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Musical Theatre Conservatory: Not just drama class

■ Led by Andrea Pyle, students are learning the ins and outs of theater production.

By Alex Dominguez
Staff Writer

DOWNEY – You might think it's just another middle school drama program, but on closer observation Downey Unified School District's Musical Theatre Conservatory held at Stauffer Middle School is much more.

Students had to audition to be here. They converge from city-wide daily, offering up hours of their own personal time after school. While one cast rehearses scene by scene on stage, members not rehearsing can be seen (and heard) watching intently, mimicking from their seats, going over lines, or singing passages in various songs.

More than just a typical drama class or club, the Musical Theatre Conservatory (MTC) brings together students from all four of Downey's middle schools for a higher-level of performance.

Stauffer Middle School drama teacher Andrea Pyle, who oversees the program, says the difference is in the level of commitment.

"These kids meet five days a week for two hours a day," said Pyle. "Monday, they have voice for two hours with a trained voice teacher... They're with me Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday to rehearse for our productions, and then on Fridays they have a two-hour dance class with a dance instructor."

"That's a huge commitment, so that's the difference. Because, these kids are willing to work 10 hours a week just on improving on their crafts; not just any kid that enjoys musical theater could make that kind of commitment, so that's the difference."

Ella Garcia, a 12-year-old seventh grader at Stauffer Middle School, says that she enjoys MTC because of the commitment level of her castmates.

"I like it because there are more students that are really committed to it, so the play will be better overall," said Garcia.

Students auditioned with a monologue and a song. There are 42 currently involved.

Briseis Ayala, a 14-year-old eighth grader from Griffiths Middle School, opted to join the MTC over Griffith's drama class so she could continue pursuing choir. She says "we're all hard workers here."

"We come with bright attitudes, happy attitudes to rehearse; we're just ready to go," said Ayala. "I feel like you don't really see that when you're looking at some school programs that you have to take



Nayeli Gonzalez throws her arm around Ella Garcia during a rehearsal of Matilda. Students in the Musical Theatre Conservatory meet for two hours every day after school. Photo by Alex Dominguez

as a class, per se.

"The people here, they want to be here, they want to do their roles, and they want to sing. It's just so nice when you have people like that. I don't get that feeling that I'm singled out out of everyone else; I'm a part of something, and they understand that too."

Pyle described "musical theatre kids" as "a very unique kind of drama kid."

"A lot of times, specifically with the musical theatre stuff, I feel like they finally find other kids that are like them," said Pyle. "They're the ones that never want to stop singing, never want to stop speaking in different accents. I was one of those weird kids; I used to have a keychain on my backpack that said, 'I'm not weird, I'm gifted.'"

"It's like they finally find their people."

The MTC is free to students, and to audiences who come see the shows.

Jose Zepeda, 11, sixth grader at Stauffer, was in his first play – Aladdin – at Aspire Firestone Academy. From that moment on, he knew he wanted to be an actor. It's a sentiment he shares with many of his fellow MTC performers.

"Some of them want to go to Broadway, which I'm so excited for them. I know they can make it," said Zepeda.

If that's the case, then Zepeda and his class mates are in the right place, as Pyle explained that MTC could be considered a first look at what theatre life could be for some of her aspiring actors.

"What they learn through this is a lot of them are interested in going to arts high schools and things like that,

and so this is similar to that commitment," said Pyle. "I do let them know, if this is too much for you, then that's kind of the difference, because this is what you're looking at if you do it professionally."

According to Pyle, the idea for the MTC was that of Matthew Knox, President of the Board at the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities (DFEO). Knox approached Pyle last year.

"Last year, it was supported by DFEO, it was a DFEO program," said Pyle. "His students went to the Orange County School of the Arts, and he knew I went to the Orange County School of the Arts; I was in musical theater in their musical theater conservatory."

"He approached me and was interested to know if I was interested in trying a conservatory in Downey Unified. This is actually my 17th year at DUSD, and I've worked really hard to bring the performing arts, and drama, and theater to DUSD."

In its first year, the MTC had 35 kids involved in two productions: Annie, and Beauty and the Beast. The District has since taken the program over, and the MTC performed Legally Blonde in the Fall. The program is currently in rehearsals for Matilda.

Pyle tries to pick shows that are currently relevant, though there are limits.

"Matilda specifically came to mind last year because of the Netflix movie that came out," said Pyle. "I do try to pick musicals that are popular, however what people don't realize is you can't do whatever musical you want."

"Of course, kids are always

asking for Hamilton, but the rights aren't even available yet. I do work with a company called Musical Theatre International, so they own the rights to a lot of Broadway musicals, and what I like is they have Broadway Jr. What they do is they take the full-length musical, and they cut it down to about an hour, hour 20 minutes so it's a little more attainable for kids."

The MTC will perform Matilda six times, three times each between two casts. The show will play May 23 – May 25.

Pyle doesn't necessarily see the program growing much larger, preferring instead to keep things a little more

intimate.

Instead, she would like to see more conservatories take shape in the District.

"Could we have an instrumental music, could we have a visual arts conservatory? I feel like the arts in Downey Unified are so strong," said Pyle. "That's how it is at an arts school, where there's different, there could be culinary arts conservatory."

"So, kids that enjoy those different artistic programs, it's nice when it's a smaller group... because then you get those kids that are really serious about it."



Andrea Pyle gives direction during a Musical Theatre Conservatory rehearsal for "Matilda." Photo by Alex Dominguez

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 64°

Saturday 58°

Sunday 61°

ON THIS DAY

1920:

An outbreak of at least 37 tornadoes struck the Midwestern and Southern United States, killing 153 people.

1965:

A magnitude 7.4 earthquake set off a series of dam failures, burying the town of El Cobre and killing at least 500 people.

1967:

Van Morrison recorded the song "Brown Eyed Girl," though it was initially blocked by several radio stations for the line, "Making love in the green grass."

1969:

Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th president of the United States, died at age 78

1970:

A magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck western Turkey, killing 1,086 people and leaving thousands of others homeless.

1977:

At the 49th Academy Awards, "Rocky" won awards for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Editing.

1979:

An automatic valve mistakenly closed at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, culminating in radioactive leakage.

1985:

Four-year-old Alicia Cook made her acting debut on "The Cosby Show;" she later became famous as singer Alicia Keys.

1990:

President George H. W. Bush posthumously awarded Jesse Owens the Congressional Gold Medal.

1999:

"Stone Cold" Steve Austin defeated The Rock in a no disqualification match to win the WWF heavyweight title.

2022:

Will Smith issued an apology after slapping host Chris Rock live on stage at the Academy Awards.

BIRTHDAYS

Country singer **REBA MCENTIRE** (69), film star **VINCE VAUGHN** (54), reality TV star **KATE GOSSELIN** (49), actress **JULIA STILES** (43) and pop star **LADY GAGA** (38).

Amistad Gala honorees announced

DOWNEY – Honorees have been announced for the 38th annual Amistad Gala, taking place April 27 at the Westin Long Beach Hotel.

The annual benefit dinner raises funds for Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

This year's honorees include Sam and Beverly Mathis, Andrew Gasinski, Kemp Bros. Construction and Global Paratransit.

Tickets to the Amistad Gala can be purchased at <https://ranchofoundation.org/Amistad/>

For questions or information, contact Zache Deere at (562) 385-7053 or zdeere@ranchofoundation.org

Social studies curriculum available for review

DOWNEY – Downey Unified invites the public to examine the curriculum being considered for adoption by the Board of Education for use in high school Social Studies 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 curriculum will be displayed in Instructional Services of the Gallegos Administration Center from April 8, 2024, until May 8, 2024. Appointments will be made for any person wishing to view the curriculum. 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 May 14, 2024.



Lissette Rivera honored as Woman of Achievement

DOWNEY – Downey resident Lissette Rivera, a founding member of the War on Lethal Fentanyl (WOLF), was recently honored by State Sen. Bob Archuleta as a 2024 Woman of Achievement representing the 30th Senate District.

Rivera helped to create WOLF in 2022 in response to the growing number of fatal fentanyl overdoses.

“She’s a true inspiration and a beacon of hope for her community,” said Mayor Mario Trujillo. “Lissette’s tireless work and dedication have helped to raise awareness and make a positive impact in the City of Downey and surrounding areas. Her achievements are a testament to the power of compassion, determination, and hard work, and serve as an inspiration to us all.”

Rivera is also a small business owner and serves on Downey’s Public Works Commission. She is a member of several community organizations in Downey, including the Assistance League of Downey, Downey Chamber of Commerce, Downey Association of Realtors, and Rotary Club.

As the wife of a Navy veteran and a mother of four, Rivera is passionate about promoting mental health awareness, providing early intervention for children with special needs, and ensuring social support for all children in the community.

L.A. County firefighter dies at station

VERNON – The Los Angeles County Fire Department announced Monday the on-duty death of a firefighter assigned to Fire Station 52 in Vernon.

Firefighter Jonathan Van Oeffelen died Sunday, according to the department.

Van Oeffelen died by suicide, the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner reported Monday night.

“We extend our deepest condolences and prayers to the family, friends and colleagues of FF Van Oeffelen,” the fire department posted on social media. “To ensure the proper care and support of the Van Oeffelen family and our personnel, Fire Chief Anthony C. Marrone has activated the department’s chaplains, Peer Support team, behavioral health clinicians, and Memorial Management team.

“Thank you for respecting the privacy of the Van Oeffelen family during this extraordinarily difficult time.”

The Los Angeles County Firefighters’ Benefit & Welfare Association established a GoFundMe page to raise money for the family. The page had raised more than \$17,900 toward its goal of \$50,000 as of Monday night.

Downey hosting student mariachi festival

DOWNEY – Grammy Award-nominated singer Lupita Infante is presenting the inaugural Downey Unified Mariachi Music Festival on April 27 on the campus of Griffiths Middle School.

Student mariachi groups from sixth grade through college will perform for 15 minutes and receive 10 minutes of feedback from professional judges.

The free event is from 11 am to 4 pm and is open to the public. There will also be food trucks.

More details are available online at <https://web.dusd.net/mariachi-festival/>

‘The Sandlot’ screening

DOWNEY – The Downey City Library is hosting a free screening of the baseball classic “The Sandlot” on Thursday, April 4, from 6-8 pm.

No registration is required and all ages are welcome.

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Downey installing 14 cameras downtown

■ The surveillance cameras and license plate readers will give police access to live footage.

DOWNEY – The Downey City Council on Tuesday approved a request from the acting police chief to install more than a dozen cameras in Downtown Downey, providing officers with live surveillance feeds of the downtown area.

Downey will install six surveillance cameras and eight automated license plate reader cameras that capture all license plate numbers that come into view, along with the location, date, and time.

The technology alerts police when a flagged vehicle - such as one that is reported stolen - is spotted by a camera.

“If the license plate comes back to either a stolen or wanted vehicle, it alerts officers,” Acting Police Chief Scott Loughner wrote in a report to the council. “Downey Police routinely recover stolen vehicles and arrest occupants of vehicles that are wanted in conjunction with other crimes. Police detectives also utilize license plate data to assist with investigative leads where a vehicle is involved in cases they are working on.”

The Downey Police Department recommended installing the cameras along Firestone Boulevard, between Dolan Avenue and Paramount Boulevard, and on Downey Avenue, between Firestone and 3rd Street.

The cost of the cameras, including installation and maintenance, is \$138,900 over a three-year term.

Flock Safety was chosen to install the cameras, which also provides surveillance services for police departments in Bell Gardens, South Gate and Whittier, along with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The vote to approve the cameras was 4-0. Mayor Mario Trujillo abstained because he owns property downtown.

DOWNEY HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Orquesta Akokán, 8 pm. Straight out of Havana, Cuba comes Orquesta Akokán, a mambo ensemble led by dynamic singer José “Pepito” Gómez. Live concert at the Downey Theatre

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Bunny Patch, 9 am to 1 pm. Carnival games, photo booth, petting zoo, inflatables, and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Golden Park

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Morning Networking, 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Network with other members of the Downey business community at this free event hosted by the Downey Chamber of Commerce. RSVP by emailing sarah@downeychamber.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Downey Symphony concert, 8 pm. Titled “Springtime,” the concert features performances of Beethoven’s Coriolan Overture, Mendelssohn’s Symphony No. 4 “Italian,” and Mozart’s Piano Concert No. 20 in D minor with Cameron Akioka on piano. Downey Theatre

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

The Dennis Kamakahi Music Festival, 3 pm. The Rev. Dennis Kamakahi is considered one of the most prolific Hawaiian songwriters of all time. Watch him perform live at the Downey Theatre, joined by special guests. Purchase tickets at downeytheatre.org

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Casino Night, 6 pm. Soroptimist International of Downey hosts its annual casino night, themed “Denim & Diamonds.” Purchase tickets at soroptimistdowney.com. Event to take place at The Arc, 12049 Woodruff Ave.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Ribbon Cutting, 4 pm. A ribbon cutting ceremony for new Downey Chamber of Commerce member Gold Dream Fine Jewelry, 7615 Firestone Blvd.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Celebrity Signing. Voice actress Cherami Leigh will be signing autographs and meeting fans April 20-21 at OG Collectibles in Downtown Downey. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Litter Cleanup, 9 am. Join Keep Downey Beautiful volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Meet at the rear of St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Police Officer & Firefighter of the Year Awards, 12 pm. Join the Downey Police & Fire Foundation as it honors its 2024 police officer and firefighter of the year. Tickets are \$40 with proceeds benefiting the foundation. Rio Hondo Event Center

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Carpenters Convention Opening Reception, 6:30 pm. This Welcome Reception in Downey kicks off four days of celebrating the 55th anniversary signing of Karen and Richard Carpenter with A&M Records. The Carpenters went on to become one of the best-selling music groups of all time. This is a fan-sponsored celebration. Embassy Suites

Carpenters Legacy Concert, 8 pm. Direct from Las Vegas, Carpenters Legacy is the definitive show celebrating the music and legacy of the famed brother-sister duo. Downey Theatre

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

DFEO Golf Tournament, 11 am. The first annual charity golf tournament benefiting the Downey Foundation for Educational Opportunities. For tickets or more information, visit dfeo.org/golf or call (562) 419-2244. Coyote Hills Golf Course

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Special Needs Awareness & Resource Fair, 10 am to 2 pm. Carnival games, live entertainment, a Special Olympics basketball tournament, and more. Apollo Park

Amistad Gala, 6 pm. The 38th annual Amistad Gala fundraiser benefiting Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. Westin Long Beach Hotel

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Downey Street Fair, 11 am to 6 pm. Live entertainment, small business vendors, food trucks, beer garden, kids zone, business showcase, and more. Brookshire Avenue between Firestone and 5th St.

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Litter Cleanup, 9 am. Join Keep Downey Beautiful volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Meet at Independence Park

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Mariachi Los Camperos, 4 pm. An evening celebrating the Golden Era of mariachi music with composers and singers such as Agustin Lara, Maria Grever, Javier Solis and Manuel M. Ponce to more contemporary musicians like Juan Gabriel & Vicente Fernandez. Downey Theatre

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Volunteer Awards Banquet, 6 pm. Downey’s annual recognition of those invaluable volunteers who are essential to a healthy, vibrant, community. Produced by the Downey Coordinating Council and taking place at the Azar Event Center in Santa Fe Springs

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Friday Night Flights, 7-9 pm. Enjoy a casual conversation about exciting events in aerospace. Talks are geared towards adult audiences but all ages are welcome. Free. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Touch A Truck, 10 am to 1 pm. Emergency rescue demonstrations, vehicle extraction demonstration, vehicle fire demonstration, Public Works trucks, police patrol vehicles, K9 unit, fire engines, construction equipment, and more. 10-11 is quiet hour - no sirens, horns or lights for those with sensitive ears and eyes. Independence Park

Mark Yamanaka, Kupaoa, Hoku Zutmeister in concert, 7 pm. An authentic Hawaiian concert featuring three talented, award-winning recording artists. Downey Theatre

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Amor a Mi Madre, 6 pm. Folklorico Revolution Dance Company and Mariachi Tierra Mia will be performing Mexican traditional songs and dances in the theme of Mexican Mother’s Day. Downey Theatre

MONDAY, MAY 20

10-20 Club Golf Tournament, 11 am. The 10-20 Club will hold its 13th

annual golf tournament. Register by calling (562) 294-3315 or email info@1020club.org. Rio Hondo Golf Club

to the Rio Hondo Golf Club. For details, contact Sarah Sellers at (562) 923-2191, ext. 1.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Warren High School Graduation, 6 pm. Veterans Stadium at Long Beach City College

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Woodruff Academy Promotion, 10 am. Woodruff Academy Garden

Downey High School Graduation, 6 pm. Veterans Stadium at Long Beach City College

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Doty Middle School Promotion, 6 pm. Downey High School football stadium

Stauffer Middle School Promotion, 6 pm. Warren High School football stadium

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Griffiths Middle School Promotion, 6 pm. Warren High School football stadium

Sussman Middle School Promotion, 6 pm. Downey High School football stadium

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Columbus High School Graduation, 6 pm. Warren High School football stadium

SATURDAY, MAY 8

Litter Cleanup, 9 am. Join Keep Downey Beautiful volunteers in a one-hour neighborhood cleanup. Meet at See’s Candy

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Downey Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, 11 am. The 32nd annual Downey Chamber of Commerce golf tournament returns

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

Friday Night Flights, 7-9 pm. Enjoy a casual conversation about exciting events in aerospace. Talks are geared towards adult audiences but all ages are welcome. Free. Columbia Memorial Space Center, 12400 Columbia Way

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Mariachi Divas Reunion Concert, 5 pm. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of its founding, the original members of the Grammy Award-winning Mariachi Divas are reuniting for a special concert at the Downey Theatre

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Beyond the Book Festival. The Downey City Library’s annual Beyond the Book Festival features live performances, workshops, author panels, food trucks, and more. More details to be announced in the coming months.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Legends of Rock ‘N Roll Concert, 3 pm. Mark W. Curran performs his high-energy solo show as he pays tribute to Elvis, Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry and a cavalcade of artists from the Golden Age of Rock and Roll. Downey Theatre

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Mariachi Divas Swingin’ Navidad, 8 pm. The Mariachi Divas are joined by guest vocalist Melinda Salcido and Ballet Folklorico de Los Angeles for a special Christmas concert at the Downey Theatre

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Paging Dr. Frischer...

By Dr. Alan Frischer

When I first started practicing medicine, it was very common for women who reached menopause to go on hormone replacement therapy (HRT) to relieve symptoms and prevent osteoporosis. Some studies then suggested that it would also help to prevent heart disease.

This changed abruptly in 2002 when the Women's Health Initiative study was published. It found a link between HRT and an increased risk of blood clots, stroke, and breast and ovarian cancer. The results were complex: These and other conditions behave differently depending on the form of HRT, whether hormones are started around the time of menopause rather than later, and even the weight of the patient.

These 2002 findings on heart disease and breast cancer in women led to a sudden and marked reduction in the use of HRT, and subsequently to a significant drop in breast cancer rates. However, it also led to more women having to endure the often-debilitating symptoms of menopause and perimenopause.

Time passed. HRT is now referred to as menopausal hormone therapy (MHT). In 2022, the North American Menopause Society (NAMS) published a new position

statement on MHT. Instead of issuing broad restrictions, the new recommendations state that the risks and benefits of hormone therapy should be discussed with each individual, and that the decision to use or not use MHT should be based on age, medical history, existing medical conditions and medications, and the severity of the symptoms. The data suggests that when MHT is started before the age of 60, or within 10 years of menopause without any medical contraindications, the benefits of MHT actually outweigh the risks.

Just what are those benefits? For some, the symptoms of menopause greatly affect quality of life, and can include hot flashes, night sweats, vaginal dryness and painful sex, weight gain, depression, joint pain, mood changes, insomnia, inability to concentrate, and a decreased sex drive. In addition to alleviating many of those symptoms, MHT may also protect against bone loss and fracture, lower the risk of diabetes and heart disease, prevent or reduce urinary tract infections, and relieve dry skin, nails, and eyes.

What are the potential risks of MHT? There is indeed a slightly increased risk of breast cancer: Less than one additional case of breast cancer occurs per 1,000 women per year of MHT use. This increases after five years of use. Women older

than 60 or who begin MHT more than 10 years after the onset of menopause have a greater risk of blood clots, which can be fatal. The risk of heart disease and stroke can increase. Some of these risks are reduced with lower doses, and with the use of transdermal delivery methods rather than oral pills.

For some women, the risks of using MHT may still be too high, including those with a history of liver disease, heart disease, stroke, heart attack, blood clots, inherited history of increased risk for blood clots, or a personal history of estrogen-sensitive cancer.

However, benefits from menopausal hormone therapy may well outweigh risks for those who are healthy and have moderate to severe hot flashes, have other significant symptoms of menopause, need to prevent bone loss or fracture, experience early menopause, or have certain estrogen deficiencies.

To determine if hormone therapy is a good treatment option for you, speak with your doctor about your individual symptoms and health risks. This science is evolving rapidly, and as more is learned about hormone therapy and other menopausal treatments, these recommendations will continue to change.

Dr. Alan Frischer is former chief of staff and former chief of medicine at Downey Regional Medical Center. Write to him in care of this newspaper at 10927 Downey Ave., Suite C, Downey, CA 90241.



Old River wins rainy Carnival of Champions

DOWNEY – Old River Elementary School took home first place at the 58th annual Dale Lostetter Carnival of Champions on Saturday, hosted by Warren High School.

Old River won the championship for the seventh time in school history. Following in second and third place were the Lewis Elementary All-Stars and Price Elementary Panthers, respectively.

Despite the rain, hundreds of families and student supporters filled the stands at Justice Stadium and cheered their athletes on the field while DJ Schiavo played upbeat music throughout the

competition.

To boost school pride and excitement, two new events featuring all elementary school mascots were added. In the end, the Old River School Gator won first place in a humorous Mascot Race while the Gallatin Elementary Grizzly danced its way to Mascot Dance-Off glory.

Returning to the Carnival of Champions since becoming a Global Languages Academy of Downey school, the Carpenter Elementary athletes competed in all fourth grade events this first year back.

"I could not be prouder of our students, staff and families for their preparation for this year's competition," said Board of Education President Nancy

Swenson. "Even through the bouts of rain, our students especially demonstrated their commitment to sportsmanship. Students gave each other pep talks at the starting line and congratulated and consoled each other at the finish line. It's clear our coaches and families helped to instill the pillars of Character Counts in each of our athletes."

This year's Carnival of Champions saw more than 400 students from 11 of the 13 elementary schools in Downey Unified compete in seven track and field events: baskets in a minute, softball throw for distance, standing long jump, 50-meter dash, 100-meter dash, four-member team 400-meter relay and mixed-coed relay.

In Memory of
Phyllis Therese Ontkean



We are sad to announce the passing of Phyllis Therese Ontkean of Temecula. She died at the age of 103 on Feb 11, 2024 after a long and happy life. Phyllis was born in Vancouver, Canada, immigrated to the US, raising her family in Downey, CA. She worked at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital for 30 years and after retiring, moved to Temecula, CA. Phyllis was predeceased by Orville Ontkean, her husband for more than 50 years. She is survived by seven children and spouses, twelve grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. A private celebration of her life will be held with only close family members attending.

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Legislative changes could transform California into a rodent haven

California is considering giving rodents legal protection and the implications are wide.

By Renee Pinel

Renee Pinel is the president and CEO of Western Plant Health (WPH), a Sacramento-based trade association whose member companies promote the environmentally safe and agronomically sound use of their products.

- “Two Rats Can Become 15,000 In One Year.” (National Geographic, 5/9/13)
- “They’re Breeding, They’re Getting Bigger, They’re Spreading Throughout This Development.” (KESQ-ABC 3, 7/2/23)
- “Rodents Invaded A California DMV Call Center. State Workers Say The Stench Made Them Sick.” (Sacramento Bee, 10/18/23)
- “Invasive Rodents Called Nutria Could Threaten The Stability of Aging Levees And Earthen Dams in California’s Central Valley Region If The State Fails to Control Their Population.” (New Scientist, 4/14/23)
- “Baby Found with More Than 50 Rat Bites Covering His Body.” (People, 9/24/23)
- “Olvera Street Merchants Concerned About Homeless, Rampant Rats.” (KTLA 5, 10/6/23)

These headlines above highlight the real dangers of rodents.

In 2023, four California cities were ranked among the most rodent-infested in the United States. In light of these concerns, we are addressing and educating

members of the California State Legislature and state regulators about the health and economic dangers posed by recently introduced legislation, Assembly Bill 2552.

This bill, introduced by Assemblymember Laura Friedman (D-Burbank), seeks to ban first- and second-generation rodenticides in any “open space” with a 5,000-foot buffer zone while giving rodents unprecedented legal protection.

AB 2552 would redefine wildlife areas as any “open space,” requiring a substantial 5,000 ft buffer zone, and does not include any exemptions for agricultural use. It also allows individuals the right to sue (private right of action) rodenticide applicators that “harass,” not necessarily kill, any wildlife species or pest. This provision, in effect, gives rodents human status.

To complicate matters, “harassment” is broadly defined. “Harassment” includes injury to an animal by annoying it to such an extent as to disrupt normal behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering.

The implications of AB 2552 are concerning as it could drastically limit the use of rodenticides, which are vital for protecting the public and food supplies from rodent-borne diseases.

The U.S. National Park Service notes that rodents are carriers of fatal diseases and directly transmit several viruses, including hantavirus, leptospirosis, listeria, rat bite fever, rat lung disease, and salmonellosis. “These pathogens can infect humans through various routes, including direct handling, bites, or contact (through breathing in air or eating food) with feces, urine, or saliva. They also serve as the hosts for ectoparasite vectors (such as ticks or fleas) that transmit other diseases, including Lyme disease, bubonic plague, tularemia, murine typhus, and tick-borne relapsing fever.”

These diseases have critical health implications, from respiratory issues and asthma—especially in children—to food contamination on farms, in homes, and restaurants.

Students and teachers at Villa Park Elementary School “were covered in itchy, red bites after rats invaded an elementary school in Southern California.” CBS Los Angeles reported that “rats were found underneath some portable classrooms. Health officials said the bumps that were reported by the students and faculty were caused by tiny bugs that live on rats.” After the news broke, vector control workers were sent to eradicate the rodents.

In the agricultural sector, roof rats can run rampant in California orchards, according to UC Agriculture and Natural Resources scientists. “In pistachio and other nut orchards, roof rats are burrowing and nesting in the ground where they’re chewing on irrigation lines, causing extensive damage,” said Rachael Long, UC Cooperative Extension advisor. And it’s not just the fruit damage. They nest in citrus trees, feeding on the fruit and terrifying field workers when they jump out as people are picking the fruit. The chewing pests are also girdling tree limbs, causing branch dieback.”

Maintaining the use of rodenticides is supported by their proven effectiveness. California’s Integrated Pest Management Programs, which include rodenticides, are essential for preventing and eradicating pests.

California’s stringent regulations on rodenticide applications and decades of scientific and health-related studies show that rodenticides protect public health and the environment, highlighting the necessity of these tools for pest control.

Carnival of Champions athletes persevere

Dear Editor:

Families turned out in droves as the rain poured down on the Carnival of Champions, Downey’s annual track and field events amongst the elite fourth and fifth graders who competed amongst their school peers and qualified to challenge their rival elementary schools within the Downey Unified School District.

Brave families combated the elements with umbrellas and rain jackets while the Warren maintenance staff used high-powered blowers to clear the rain water off the track. The elements prevailed as rain delays pushed back the start times of all field events.

This great city and its residents will always support its children. No matter rain or shine, Downey shines.

Sanford Jenkins
Downey

Debate challenge

Dear Editor:

I am 87 years old and I am very annoyed about the comments from MAGA followers about the problems of people older than 80.

Hence I challenge any white, male MAGA follower aged 77 (Trump’s age) or younger to a half-hour debate on any subject of his choice. The subject would be announced just prior to the start of the debate.

I will not debate a woman because women are smarter than men and I don’t want to be embarrassed.

After the half-hour debate has concluded, we then will debate also for half hour on a subject of my choice which will be announced also prior to the start of the second debate.

The debate should be moderated by someone assigned by The Downey Patriot and held at a public facility such as the City Council chambers or the Barbara Riley Community Center.

Given the notorious behavior of MAGA sympathizers, security should be a primary concern of the organizers of the debate.

I am booked through May 10, 2024 so the debate should take place after that date.

I look forward to debating MAGA male followers on any subject of their choice.

Jorge Montero
Downey

The consequences of raising the minimum wage

Dear Editor:

On April 1, 2024, the cost of minimum wage in California (especially in the fast food industry) will rise to \$20 an hour, and the purpose behind the increase, according to Gov. Gavin Newsom, is that AB-1228 “Will help a father or mother feed their children, we helped a student put gas in their car, and helped a grandparent get their grandchild a birthday gift.”

I wonder if he ever stopped to think that the reason why so many people can’t afford to purchase a home, feed their kids, or even buy a gift is that when politicians like him get in their heads to fund some pet project, we, the blue-collar workers, have to fork out more and more taxes to pay for them and now that salary that once afforded them the ability to survive monthly, no longer works.

When California found that they “had a surplus” of cash, money was so mismanaged, that suddenly we found ourselves in a deficit again.

Newsom keeps pushing for Californians to purchase new vehicles because of environmental climate changes yet when you buy a new car, you end up paying exuberant taxes with even more absurd penalties when you find you cannot afford to pay the tags on time because if you do, you will not have any money left to pay your property taxes, credit card or even your mortgage.

Newsom needs to get his head out of the clouds and maybe get a job where he earns the minimum wage and gets taxed just as hard as we do so that he can experience the hardships that we all endure trying to make a living day by day.

Edward Ramos
Downey

Gratitude for Vietnam War veterans

Dear Editor:

We extend our deepest gratitude and respect to the Vietnam War veterans for their immense sacrifices and unwavering courage. Your bravery in the face of adversity, your commitment to duty, and your enduring spirit of resilience have left an indelible mark on history. Your sacrifices will always be remembered and honored, and your contributions to our nation’s freedom and security will forever be cherished. Thank you for your service and your unwavering dedication to our country.

Brian Gains
Downey

Correction

In last week’s story titled “Downey High’s Striking Vikings Advance to National Championships,” the names of two students were misspelled. The correct spelling is Yoselyn Ortega and Cristina Zaldivar. We apologize for the errors.

The Downey Patriot

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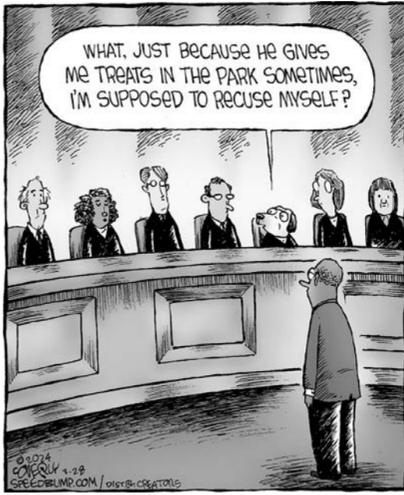
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1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:30pm: Planning Commission, Council Chamber at City Hall.
 1st Tue., 4:00pm: Recreation and Community Services Commission, Council Chamber, City Hall.
 2nd & 4th Tue., 6:30pm: City Council, Council Chamber.
 3rd Tue., 6:00pm: 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.
 6:30 - 9 pm: Civil Air Patrol - Los Angeles Cadet Squadron 138, at Downey Adult School, Room M104, call 714-402-5157.
 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.
 1st Tues., 7:30 pm: Downey Amateur Radio Club, EOC room Downey Fire Station #1, 12222 Paramount Blvd.
 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.
 9 am: Quilters Group, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, call 803-4459.
 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.
 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.
 12 pm: Bingo, at Woman's Club of Downey - Proceeds benefit Rancho.
 12 pm: Optimist Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center.
 6:30 pm: Downey United Masonic Lodge # 220, 8244 3rd St., call 862-4176.
 7:30 pm: Downey Elks Lodge #2020, call 803-3557.
 1st Thurs., 6 pm, All other Thurs. 12 pm: Kiwanis Club of Downey, at Rio Hondo Events Center, call Roy Jimenez 283-2335.
 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.

SATURDAYS

9 am: Farmers Market, Downey Avenue at 3rd Street, call 904-7246.
 2nd Sat., 9-11 am: Free pancake breakfast, at Trinity Baptist Church in Downey, 8219 Florence Ave.

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(114 Across) on Downton Abbey. portrayal of VIOLET CRAWLEY. Primetime Emmy Awards for her (13), Maggie Smith received three (14), and Innocent Leo Clement (14), and Innocent Leo John (23), Benedict/Cregory (16), seven place overall, exceeded by the name PLUS (109 Across) are in Gatsby, and Carey Mulligan in the 1974 adaptation of The Great was portrayed by Mia Farrow in DAISY BUCHANAN (22 Across)

Hawaiian concert festival continues at Downey Theatre

■ The April 7 concert pays tribute to a legend in Hawaiian music.

DOWNEY – The Aloha Everywhere Concert Series continues at the Downey Theatre with The Dennis Kamakahi Music Festival, for an afternoon of Hawaiian music to honor the late great slack key master and Hawai'i's most prolific songwriter, Rev. Dennis Kamakahi, a three-time Grammy Award-winner and member of the 2009 Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame.

The concert begins at 3 pm on Sunday, April 7. Tickets range from \$55-\$54.

Rev. Dennis Kamakahi was considered one of the most prolific Hawaiian songwriters of all time, with a mission to bring excellent music, cultivate community, and a nurturer of the culture by spreading aloha everywhere.

Rev. Kamakahi's proteges and contemporaries will join the stage for an afternoon celebrating his lifelong musical works. Special guests include Mike Kaawa, Kawika Kahiapo, Patrick Landeza & Sons and Jon Yamasato. Brook Mahealani Lee, former 1997 Miss Universe, will be the MC and hula dancer for the evening.

"I am honored to be a part of the festival," exclaimed producer and musician Patrick Landeza, who is not only the executive director of Hawaiian Island Creation (HIC) Lifestyle which presents the entire Aloha Everywhere Concert Series in Downey, but a protege of Rev. Kamakahi and an accomplished musician in his own right.

Landeza was born and raised on the mainland and is a two-time Na Hoku Hanohano award winner which is the equivalent of a Grammy Award and is the only mainland-based recipient of this prestigious award. He will feature his band "Patrick Landeza & Sons" with Justin Firmeza on steel guitar and PJ Landeza on bass.

Joining Landeza will be Mike Kaawa, one of the key figures in modern Hawaiian music, and famous for his 12-string guitar stylings. Kaawa has been part of many landmark recordings over the years and is a composer, arranger, singer, band leader, as well as a master instrumentalist. Like Rev. Kamakahi, Kaawa was recruited by Eddie Kamae to be a member as the final version of the legendary "Sons of Hawai'i." Together, they had a successful band in the 90's called Na OIwi which included a young David Kamakahi, Shawn Ishimoto and Jon Yamasato.

Jon Yamasato has been part of the Hawaii music industry for over half of his life. He began his career as the lead singer for the award-winning trio Pure Heart and has performed throughout Hawaii, the West Coast, Texas and Japan, with acts such as Herb Ohta Jr., Na OIwi and guitarist/singer Justin Young. Yamasato has accumulated five Na Hoku Hanohano awards

Brook Mahealani Lee will be a special guest at the Dennis Kamakahi Music Festival at the Downey Theatre on April 7.



and has recorded with many Na Hoku winning bands. While in his 20's, he became an apprentice to Rev. Kamakahi, explaining "Dennis was a big influence on my music and taught me so much."

Kawika Kahiapo has been on the professional music scene for over 40 years, having been on over 120 recording projects, including six of his own. He is a multi-Na Hoku Hanohano Award recipient, Slack Key Master, and known for his "voice of velvet." He was also a featured artist on the Grammy-winning CD, "Masters of Hawaiian Slack Key."

"Dennis and I traveled and toured together on numerous

occasions, super excited to share his music with everyone," shared Kahiapo. Kahiapo's passion for music started as a young boy, when his earliest mentors included his own father, and "Pops" Gabby Pahinui. His passion for music is very much intertwined in his life, as a day rarely goes by without him picking up his guitar.

Kahiapo stays committed to perpetuating Hawaiian music, the culture, and the art of ki ho'alu.

Tickets to the Dennis Kamakahi Music Festival can be purchased at the Downey Theatre box office or online at downeytheatre.org.

Broad museum to receive \$100M expansion

■ The Los Angeles museum is adding 55K square feet.

LOS ANGELES – The Broad modern-art museum will undergo a \$100 million expansion that will add 55,000 square feet of exhibition, programming and storage space to one of downtown Los Angeles' most popular cultural attractions.

"In the brief period since 2015, our building has become an icon in Los Angeles' cultural and civic landscape," Joanne Heyler, founding director of The Broad, said in a statement. "With this expansion, we intend to amplify The Broad's commitment to access for all to contemporary art, offering surprising, welcoming, and imaginative experiences that honor the diversity of our public and add to the ever-growing vitality of Grand Avenue, the area that Eli Broad believed in so strongly and that he helped transform into what it is today."

According to the museum, the expansion will break ground next year and be open ahead of the Los Angeles summer Olympics in 2028. The project will increase the museum's gallery space by 70%, add two

top-floor open-air courtyards and include programming space "where the public will encounter boundary-breaking performances, concerts, or multimedia installations, or participate in a family weekend workshop or school program."

It will also add an "art storage vault," with various works pulled from painting racks to create varied experiences for visitors while also doubling as storage for the museum's collection.

The expansion was designed by the architectural firm of The Diller Scofidio + Renfro, which also designed the original Broad museum. When completed, The Broad will stretch from

Grand Avenue to Hope Street along West Second Street.

Despite the hefty cost of the expansion, museum admission will continue to be free. According to the museum, more than 5.5 million people have visited the museum since it opened in 2015 and it is now "regularly attracting nearly four times more visitors than originally envisioned."

The museum's collection includes more than 2,000 works from the 1950s on, featuring artists such as Jean-Michel Basquiat, Jeff Koons, Barbara Kruger, Roy Lichtenstein, Takashi Murakami, Cindy Sherman, Kara Walker and Andy Warhol.

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The date registrant started to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above: 03/2024

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/ DEL VALLE IMPORT & EXPORT 3, INC., CEO, NELLY OLIVERA GARCIA

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 11, 2024 Notice - In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the affidavit of identity form.

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The Downey Patriot
3/28/24, 4/4/24, 4/11/24, 4/18/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2024042124

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **BEST BARBERSHOP, 9063 TELEGRAPH RD, PICO RIVERA CA 90660, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) CHHARVY CHAN, 9063 TELEGRAPH RD, 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: 02/2024

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S/ CHHARVY CHAN, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on FEBRUARY 26, 2024

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The Downey Patriot
3/7/24, 3/14/24, 3/21/24, 3/28/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2024044395

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **SIXX PRIVATE SECURITY, 7925 LYNDORA ST, DOWNEY CA 90242, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) ANDRES SANDOVAL 7925 LYNDORA ST., 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: N/A

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S/ ANDRES SANDOVAL, OWNER

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The Downey Patriot
3/7/24, 3/14/24, 3/21/24, 3/28/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2024051035

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **GLOBESEKER, 16805 JANINE DRIVE, WHITTIER CA 90603, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: N/A REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) SYLVIA ROSA JUAREZ GONZALEZ, 16805 JANINE DRIVE, WHITTIER CA 90603

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

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

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S/ SYLVIA ROSA JUAREZ GONZALEZ, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on MARCH 7, 2024

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File Number 2024064424

THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) IS (ARE) DOING BUSINESS AS: (1) **RODZN, LLC 2323 FIRESTONE BLVD, SOUTH GATE CA 90280, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number (if applicable): AI #ON: 202461217245

REGISTERED OWNERS(S): (1) RODZN, LLC, 2323 FIRESTONE BLVD, SOUTH GATE CA 90280

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: 03/2024

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S/ RODZN, LLC, MEMBER, ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ

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The Downey Patriot
3/28/24, 4/4/24, 4/11/24, 4/18/24

GOVERNMENT
DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Board of the Downey Unified School District will receive sealed bids for the award of a Contract for **Bid Number 24/25-01 Food Service Dairy Products**.

Bid documents are available for download on the District's website at: <https://web.dusd.net/purchasing/#bids>.

All questions about the meaning or intent of the Invitation To Bid are to be directed via email to the buyer, Florence Shih at fsih@dusd.net. Questions received prior to April 18, 2024 will be addressed in written addenda. Only questions answered by formal written addenda will be binding.

Please bid your lowest prices for the items or services on the attached Bid Form. Before bidding, please read and thoroughly acquaint yourself with every section within this Invitation to Bid.

Submit all bids in a sealed envelope showing the Name of Bidder, Bid Number, Title, Due Date, and Opening Time. Sealed bids will be received until 11:00 a.m., May 2, 2024, at the District's Purchasing Department (Room 169) located at: 11627 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241. Bids will be opened and read aloud at or after the time indicated above. Any bids received after the time specified above or after any extensions due to material changes shall be returned unopened.

All bids shall be on the forms provided by the District, attached hereto. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent sections within the Invitation To Bid, including, but not limited to, the INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

The District shall award the contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. Unless otherwise required by law, no Bidder may withdraw its bid for sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening.

The Downey Patriot
3/28/24, 4/4/24

CITY OF DOWNEY ORDINANCE NO. 24-1510

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY REPEALING CHAPTER 13 (HEALTHCARE WORKERS MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE) OF ARTICLE VI OF THE DOWNEY MUNICIPAL CODE (BUSINESS, TRADES, AND PROFESSIONS)

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority provided by statute, on May 17, 2022, a local petition was filed with the City Council of the City of Downey seeking to enact an initiative measure/ ordinance that would add Chapter 13 to Article VI of the Downey Municipal Code to establish a minimum wage of \$25.00 per hour for qualifying healthcare workers working in the City of Downey, to be known as the "Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance" ("Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the City Council on July 12, 2022, the City Clerk, through the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, certified that the form of the initiative petition complied with California law and, based upon an examination of voter registration records, was signed by the requisite number of Downey registered voters (10%) to qualify the Ordinance for the ballot under the California Elections Code; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2022, in lieu of placing the Ordinance on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election, the City Council voted to adopt the Ordinance without alteration, as authorized by Elections Code section 9215(c); and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance, Ordinance No. 22-1485, was scheduled to take effect 30 days after the City Council's adoption, or on August 11, 2022, unless challenged by referendum petition; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority provided by Elections Code section 9235 et seq., on August 10, 2022, a group of Downey residents timely filed with the City a signed petition protesting the Ordinance by referendum which, if qualified, would suspend the effective date of the Ordinance and require that the City Council reconsider the Ordinance to either repeal the Ordinance in its entirety or submit the Ordinance to a vote by Downey voters; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk, through the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, certified that the form of the referendum petition complied with California law and, based upon an examination of voter registration records, ascertained that the petition was signed by the requisite number of

voters to qualify the Ordinance for the ballot under the Elections Code, unless the Ordinance was repealed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council did not vote to repeal the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code section 9237, because the referendum petition was signed by the requisite number of voters and the Ordinance was not repealed by the City Council, the effective date of the Ordinance was suspended, and the Ordinance could not take effect until approved by a majority of Downey voters at a municipal election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council was authorized and required by the Elections Code to submit the Ordinance to the voters at either its next regular municipal election or at a special municipal election called for that purpose, occurring not less than 88 days after the date of order of election; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2022, by Resolution No. 22-8125, and in accordance with these timeframes, the City Council voted to place the Ordinance before Downey voters at the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2023, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 525 ("SB 525"), first-in-the-nation legislation which itself mandates an across-the-board, industry minimum wage for healthcare workers at virtually all health care facilities and hospitals in the state, both large and small; and

WHEREAS, SB 525 provides that "[t]he ordinance, regulation, or administrative action taken by any city, county, or city and county, including charter cities, charter counties, and charter cities and counties, that is enacted or takes effect after September 6, 2023, related to covered health facilities, that establishes, requires, imposes, limits, or otherwise relates to wages, salaries, or compensation for covered health care facility employees, as defined in this section, is void"; and

WHEREAS, by its language, SB 525 is intended to "occupy" the whole field of wages, salary, or compensation for covered health care facility employees, and applies to all cities and counties, including charter cities, charter counties, and charter cities and counties"; and

WHEREAS, SB 525 prohibits localities from adopting their own health care minimum wage ordinances for 10 years, until 2034; and

WHEREAS, by the foregoing, and because the Ordinance would take effect, if at all, after September 6, 2023, SB 525 serves to fully preempt Ordinance and render the Ordinance void, without anything more; and

WHEREAS, in express recognition of SB 525, on January 4, 2024, the City Clerk received a request for withdrawal of the initiative Ordinance, signed by Mr. Jorge Rivera, the Ordinance's original proponent; and

WHEREAS, also in express recognition of SB 525, on January 30, 2024, the City Clerk received a notice of withdrawal of the referendum petition related to the Ordinance, signed by Ms. Hermilia Villafan, the petition's proponent; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 9604 provides in pertinent part that "[w]ithdrawal of a local initiative or referendum measure . . . shall be effective upon receipt by the appropriate local elections official of a written notice of withdrawal, signed by all proponents of the measure"; and

WHEREAS, due to the effect of SB 525 on the Ordinance, and the corresponding withdrawals of both the initiative measure and the referendum petition by their respective proponents, the City Council has, by separate and concurrent resolution, withdrawn the Ordinance from the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election ballot and cancelled all further election proceedings for the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, due to the effect of SB 525 on the Ordinance, as described above, it is also necessary to repeal the Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DOWNEY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Downey hereby finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, are incorporated herein, and by this reference made an operative part hereof.

SECTION 2. Chapter 13 (Healthcare Workers Minimum Wage Ordinance) of Article VI of the Downey Municipal Code (Business, Trades, and Professions), enacted by Ordinance No. 22-1485, is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3. The City Council finds and determines that this Ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, as there is no possibility it will have a significant effect on the environment and it is not a "project"; as defined in Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of the City of Downey hereby declares that it would have adopted this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its adoption.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published as required by law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2024.

/s/MARIO TRUJILLO
MARIO TRUJILLO
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/MARIA ALICIA DUARTE
MARIA ALICIA DUARTE, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

/s/JOHN M. FUNK
JOHN M. FUNK
City Attorney

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance No. 24-1510 was adopted by the City Council of the City of Downey at a Regular meeting of the City Council held on the 26th day of March, 2024, by the following vote,

to wit:

AYES: Council Members: Ortiz, Pemberton, Sosa, Trujillo

NOES: Council Members: None.

ABSENT: Council Members: None.

ABSTAIN: Council Members: Frometa

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the full text of the foregoing Ordinance No. 24-1510 was published in the Downey Patriot, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Downey, on March 28, 2024 (after adoption, including the vote thereon). It was also posted in the regular posting places in the City of Downey on the same dates.

/s/MARIA ALICIA DUARTE
MARIA ALICIA DUARTE, CMC
City Clerk

The Downey Patriot
3/28/24

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lynwood Unified School District, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as "District", will receive prior to **11:00 a.m. on the 25th day of April, 2024** sealed bids for the award of a Contract for the following:

BID NO. 18MAR24-SM: Removal & Replacement HVAC Side Mount Units at Lindbergh, Mark Twain, Washington, Wilson Elementary and Firebaugh High School

Scope of Work Overview: Bidder must be able to provide all management, labor, subcontractors, equipment, and miscellaneous materials for operable installation of District Owned - New Side Mount HVAC Units.

The contract time is anticipated to be 75 (Seventy-Five) consecutive calendar days.

This Project is being let in accordance with the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act ("UPCCAA") (specifically, the formal Bidding procedures in Section 22032(c)).

Prequalification is required for this project. As a condition of bidding for this Project, and in accordance with California Public Contract Code section 20111.5, prospective Bidders are required to submit to the District a completed set of prequalification documents on forms provided by the District. Bids will not be accepted if a Bidder has not been prequalified. Prequalification documents are available on website <https://www.mylusd.org/apps/pages/bids-and-bids>.

Prequalification documents must be submitted by April 18, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. [not less than five days prior to Bid opening date]. Bidders will be notified by email of their prequalification status within a reasonable period of time after submission of their prequalification documents, but not less than one day prior to the Bid opening date.

The successful Bidder must possess a valid and active State of California Class "B" License at the time of Bid and throughout the duration of this Contract. Subcontractors shall be licensed pursuant to California law for the trades necessary to perform the Work called for in the Bid documents.

All Bidders and their subcontractors must be registered and approved by the State of California Department of Industrial Relations in order to bid on this project.

If this Project includes work that will be performed by mechanical, electrical or plumbing ("MEP") subcontractors (contractors that hold C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 or C-46 licenses), such MEP subcontractors must also be prequalified. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that all MEP subcontractors holding any of the licenses listed above are properly prequalified before submitting a bid. This prequalification requirement applies even if the subcontractor will perform, or is designated to perform, work that does not require one of the licenses listed above, but the subcontractor holds one of the licenses listed above.

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forementioned portion of Baysinger Street have become more impacted recently due to overflow parking from nearby uses, hence resulting in nuisances for the residents along the aforementioned limits of the street. Subsequently, a request for the establishment of a residential preferential parking district and parking prohibition between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM was received from the residents. An investigation by city staff was conducted and verified that the criteria as defined by City Ordinance No. 18-1402 have been met for the establishment of said residential preferential parking district and accompanying parking prohibition. In addition, a petition was received from the occupants of the single family residential properties of the proposed preferential parking district on Baysinger Street showing the necessary contact rate and level of support for the establishment of the district and parking prohibition. Staff has also verified that the boundaries of the proposed residential preferential parking district represent a reasonably self-contained area and that the district and parking prohibition will be effective in addressing the on-street overflow parking issue on Baysinger Street.

Upon the conclusion of the public hearing and adoption of a resolution by the City Council establishing the proposed residential preferential parking district and accompanying parking prohibition and verification that a minimum of 50% of the residents apply for parking permits within 60 days of the passage of the resolution, signs establishing the residential preferential parking district and parking prohibition will be posted along the aforementioned portion of Baysinger Street. Up to two residential permits and one guest permit per household may then be purchased by residents residing within the district. If fewer than 50% of residents obtain permits, or if the number of permit holders falls below 50%, however, the City Council may repeal the residential preferential parking district during a public hearing noticed at least 10 days in advance.

In addition, the preferential parking district may be terminated by resolution of the City Council through a noticed public hearing upon receipt and verification of a petition signed by a majority (50% plus one) of the property owners within the district. Such determination shall be based upon a finding that the conditions set forth in the establishing resolution no longer exist or have diminished to such extent that the continuation of the district is unnecessary.

A public hearing of the City Council of the City of Downey to consider the establishment of a residential preferential parking district on both sides of the 9030-9150 block of Baysinger Street between Vulfee Avenue and Haledon Avenue will be held at the City of Downey Council Chambers, located at 11111 Brookshire Avenue, Downey, CA 90241, on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:30 PM. All evidence and testimony for or against the establishment of said residential preferential parking district will be considered. All persons desiring to comment on, or having objections to, said residential preferential parking district may appear and be heard before the City Council of the City of Downey at the time and place of the hearing.

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

If you challenge the proposed actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Should you have any questions, please contact the City of Downey Engineering Division at (562) 904-7110.

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LIEN SALES

NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with the provisions of the California Uniform Commercial Code, there being due and unpaid storage and other charges related to the storage for which DOMINGUEZ HILLS ESTATES is entitled to a lien as Warehouse on the goods hereinafter described, and due notice having been given to the parties known to claim an interest, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such charges having expired, notice is hereby given that these goods will be sold at public auction at 19009 Laurel Park Road Space 179, Compton, California 90220 on April 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. The following is a brief description of the property to be sold:

A 1981 Highland Park Mobilehome, Decal numbers(s) LAA4026, Serial Number(s) CAFL3AB13092494, CAFL3BB13092494, CAFL3CB13092494, HUDLabel/Insignia Number(s) 212164, 212165, 212166, 80 feet in length, 34 feet in width.

Purchase of the mobilehome and its contents by any party will require its removal from Dominguez Hills Estates Name of Owner: Russell R Rankin Amount Due: \$5,098.63

Dated at Sunnyvale, California

March 16, 2024

By: JUDY C. TSAI Attorney for Dominguez Hills Estates

710 Lakeway Drive, Suite 180 Sunnyvale, CA 94085 (408) 775-8848

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NOTICES

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

CASE NUMBER: 24STCP00806

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner FRANCISCO XAVIER PATINO PINA, JUNIOR filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) FRANCISCO XAVIER PATINO PINA, JUNIOR to Proposed name (1) FRANK J. PINA, JR. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: APRIL 29, 2024, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: 9, Room: N/A

The address of the court is 111 North Hill Street, Room 118 Los Angeles, CA 90012

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** MARCH 14, 2024

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES Judge of the Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **FRANCISCO XAVIER PATINO PINA, JUNIOR** 137 WEST AVENUE 41 LOS ANGELES, CA 90065 (323) 972-3384 frankpinai37@gmail.com

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

CASE NUMBER: 24NWCP00090

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner CARLOS ROMAN PINEDA JR. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) CARLOS ROMAN PINEDA JR. to Proposed name (1) CARLOS ROMAN PINEDA THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: MAY 10, 2024, Time: 9:30 a.m., Department: C, Room: 312

The address of the court is 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Room 101, Norwalk, CA 90650

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in the county, **The Downey Patriot** MARCH 14, 2024

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES Judge of the Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **CARLOS ROMAN PINEDA JR.** 8332 ALAMEDA ST., APT #4 DOWNEY, CA, 90242 (562) 372-5162 Uiltra808@gmail.com

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

CASE NUMBER: 24NWCP00094

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner ANN SAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) ANN SAN to Proposed name (1) ANNIE JUNE SAN 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

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JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES Judge of the Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **ANN SAN** 16501 DUNDEE COURT UNIT #98 LA MIRADA, CA 90638 310-357-3543 ANNANSAN927@YAHOO.COM

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

CASE NUMBER: 24NWCP00097

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner DAVID A. SANTOS AND MARISOL AVELAR FOR DAVID ANTHONY SANTOS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name (1) DAVID ANTHONY SANTOS to Proposed name (1) DAVID SANTOS THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of

name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: MAY 6, 2024, 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, **The Downey Patriot** MARCH 15, 2024

JUDGE OLIVIA ROSALES Judge of the Superior Court Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner **DAVID A. SANTOS AND MARISOL AVELAR FOR DAVID ANTHONY SANTOS** 11458 RIVERA ROAD WHITTIER CA 90606 (562) 746-2310 Jdsantos910@gmail.com

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MORGAN KENNEDY GROVER

Case No. 23STPB09123

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MORGAN KENNEDY GROVER A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: WENDELL A. SKIDGEL, JR. in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that WENDELL A. SKIDGEL, JR. 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 plan.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on APRIL 26, 2024 AT 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 79 Room N/A located at STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE, 111 NORTH HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may do so with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) in the 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 do so with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) in the Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California Statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California Law.

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SUMMONS

SUMMONS – EVICTION (CITACION JUDICIAL – DESALOJO) UNLAWFUL DETAINER/FORCIBLE DETAINER/FORCIBLE ENTRY RETENCION ILICITA DE UN INMUEBLE/RETENCION FORZOSA/ENTRADA FORZOSA)

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Kenny Aguilar, Magno Ernesto Aguilar, Does 1 to 10 YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): The 1999 Trust

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard, unless you respond within 5 days. You have 5 DAYS, not counting Saturdays and Sundays and other judicial holidays, 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. ¡AVISO! Usted ha sido demandado. Si no responde dentro de 5 días, el tribunal puede emitir un fallo en su contra sin una audiencia. Una vez que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales, solo tiene 5 DÍAS, sin contar sábados y domingos y otros días feriados del tribunal, para presentar una respuesta por escrito en este tribunal y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. 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.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. 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. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protege. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en 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.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por falta de comparecencia y se le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más

advertencia. 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 website (www.lawhelpca.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. Hay otros requisitos legales. 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 el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados local. FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. 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. EXENCIÓN DE CUOTAS: Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos con un gravamen sobre cualquier cantidad de \$10,000 o más 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 desestimar el caso. 1. The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Santa Barbara County Superior Court 1100 Anacapa Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 2. The name, address, and telephone number of the 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): Charles M. Oxtan 1220 State Street, 2nd Floor Santa Barbara, CA 93101 Charles M. Oxtan SBN 054267 (805) 963-2011 PLAINTIFF (Name): The 1999 Trust DEFENDANT (Name): Kenny Aguilar, Magno Ernesto Aguilar CASE NUMBER: 23CV05621

042 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 10/25/2004. 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 4/17/2024 at 10:30 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/1/2004 as Instrument No. 04 2810936 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ELVA MONICA AVINA, A SINGLE WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; BEHIND THE FOUNTAIN LOCATED IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, 400 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, POMONA, CA 91766 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 7935 2ND ST, DOWNEY, CA 90241 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$552,480.72 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 beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. 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 (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOXPOSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 108942-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 Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, 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 (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 108942-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108

Date (Fecha): DECEMBER 20, 2023 Clerk, by (Secretario) /s/ Sarah Sisto, Deputy (Adjunto)

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TRUSTEE SALES

T.S. No. 108942-CA APN: 6251-019-

30TH ANNUAL DOWNEY STREET FAIRE

A DOWNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE x DOWNEY COLLECTIVE COLLABORATION

SATURDAY MAY 4, 2024

11AM - 6PM

BROOKSHIRE AVENUE

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PIH Health Good Samaritan Hospital
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OBITUARIES

Lisa Lane, news-making chess champ

Lisa Lane was the U.S. Women's Chess Champion in the 1950s and '60s and the first chess player featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated, died Feb. 28 at age 90.

Unlike many chess champions, Lane wasn't a child prodigy who learned chess at the knee of a parent or grandparent. In fact, she never played a game of chess until college, when she happened to see fellow students playing in a campus lounge. Intrigued, she learned the game, then quickly mastered it, playing as often as possible. Just two years after discovering chess, Lane won the U.S. Women's Chess Championship in 1959. She was often told she played chess "like a man," aggressive and ruthless.

Lane held the title through 1962, and she became the subject of fascination for the press. Her youthful beauty was surprising to many, who thought of chess as an old man's game. Her 1961 Sports Illustrated cover shoot included images of her lounging in a gauzy nightgown. When she appeared on the game show "What's My Line," the panel failed to guess her occupation, admitting they never considered anything intellectual because of her appearance.

After losing the championship in 1962, she regained it in 1966, sharing the title with opponent Gisela Gresser after a tie. But Lane was becoming frustrated – not with her public image, but with the vast disparity between chess tournaments for men and those for women. The men's championship title then came with a prize of \$6,000; the women's prize was \$600.

She mounted a protest, rallying other players to picket the women's championship tournament, but the response was lackluster.

Lane was fed up with the disparity, and she said she grew to dislike being challenged by men: "I just couldn't put the title of women's chess champion

on the line every time I sat down to play," she told Sports Illustrated in 2018. She left the world of competitive chess in 1967, just ten years after she had discovered the game.

Later, she and her husband ran the stores Amber Waves of Grain and Earth Lore Gems & Minerals.

Richard Serra, large-scale sculptor

Richard Serra, a sculptor known for his massive steel artworks, sometimes called the "poet of iron," died March 26 at age 85.

Serra was often called the greatest sculptor of his time, and his imposing work can be seen around the world. He came of age in the minimalist art movement, and his stark sculptures reflect this influence.

However, he spoke of a key inspiration that came much earlier than his art school days at Yale.

Serra's father worked at a San Francisco shipyard, and Serra had a formative memory of a visit to that shipyard on his fourth birthday. There, he watched a tanker launch, a moment that he later said contained "[a]ll the raw material that I needed," in a 1993 interview with Bomb magazine.

Among Serra's best-known works is a series of eight sculptures called "The Matter of Time," housed at the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain. The elliptical curves of the sculptures invite visitors to walk through them.

Other well-known pieces can be seen not just in museums and galleries but also in the landscape – as in Iceland's "Afangar" and "East-West/West-East" in the Qatari desert.

Some are integrated with urban landscapes in cities like London, Paris, and Berlin, while others are inside such buildings as the Toronto Pearson International Airport.

Alfred Gray, U.S. Marine Corps leader

Gen. Alfred M. Gray Jr., the commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps from 1987 to 1991, who focused on revitalizing the corps, died March 20 at age 95.

Gray enlisted in the Marines in 1950, and he quickly established himself as a leader. He rose quickly in the ranks as he fought in the Korean War, and within two years he was a sergeant. By the war's end, he had made the military his career, and he fought again in the Vietnam War, commanding an artillery unit. He was honored with a Silver Star for his heroism in 1967 as he evacuated Marines who had been wounded in a minefield. In 1975, as the U.S. evacuated Vietnam, Gray directed Operation Frequent Wind, a mission in which thousands of people were evacuated from the country by helicopter.

Shortly after the end of the Vietnam War, Gray was promoted to brigadier general, and by 1987, he was a general and appointed to lead the Marine Corps in a move that surprised some. He wasn't an obvious choice for the job, and those who opposed the choice said he lacked the polish needed in a leader, but his supporters pointed to his focus on results over appearance. That focus was much needed in a Marine Corps that had recently been tainted by the terrorist attack that killed 241 U.S. service members in Beirut.

Gray, then a two-star general with no direct responsibility for the troops in Lebanon, nevertheless worked to contain the damage done, and he attended dozens of funerals for service members who were lost in the attack. His leadership in the crisis helped prepare him to lead the Marine Corps in a tenure that emphasized knowledge and innovation. Gray established Marine Corps University, bringing together several smaller schools into one. He commissioned the book "Warfighting," which introduced a new, more nimble style of training for Marines. He instituted a reading list for Marines, inspiring them to more fully understand their work.

Gray was lauded for his connection with the Marines under his command, referred to as a "Marine's Marine." He commanded the Marines until his retirement in 1991 as a four-star general. In 2015, the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies published the book "Grayisms," collecting many of the former commander's sayings and wisdom.

Richard Higgins, Pearl Harbor survivor

Richard C. Higgins, one of the last remaining survivors of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, died March 19 at age 102.

Higgins grew up in Oklahoma during the Dust Bowl era; he dreamed of attending school to study radio and television, but with money short, he joined the U.S. Navy in 1939 instead. He was trained as an aviation mechanic and was stationed at Pearl Harbor in early 1941. In the days leading up to the attack, Higgins was away on a patrol mission, returning to base on December 5, 1941 – just two days before Japanese planes bombed it.

Higgins was asleep in his bunk when the attack began. He quickly made his way to the Navy's planes, hoping to help save them. As bombs dropped

and planes blew up, Higgins helped push unharmed planes out of the way to prevent them from being engulfed by the flames. After the attack, he slept in the hangar for days, working around the clock to get planes working again. He noted that after the attack, he looked for the plane he had flown back to base on December 5, only to find a large crater where it had stood.

After fighting in World War II, Higgins remained in the Navy until 1959. He later worked as an aeronautics engineer. In recent years, Higgins' family posted videos and photos of him on Instagram, telling stories of Pearl Harbor as well as sharing little moments from his life, as "Quarantine Chats with Gramps."

With his death, only about 22 survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor still survive.

Bean was granddaughter to L.L. Bean founder Leon Leonwood Bean, and she served on the company's board for almost 50 years.

However, she also sought to pave her own way in business when she could. She was an advocate for her home state of Maine, running inns and vacation rentals all along the coast and establishing the Perfect Maine brand in 2007. She advocated for the state's lobster industry, lobbying to have it certified as sustainable in 2013.

Bean was also a political activist, running for Congress twice as a Republican in 1988 and 1992 and supporting GOP causes. In 2005, she supported the Maine Grassroots Coalition, which lobbied to repeal laws prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

She was also a philanthropist who founded the N.C. Wyeth Research Foundation and Reading Libraries, and supported such organizations as the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, the Maine Historical Society, the Maine Chapter of the Nature Conservancy, and the Portland Museum of Art. In 2020, she was honored as a woman of vision by the Farnsworth Art Museum.

Linda Bean, conservative activist

Linda Bean, a conservative activist and philanthropist, as well as the granddaughter of Leon Leonwood Bean, founder of the outdoor wear company L.L. Bean, died March 23 at age 82.



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