in the position of having to incur massive amounts of debt, even if they attend public universities like I did.

After college, I took a position as a teacher at a non-profit preschool in my community, where I was employed for the first decade of my working life. I then got a job as a classroom teacher and eventually moved into the role of studio arts teacher at the same school.

The school where I worked was an incredible community of dedicated and innovative educators, hardworking, curious children and committed families. I felt lucky to be working with them. As a community, we came together to problem-solve around societal issues like the abysmally low pay for teachers, the lack of government support for early childhood education and insufficient health care options for school staff.

Attitudes about early childhood education are such that most workers in the field know they will never be paid what they truly deserve. And programs ostensibly put in place to provide support for teachers don't always work the way they are supposed to.

For example, I was thrilled to discover somewhere along the way that there was a program for teachers like me who worked at non-profit schools to have college loans forgiven after making 10 years of payments. I mentioned the program to my boss, who immediately splashed cold water on my hopes. She told me that she had tried and

failed to collect the same loan forgiveness after nearly 30 years of teaching.

After speaking with others who failed to get their loans forgiven under this plan, I came to the conclusion that the public service loan forgiveness program is difficult by design. Requiring over-worked and emotionally-depleted teachers to jump through multiple levels of bureaucracy seemed a rude way to thank us for our public service. The Biden Administration's loan forgiveness was to have been one last financial lifeline. To have it yanked away as well disappoints me more than I can say.

When I graduated a decade ago, my student loan debt totaled about \$20,000. I began making payments on an income-based repayment plan. What this means is that the loan servicer determines a fair amount for me to repay monthly based on my income.

Despite making these payments regularly, because of the interest on the loan, my debt today stands at about \$23,000. Biden's loan forgiveness program would have reduced it to \$3,000. I would have been able to envision, for the first time in my adult life, a debt-free existence.

The interest alone on my debt is higher than the amount that the loan servicer deems I am capable of paying. I've done the math, and it means it will be many years of loan repayment.

This year, I finally decided that although my passion lies in teaching, I will never be able to escape the student debt that just doesn't allow me to get ahead. I left the school community I love and am now pursuing work in the tech field. I am one of a growing number of teachers who has left the field because they're unable to make ends meet. And I recently left Georgia and moved to New York, which I hope will offer ample opportunities to pursue my new career.

At 32, I can no longer live hand to mouth. I have no assets that can set me up for a future of motherhood, home ownership or retirement. I have nothing except debt. And the Supreme Court has just guaranteed that this will be the case for many years to come.

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The time is right for a Downey bike trail

Dear Editor:

The City of Bellflower has a convenient mixed-use bike path that runs through the city called the "Bellflower Bike Trail." They currently have plans to continue the path deeper into Paramount, eventually ending at the LA River Trail.

When completed, this trail will be convenient for cyclists as it connects the San Gabriel to the LA River trails.

Whittier has a similar mixed use trail called the Whittier Greenway Trail. Both of these trails run adjacent to train tracks that are either abandoned or get very little use. All walks of life use this trail for exercise, recreation or leisure. Both trails are safe and don't draw in a lot of crime.

Now let's talk about Downey. Besides the San Gabriel River Trail and a small portion of the Rio Hondo Trail, Downey does not currently have good biking or walking infrastructure. The city places cars as the number one priority. But like Bellflower and Whittier, we also have a rarely used train system that runs from east to west. Why couldn't we use this area to build a mixed-use bike trail that not only connects east and west Downey, but also a convenient way for cyclists to get from the San Gabriel River to the Rio Hondo and LA River without

having to ride with cars?

LA Metro is currently working on a project called the LA River Path Project, in which they plan to connect the missing 8-mile portion of the upper and lower LA River Bike Paths in Vernon, Downtown LA and Elysian Valley. They plan to be done by 2027. If Downey built a bike path concurrent to Metro's LA River project, one could easily bike from Downey all the way to Downtown LA, Dodger Stadium, or even Griffith Park without encountering a single car or riding on the street. How awesome would that be?

But it wouldn't just be awesome for cyclists. Think of all the walkers, joggers, runners, rollerbladers, skaters, and families walking their dogs who would enjoy the trail!

As far as funding goes, maybe ask the federal government or the state for funding and tell them they owe us for all of the poor air quality from all the freeways (and LAX flight path) that surround our city.

Rob Mendoza
Downey

BULK SALES**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24074 et seq.)**

Escrow No. 46311-04
Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and address of the Seller/Licensee are: SERGIO DIAZ CASAS AND ENEDINA CASAS, 12215 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90242
The business is known as: EL 7 MARES EXPRESS

The names, Social Security or Federal Tax Numbers and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: MR MENUDO OFICIAL, INC., 16203 CLARK AVENUE, SUITE E, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706
As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE
The assets to be sold are described in general as: ALL FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, TRADE NAME, STOCK IN TRADE, LEASE HOLD IMPROVEMENTS, INVENTORY, GOOD WILL and are located at: 12215 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90242
The kind of license to be transferred is: 41-ON SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE #54366, now issued for the premises located at: 12215 PARAMOUNT BLVD, DOWNEY, CA 90242

The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 at the office of: PACIFIC ESCROW INC., 9155 E. TELEGRAPH ROAD, #100 PICO RIVERA, CA 90660
The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of \$100,000.00, which consists of the following: DESCRIPTION, AMOUNT: DEPOSIT \$10,000.00; BALANCE OF CASH \$90,000.00; TOTAL ALLOCATION \$100,000.00

It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
DATED: JUNE 08, 2023
S/ SERGIO DIAZ CASAS AND ENEDINA CASAS
BUYER: MR MENUDO OFICIAL, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION
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7/6/23****FICT. BUS NAME****FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023131223**

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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PATRICK KNOCK, 500 N MARGUERITA AVE UNIT #3, ALHAMBRA CA 91801-2069
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: 06/2023

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).
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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 2023140552**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **INTERNATIONAL WATERPROOFING & ROOFING, 5434 JURUPA AVE, WILMINGTON CA 92504, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ADAN ANTONIO MEJIA MORALES, 5434 JURUPA AVE, RIVERSIDE CA 92504
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: 05/2023

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023123311**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SUSTAINABLE HOME SOLUTIONS, 8504 FIRESTONE BLVD, 407, DOWNEY CA 90241, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 9600 SPRY ST., DOWNEY CA 90242**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SUSTAINABLE HOME SOLUTIONS, 9600 SPRY ST., DOWNEY CA 90242
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: 06/2018

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S/SUSTAINABLE HOME SOLUTIONS, CEO, JOSHUA HERNANDEZ

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 5, 2023
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**The Downey Patriot
6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023136838**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **PETER'S CONSTRUCTION A PARTNERSHIP, 9513 BOWMAN AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, (2) PETER'S CONSTRUCTIONS**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) PEDRO MAGANA, 9513 BOWMAN AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280 (2) PETER MAGANA, 9513 BOWMAN AVE., SOUTH GATE CA 90280
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a General Partnership

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 02/2018

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/PEDRO MAGANA, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 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
6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023132917**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SABAR APPAREL, 15737 GARFIELD AVE UNIT 14, PARAMOUNT CA 90723, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SANA ARSHAD, 14053 MCCLURE AVE APT 1, PARAMOUNT CA 90723
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: 06/2023

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/SANA ARSHAD, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 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
6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023131919**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **TCB LIFESTYLE, 2079 WATERBURY CIR, CHULA VISTA CA 91913, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TYRONE STEVENS JR, 2079 WATERBURY CIR, CHULA VISTA CA 91913 (2) BRIAN ANDREW CONTRERAS, 148 MILAN STREET, CHULA VISTA CA 91910
State of Incorporation: N/A
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: Copartners

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 06/2023

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/PATRICK STEVENS JR, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 14, 2023
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**The Downey Patriot
6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23**

and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot
6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23****FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023133981**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **TANDEM, 3553 ATLANTIC AVENUE 328, LONG BEACH CA 90807, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) BUMBLE BEE PLASTIC INC., 3553 ATLANTIC AVENUE, LONG BEACH CA 90807
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: N/A
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/BUMBLE BEE PLASTIC, INC., PRESIDENT, NIGEL GOONETILLEKE

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 16, 2023
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**The Downey Patriot
6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023123576**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **JOYFUL YOURS PRODUCTIONS, 4750 IVY 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) PATRICK JASON FUENTES MANDAP, 4750 IVY 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: 04/2013

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/PATRICK JASON FUENTES MANDAP, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 5, 2023
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**The Downey Patriot
6/15/23, 6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023131515**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **EDGAR LARA POOL SERVICE, 4350 E. 56TH ST, MAYWOOD CA 90270, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) EDGAR J LARA RAMIREZ, 4350 E. 56TH ST, MAYWOOD CA 90270
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: 06/2023

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/EDGAR J LARA RAMIREZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 20, 2023
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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
6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023139348**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **NELLY DISCOUNT STORE, 2528 E 54TH ST APT F, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) NELIDA REYNOSO GARCIA, 2528 E 54TH ST APT F, HUNTINGTON PARK CA 90255
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: 06/2023

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/NELIDA REYNOSO GARCIA, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 26, 2023
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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
6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023107441**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SOUTH COUNTY EXTERMINATORS, 8511 PARK ST SPC 43, BELLFLOWER CA 90706, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CASTLE TOWERS INC., 8511 PARK ST SPC 43, BELLFLOWER CA 90706
State of Incorporation: CA
THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: a Corporation

The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 01/2022

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

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MAY 15, 2023
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**The Downey Patriot
6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023128017**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **GEE TUCK ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES, 957 N. HILL ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90012, LA COUNTY**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) TUCK GEE SAM ASSN, 957 N. HILL ST, LOS ANGELES CA 90012
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: 06/1975

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/TUCK GEE SAM ASSN, CEO, STANLEY CHOU

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on JUNE 9, 2023
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**The Downey Patriot
7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23, 7/27/23**

**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2023118962**

FILE NO: 2022276187 DATE FILED: DECEMBER 23, 2022

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): DIESEL WORKS
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 10935 JERSEY AVE, SANTA FE SPRINGS, CA 90670
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ERIK TRIAS, 10935 JERSEY AVE, SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670
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/ERIK TRIAS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on MAY 30, 2023

**The Downey Patriot
6/15/23, 6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23****FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2023127755**

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **AFTER PROVISION GROUP, 15401 BALBOA ST, WESTMINSTER CA 92683, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) DZUNG LE, 15401 BALBOA ST, WESTMINSTER CA 92683
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: 06/2023

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/DZUNG LE, OWNER

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and Professions Code).

**The Downey Patriot
7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23, 7/27/23****STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
2023129512**

FILE NO: 2018311586 DATE FILED: DECEMBER 14, 2018

NAME OF BUSINESS(ES): H & H LIQUOR MART
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: 8808 PAINTER AVE. SUITE 102, WHITTIER, CA 90602
REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RAFAT L. LAMAY, 8808 PAINTER AVE. SUITE 102, WHITTIER CA 90602 (2) TALAAAT LAMEY ABDELSHAHID, 8808 PAINTER AVE. SUITE 102, WHITTIER CA 90602
If Corporation or LLC – Print State of Incorporation/Organization: N/A
Business was conducted by: Copartners

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/RAFAT L. LAMAY, GENERAL PARTNER

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

CASE NUMBER: 23BCCP00152

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner WENDEE LEE SPINDLER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) WENDEE LEE SPINDLER to Proposed name (1) WENDEE LEE

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: **AUGUST 11, 2023, Time: 9:00 a.m., Department: C, Room: N/A**
The address of the court is **300 East Olive Avenue, Burbank CA 91502**

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** JUNE 25, 2023

JUDGE ROBIN MILLER SLOAN
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
WENDEE LEE SPINDLER

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

CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00200

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ELIZABETH GUERRERO FOR SEVYN NEHOMY SANDOVAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) SEVYN NEHOMY SANDOVAL to Proposed name (1) SEVYN NEHOMY GUERRERO

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: **JULY 20, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**
The address of the court is **12720 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk 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** MAY 30, 2023

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
ELIZABETH GUERRERO
8185 DEARBORN AVE
SOUTH GATE, CA 90280
(562) 605-9060
G.LIZ00731@GMAIL.COM

The Downey Patriot 6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23

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

CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00243

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JOHN PAUL SANCHEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) JOHN PAUL SANCHEZ to Proposed name (1) JOHN PAUL SANCHEZ RIOS

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: **SEPTEMBER 8, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**
The address of the court is **12720 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk 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** JUNE 28, 2023

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES
Judge of the Superior Court
Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner
JOHN PAUL SANCHEZ
10723 WEST ALHAMBRA APT 101
DOWNEY, CA 90241

The Downey Patriot 7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23, 7/27/23

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

CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00193

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner LARIZA JUVENTINA DE LEON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) LARIZA JUVENTINA DE LEON to Proposed name (1) LARIZA JUVENTINA CERVANTES

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: **JULY 21, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**
The address of the court is **12720 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk 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** JUNE 15, 2023

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The Downey Patriot 6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23

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

CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00237

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CARLOTA MARIA TERESA GUTH DE PORTAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) CARLOTA MARIA TERESA GUTH DE PORTAL to Proposed name (1) MARITE GUTH

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: **AUGUST 21, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**
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The Downey Patriot 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23

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

CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00248

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANDY EDGAR IBARRA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) ANDY EDGAR IBARRA to Proposed name (1) ANDY EDGAR REYES

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: **SEPTEMBER 8, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**
The address of the court is **12720 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk 90650**

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The Downey Patriot 7/6/23, 7/13/23, 7/20/23, 7/27/23

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

CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00215

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner GRECIA MARIANA MARTINEZ AND DAVID EDWARD RAUSCH FOR GRECIA ADELE RAUSCH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) GRECIA ADELE RAUSCH to Proposed name (1) AIMEE GRACE RAUSCH

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: **JULY 14, 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** JUNE 08, 2023

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

CASE NUMBER: 23NWC00240

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner AMY BETH CRAINE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name (1) AMY BETH CRAINE to Proposed name (1) AMY BETH SMITH

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: **AUGUST 25, 2023, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312**
The address of the court is **12720 Norwalk Blvd. Norwalk 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** JUNE 26, 2023

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF YOLANDA ELAINE VALENZUELA

Case No. 23STPB07213

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of YOLANDA ELAINE VALENZUELA:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: ARLENE LYDIA BELKNAP in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ARLENE LYDIA BELKNAP be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on **AUGUST 31, 2023 at 8:30 A.M.** in Dept. 11 Room N/A located at 111 N. HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012, CENTRAL BRANCH

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF HEARING – DECEDENT'S ESTATE OF TRUST CASE NUMBER: 22STPB1594

ESTATE OF JOE GOMEZ BASURTO, DECEDENT

NOTICE is given that STEPHANIE BASURTO has filed a petition, application, report, or account: Confirming sale of real property.

A HEARING on the matter described in 1 will be held as follows:
HEARING DATE: Date: **JULY 20, 2023, Time: 8:30 AM, Department: C, Room: N/A** at **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Stanley Mosk Courthouse**

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on **July 17, 2023 at 8:30 AM** in Dept. No. 9 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 110719-CA APN: 6359-018-005 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/27/2003, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER ON SAID DEED OF TRUST.

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Animal rights demonstrators protested SEAACA's animal care procedures and accused them of inhumane animal treatment during their demonstration on June 24. (PHOTO BY VINCENT MEDINA)

Spiritual discussion group meets Saturday at Furman Park

DOWNEY — Local followers of the Baha'i Faith are hosting a small bi-monthly spiritual discussion group on Saturday mornings, 11 am to 12 pm, at Furman Park called "CommUnity Conversations in Faith", welcoming anyone in the Downey and surrounding communities to participate.

The topic this Saturday, July 8, is "Can't We All Get Along? Making Peace With Our Differences".

"The founders of every major religion taught peace and love, and yet conflict continues, even in the name of religion," said event organizer Marcella Barba-Olmos. We'll study some related readings of various religious texts and have an open conversation. Have we made any progress on diverse groups getting along? What more can we do to resolve our differences?"

Organizers will provide refreshments, and recommend bringing a folding chair or blanket. Participants are welcome to bring their own prayers, meditations, questions and suggestions for future discussions.

This is a free event; no donations accepted. RSVPs and future events are posted on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bahaispiritualallcounty

Upcoming discussions may include:

- Youth & Young Adults Seeking Faith
- Loving All Humanity
- Women & Men in God's Image
- Service As Worship
- Developing Character Virtues
- "Spiritual" or "Religious"?

Downey Unified celebrates nearly 2,000 graduates

DOWNEY — When Downey Unified returned from Memorial Day weekend last month, high school students, teachers and administrators had one day back before they were officially in graduation season.

Downey Unified Virtual Academy kicked off the district's Commencement celebrations on May 31 with its ceremony held in Downey's Columbia Memorial Space Center. Over half of the graduates were honored for maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA and eight were distinguished as Golden State Seal Honorees.

Downey High School celebrated the achievements of their 947-member senior class during a sunset ceremony on June 1. Family and friends filled the stands to congratulate their students, with the help of giant head posters and noisemakers, as the class of 2023 beamed with excitement crossing the stage in the Veterans Memorial Stadium at Long Beach City College. Thirty-seven of these Vikings and Vikweens finished the 2022-23 school year with a 4.5 GPA or higher, with 127 receiving California State Federation (CSF) Seal Bearer Honors.

Warren High School celebrated its accomplished Class of 2023 with a beautiful Commencement on June 2. Bear families and friends applauded from the stands of Veterans Memorial Stadium as 739 Warren High School seniors took the stage to accept their diplomas. Twenty-seven Bears proudly finished their final year of high school with a 4.5 GPA or higher while 97 were honored as CSF Seal Bearers.

To conclude the district's commencement ceremonies, Columbus High School held its graduation on June 7 in Justice Stadium at Warren High School. As Mariachi Zapopan brought everyone in attendance to their feet with their lively music ahead of the ceremony, Lion families and friends remained on their feet as a total of 230 students enthusiastically walked the stage to receive their diplomas.

Overall, more than 1,250 students that graduated from Downey Unified will be attending a myriad of colleges and universities in the fall including Biola, Boston University, Colorado State, Loyola Marymount, Mount Saint Mary's University, Oregon State University, Sacramento State, Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, University of Aberdeen and USC.

Additional graduates will be heading straight into post-secondary career fields of their choice or attending several specialty and junior colleges such as Otis College of Art and Design, New York Institute of Technology, Southern California Institute of Technology, Spokane Community College, Long Beach City College, Cerritos College, Golden West College and the Los Angeles Trade Technical School to transfer or pursue industry-specific certifications.

Middle school, high school novels available for public inspection

DOWNEY — Downey Unified invites the public to examine novels being considered for adoption by the Board of Education for use in middle and high school English courses.

The materials selected are in alignment with State Content Standards as required by California Code of Regulation (CCR), Title 5, Section 953(a).

In accordance with Administrative Regulation (AR) 3134.2, the novels will be displayed in Instructional Services of the Gallegos Administration Center from July 17 until Aug. 17, 2023. Appointments will be made for any person wishing to view the books. Please contact the office of Secondary Education at (562) 469-6781 to make an appointment.

The policy of the Board of Education provides that anyone wishing to offer suggestions or criticism about textbooks proposed for adoption must submit comments in writing to the Superintendent seven days prior to the Board meeting at which the books will be adopted. Adoption will be recommended at the Board of Education meeting scheduled for Sept. 6.

Activists accuse SEAACA of inhumane animal treatment

■ Downey-based SEAACA, which provides animal control services for 14 cities, is accused of putting down an excessive amount of dogs and cats.

By Vincent Medina
Contributor

DOWNEY — Animal rights activists, led by Lynette Whiteside-McCalnes, protested against the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) in Downey last week after accusing the organization of inhumane animal treatment and demanding changes in their animal care procedures.

"They've put way more effort into finding a way to kill the animal than to actually vet them and adopt them," Whiteside-McCalnes said. "I've taken animals from other shelters where I got a dossier of their medical history, and we're lucky if we get a release sheet from [SEAACA]."

Foster groups and activists expressed their frustration with SEAACA's animal care protocols during their demonstration on June 24. They accused the animal shelter of miscommunicating with animal rescuers, euthanasia procedures, inaccurate statistics and inaccessible operating hours.

In her petition, Whiteside-McCalnes elaborates that select animals are excluded from SEAACA animals saved statistics. She accused the shelter of touting a 99% live release rate while excluding animals based on owner surrenders, animal behavioral issues, sick animals and unweaned kittens.

Activists expressed concern that the facility is not suitable for a large number of animals, as the shelter covers 14 cities in Southern California.

Denise Woodside, the executive director at SEAACA, responded to the allegations and said misinformation has circulated through social media platforms, but the organization is committed to serving the community.

"SEAACA takes animal cruelty very seriously and regularly responds to animal cruelty calls within our service area," Woodside said. "SEAACA abides by applicable federal and state mandates and any concerns of animal cruelty should be brought to the attention of SEAACA immediately so it can be investigated."

Activists continued to advocate for better animal treatment.

An account they continue to refer to occurred on June 13, when Marissa Gomez transported 17 kittens to SEAACA, but were euthanized soon after arriving.

Woodside explained the kittens were sick and not going to survive and were humanely euthanized.

Unweaned kitten euthanasia has decreased between 2013 with 4,356 kittens, and 2022 with 306 kittens, according to Woodside.

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Walt Whitman, Leaves of Grass

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Dear Downey Patriot Valued Reader,

On behalf of The Downey Patriot, I am thrilled to announce the establishment of the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism, a non-profit foundation launched by the Downey Patriot newspaper. As a cherished member of our community, I wanted to share this exciting news and invite you to be part of our journey.

For several years, the Downey Patriot has been dedicated to providing reliable and unbiased news coverage, championing the principles of journalism, and serving as a beacon of truth in our community. We strongly believe that independent journalism is a cornerstone of a thriving democracy, and it is with this conviction that we have founded the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism.

The Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism aims to ensure the sustainability and integrity of local news reporting, fostering an informed and engaged citizenry. Our mission is threefold: to support the training and professional development of journalists, to promote investigative journalism, and to enhance access to reliable local news for all residents of our community.

To achieve these goals, we are seeking tax-deductible donations from generous individuals like yourself who share our commitment to independent journalism. Your support will play a crucial role in empowering local journalists, enabling them to cover important stories, hold those in power accountable, and provide unbiased information to our community.

With your contribution, we will establish scholarships and training programs for aspiring journalists, ensuring that the next generation is well-equipped to uphold the principles of ethical and accurate reporting. We will also dedicate resources to support investigative journalism projects, fostering in-depth reporting that uncovers truths, reveals corruption, and sheds light on critical issues affecting our community.

Additionally, the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism aims to address the challenge of access to local news in underserved areas. We will explore innovative approaches, such as expanding our digital presence, partnering with community organizations, and launching initiatives to bridge the information gap for those who face barriers to accessing reliable news sources.

We kindly invite you to contribute to the Downey Foundation for Independent Journalism and become a vital part of our mission. Your tax-deductible donation, no matter the size, will make a difference in supporting local journalism and nurturing a vibrant democracy.

Thank you for considering our request and for your commitment to the ideals of independent journalism. Together, we can make a lasting impact and ensure that our community remains well-informed, engaged, and empowered. I am happy to answer any questions you may have or provide further information on how your contribution will be utilized. Please contact our office at (562) 904-3668 or jennifer@thedowneypatriot.com.

We look forward to your support and the possibilities that lie ahead.

Sincerely,

Jennifer DeKay

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